

Leave the Light On

“We’ll leave the light on for you,” a motel chain once promised. In other words, they were expecting you and looking forward to your stay.

During the time of the high priest Eli, “the lamp of God had not yet gone out” (1 Samuel 3:3). Eli oversaw the tabernacle, so some people say this refers to an actual lamp. But the passage could have a deeper meaning. Although Eli had turned a blind eye to his sons’ sins and neglected his duties, God knew that Eli could still be a divine instrument. God knew not to turn off Eli’s light. God was expecting Eli to still shine brightly for him, and eventually Eli figured out that Samuel, his young charge, was hearing God’s voice.

So if your light seems dim or even burned out, be assured that your pilot light remains on! God has left the light on not just *for* you but also *in* you. —Julie Lee

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (14th)	9-12:00	FLS Basketball (Gym)
	5:30	Worship Service
Sun. (15th)	8:00	Worship Service - Baptism
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:15	Parent Bible Study
	9:15	Baptism Reception (Gym)
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Connection Service (C)
	1:30	Bible Bowl
	5:30	Lively #5 Neighborhood Gr. (Trinity)

Mon. (16th)		Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
	7:00	Grand Monday Night (Trinity)
Tue. (17th)	8:30	Staff Mtg.
	9:00	Bible Study
	2-2:45	FLS (Fellowship Hall)
	3-4:30	FLS Cheer (Gym)
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6:30	Elders’ Mtg.
Wed. (18th)	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Milestone (C)
	3:30	Faribault Senior Living (C)
	6:00	Handbells
	6:00	6th Grade Confirmation
	6:30	7th/8th Grade Confirmation
Thu. (19th)	10:00	JOY Brunch (Perkins)
	11:30	Prayer Group
	1:00	Women In Mission
	5:30-8	AHG (FH, MR, Gym, N, After School Care)
	6:30	2nd Century (Conference Room)
Fri. (20th)		Newsletter Deadline
	8:00	Men’s Bible Study
	12:40	Trinity Kitchen-FLS
Sat. (21st)	8:30-4	AHG Faith Retreat (FH, MR, Gym, N, After School Care)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
	6:30	Game Night
Sun. (22nd)		National Lutheran Schools Week Begins
	8:00	Worship Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:15	Parent Bible Study (Nursery)
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	NLSW Joint Service at Trinity
	1:30	Bible Bowl
	3:30	Nerf Day

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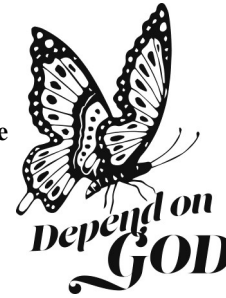
Our Mission:
CONNECT...
GROW...
GO...

Trinity News of the Week

January 14 & 15, 2023
Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Psalm 86:7 NKJV
by Kristin Sellentine

"In the day of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me." (David)



When is NOT the day of my trouble? Proverbs 3:5a says, *"Every day has trouble enough for itself. ..."*

We may not have enemies we need to be saved from, as David did; but certainly, we have challenges at times which raise the bar for troubles. But it is sometimes the "little" or daily problems that threaten us the most. You can walk across a room with a small pebble in your shoe, but in time, that pebble becomes irritating, then painful, and then it can cause an ulcer in the sole of your foot which can get infected. We can't ignore our pebbles. And we need help to deal with them.

So who ya gonna call? Not "Ghostbusters," for sure. Nor a horoscope nor Google.

Per David, call on the Lord; He will answer. Maybe we think we shouldn't bother God with the little things. In bigger things, we may consider prayer as last resort, something to turn to after our own puny efforts have failed. Or when the problem is so big, we already know it is beyond our capacity to fix.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, *"Pray without ceasing."* I'm hoping that doesn't mean 24/7. Let's say it means pray regularly in every situation. Find ways to remind yourself to turn to God. Turn a worry into a prayer. And don't stop praying if you don't see the answer you wanted. Keep calling.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Faribault Lutheran School will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-28, 2023. The theme for this year is Matthew 28:18-20. "Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

FLS students and families will be joining Trinity Lutheran Church for a joint worship service at 10:30 a.m. on January 22 and provide music for the congregation. Student artwork will be on display at both Peace and Trinity churches throughout NLSW.

FLS will also host their Scholastic Book Fair during NLSW. It will be open before and after school if you wish to come shop for gifts, and FLS student or for the classroom libraries.

FLS also invites you to the Souper Bowl on Friday, January 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium to sample soups made from our classrooms and community partners. A free will donation will be taken at the door.

"I Have a DREAM..." There will be NO school on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS	
Mon. 1/16: Psalm 27:1-14	Thu. 1/19: 2 Kings 5:1-15a
Tue. 1/17: Isaiah 9:1-4	Fri. 1/20: Rom. 12:16-21
Wed. 1/18: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Sat. 1/21: Matt. 4:12-25

MEN'S STUDY GROUP The Men's Bible Study has started again, every Friday at 8:00 a.m. Join us for Bible study, treats and fellowship. Bring your Bibles!



On 1-8-23 we had our first Bible Bowl practice with Nevaeh, Janessa, Lydia, Maggie, Martha, Braxton, Andy, Gabriel, Nick, and Giovanni in attendance. Exodus 1-3 were covered. You are invited to join them on the 15th as we cover Exodus 4-6. May God continue to bless the Bible Bowl.

~Philip Simonson

Trinity's Grandparenting session will be on Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m. Topic will be of viewers' choice.



EVANGELISM

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

Prayer Warriors
 Verna Bahl; Hub Cloeter;
 Mardy Danielson;
 Vicki (Sanders) Doble;
 Don Dugan; Louise Flom;
 Sharon Geyer; Shari Hagen;
 Lowell Hetletvedt;
 Lorraine Roemhildt;
 Darlene Ross; Scott Rost; Shirley Rost;
 Ray Sanders; Larry Schreck;
 Diane Schultz; Nancy Schultz;
 Jayne & Todd Voge; Barb Young

Prayers of thanksgiving for Mateo Mark Miller, son of Paul & Carolina (Handberg) Miller, baptized during the 8:00 a.m. service this Sunday. Sponsors are Jon & Martha Mielke.

Women In Mission meeting Thursday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. Guest speaker at 2:00 p.m. will be Gina Little from the Faribault Pregnancy Options Center. Sheila Kreager serving. Please come!

GREETERS: Please check your Fellowship Hall mailboxes for your new schedules! Thank you for serving.



FELLOWSHIP

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

We will ring in 2023 with this JOYful, happy bunch,

With a **10 a.m.** gathering at **Perkins** for a thing we call **brunch**.

Come for breakfast or lunch, or just coffee

If that's your "cup of tea,"

It would be wonderful to see you again

We are like family.

Thursday, January 19, is the date and

approaching soon,

Sign up at the Welcome Center, so we reserve the right size room.



Mark Your Calendars: Nerf Game Day - Sunday, January 22, 3:30 p.m. at Trinity.



Game Night – We will be meeting once again on Saturday, January 21 for game night. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30. All are invited to come! Bring a favorite game and a snack to share – or just come!

Our next Lively #5 Neighborhood gathering will be Sunday evening January 15 at 5:30 p.m. with Phil & Nancy Simonson hosting in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun. Bring a dish to pass and we will see you there.

HUMAN CARE

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on Friday, January 6. 52 units of blood were collected!

January 15 “Christians are to love their neighbors, including the unborn ... (Proverbs 24:11, 29:8-9) ... This means we can and ought to pray for the unborn, for women who have the choice of preserving or ending the life of their unborn child, for women who have had abortions and who need forgiveness in Christ—freely given through faith, for abortion doctors who are directly responsible for killing these children, and for our governing officials.”

Pastor David Thompson, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Lombard, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

STEWARDSHIP

The poinsettias in the Narthex need to be rescued! Please take home a poinsettia before they are discarded.

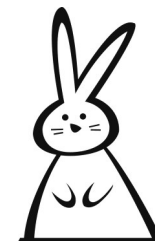


Poinsettias

2022 Giving Statements are now available in the Fellowship Hall mailboxes. Be sure to take yours home today and save the church some postage.



Please look over your statement carefully and let Jennie in the church office know if you have questions or concerns.



The FLS teacher who keeps rescue rabbits is in need of more newspaper for bunny bedding. Please bring your old newspapers to the church office. Thank you!

A Call Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 30, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity. Please join us as we move forward in the process of calling a Senior Pastor.

An informational meeting on the FLS gymnasium will be held immediately following the Call Voters' meeting on January 30.



“And with prayer, you can contact God 24 hours everyday, including weekends ... and there are **NO roaming charges!**”