



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

MUSINGS ALONG THE HIGHWAY - LOOKING FOR LEADERSHIP

~The Rev. Larry Wesolik

I have often served in parishes that are in transition. Since my retirement in 2009, serving congregations in search of Pastoral leaders has been repeated eleven times. Believe me, that has not always been a time mixed with stress and confusion. Being the one to whom you turn over the leases in the middle of the trip is not always easy. Your congregation is about very soon, under the guidance of the Spirit, to issue a call to another candidate for Senior Pastor. I encourage you all to make this a spiritual endeavor. Preparation is necessary. I would suggest that individual prayers are necessary. Before you go to

the assembly, pray that you and the assembly would be guided by the Holy Spirit and the Lord's will for the church. You have an important and vibrant ministry, and you need the Lord's person in a place of leadership. During the meeting, participate. Ask your questions; don't be afraid to raise the issue you have on your heart. The Lord will use the mix of prayer and discussion to surface the leader you choose.

My prayers will be with you as you gather on the evening of the 30th in Church.

In the weeks ahead we will complete our walk together to the end of the Epiphany season on the mountain of Transfiguration. I pray that your vision of the resplendent glory on the mountain will radiate the warmth of hope in your fellowship.

Pastor W.

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A MIRACLE STORY OF LOVE



We may all feel among ourselves a small amount of disappointment and depression these days about our pastor situation. In the years after Pr. Kuehne retired, we went through a series of temporary pastors that never seemed to end. Now, since Pr. Rieger left, it seems we are getting back in this long searching mode again with no one taking the Call. I have heard people mumble that there is something wrong with Trinity; something that bothers potential pastors.

I am here to tell you that this is wrong. We have a very active and loving church culture here that God has created, blessed and continues to bless. The atmosphere we have here at Trinity is actually admired by other pastors.

The other day I heard a story about how a church can not only be a blessing to its own people and others in its area but can also even affect the life and faith of its own pastor.

It seems that a certain church had some of the same problems as us, where they had a string of temporary pastors. One of these temporary pastors was going through a personal crisis where he doubted his own capabilities as a pastor and even doubted if God was still with him and supporting him in his work. (continued...)

The pastor was to the point where he was considering leaving the pastorhood and taking on a different career because he felt he wasn't doing any good in spreading God's word. But in his time there, the congregation showed him love, compassion and a feeling of belonging. During the course of time there, he realized how blessed he truly was, how his talents and abilities as a pastor had worked on the congregation and could work just as well with other congregations. He left his time there rejuvenated with the feeling of love and support that only the Holy Spirit, working in him and in the congregation, could provide. He knew this was truly a God thing, that God had placed him in that congregation to build him up again to where he could move on to another church with total confidence and faith in Christ's love and support. A pretty amazing congregation, huh?

Well guess what? That church was Trinity; those people were us. We had shown this pastor how much he was loved here, how much we cared for him and how much God loves and blesses him and is truly with him in all he

does. Needless to say, he continued on as a pastor and went on to another church where I'm sure he is doing well.

I heard another story also from a former pastor here. His sister had visited him from out of town and visited Trinity for the first time. She told him afterward that Trinity was one of the friendliest churches she had ever visited (btw, most of our people here didn't know she was the pastor's sister). I have heard some people say that years ago, Trinity had seemed a little cool and perhaps aloof toward visitors. Well, if that was true then, it certainly isn't true now.

We have a lot going for us here at Trinity. God is here in all ways with us and it shows, in our love toward one another and in the many activities we have that support and positively affect our own people and those all around us. Don't worry about who God ultimately brings here to be our pastor; it will be the one He has planned for all along to be ours.

Bill Kirkpatrick

Daily Bible Readings: February 2023

Feb. 1 – Read Exodus 30, 31, 32; Acts 8

Feb. 2 – Exodus 33, 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9

Feb. 3 – Exodus 35, 36; Acts 10

Feb. 4 – Exodus 37, 38; Palm 19; Acts 11

Feb. 5 – Exodus 39, 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12

Feb. 6 – Lev. 1, 2, 3; Acts 13

Feb. 7 – Lev. 4, 5, 6; Acts 14

Feb. 8 – Lev. 7, 8, 9; Acts 15

Feb. 9 – Lev. 10, 11, 12; Acts 16

Feb. 10 – Lev. 13, 14; Acts 17

Feb. 11 – Lev. 15, 16, 17; Acts 18

Feb. 12 – Lev. 18, 19; Psalm 13; Acts 19

Feb. 13 – Lev. 20, 21, 22; Acts 20

Feb. 14 – Lev. 23, 24; Psalm 24; Acts 21

Feb. 15 – Lev. 25; Psalm 25, 26; Acts 22

Feb. 16 – Lev. 26, 27; Acts 23

Feb. 17 – Num. 1, 2; Acts 24

Feb. 18 – Num. 3, 4; Acts 25

Feb. 19 – Num. 5, 6; Psalm 22, Acts 26

Feb. 20 – Num. 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27

Feb. 21 – Num. 8, 9, 10; Acts 28

Feb. 22 – Num. 11, 12; Psalm 27; Mark 1

Feb. 23 – Num. 13, 14; Psalm 90; Mark 2

Feb. 24 – Num. 15, 16, 17; Mark 3

Feb. 25 – Num. 18, 19; Psalm 29; Mark 4

Feb. 26 – Num. 20; 21; Psalm 28; Mark 5

Feb. 27 – Num. 22, 23, 24; Mark 6

Feb. 28 – Num. 25, 26; Mark 7



SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Larry Wesolik,
Vacancy Pastor
- Rev. Hal Rex Longshore,
Visitation Pastor
- Rev. Gatluk, Reat,
Sudanese Evang. Lutheran
Mission Church
- Bill Kirkpatrick,
Finance/Property Manager
- Nancy Simonson,
Family Ministry
- Jennifer Kingland,
Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison,
Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler,
FLS Administrator/Principal
- Jessica Lewis,
FLS Administrative
Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children have decided on their mission projects for the remainder of the year. They are supporting the Loeslie family, helping support a missionary doctor, and purchasing a water filter for a needy family through World Vision.

The Sunday School children will be singing in the 10:30 service on February 12 with a potluck after the service.

2023 VBS, Stellar, is being tentatively planned for August 6-10.

FAMILY MINISTRY

On January 22 we had a nerf game afternoon led by Braxton Weeg. 21 kids enjoyed playing games! Thanks to Braxton and all who helped by sharing equipment.



Valentine Family Event

On February 12 during the Sunday school hour, parents and children are invited for a special Valentine event. Activities are being planned. We will have a brunch potluck.



DATE NIGHT

A special date night is being planned for Saturday, February 11. Couples (older adults or young adults) can enjoy a date without kids! We will take care of your kids (ages 3 and up) any time between 5-8:00 p.m. while you enjoy some time together. Please let Nancy Simonson know if you have any children that need babysitting on our campus.



FAITH LEGACY



On February 26 at 9:30-10:15 in the nursery, families of two-year-olds will gather to learn how to start "God Talk" in their homes. Picture Bibles will be given to families to read with their children. A blessing event will be held in a church service for the parents to present the Picture Bible to their child and bless them. An invitation will be sent. Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.

GRANDPARENTING

Grand Mondays are continuing on Zoom each Monday night at 7 p.m. through the Legacy Coalition. Various speakers talk about the special role grandparents have in encouraging the growth of their grandchildren's faith. Here are some of the topics in February:



FEBRUARY 6, 2023

How to Discipline Grandkids Effectively
Joannie DeBrito Ph.D. LCSW, LMFT

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

We're Using Old Maps - Forming Spiritually Resilient Grandkids in a Post-Christian Age
Matt Markins, President and CEO of Awana

On February 20 we will be watching the video "One-on-One Grandparenting – Keeping Close" at 7 pm in the Music Room.



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administrator@flsweb.org

Theme 2022-2023:
"MAKING DISCIPLES FOR LIFE"
 Matthew 28:19-20

February, while a short month, can sometimes feel like the longest month of the year!

We just finished up National Lutheran Schools' Week and our big Souper Bowl event, and have another fun month ahead. While not many activities are happening in February, we are spending our time preparing for the numerous amounts of activities and programs that are coming up in the spring. Our biggest thing to look forward to in the month of February is registration night. That will take place on February 9, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This year will look different as registration will all be online. On that same night, it will also be our Kindergarten open house. If you know of any school aged families, please spread the word about the night. This night is also a chance to tour the school and to learn more about what FLS has to offer.

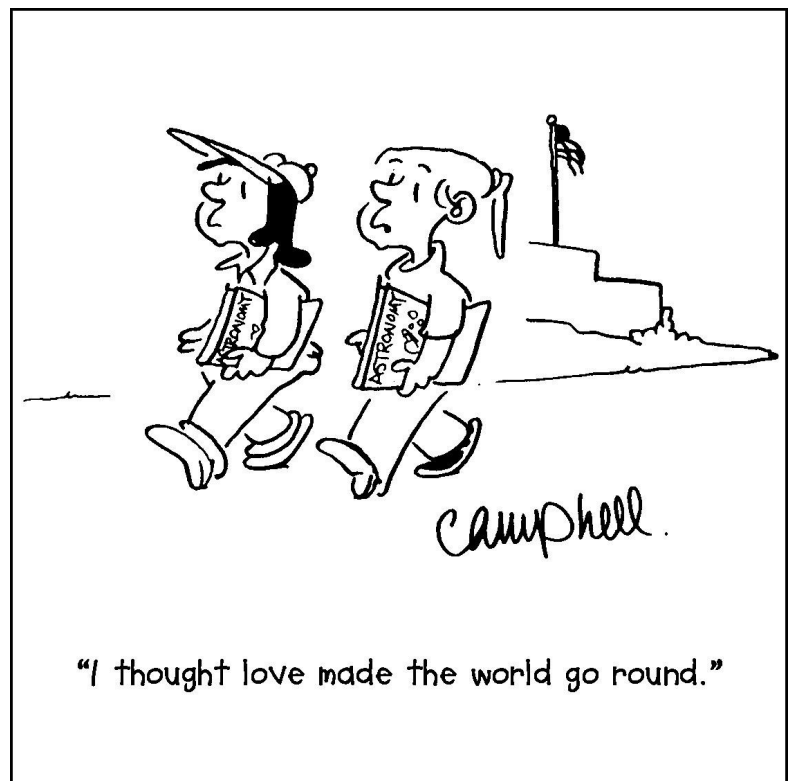
As we look forward to the spring activities, it is only a matter of time until we blink and the summer vacation will be here. Like always, if you have any desire to volunteer within the school, please contact Mrs. Saehler.

Chrysteena Saehler
 FLS Principal

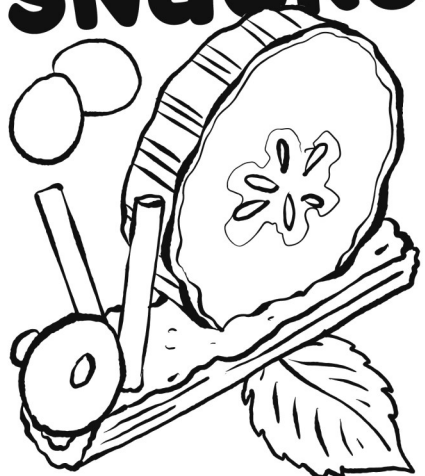
FLS is looking for donations of cookies and bars for their upcoming registration night on Thursday, February 9. We have a refreshments area to greet families as they come to register and sign up for the 2023-2024 school year.

Cookies and bars can be delivered to the school office starting Wednesday, February 8. Please sign up at the information center if you can bring treats.

If you have questions, please reach out to Sara Hewitt at 507-330-2942.



SPRINGTIME SNACKS



Whip up a plate of these cute, healthy treats!

What you need:

- Celery sticks
- Cherry tomatoes
- Cucumber circles
- Olives
- Cream cheese spread
- Fresh basil leaves (optional)
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Have an adult help you wash and cut the veggies.
2. Spread cream cheese inside the celery rods.
3. Place a cucumber circle upright in the cream cheese to make a bug body.
4. Add the tomato as a head.
5. Arrange basil leaves on a plate and place the veggie bugs on them.
6. Making different-shaped bugs with your favorite veggies. Enjoy!




A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.


Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.


 plants grow here

 to coil and jump
(also a season of the year)

 to expand and get bigger

 seeds are planted in this

 when watered, these make plants

 another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

_____ come up and a _____ causes

_____ to _____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.



ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



Happy February Birthday!

We thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members. Say a kind word, offer a prayer or send a card!

2/28 Alice Gudknecht

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Norman Liffengren (2/9), Virgil Luehrs (2/11),
Don Dickison (2/14), Cynthia Hausmann (2/14),
Joan Eastman (2/22), Bob Meyer (2/23), Gerald Johnson (2/27)

BLOOD DRIVE

**Trinity will host a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on
Friday, March 3, 2023
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment call,
1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)
or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter:
TrinityFaribault.
Eligibility Questions? Call 1-866-236-3276
Photo ID or Donor Card required.



TRINITY'S 2023 CONGREGATIONAL GOALS



1. **Conduct** "Post-Covid Push," reaching out to non-returned members
2. **Connect** with community via improved advertising of Trinity Lutheran Church events using newspaper, radio, social media, etc.
3. **Recruit** new volunteers with "time & talent" questionnaire and follow-up
4. **Invite** FLS and other students to participate during services on a regular schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 2:30 New Perspective -c 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c 6:00 Handbells 6:00 6th Grade Conf. 6:30 Confirmation (7th/8th)	2 11:30 Prayer Group 5:30-8:00 AHG (FH, MR, Gym, N, After school care)	3 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:40 Trinity Kitchen-FLS	4 5:30 Worship <u>FLS Basketball Jamboree</u>
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Worship -c 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	6 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	7 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 3-4:30 FLS Cheer-gym 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	8 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 6:00 Connection Practice 6:00 Handbells 6:00 6th Grade Conf. 6:30 Confirmation (7th/8th) 7:00 Choir	9 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 5-6:30 FLS Open House & Registration 6:30 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Trinity) 7:00 Dartball (Trinity, Medford)	10 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:40 Trinity Kitchen-FLS 3-8:30 FLS PTL Glow Dance (Gym)	11 9-1:00 FLS Cheer Camp (Gym) 5:30 Worship -c 5:00-8:00 Date Night (Gym & Music Room)
12 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Family Valentines Event 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	13 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grand Monday (online) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (<i>off site</i>)	14 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 12:00 JOY (FH) 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 3-4:30 FLS Cheer-gym 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 	15 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 6:00 Connection Practice 6:00 Handbells 6:00 6th Grade Conf. 6:30 Confirmation (7th/8th) 7:00 Choir	16 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Women In Mission 3:30-8:00 FLS Parent-Teacher Conf. 5:30-8:00 AHG (FH, MR, N, After school care)	17 8:00 Men's Bible Study 8-12:00 FLS Parent-Teacher Conf. 12:40 Trinity Kitchen-FLS 5:00 AHG <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> <u>FLS No School</u> <u>Best Practices-Arizona</u>	18 12:00 Sudanese Service (FH) 5:30 Worship
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	20 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grand Monday (at Trinity) <u>No School</u> <u>Presidents Day</u>	21 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 3-4:30 FLS Cheer-gym 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Meeting 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	22 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Ash Wed. Service 6:30 Soup Supper 6:30 6th Grade Conf. 6:30 Confirmation (7th/8th) 7:00 Choir	23 11:30 Prayer Group	24 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:40 Trinity Kitchen-FLS 5:00 AHG Lock-in <u>AHG FLS Lock-in 5:00pm-9:30am</u>	25 9:30 AHG Lock-in 5:30 Worship -c
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for Ash Wednesday service on February 22, 2023, 5:30 p.m. Service will be followed by Soup Supper, sponsored by our Human Care Team.



OUR LENTEN FOCUS

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

Keeping In Touch (KIT) needs your help! Don't worry, it's not what you think. There is no definite schedule of contacts to be made, but rather touch bases as need arises such as maybe a card to a new confirmand, a new member, a birthday greeting or to the family at Christmas with service schedules and a note asking for their questions, concerns or special needs.

The congregation is divided up among 10 teams who help keep addresses current, encourage less active members and continue sharing Christ's love by Keeping In Touch.

We meet a few times each year with the next one set for Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. Meeting attendance is not a requirement to fulfill your duties.

Current Team Members include Carol Ciffra/Scott Howard, Joanne Cross, Marlys Stuhrk, Jan Paschke, Lynette Templin, Duane Schlobohm and Roger Wilkowske.

Want to help? Call the church office at 507-331-6579 or Roger Wilkowske at 507-323-8076, rogerwilkowske@gmail.com.

JOY - FEBRUARY EVENT



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

A special time is planned for this special day

"Be My Valentine" and come this way.

February 14, noon, in the Fellowship Hall,

A **potluck** is planned for one and all.

Your favorite dish, bring enough to pass,

A **Valentine surprise** will show a lot of class.

Visit the **Welcome Center, make known your intention,**

Having you with us, makes it a wonderful session.

One more thing to bring, it's not too hard,

Come in hand, with a Valentine card.

A final thing, a **Free Will offering**, we will collect

A few shekels in the "kitty" will keep us out of debt. :>)

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Attendance: Barb Beatty, Penny Reichert, Mitch Miller, Deb Malmanger, Jim Boldt, Jeff Blume, Steve Mullenex
Guest(s): Nancy Simonson, Chrysteena Saehler, Sara Hewitt

1. Opening prayer by Nancy and discussion on chapter 10 and 11 of the book, *Holding Up the Prophets Hand, Supporting Church Workers*
2. Faribault Lutheran School report (Chrysteena Saehler)
 - a. Several new students enrolled recently
 - b. Accreditation will be in the Spring, this occurs every five years
 - c. National Lutheran Schools Week Jan. 22 – 28th
3. Gymnasium renovation project update (Sara Hewitt)
 - a. Renovation will update HVAC system, replace flooring, asbestos abatement, install ADA Compliant bleachers
 - b. Preliminary budget is about \$350,000 as bids come in, FLS funding being determined
 - c. Two phase project, phase one tentatively beginning Fall 2023, phase two beginning about summer 2024
4. FOC report
 - a. Last year ended with a \$20,000 deficit, buffer will help to alleviate for now
 - b. Focus on calling a Senior Pastor, continue to review 2023 expenditures
5. Sudanese Ministry Report
6. LLB Vote
 - a. Deb motioned to nominate Steve for Vice-Chair, seconded by Penny, motion passed
 - b. Jeff elected as remaining Executive Committee member
7. Congregation Voter's Meeting to call Senior Pastor scheduled for Monday, January 30th at 6:30 pm
At this same meeting information about the Gymnasium Renovation project will be provided as well and questions will be addressed
8. Service Animal Issue
To help address a recent inquiry, Jim will contact The Synod for direction they can offer regarding support/service animals in the Church
9. 2023 Congregational Goals
 - a. Recruit new volunteers – If an existing time and talent questionnaire exists, it will be re-worked and used to connect with the congregation
 - b. Post-Covid push – work with Keeping In Touch group to reach out to non-returned members
 - c. FLS Visibility/participation – Chrysteena working on a schedule, a Church area will be designated to display the activities and works of FLS students
 - d. Connect more with community – will start with social media and determine who is currently handling

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LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 2023 CONTINUED...

10. Church parking lot and sidewalk snow removal maintenance

Concerns have been expressed about inadequate parking lot and sidewalk snow removal leading to unsafe conditions. Jim will discuss with Bill K.

11. American Heritage Girls

LLB has agreed with the new Coordinator leading the group

12. Policy manual review

2.1.1.6: Communicate regularly to the members the pertinent activities of the LLB and promote feedback, input, and communication from the congregation – This will be done on a more regular basis with updates in the newsletter and announcements

13. Resuming the use of collection plates during services

Jeff will arrange schedule with Barb M.

14. Calendar items

Voter's meeting and informational meeting Monday, Jan. 30th at 6:30 pm

Next LLB Meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm

15. Meeting was adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer by Jim

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Reichert

LLB Secretary

MARKED BY LOVE



Through the centuries [people] have displayed many different symbols to show that they are Christians. They have worn crosses in the lapels of their coats, hung chains about their necks, even had special haircuts. Of course, there is nothing intrinsically wrong with any of this, if one feels it is [one's] calling. But there is a much better sign, a universal mark that is to last through all the ages of the church until Jesus comes back. ...

Love — and the unity it attests to — is the mark Christ gave Christians to wear before the world. Only with this mark may the world know that Christians are indeed Christians and that Jesus was sent by the Father.

—Francis Schaeffer

PASTORS' REPORT

Each month a Pastoral Report is prepared in the Church Office. Classes, meetings, appointments, worship services, visitations and communions are tracked and reported by each pastor. In each month's newsletter we will be including the most recent form on file (December 2022).

	Home Visits	Hospital or Jail	Office Visits	Pro-spect Calls	Shut Ins/ Others Com-muned Privately	Shut Ins/ Others Visited- No Communion	NH Worship Attended	NH Worship Com-muned	Worship Services	Classes Taught	Mtgs. Attend
Visitation / Guest Pr.	0	1	~	0	1	0	0	0	17	4	~
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	12	0	50	38	6	1	0

Baptisms: Gary Schaapveld (adult)

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: Robert Kitzman, Janice Zierke

Confirmed: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfer Out: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Transfers In: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Betty Gudknecht,
John Johnson (passed away 10/21/22 in Mesa, Arizona);
Wuanita Bultman (service will be in June 2023)

Official Acts:



Rev. Gatluk Reat December Report:

Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran

Mission Church

Attendance:

Week 2 - 30; Week 3 - 25; Week 4 - 40

Worship Services conducted in
Nuer & English in person and online.

Notes: Rev. Jesse Krusemark - funeral service for Janice Drache
Jim Boldt & Curt Becher - 6 nursing home services
Curt Becher - 6th grade confirmation
Elders visit shut-ins ~ Unknown (not reported)

FEBRUARY 2023: SUDANESE MINISTRY

In addition to all that is happening with Sudanese ministry here in Southern Minnesota, I could also write a monthly article about all that is happening among the Lutherans in the border regions between South Sudan and Ethiopia.



highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

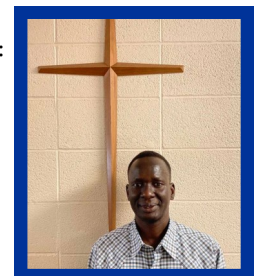
The latest development is the establishment of a new diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan/Sudan (ELCSS/S) in western Ethiopia. The diocese will be based in Gambella with Pastor Peter Wicheng as its provisional leader.

1599 people attended the gathering to celebrate this new addition to the ELCSS/S. Representatives from all six of the other dioceses of the ELCSS/S in Ethiopia also attended. The Scriptural basis for the gathering was, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) and, "Praise and Glory to God in the

Please pray for the members and leaders of this new diocese. As one of the leaders pointed out, "We cannot do it without you joining us. It is the time God's plan is being revealed as the saying goes, 'If God says yes, who can say no?' (2 Corinthians 1:20). God bless you all and we are blessed because of your prayers and support."

And as always, please continue to pray also for the ministry to Sudanese people in southern Minnesota. My contact information is: 651-399-3959 gatluklul@yahoo.com.

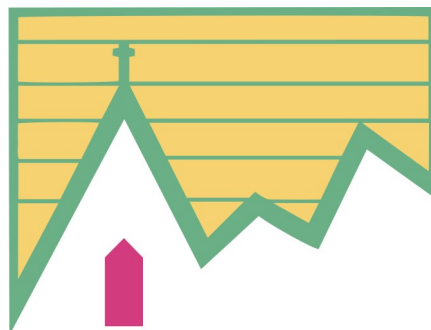
Pastor Gatluk Reat



From Your Finance/Property Manager**WELL, WE TRIED OUR BEST FOR 2022**

I was hoping we would make it in the black for 2022. But I knew it was a long shot. During the year, we fell steadily behind until, as I said in November's newsletter article, we would need an extra \$35,000 at the end of the year to come out even. You all tried your best, I'm sure, but we fell far short. We ended the year about \$20,000 in the red. Nobody is blaming anyone. The reasons our donations have been so much less this last year are many and varied. As I said in November, one reason is that most of us are hurting from high inflation, including myself.

Luckily, being that much in the red doesn't mean we are going broke or can't pay our bills; at least not yet. What it means is we have a smaller cushion to fall back on. Many years ago, when I first became business manager, the amount we had in our general fund was small enough that we had to pick and choose which bills to pay and



which ones had to wait. Over the years since then, we have built up enough in the general fund that we could pay off our bills right away with no delay. That is still true, but if our general fund drops behind too much, we could get back into that old problem we had from years ago.

Church

FINANCES

Soon the 2022 Annual Report will be complete and you will see more detail about how 2022 went. There were lots of good things that happened too.

Please just remember that we need to try our best to keep up with our budget and our expenses so our church can continue to be strong. As we enter 2023, please pray diligently and do your best to increase your donations over last year so we can finish 2023 in the black. In any case, God is still with us and always will be our strength and guide.

Bill Kirkpatrick



Each gift has been recorded in the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Book located in the Church Office. We invite you to stop by the office and note the special donations given in love and remembrance. All gifts to Trinity Radio Club are recorded, then acknowledged by the Radio Club during their Sunday broadcasts.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF TRINITY'S SAINTS, DECEASED IN 2022...

Debt Fund

\$500. by Bill & Char Scurry

Sudanese Fund

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DONALD "BUCK" BURKHARTZMEYER AND ED KRAUSE...

Faribault Lutheran School

\$200. by Bill & Char Scurry

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETTY GUDKNECHT...

Undesignated Memorials

100. by Alice Gudknecht
\$20 by Robert & Therine Gudknecht
\$30. by Ruth Hjelmgren
\$20. by Denise Rasmusson
\$50. by Susan Simons



**Sunday,
February 26th,
2023**

1:00-2:00 PM REGISTRATION

2:00-2:30 PM INTRODUCING THE
TEAMS/JUMPERS MEETING

2:30 PM FIRST JUMPER

3:30 PM GO HOME & WARM UP!

ALL EVENTS AT MORRISTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

**Last one held here*

Fundraiser for Camp Omega

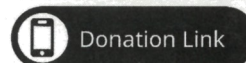
❄️ ❄️ **GOAL: 50 TEAMS OF JUMPERS** ❄️ ❄️

***Each team will raise funds and compete for
"traveling trophies" awarded to teams with the
highest pledges/sponsorships!***

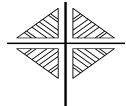
- Name your team and dress in costumes (have fun with it!)
- Changing areas provided--but come prepared--bring towels
- Shoes must be worn and bring a "safety first mentality"
- Everyone must sign a "release waiver" to participate



***For more information, and/or to
pre-register a team of jumpers
Contact Russ@CampOmega.org
or call/text 507-384-7947***



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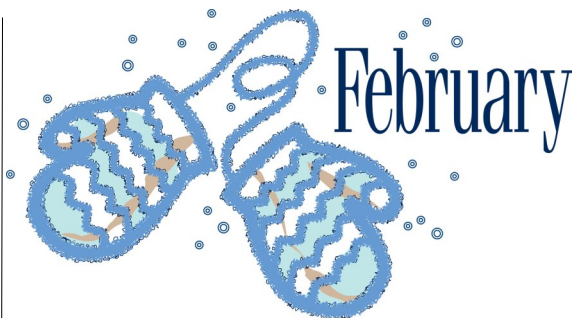
Weekly Service Schedule - Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am
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Consolidated Communications TV channel 10
& Charter/Spectrum channel 181,
Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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2023

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SURRENDER

What a privilege and opportunity it is to utterly come to the end of one's hope — not only to run out of answers but to run out of questions. To be beyond fighting, to come to that suspended animation where we are so confused and so weak that we can neither fight [nor] run.

When you come to the end of yourself, you find the beginning of God. And there and nowhere else, you find the answers you seek. You find fulfillment for the longings of your soul.

—Max Anders

**“And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord,
have not forsaken those who seek you.”
(Psalm 9:10)**

