

YOUTH MATTERS

Come join us for our Christmas Escape Room Trivia Night on Sunday, December 12 from 6-8 p.m.! Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Bring along friends with you! More info to come!



COMMUNITY

Greetings to Each of you from Russ Schwichtenberg, Camp Omega. I URGE you to go to: campomega.org and look around our website.

We appreciate your interest and support.

What groups are you involved in and could they utilize the Retreat Center? January 1, the snow-tubing hill will be open for your tubing pleasure.....

Camp Omega Plunge will be on Sunday afternoon February 20, 2022. All proceeds from this cold water plunge will go towards the new Adult/Family Retreat Center.

End of the year contributions are very welcome, remodeling of the existing Dining Hall may be a great place to designate your gift towards.

Thank you Russ 507-384-7947

Minnesota GOSPEL OPRY: Christmas Featuring the Minnesota Gospel Opry Band & Singers

Cost \$15/\$20

Saturday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Lakeville Crossroads Church
17671 Glacier Way, Lakeville, MN
Minnesotagospelopry.com Phone 952-292-3126
www.itickets.com/events/458411

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (27 th)	10-6:00	Trinity Bell Ringers (Hy Vee)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
Sun. (28 th)		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
Mon. (29 th)		All Day Decorating—Sanctuary
	6-7:00	Basketball Practice
	7:00	Trumps' Bible Study (off site)
	7:00	Grand Monday (online)
Tue. (30 th)		8:30 Staff Meeting
	9:00	Bible Study
	1-3:00	Soup Prep (Church Kitchen)
	2:45	Violin Practice
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6-7:00	Basketball Practice
	7:00	Property Brd. Meeting
Wed. (1 st)		7-8:00 Men's Bible Study
	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	2:30	New Perspective (C)
	5:30	Advent Midweek Service
	6:30	Soup Supper—Human Care
	7:00	Connection Practice
	7:00	Choir Practice
Thu. (2 nd)		11:30 Prayer Group
	4-5:00	FLS Basketball Practice
	5:30-8:00	American Heritage Girls
Fri. (3 rd)		12:40 Trinity Kitchen—FLS
	6-8:00	FLS Christmas Extravaganza
Sat. (4 th)		8:00 Christmas Decorating
	5:30	Worship Service
	6:30	Bethlehem Inn Dinner/Theatre
Sun. (5 th)		8:00 Worship Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:15	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Connection Service (C)
	4:00	Bethlehem Inn Dinner/Theatre

Trinity News of the Week

November 27 & 28, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Our Memory Verse

- by Kristin Sellentine

"In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land."
Jeremiah 33:15

(KJV says "the Branch of righteousness," emphasizing that there is only one.)

This verse echoes Jeremiah's prophesy in 23:5 of "a righteous branch" who "shall reign as King."

The best thoughts I found on the "justice and righteousness" of the Branch are in Isaiah 11, verses 1-5:

*There shall come forth a shoot
from the stump of Jesse, and
a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord
shall rest upon him,*

*the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and
the fear of the Lord.*

*And his delight shall be in
the fear of the Lord.*

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness*

*he shall judge the poor, and
decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday school students have started their rehearsals for the Christmas service. The Sunday school Christmas service is December 11 at 5:30 p.m. The service is entitled "The Symbols of Salvation" and focuses on the common Christmas symbols and how they relate to the Christmas story.



There are extra Advent devotions designed for families of young children on a table in the Narthex. Please take one per family. If you need extra copies, please contact Nancy Simonson.

The FLS Christmas service will be held on Thursday, December 16. It will be held at Trinity at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the service. There will be a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m., during school chapel time. Either service is open for others to attend.



FLS is seeking to fill 2 positions - an after school care worker and a paraprofessional. Please contact Principal Saehler at the school for additional information on these positions.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing... Dennis; Rhonda; 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

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 11/29: Isaiah 53:1-6	Thu. 12/2: Phil. 1:2-11
Tue. 11/30: Matt. 23:37-39	Fri. 12/3: Luke 3:1-14
Wed. 12/1: Malachi 3:1-7b	Sat. 12/4: Malachi 4:1-6

- 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

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in memory of Harold Kuball by Virginia Dahle, Carol & Fred Dickson, Bonnie & Dan Heyer, and Gayle & Dennis Overbeck.

FELLOWSHIP

♪ 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.

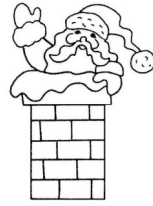


Bethlehem Inn performances will be Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$15.00

Bethlehem Inn tickets need to be purchased by Sunday, Nov. 28. They may be purchased at the information center.

HUMAN CARE

Please look for the quilters' table in the Narthex. A variety of gift items and quilts are being offered for sale. Items may be purchased and the money placed in the can that is on the table. All proceeds will go towards purchasing quilt batting.



We appreciate your help and generous support as we work to provide warm quilts to give away to people who need them.

Angel Tree 2021...Thanks to all for your willingness to help with the Angel Tree project! Just a reminder to return the 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.

Advent 1 — A human being's dignity doesn't come from her age, her appearance, or her abilities. Rather, "the Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16), as He creates, redeems, and calls worth and purpose into every life from fertilization to forever. Even those who have undergone abortions may know His salvation because He remembers not the sins of our youth (Psalm 25:3) for Jesus' sake. Trusting Him, nobody has to feel ashamed about surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis (Psalm 25:3).



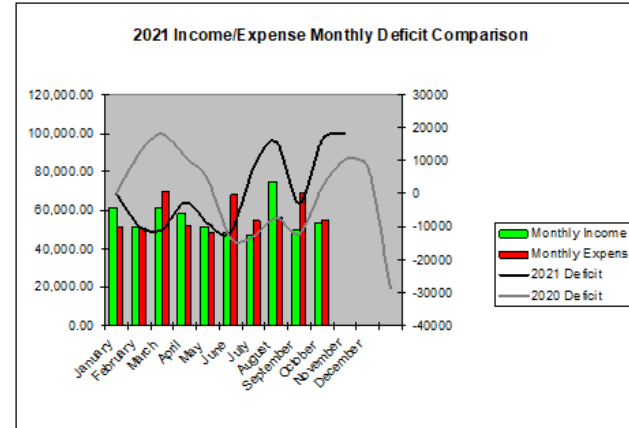
Trinity's Human Care is conducting their traditional Advent Soup Supper Fundraiser on December 1. We will be serving chili and chicken noodle soup. We would appreciate your support to help raise funds to support those in need in our church and community. If you would like to donate a dessert (bars, cookies 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.

STEWARDSHIP

How are our Finances Doing in 2021?

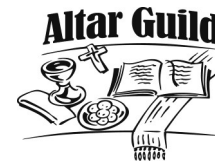
A part of the financial manager's job is to evaluate our stewardship for the year; to find if we kept up with the budget that we must have in order to fund the various projects and operations we do here at Trinity. Every year, you hear about whether we will end up in the black or in the red for the year. 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



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild at Trinity is a group of lay people dedicated to serving God in His house by preparing and caring for the altar and chancel areas of the church for worship. People

who volunteer, serve for one month. Duties include cleaning and dusting the chancel furnishings, preparing the altar for worship and cleaning the Communion vessels after each service. The time commitment during the month of service is about 1 hour per week.

If you are interested in helping, please talk to an Altar Guild volunteer, or call Barb Mrosko at 332-9853. If this is something you might be interested in doing, please come to our only meeting of the year on Thursday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the church. All present members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend so that we can prepare the calendar for 2022. New members, you will be assigned to work with a current member of Altar Guild to learn about the duties and responsibilities.

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

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."



Advent