

# DECORATE the Church

Be sure to join us for the “Hanging of the Greens” on Saturday, December 4, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Come help decorate the church for Christmas!

## WORSHIP



**THANKSGIVING Service**  
*Thanksgiving Eve*  
**Worship**  
**Wednesday, November 24**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**with Communion**

Note: There will be NO Thanksgiving Day Service.

## Advent Midweek Services:

**Wednesdays,**  
**December 1, 8, 15, 22**  
**At 5:30 p.m.**

Followed by soup supper in the gymnasium.  
Join us for the sermon series  
“Waiting with Isaiah.”



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (20 <sup>th</sup> )	12-5:00	Sudanese Mtg. (Fellowship H)
	5:30	Worship Service
Sun. (21 <sup>st</sup> )	8:00	Worship Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School Rehearsal
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Connection Service –c
Mon. (22 <sup>nd</sup> )	6-7:00	FLS Basketball Practice
	6:30	Annual Voters’ Mtg.
	7:00	Trumps’ Bible study (off site)
	7:00	Grand Monday (online)
Tue. (23 <sup>rd</sup> )	2:45	Violin Practice
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6-7:00	FLS Basketball Practice
Wed.(24 <sup>th</sup> )		FLS No School
	7-8:00	Men’s Bible Study
	5:30	Connection Practice
	7:00	Thanksgiving Eve Service (C)
Thu. (25 <sup>th</sup> )		Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed
		FLS No School
Fri. (26 <sup>th</sup> )		No Events on Church Calendar
		FLS No School
Sat. (27 <sup>th</sup> )	10-6:00	Trinity Bell Ringers (Hy Vee)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
Sun. (28 <sup>th</sup> )		First Sunday in Advent
	8:00	Worship Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Worship Service
	6-8:00	Youth Group Event

# Trinity News of the Week

November 20 & 21, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Faribault, MN 55021

## Thoughts on Our Memory Verse

- by Kristin Sellentine

“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

A good way to introduce this verse is simply to read Luke 12:22-31. Seriously, read it; I’ll wait...

Okay, so now we know why we do not have to worry. God knows what we need, and he will provide for our physical lives. Verse 32 tops that; Jesus says we don’t need to be afraid for our spiritual lives either. God wants everyone to be saved. He knew we needed a Savior, and he provided Jesus. God is very happy to give us the kingdom. Emphasis on “give.”

By his grace (God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense) through the gift of faith in his Son’s sacrifice, we are assured of our place in the kingdom of heaven after we die.

But what about here? After all, we pray “Your kingdom come.” In response to the assurance of living eternally in the kingdom, we are to allow the kingdom to live in us now. That means submitting to the king-ship of God by doing his will “on earth as it is in heaven.”

Put another way: Jesus is our Savior; that was up to him. How much he is our Lord is up to us.

How much room will we make for Jesus in the busy inn of our lives? Will we pray for his leading in determining a career, choosing a spouse, and raising our children? Will we ask, “What would Jesus do?” in our finances and our politics? Will we think of “making disciples” as our own personal job description?

“...seek first the kingdom of God..., and all these things will be added to you.” Matt 6:33

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 11/22: Jer. 33:14-16	Thu. 11/25: Jer. 23:5-8
Tue. 11/23: I Thess. 3:9-13	Fri. 11/26: Rom. 13:8-14
Wed. 11/24: Luke 19:28-40	Sat. 11/27: Matt. 21:1-9

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

### In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing...

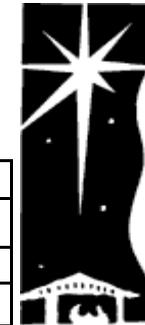
Dennis; Rhonda; Tim & Nina; Todd; Harold Babcock; Verna Bahl; DeeAnn Bartkey; Harriet Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Mardy Danielson; Vicki (Sanders) Doble; Don Dugan; Laurel Engquist; Chuck Fairclough; Jan Filkins; Michael Fuchs; Sue Hein; Kathy Hoffman; Lucas Kromminga; Mark Remold; Scott Rost; Shirley Rost; Ray Sanders; Diane Schultz; Nancy Schultz; Al Schwartz; Stephanie Siegfried; Patty Stonehouse

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Theresa Kelm, celebrating her birthday on November 22.

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Harvey Olson, who passed away one year ago on November 21, by his brother Mark Olson.

## FELLOWSHIP



Bethlehem Inn performances will be Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available for purchase at the information desk and at the church office. Please let us know how many of your party wish to sit together.

- 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

FLS Phone: (507) 334-7982

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

Address: 530 4th St. NW Phone: (507) 331-6579 Trinity website: www.trinityfaribault.org Facebook.com/Trinityfaribault

Trinity Radio Website: www.trinityradioandvideo.org Consolidated Communications TV channel 10 & Charter channel 181, Mon. &/or Tues., 3:30pm

♪ I've got the J.O.Y....down in my heart ♪

JOY's next event will be **December 9, Thursday, at noon,**  
For a Christmas catered luncheon in **Cathedral's dining room.**

Celebrating Jesus' birth in a Christmas spirit,  
With special things planned, and, of course,  
time to visit.

**Advance payment required,**  
**\$20 each** is a must  
Sorry, no refunds, or our budget may bust.

You can **sign up and pay** at the **Welcome Center,**  
Envelopes provided, into the box they can enter.

Or to **Lynn Schafer** if you prefer that way,  
**December 5** will be the **deadline** day.

Set the day aside, come join the fun,  
Hopefully we will see everyone.

**HUMAN CARE**

**Angel Tree 2021...**The Angel Tree is decorated in the narthex. Please take an "Angel" ornament from the tree; document your "Angel" number, your name and phone number on the form on the Information Center in the Narthex. The "Angel" ornament will have information regarding your "Angel." Please return all gifts (unwrapped) to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 5. Please be sure to attach the "Angel" ornament/number to your gifts. If you have any questions please contact Mike Young at 507-330-0326. Thank you for your help with this project. God bless!



**Last Sunday of the Church Year**—The sanctity of every human life involves far more than personal choices or political issues. We have the chance to snatch sisters and brothers from destruction (Jude 23) in the epic battle between good and evil. And the Lord's Words do not require our anger to prevail (Psalm 93:4), so let us engage every neighbor with mercy to untangle their confusion (Jude 22). Receive them as gifts and treat them as privileges just like our Father treasures us.

**Bell Ringers for Saturday, Nov. 27** are needed for Trinity's Red Kettle shift at Hy Vee. Shifts are two hour slots at 10:00 a.m., noon, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. A sign up sheet is at the information center in the narthex. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity to help the Rice County Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign assist those in need in our community. Call Ruth Hildebrandt at 507-334-3766 for more information.



**Trinity's Human Care** is conducting their traditional Advent Soup Supper Fund-raiser on December 1. We will be serving chili and chicken noodle soup. We would appreciate your support to help raise funds to support those in need in our church and community. If you would like to donate a dessert (bars, cookies or cupcakes), please sign-up on the sheet on the information center in the narthex.

Volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up are also welcome. This is a Thrivent Action Team Fundraising event. Call Ruth Hildebrandt at 507-334-3766 for more information.

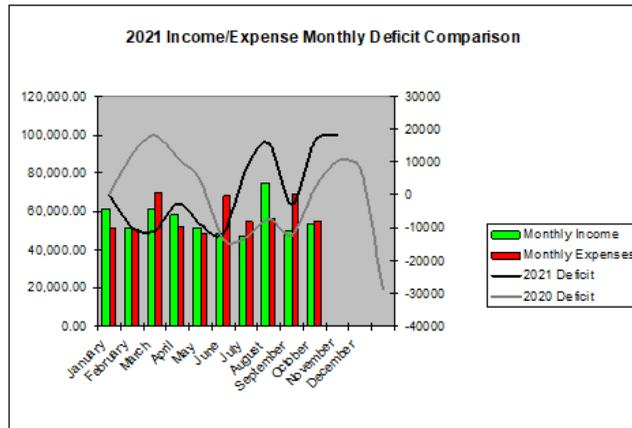
**We could use more facemasks.** If you have any homemade masks on hand or are able to make masks, please bring them to the Church Office! Thank you for helping our members and visitors to stay safe through the holidays.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**How are our Finances Doing in 2021?**

A part of the financial manager's job is to evaluate our stewardship for the year; to find if we kept up with the budget that we must have in order to fund the various projects and operations we do here at Trinity. Every year, you hear about whether we will end up in the black or in the red for the year. Maybe you're getting tired of hearing that every year. But it is important. If we don't receive enough contributions to cover our expenses, we fall behind like we did in the early 2000's. Since those days, we have virtually always kept in the black, thank God.



The above graph shows how we've been doing during this year. It shows the contributions versus expenses and shows how our financial deficit changes during the year. The heavy black curve shows our deficit or how far we are "in the hole" as the year 2021 progresses. As you can see, we were on track up until Easter. Then, except for August when several large checks came in, the summer contributions dropped off, increasing our deficit up to the present \$20,000. This is typical of most of our years, where we have a "summer slump" and then in November and December, we come together with larger contributions that make up the deficit and cause us to end the year in the black. This year is the same; we will need about \$20,000 over the next six weeks for us to eliminate our deficit by the end of the year. (continued...)

Just like in the past fifteen years, I'm asking and praying that we all pull together during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons to make up the \$20,000 so we can start 2022 with a fresh start. Please prayerfully consider doing what you can to keep our church financially healthy.

*~Bill Kirkpatrick*



**The Annual Voters' Meeting** will be Monday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please attend!

**Winter/Christmas Porch Pots** for sale November 21 after the 8:00 a.m. service, while supplies last! Proceeds will go to church and outside flowers/landscaping, etc. Thanks for your support!

PASTORAL SCHEDULES	
<b>Pastor Paul</b>	<b>636-751-4784</b> <b>revrieger@trinityfaribo.org</b> Monday—Day Off Tuesday-Thursday— Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00 noon Friday—Study Day
<b>Pastor Tyler</b>	<b>715-203-2904</b> <b>revtwerner@trinityfaribo.org</b> Monday—Study Day Tuesday-Thursday— Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00 noon Friday—Day Off
Pastors spend their afternoons preparing sermons, Bible studies and meeting with people. Feel free to call, text or email if you need to reach them. For emergencies, after-hour prayer requests, or to meet with a pastor outside of office hours, please call or text one of our pastors. Office Manager church office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with an hour off for lunch.	
<b>Please note that the church office will be CLOSED Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25.</b>	