

Saved from Ourselves

“I do not do what I want,” writes the apostle Paul in frustration, “but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:15, ESV). Which of us hasn’t felt disappointed in our own actions at some point? For spouting off instead of holding our tongue, turning in a mediocre assignment when we could have done better, turning away from a friend in need because of peer pressure or uncertainty?

Inner conflict is part of human nature. Consider part of William Cowper’s poem-prayer “The Contrite Heart”:

I sometimes think myself inclined
to love Thee if I could;
but often feel another mind,
averse to all that’s good.

My best desires are faint and few,
I fain would strive for more;
but when I cry, “My strength renew!”
seem weaker than before.

So what can we do? “Who will deliver me from this body of death?” cries Paul in verse 24. But then his despair turns into a profound “aha!” moment: None of us can rescue ourselves. We are saved, again and again, by divine love and forgiveness. “Thanks be to God,” we declare with Paul in verse 24, “through Jesus Christ our Lord!”



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (21st)	10-12:00	AHG CPR (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
Sun. (22nd)	8:00	Worship Service (C) - Installation of Principal and Teacher
	9:15	Reception
	10:30	Worship Service
	6-11:00	Youth Group “Lock In”
Mon. (23rd)	8:00	Pie-makers
	6:30	AHG Leaders’ Mtg.
	7:00	Trumps’ Bible Study
	7:00	Grand Monday
Tue. (24th)	8:30	Staff Mtg.
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
Wed. (25th)	7-8:00	Men’s Bible Study
	6:00	8th Grade Confirmation Intro (Option 2)
Thu. (26th)	11:30	Prayer Group
	5-7:00	FLS Orientation / Back to School BBQ (Trinity East side parking lot)
	6:00	Food Distribution
Fri. (27th)	Church Office Closed	
Sat. (28th)	5:30	Gospel Service (C)
Sun. (29th)	8:00	Gospel Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	Gospel Service (C)

Trinity News of the Week

August 21 & 22, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Our Memory Verse
- by Kristin Sellentine

Eph. 5:¹⁵ *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,* ¹⁶ *making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.* ESV

It struck me that the first step in walking wisely is “making the best use of the time.” KJV translation says, “redeeming the time.” One definition of “redeem” in the KJV Dictionary is “to regain possession of a thing alienated.” We were alienated from God until Jesus redeemed us. How can we redeem time?

Firstly, we need to figure out what is alienating our time from us. What is stealing time that we need to ransom it back? Of course, the quick and neat answer is the devil. He is the thief of time. But let’s get specific, because he uses different kidnapers with each person. It could be the internet, an addiction, a relationship, a hobby, or just plain busy-ness.

Secondly, once we identify those things in our life that are holding our time hostage, we need to make a plan how to regain possession of it. I don’t know what that means for any of you, but you are not alone. Enlisting your loved ones, friends or a pastor may help.

Thirdly, stay motivated by keeping in mind why the devil wants to control our time so much: when we waste time, we foolishly waste opportunities to serve God’s purpose - and to make the days less evil.

Lord, help us use time wisely for you. Amen



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 8/23: Psalm 119:129-136	Thu. 8/26: II Chronicles 28:8-15
Tue 8/24: Is. 29:11-19	Fri. 8/27: Gal. 3:15-22
Wed. 8/25: Ephesians 5:22-6:9	Sat. 8/28: Mark 7:1-13



Many thanks and praise to God for the over 40 volunteers who helped the week of VBS! You are treasured! Also a special thanks to Curt Becher and his crew who served a meal each night to over 50 people! Thanks to the Giacomini family who donated pizzas one night! Thanks to all who donated money or supplies. We couldn’t do it without all of you!

Sunday School is in need of part-time teachers. We have a site rotation program where the story is presented by another person. You would only need to teach for about 20-30 minutes doing some fun activities to reinforce the lesson theme. If you like kids and spreading God’s word, we welcome your talents and passion! It is easy and fun and all supplies are given to you. Contact Nancy Simonson if you are interested or have any questions.

- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

Rev. Paul Rieger, Senior Pastor Rev. Tyler Werner, Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Snyder, Pastor Emeritus Rev. Gatluk Reat, Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church
Bill Kirkpatrick, Finance/Property Manager Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager
Chrysteena Saehler, FLS Principal Jessica Lewis, FLS Administrative Secretary

Worship Broadcasts: Radio (KDHL 920 AM) Sunday at 8:00am Livestream: www.trinityradioandvideo.org 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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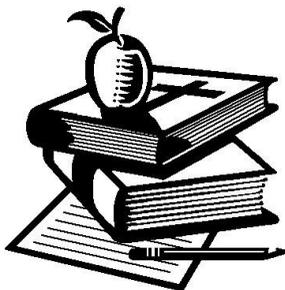
Faribault Lutheran School

Dates to remember...

- ◆ August 26, 5-7:00 p.m.—FLS Orientation & Back to School BBQ
- ◆ August 31—First Day of School

Please Consider Giving to the Trinity Scholarship Fund

The school year is about to begin again and the parents are coming up with their plan for paying their children's tuition for the year. Some Trinity parents are having a hard time coming up with the tuition money and could use some help.



Again this year, we are asking all our members to consider giving what they can to the Trinity Scholarship Fund. We have been supporting our Trinity families through this fund for many years now, and it has enabled about a dozen Trinity families each year to afford the FLS costs thereby allowing their kids to receive a rich Christian-led education where otherwise they possibly couldn't.

Just to remind you again, there is an FLS Scholarship Fund that can be used for any lower income family having children in FLS and then there is the Trinity Scholarship Fund that assists just Trinity families. This means families from Trinity can get both scholarships if their income allows them to qualify.

The Trinity Scholarship Fund is typically funded by Trinity members only through their contributions. If you are interested in helping our families for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, now is the time to give to this fund. You can either send your contribution to the church office or put it in the collection plate and mark it "Trinity Scholarship Fund." You can also give to the "FLS Scholarship Fund" by sending donations to the school office. Help a Trinity child receive a Christian education today!

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing... Brenda; Dennis; Rhonda; Sue Anderson; Harold Babcock; Verna Bahl; DeeAnn Bartkey; Rachel Benson; Harriet Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Barb Caron; Mardy Danielson; Vicki (Sanders) Doble; Don Dugan; Chuck Fairclough; Jan Filkins; Michael Fuchs; Mer Tut Gach; Betty Gudknecht; Sue Hein; Bonnie Reineke; Scott Rost; Shirley Rost; Ray Sanders; Jim Schmidtke; Diane Schultz; Nancy Schultz; Al Schwartz; Stephanie Siegfried; Kay Smith; Patty Stonehouse; Jim Velzke

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

For emergencies and after-hour prayer requests, please call one of our pastors:

- ✝ Rev. Paul Rieger, 636-751-4784
- ✝ Rev. Tyler Werner, 715-203-2904

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given by Dan & Judy Valentyn in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary on August 16.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED Minnesota South Lutheran Women's Missionary League invites you to the



*God's Quilt of Comfort;
Wrapping Up in the Psalms*

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Optional fellowship and servant event time Friday evening. More info and registration forms are available at the information center in the narthex. Deadline for registering is September 7. Contact Sheila Kreger, 507-291-4758, with questions.

Registration: \$50 includes programming Friday evening and Saturday and noon meal on Saturday.

FELLOWSHIP

Chrysteena Saehler (currently serving FLS as Interim Principal)

will be installed as Faribault Lutheran School's new Called, full-time administrator/principal this Sunday, August 22 at the 8:00 a.m. service. Our new middle school teacher, Mark Meyer, will also be installed during this service.

Trinity is hosting a reception between services to congratulate Chrysteena and Mark and welcome them. Everyone is invited to come to the reception, enjoy refreshments and meet Chrysteena and Mark.



HUMAN CARE

Pentecost XIII—Abortion frequently runs interference for "sexual freedom." It often intends to provide cover for adultery. But it ends up a cheap imitation and poor substitute for the self-sacrificing, servanthood love of biblical, biological, binary, and lifelong marriage (Ephesians 5:31-32). Death cannot supply what sin has deprived us of. Our Lord Jesus gives us His whole body and life like husband to wife and parents to children. We will experience real joy when we emulate His way.



Trinity could use more homemade facemasks. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Trinity Pie-makers have fresh baked pies available on Monday mornings in the Fellowship Hall.

Frozen pies are for sale at Trump's Orchard or through the church office.

There are many varieties including: apple, blueberry, rhubarb, rhubarb-strawberry, peach, pumpkin, pecan, and more!



The Church Office will be CLOSED, Fridays, August 27 and September 3, as well as Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). There will be no school on September 3 and 6.

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRY (TYM)



Join us for our half-night "lock-in" event this Sunday, August 22 from 6-11 p.m.! It'll be an evening filled with food, games, and time to be in God's Word! Open to all youth in grades 6-12. Be sure to invite any friends along too! Join us for an awesome evening of fun as we wrap up the summer and get ready for the new school year!