



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Fri. (24th) Church Office Closed
4:30 Christmas Eve Family Service
10:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (C)

Sat. (25th)



9:00 Christmas Day Service (C)
12:00 Sudanese Service
Sun. (26th) No In-Person Worship Service
8:00 Pre-recorded Worship (Online)
Mon. (27th) FLS No School Dec. 27-Dec. 31
7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)
Tue. (28th) 9:00 Bible Study
4:15 Community Cathedral Café
7:00 Property Brd. Mtg.
Wed. (29th) 6:00 Connection Practice
Thu. (30th) 11:30 Prayer Group
Fri. (31st) Church Office Closed
Sat. (1st) New Year's Day
5:30 Worship Service
Sun. (2nd) 8:00 Worship Service
9:15 Adult Bible Study
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Connection Service (C)

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)

The Christmas Day service will be broadcast on KDHL (920 AM) and live streamed.

Regular Worship Services, Adult Bible Study and Sunday School will resume on January 1 & 2.

The Example of Mary

“We must look to Mary’s example to know how to deal with the glorious impossibilities of God,” writes Calvin Miller in *The Christ of Christmas*. “Look how she turned the world upside down by making one simple statement.”

Jesus surely could have come to earth without Mary’s aid. But God seems to prefer partnering with people to accomplish miracles such as salvation and healing. So God chooses Mary to carry the Savior. Later, Jesus often declares people’s own faith crucial to their healing. And today, God works justice through us, not apart from us.

God doesn’t force us into collaboration. Yet, notes Miller, “God needs only a little of our agreement in order to work mighty wonders.” Like Mary’s humble assent: “I am the Lord’s servant. ... May your word to me be fulfilled” (Luke 1:38, NIV). And like yours — for whatever partnership God invites you into. God will do the heavy lifting, for certain, but he hopes

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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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Trinity News of the Week

December 24 & 25, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church
 Faribault, MN 55021

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 12/27: Numbers 6:22-27	Thu. 12/30: Is. 60:1-6
Tue. 12/28: Gal. 3:23-29	Fri. 12/31: Eph. 3:1-12
Wed. 12/29: Lk. 2:40-52	Sat. 1/1: Matt. 2:1-12

Thoughts on a BONUS Memory Verse - by Kristin Sellentine

1 John 3:17 *“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”*

Our memory verse is v18. I like the KJV’s *“My little children.”* It is obvious that it is a term of endearment, not a comment on the listeners' maturity. I wonder if anyone there realized that Jesus could address them as a father would, because he is one with *the* Father...

The lesson is pretty obvious. We must consider love an action, not a feeling. We have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

It is easy to help those for whom we feel a strong emotional attachment. Matthew 5:47b says, *“Even pagans do that.”* So there are no exceptions for strangers, people we dislike, or even enemies.

This kind of love (agape) is an act of the will, not a warm, fuzzy feeling. We choose to agape, because we are commanded in this verse and others. Our obedience is our grateful response to Jesus’ saving us. *“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.”*

1 John 3:16

In addition, the recipient is not the only one to benefit from our agape. It is a witness to unbelievers and brings glory to God. *“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father...”* Matt 5:16

They will know we are Christians by our love.

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.



Practices will begin on **Sunday, January 2** at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Start to study on your own now.

May God bless you as you study this portion of the Bible.

There will be NO in-person Worship Services, Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on December 26. All will resume on January 2.

FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

School resumes on Monday, January 3. The School Office will be closed December 23, 24 and 31.

THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Join the FLS students for Chapel Worship at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022, as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord!

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing... Bill & Mary; 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; Capt. Jason Severson; Stephanie Siegfried; Patty Stonehouse

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

Prayers for all those who are separated from their loved ones this Christmas season. May the love and peace of Christ comfort them and give them joy and hope.

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

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

We think it would be "groovy,"
If we would go to see a **movie**.
The **Tuesday** cost is \$5 for the show,
So we're hoping that there will be many to go.
January 11 at the **west parking lot** we'll meet,
At 1:15, Dundas bound,
we will head down the street.

"**UNDERDOG**" is the Curt Werner story,
Quarterbacking the St. Louis Rams to their glory.
There's a **possibility afterward,**
if you'd like to eat,
We could drop over to **Culver's** and order a treat.
Sign up at the **Welcome Center,**
or **give Lynn a call,**
Enjoy the day, come one, come all.

HUMAN CARE

We pray for our brothers and sisters affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee. Please pray with us for the injured, lost, and those grieving over the loss of loved ones.



Trumps' Bible study is collecting funds to help churches and congregations impacted by the tornadoes. The door offering this Christmas will be sent to the District to be distributed among the churches in need of relief. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran with *disaster relief* in the memo line. Thank you for your help!

Thank you to all who purchased items from the quilting table and for your generous gifts. We are able to continue purchasing quilt batting to make quilts for people who need them. We appreciate your support.



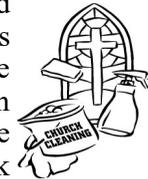
Mark Your Calendars! Trinity will host a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Friday, January 7, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TrinityFaribault to schedule an appointment. Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Any message that only placates the culture cannot lay claim to the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 23:34). The power of His Word will have consequences for us and stir up passionate reactions in those who hear it (Acts 6:54, 57). But our insistence that they know of His grace and forgiveness (Acts 6:60)—especially applied to life issues—will capture attention to how He loves and saves every human being.

STEWARDSHIP

Bill Jewison is ill with COVID and won't be able to complete his custodial tasks for a while. Please take a slip or two from the board in the narthex and help keep the church clean while he is out. Thank you!



Please join us "un-decorating" the church on Saturday, January 8, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!



NOTE: The Installation of our Board Members (LLB, FLS Brd. and 2nd Century) and our Elders will be held on Sunday, January 9 during the 8:00 a.m. service. Hope you can join us then!

PASTORAL SCHEDULES

Pastors are available for you to drop by during office hours. If at **any** time you need to get in touch with us, please call, text or email us for whatever you might need.

Pastor Paul	636-751-4784 revrieger@trinityfaribo.org Monday—Day Off Tuesday-Thursday— Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00 noon Friday—Study Day
Pastor Tyler	715-203-2904 revtwerner@trinityfaribo.org Monday—Study Day Tuesday-Thursday— Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00 noon Friday—Day Off

Pr. Rieger will be on vacation Dec. 26-Dec. 31.
Pr. Tyler will be on vacation Dec. 26-Jan. 2.

Note: The Church Office will be CLOSED on December 24 & 31. Blessings this holiday season!

WORSHIP

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary this year. Be sure to take your flower home with you after the Christmas Day service!



Please do not take the drip trays. Protective plastic sleeves are available in the Sacristy for transporting your poinsettia. Any flowers that have not been claimed in a timely fashion will have to be disposed of.