

COMMUNITY

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a non-profit and all volunteer organization that operates a food shelf and free clothing store for local families in need. Financial donations can be mailed to 617 3rd Ave. NW, Faribault MN 55021. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

If you or a family you know needs assistance, please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf so that together we can help those who are hungry. Call 334-2100 or follow us on Facebook for the latest food and clothing distribution schedule, "St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf, Faribault."

Have you considered answering the call to help the poor find faith and healing in their life by helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Volunteers are needed to help with clothing, office and the food shelf, call 334-2100 for more information.

MAIN STREET LIVING CHOIR

You are invited to sing in the Main Street Living Choir! Recording for the television program will be on Saturday, January 29 at 9 AM at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Please contact Amy Schutte to reserve a spot!



Emanuel Lutheran Church
2075 70th St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077
651-457-3929 X111 (for Amy)
Amy's Email: acschutte10@gmail.com

If we do not have enough singers, we will have to cancel so reserve a spot ASAP!
THANK YOU!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (4th)	8:00 5:30 6:30	Christmas Decorating Worship Service Bethlehem Inn Dinner/Theatre
Sun. (5th)	8:00 9:15 9:15 9:15 10:30 4:00	Worship Service Adult Bible Study Sunday School Youth Bible Study Connection Service (C) Bethlehem Inn Dinner/Theatre
Mon. (6th)	6-7:00	FLS Basketball Practice
Tue. (7th)	8:30 9:00 2:45 4:15 6-7:00	Staff Mtg. Bible Study Violin Lessons Community Cathedral Café FLS Basketball Practice
Wed. (8th)	7-8:00 8:30 9:00 2:30 4:00 5:30 6:30 7:00 7:00	Men's Bible Study FLS Chapel Quilting Mill City (C) Pleasant Manor (C) Advent Midweek Service Soup Supper—Youth Connection Practice Choir Practice
Thu. (9th)	WINKEL (Grace Lutheran, Dodge Center) 10:00 11:30 12:00 2:00 4-5:00 5:30-8:00 7:00	Altar Guild Mtg. Prayer Group JOY (Cathedral) Human Care Mtg. FLS Basketball Practice AHG (Gym, Music Room) Dartball (off site)
Fri. (10th)	12:40 3-4:30	Trinity Kitchen—FLS Birthday Party (Gym)
Sat. (11th)	8-1:00 4:30 5:30	FLS Basketball Practice Fellowship Hall Setup Sun. Sch. Christmas Service
Sun. (12th)	8:00 9:15 9:15 9:20 10:30 6-8:00	Worship Service (C) - New Member Reception New Member Reception Sunday School Youth Bible Study Worship Service Youth Christmas Trivia

Trinity News of the Week

December 4 & 5, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Our Memory Verse **Philippians 1:9-10** - by Kristin Sellentine

Philippians 1:9-10 - *"And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ..."*

Verse 9 shows us that real love grows not merely in sentiment, but in knowledge and understanding. This is how we "may approve what is excellent." The NIV translates this as "discern what is best."

The Philippian Christians, by virtue of their faith, were already "pure and blameless" in the eyes of God. Paul may be talking about living so as to be beyond reproach in the eyes of others. We should set a good example and therefore be a good witness for Jesus. Nothing turns people away from Jesus like a Christian hypocrite.

Or Paul may be talking about developing the insight to be able to discern untruth or false prophets which could threaten our own salvation if they cause us to lose faith. There are many heresies that are out there, and some sound good and innocent enough. I know "Christians" who believe there are many paths to God; surely a loving God would not make only one way to heaven or condemn "good people." This is why studying God's Word is absolutely vital; we have to be able to recognize what is contrary to the Gospel.

"Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right."

19th century preacher Charles Spurgeon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2022 Minnesota State Bible Bowl: When - April 2, 2022. Where - Concordia College St. Paul. Subject matter - The Gospel of Luke ESV. Who is eligible - those in grade 7 through grade 12. Contact person - Philip Simonson 507-213-8121. Start to study on your own now. We will begin practice sessions in early January. May God bless you as you study this portion of the Bible.

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.



Here is the list of upcoming Grandparenting videos to watch online through legacycoalition.org - Grand Monday Nights:

Date: December 13
Presenters: Lori Seed, Deb Del Villar, Brenda Peitzman
Title: Reclaiming Christmas! - More Faith Traditions and Fewer Family Tensions

Date: December 20
*No webinar because of the holiday week

Date: December 27
*No webinar because of the holiday week

There are a few extra Family Devotions for you to take/give away on a table in the Narthex. One per family please. There are 2 options, one for families with preschoolers and another for families with elementary aged children.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 12/6: Is. 7:10-14	Thu. 12/9: Zeph. 3:14-20
Tue. 12/7: Heb. 1:1-4	Fri. 12/10: Phil. 4:4-7
Wed. 12/8: Matt. 1:18-25	Sat. 12/11: Luke 7:18-28

- 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



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; Kane, Josie, and Liam Hagre; 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 Lee Koopmans, celebrating his birthday on December 7.

Prayers for the family and friends of Bob Maas, brother of Shari Schreck, who passed away November 28, 2021.

Prayers for the family & friends of Jang Puol, nephew of Rev. Gatluk Reat, who passed away November 27 in Omaha, NE.

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The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in honor of the 58th wedding anniversary of Marcia & Dick Johnson on December 7.

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Mission Cry is a ministry that ships old, used and highlighted Bibles internationally to over 178 different countries around the world since 1956.

If you have any old Bibles sitting around collecting dust and are looking to bless those who cannot afford a Bible or who cannot legally buy one, please bring your Bible(s) to Trinity during the month of December. You may place them in the container in the narthex or leave them with Jennie in the church office. At the end of the month, a representative from Mission Cry will pick up the Bibles and they will be shipped overseas.

Doctrinally sound Christian books are also welcome and will be shipped with the Bibles.

Thank you for your support and help sending God's Word around the world!

FELLOWSHIP

We will be recognizing our newest Trinity members during the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 12. Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself during the reception between services that Sunday.



♪ **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,**

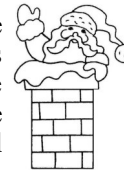
Envelopes provided, into the box they can enter.

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

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 this 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.

Thanks to the Trinity volunteers who rang bells for the Red Kettle Campaign at HyVee last Saturday. They raised \$641.76!

The Salvation Army still has need for volunteers. There are many individual slots remaining. Go to www.registertoring.com to sign up or call Jim at 715-733-0575 if you would like to volunteer.

Advent 11 — God's deeds give every member of our race a right to life (Psalm 66:5, 9). He creates us in our mother's womb. He redeems us even as embryos. He calls us all into His everlasting family. Our life is a masterpiece He Himself commences and completes (Philippians 1:6). No sizes, skills, or circumstances on our part can impair or improve the value He has invested in us and our neighbors.

STEWARDSHIP



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.

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If you are interested in helping, please talk to Barb Mrosko, 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.

Are you missing a black (Scandinavian Designs) tape measure? A black tape measure was found in the Fellowship Hall on November 19. If it is yours, please be sure to claim it from the Lost & Found box above the coatracks near the west entrance.

WORSHIP

Advent Midweek Services:
Wednesdays, December 8, 15, 22
at 5:30 PM

Followed by soup supper in the gymnasium.

Join us for the sermon series
"Waiting with Isaiah."



Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24
4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service
10:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25
9:00 AM - Christmas Day Service
[Holy Communion]

No In-Person Worship Services on Sunday, December 26
8:00 - Pre-recorded Worship (Online only)

Midweek Advent, Christmas Eve Family & Christmas Day services will be broadcast on KDHL (920 AM) and live streamed. Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be live streamed.

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRY (TYM)

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

