



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FUNNY, ISN'T IT???

**F**unny how a \$100 “looks” so big when you take it to church, but so small when you take it to the mall.

- o Funny how long it takes to serve God for an hour but how quickly a team plays 60 minutes of basketball.
- o Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are, but how short they are when watching a movie.
- o Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.
- o Funny how we get thrilled when a baseball game goes into extra innings, but we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.
- o Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of the best selling novel.
- o Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
- o Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks advance notice to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.
- o Funny how hard it is for people to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others, but how simple it is for the same people to understand and repeat gossip.
- o Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.
- o Funny how everyone wants to go heaven provided they do not have to believe, or to think, or to say, or to do anything.
- o Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through email and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Are you laughing?

Are you thinking?

Spread the Word and give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

*(Anonymous - author unknown)*

**For after hour emergencies,**  
**please contact:**

Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

James Boldt  
(LLB Chair)

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## **BEGINNING ... AND BEGINNING AGAIN**

**D**uring the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world

where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

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### **Daily Bible Readings: June 2023**

June 1 – Proverbs 19, 20, 21; Romans 13

June 2 – Proverbs 22, 23, 24; Romans 14

June 3 – Proverbs 25, 26, 27; Romans 15

June 4 – Proverbs 28, 29; Psalm 60; Romans 16

June 5 – Proverbs 30, 31; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1

June 6 – Ecclesiastes 1, 2, 3; Psalm 45;  
Ephesians 2

June 7 – Ecclesiastes 4, 5, 6; Psalm 18;  
Ephesians 3

June 8 – Ecclesiastes 7, 8, 9; Ephesians 4

June 9 – Ecclesiastes 10, 11, 12; Psalm 94;  
Ephesians 5

June 10 – Song of Solomon 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Ephesians 6

June 11 – Song of Solomon 5, 6, 7, 8;  
Philippians 1

June 12 – I Kings 12; II Chronicles 10, 11;  
Philippians 2

June 13 – I Kings 13, 14; II Chronicles 12;  
Philippians 3

June 14 – I Kings 15; II Chronicles 13, 14;  
Philippians 4

June 15 – I Kings 16; II Chronicles 15, 16;  
Colossians 1

June 16 – I Kings 17, 18, 19; Colossians 2

June 17 – I Kings 20, 21; II Chronicles 17; Co-

lossians 3

June 18 – I Kings 22; II Chronicles 18, 19;  
Colossians 4

June 19 – II Kings 1, 2, 3; Psalm 82;  
I Timothy 1

June 20 – II Kings 4, 5; Psalm 83;  
I Timothy 2

June 21 – II Kings 6, 7; II Chronicles 20;  
I Timothy 3

June 22 – II Kings 8, 9; II Chronicles 21;  
I Timothy 4

June 23 – II Kings 10; II Chronicles 22, 23;  
I Timothy 5

June 24 – II Kings 11, 12; II Chronicles 24;  
I Timothy 6

June 25 – Joel 1, 2, 3; II Timothy 1

June 26 – Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4; II Timothy 2

June 27 – II Kings 13, 14; II Chronicles 25;  
II Timothy 3

June 28 – Amos 1, 2, 3; Psalm 80;  
II Timothy 4

June 29 – Amos 4, 5, 6; Psalm 86; Titus 1

June 30 – Amos 7, 8, 9; Psalm 104; Titus 2

#### **SERVING TRINITY & FLS**

- Rev. Hal Rex Longshore,  
Visitation Pastor
- Rev. Gatluk, Reat,  
Sudanese Evang. Lutheran  
Mission Church
- Bill Kirkpatrick,  
Finance 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 NEWS

A big thanks to our Sunday School teachers who brought the Good News of Salvation to our children this year: Jackie Denninger, Mari Handberg, Erica Reindl, Sara Vollbrecht, Courtney Penman, Nevaeh Weeg, Nura Negaard, Carol Vikla, Sheila Kreger and also to our support staff of helpers: Nick and Cameron Duskin and Tammy Schwichtenberg

## FAMILY MINISTRY



3 families attended the First Bible Faith Legacy class where the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children received their own Bibles and with the help of parents, they learned to find their favorite Bible passages and mark them in their Bibles. The families participated in a blessing event on May 14 at the 10:30 service.



HOW CAN WE  
Thank  
God  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Our regular potlucks after the 10:30 service on the second Sunday of the month will continue in June and July.

In August we are planning an outdoor worship service and potluck on Sunday, August 13. Time and place to be determined.

**Children and youth are invited** to participate in the worship services at 10:30 by being greeters, reading scripture, providing music, taking the offering. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Simonson.

If you have any other suggestions for family activities for the summer please contact Nancy Simonson or Chrysteena Saehler.

## GRANDPARENTING CLASSES

A GRANDPARENTING CLASS WAS HELD ON MAY 15. WE HEARD AN EXCELLENT SPEAKER TALK ABOUT WHY SO MANY YOUTHS ARE REJECTING THEIR CHILDHOOD FAITH – WHAT GRANDPARENTS CAN DO.

10 action steps were given. If you are interested in listening to the video you can find it here: <https://legacycoalition.com/gmnepisode/why-so-many-youths-are-rejecting-their-childhood-faith-what-do>



[grandparents-can-do/](https://legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights/)

We will not have any in-person sessions over the summer. Online sessions are available weekly through the Legacy Coalition website – <https://legacycoalition.com/grand-monday-nights/>

Upcoming topics are:

JUNE 5, 2023

HEART CONNECTIONS - ESSENTIAL FOR SPIRITUAL IMPACT ON THE NEXT GENERATION

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world.**

**August 6-10**

**6-8 pm**

**Ages 3 through grade 6**

**A light supper is offered at 5:30 pm**



Registration is open for our VBS! You can register through our website (see link) or at <https://vbspro.events/p/715e28> or fill out the forms found on the information center or use this QR code:

If you wish to volunteer, please contact Nancy Simonson.  
The "Wall of Needs" will be posted in July.

## JUST LIKE DAD

**A**t the beginning of his ministry career, Jerry Steen supplemented his income by mixing animal feed. When his two young boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to the shower.

"I didn't think too much of this until I was washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants." Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied.

For Steen, that was an eye-opener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything." What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to you?

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

**T**he 2022-2023 school year has officially wrapped up. Teachers will be in the building doing their final wrap up of the year and already planning for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

While looking ahead for next year, we will continue to have two Kindergarten classrooms. We are also happy to have all of our teachers returning next year! We are truly blessed to have the team of not only teachers but staff here at FLS; this school wouldn't be the same without them.

We are planning activities for the summer and hope to have those dates out to everyone very soon. One thing that will remain the same from last summer is Picnic in the Park. Every other Wednesday in the summer join Principal Saehler at Central Park from 12-12:30. If there is a Wednesday in which the weather is bad, it will be pushed to the following Thursday. Picnic dates are as follow: June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, and August 2 & 16. Come and enjoy fellowship with others!



If you would like to volunteer for the upcoming school year we could use help for recess duty, library help, classroom help in all grades, and various school events throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chrysteena Saehler at [administrator@flsweb.org](mailto:administrator@flsweb.org). Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for the teachers and families over the summer.

In His Name,

Chrysteena Saehler

Faribault Lutheran School

**C**learing out the Legos taking up space in your basement this summer? Faribault Lutheran School is starting a Lego League this fall! We are searching for donations of gently used (or new!) Legos. Cash donations are also accepted towards this new program. Donations must be Lego brand and can be dropped off at the school office.



## A timeless timeline

Explore your history while compiling this family timeline.



### What you need:

- Paper
- Clear tape
- Ruler
- Pencil

### What you do:

1. Tape together at least 3 sheets of paper horizontally.
2. Draw a straight line across the center of the long paper. Label dates at regular intervals to keep the information organized. For example, each page you add could represent 10 years.
3. Gather information for the timeline. Start with your birth year and memorable events in your life. Interview family members to learn what year they were born and when key things in their life happened. Include notes and photos.
4. Add pages as needed. Carefully roll up the timeline to keep for generations to come.



## JESUS' FAMILY TREE

Matthew records a timeline of Jesus' family dating back to Abraham. Do you know who is in Jesus' family tree?

*Directions: Use Matthew 1:1-17 to order the genealogy. Then put the letters in order in the boxes to answer the question below.*

- T. Uzziah the father of Jotham
- O. Jacob the father of Judah
- N. Jacob the father of Joseph
- E. Elihud the father of Eleazar
- U. Boaz the father of Obed
- F. Abraham the father of Isaac
- R. Solomon the father of Rehoboam
- E. Josiah the father of Jeconiah



***How many generations were there from Abraham to David, from David to the Exile, and from the Exile to Jesus, the Messiah?***

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Answer: FOURTEEN

## VIDEO BIBLE SERIES

**T**rinity Lutheran Church, Medford, is hosting a multi-session video program titled “Biblical Citizenship”, being offered at 1:00 pm. Rick Green, David Barton, Kirk Cameron and others will show how much our Founding Fathers used the Bible to create our Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. Your host is Sharon Smith. Dates in June are June 1st, 5th, 8th, and 12th. An informational video and registration are available at this link: <https://www.patriotacademy.com/coach/register/6139>

Large print Bibles work sessions are usually the First and Third Mondays and Thursdays of the month. The groups sometimes alter the schedule to meet their life schedule but let those who usually join their groups know.

Jun. 1<sup>st</sup> – Large Print Bible Work Session – 9:00 am  
                   “Biblical Citizenship” Video Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Jun. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive - 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Jun. 5<sup>th</sup> – Large Print Bible Work Session – 9:00 am  
                   “Biblical Citizenship” Video Bible Study – 1:00 pm

Jun. 8<sup>th</sup> – “Biblical Citizenship” Video Bible Study – 1:00 pm



All scripture is inspired by God  
 and is useful for teaching, for  
 reproof, for correction, and  
 for training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV

## LWML CONVENTION

**T**he 2023 LWML Convention is collecting items for their “Gifts From the Heart.” Please help if you can.



### A Place of Refuge:

Gift cards--Walmart, Target, Kohls (please indicate denomination)

### Phil's Friends:

- ◇ Puzzle books
- ◇ Journals
- ◇ Fingernail Clipper (regular)
- ◇ Playing cards
- ◇ Fuzzy socks
- ◇ Hats (knit, crochet, or baseball)

### Most Ministries:

Recycled “new and like-new” eyeglasses

These items will be delivered by Joy Zimmerman on June 21. Please have items at church by June 18. Thanks so much.

Call Joy for info. 507-334-4737.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Kindergarten Graduation (Sanc & FH) 6:00 8th grade Graduation (Peace)	<b>2</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Awards Ceremony 10:30 FLS Closing Chapel  <u>Noon Dismissal</u>	<b>3</b> 5:30 Worship
<b>4</b> 8:00 Worship-Baccalaureate 9:15 Adult Bible Study? 10:30 Connection -c 1:00 Sudanese Service	<b>5</b> 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>6</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	<b>7</b> 2:30 New Perspective -c 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c 6:00 Connection Practice  	<b>8</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 6:30 FLS Brd. (Trinity)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 Worship -c
<b>11</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study? 10:30 Worship 11:30 Young Family Potluck	<b>12</b> 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 Congregational Voters' Mtg. (Trinity) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site) 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>13</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:00 JOY (Softball) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 6:00 Connection Practice  	<b>15</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Women In Mission (Perkins)	<b>16</b> 11-1:00 Heritage Days Free Community Lunch	<b>17</b> 5:30 Worship
<b>18</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Presentation on Rev. Reat's & Bob Sommers' Mission Trip 10:30 Connection -c  <u>Father's Day</u>	<b>19</b> 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>20</b> 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	<b>21</b> 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c  	<b>22</b> 11:30 Prayer Group	<b>23</b>  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>24</b> 5:30 Worship -c
<b>25</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study? 10:30 Worship	<b>26</b> 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site) 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	<b>27</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 7:00 Property Mtg.	<b>28</b>  	<b>29</b> 11:30 Prayer Group	<b>30</b> 10:30 Wuanita Bultman's Service (Boldt's)	



## HERITAGE DAYS FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH

**DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023**

**TIME: 11:00AM - 1:00PM**

**LOCATION: TRINITY GYM**



**T**Trinity's Heritage Days Community Free Lunch will be held on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Trinity school auditorium. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a delicious lunch and fellowship. This is a free gift from Trinity to the Faribault community.

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, food preparation, desserts, greeting, serving, general assistance, and clean up. Sign up sheets are posted at the Information Center. Monetary gifts are also needed to help cover costs.

**Please help out at Trinity's Free Lunch!**

## JUST OLDER YOUTH (J.O.Y.)

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

We saw the writing in the diamond's sand,  
To watch **Golden Eagles softball** [back by popular demand].

Playing **against** our **Owatonna** foe,

The winner is? Who will know?

**Game time's at 10**, on **Alexander Park**, field 2;

**Tuesday, June 13**, I'll be there, how about you?.

A **free will offering** for a **hotdog lunch** will be swell;

With other little goodies, though too numerous to tell.

We have a "**prize**" it's called "**a door**"

Who can **predict** the **winner and** the game's **final score**?

**Sign up** at the Welcome Center **by the 11<sup>th</sup> of June**.

The day's quickly upon us, please sign up soon.



**July 19-23, 2023**

**Sign up at the Information Center!**

Trinity will be having a booth at the fair.  
**We need your help!**

This is an excellent opportunity for evangelism.  
You are invited to show the friendly face of Trinity and spread the word of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Sign up to volunteer at the Information Center in the Narthex.

## 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 (April 2023).

	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
Vacancy/ Guest Pastors	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	16	2	0
Lay Members	0	1	0	0	12	0	61	52	8	9	~

Baptisms: Macklin Malecha    Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Confirmed: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfer In: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Betty Wieben, Cora Langeslag

**Notes:** Pastors 15 weekend services & 1 funeral service, Pastor Longshore meets with family of Betty Wieben,

Pastors 2 Sunday Bible Studies; Lay Leaders 1 Bible Study and 8 (4 – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade, 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) confirmation classes;

### Official Acts:



Jim Boldt leads 2 weekend services, Jim Boldt and Curt Becher lead 6 nursing home services.

### **Rev. Gatluk Reat April Report:**

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran  
Mission Church*

Returned from Gambela,  
Ethiopia on April 18.

### **Worship Attendance**

Week 4 - 30

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



## Happy June Birthday!

Special Greetings to Trinity members in Care Facilities or Shut Ins with June birthdays. We ask that you remember our fellow members in your prayers and help brighten their day with a card or visit.

### **6/7 Earl Benson**

150 24th St NE Apt. 2  
Owatonna, MN 55060

**Though you may blow out  
your candles, the light of  
the Lord will always shine  
on you and His warmth  
shall be a comfort.**



**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!

Diane Schlobohm (6/4 - **turning 80!**); Delite Beatty (6/5),  
Norma Kielmeyer (6/6), Norman Rost (6/6),  
Jan Paschke (6/16), Fred Dickison (6/25)

## TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MTG. - JUNE 12, 2023

**I**n follow-up to the May 1<sup>st</sup> joint meeting with Peace and Trinity congregations, an initial resolution has been finalized by leaders of both congregations and Pastor Lane. As previously shared, the informal poll showed a majority support considering becoming one congregation with one school and one licensed childcare center. The next step is a voters meeting to vote on this resolution that details "the why" to unite along with a time-line and other information. **Please note - this is NOT a voters meeting to merge, it is a vote to continue formally looking into the process.** Please read this resolution for more detail. We look forward to seeing you at the voter's meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> at Trinity at 6:30 pm.

### TO OFFICIALLY BEGIN TO INVESTIGATE BECOMING ONE CONGREGATION WITH ONE SCHOOL

#### **To Officially Begin to Investigate Becoming One Congregation with One School and One Licensed Childcare Center in Faribault Minnesota.**

*Whereas*, The call of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 28:19-20 is to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and

*Whereas*, There was a time when two congregations in the community of Faribault were needed to best carryout the call of Jesus to make disciples; and

*Whereas*, Peace and Trinity made the decision to join their schools together and operate an association school for the sake of maintaining an effective school ministry; and

*Whereas*, The financial cost and human effort to maintain our current institutions of Peace, Trinity, FLS and Peace childcare center has not decreased at the same rate as the amount of people that are being served by these institutions, and

*Whereas*, It was considered wise in the past to separate for the sake of the mission of making disciples, it is also wise to consider joining back together into one congregation, one school and one child care center for the sake of the mission of Christ of making disciples; and

*Whereas*, On May 1, 2023 at the joint meeting of the two congregations in an unofficial and nonbinding poll of the group who was present answered 115 yes, 11

maybe or undecided, and 6 no to the question of considering joining the two congregations, school and child care center into one entity, and

*Whereas*, Leaders from both congregations who are named here, James Boldt, Barb Beatty, Jeffrey Blume, Deb Malmanger, Mitch Miller, Steve Mullenex, Penny Reichert, Edward Westad, Scott Arendt, Matthew Drevlow, Robert Jasmer, Dean Wegner, Jeremy Banks have met together and agreed that it is a wise plan to investigate moving forward with combining Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School and Peace Lutheran Child Care center into one church and school and one licensed child care center, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the congregations of Peace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church officially begin to investigate options of becoming one church and school and one licensed childcare center; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a committee made up of both Peace and Trinity members along with all called pastors of both congregations, FLS administrator, Peace Lutheran child care center director join together to formulate a purposed mission and vision statement for the purposed single congregation and school and licensed child care center; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this mission and vision statement is presented to both Peace and Trinity voter assemblies by no later than November 13, 2023 to be voted on as an agreed upon mission and vision for the future purposed single congregation, school, and childcare center; and be it further

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*Resolved*, That upon passage of the mission and vision statement of the proposed single ministry of one congregation, school and licensed child care center, that a committee made up of both Peace and Trinity members along with all called pastors of both congregations, FLS administrator, Peace Lutheran child care center director would investigate and formulate a plan of action on becoming one congregation and school and one license child care center in order to carry out the mission and vision which had been previous approved by both congregations; and be it further

*Resolved*, That both congregations in congregational voter assembly meetings are presented with the plan that seeks to carry out the agreed upon mission and vision of a new single congregation, school and child care center to be voted upon Peace and Trinity, and be it finally

*Resolved*, upon passage of the proposed plan the congregations would begin to take the appropriate steps to begin to implement the plan.

*Resolved*, That the proposed plan is presented to the congregations in a joint meeting no later than 18 months after the mission and vision had been approved by both Peace and Trinity Lutheran churches; and be it

### **LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES MAY 2023**

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church Lay Leadership Board Minutes 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

Attendance: Barb Beatty, Penny Reichert, Mitch Miller, Deb Malmanger, Jim Boldt (Chairman), Jeff Blume, Steve Mullenex (Vice-Chair) (via FaceTime) Guests: Bill Kirkpatrick and Rick Schafer

1. Opening prayer by Jim
2. TLC Member - Rick Schafer
  - a. Scheduling guest pastors during our vacancy has been difficult especially due to the overall pastor shortage and aging retired pastors
  - b. On behalf of the worship committee Rick communicated concerns and various suggestions to help cover the 10:30 service during the summer months
3. FOC Report (Bill Kirkpatrick)
  - a. Dale Kelm is taking on the role of Property Manager easing Bills' duties of a combined position of Business and Property Manager
  - b. Details of the division of Business Manager and Property Manager will be reviewed
  - c. Asbestos assessment report was provided, results were as expected, except for asbestos found in the Church area built in 1990
  - d. The quote for the asbestos mitigation should be received yet this week (by May 14th)
  - e. The Mitigation project to begin this summer after the current FLS school year concludes June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - f. The capitol improve plan was shared
  - g. A solid contribution spike during April mostly due to Easter
4. The LLB moved into executive session to discuss an option for the vacancy pastor role and reconvened in open meeting immediately after executive session
5. Faribault Lutheran School report
  - a. Student enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is currently 127, (2022-23 is 142)
  - b. FLS fundraising Gala was a great success, \$31,000 was raised
  - c. May 11 was the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade play, "Once Upon a Crime"
  - d. The Spring Carnival is scheduled for May 19, open to the public

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- a. May 24 is the outdoor Chapel and cookout at Peace
  - b. Fun in the Sun event at Peace May 31
  - c. Kindergarten graduation is June 1 at Trinity, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is June 1 at Peace
6. Sudanese Ministry Report  
Pastor Reat is back from Ethiopia and will likely be doing a presentation for the congregations along with Bob Sommers who traveled with him
7. Summer Service Schedule During Pastor Vacancy
  - a. The concerns of the worship committee communicated earlier in the meeting by Rick were considered
  - b. Discussion to determine what is needed to continue the three worship services of 5:30 Saturday and Sundays 8am and 10:30am
  - c. With the assistance of Pastor Klein, the Elders, Jim, Pastor Lane and Todd Voge it is possible to continue with the existing schedule
    1. The recording of the 8am sermon will be replayed at the 10:30 service every Sunday through August
    2. The Elders and others mentioned above will assist with and lead services as necessary and available
  - d. Barb motioned to continue all three services, Jeff seconded, motion carried
  - e. There was interest in the possibility joining Peace for their annual outdoor summer service (if/when that is still scheduled)
8. Call Committee Update  
New pastoral candidate list and information packets received and being reviewed, meeting to be scheduled soon possibly week of May 15<sup>th</sup>
9. Peace/Trinity Resolution Draft
  - a. The informal poll results of those present for the May 1st informational meeting showed a majority favor considering a merger (115 yes, 11 maybe/undecided, 6 no)
  - b. Based on these results a resolution draft was written by Pastor Lane to officially begin the investigation of becoming one congregation with one school and one childcare center
  - c. The resolution was reviewed and once finalized a vote will be put before the congregations to officially begin the process of investigating a merger
  - d. The dates will be communicated to the congregations in a timely manner
10. Faribault High School Big Nine Music Festival 2024  
Jim and Chrysteena met with FHS Choir director, Ben Beaupre, at TLC for a tour and to firm plans for TLC to help by serving as one of the sites
11. Emergency Contacts  
Jim will inquire with Pastor Longshore regarding the possibility of being the main contact, Jim and Brad Twedt (Elder Chair) could serve as back-up contacts
12. Calendar Items  
Next LLB Meeting Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
13. Meeting adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer led by Jim

*Respectfully submitted,*  
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LLB Secretary



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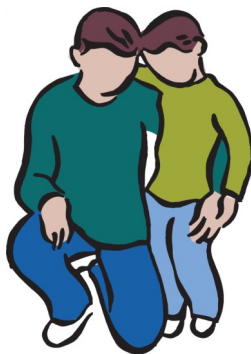
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## THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS

The angel Gabriel announced to the priest, Zechariah, that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a son. The son was to be called John. Gabriel also said that John would bring "many of the people ... back to the Lord" and would "turn the hearts of the fathers to their children" (see Luke 1:5:ff). Recognizing that there are countless loving fathers today whose hearts are turned to their children, it is still true that far too many have hearts turned elsewhere.

Russell Miller's book called *The House of Getty* offers a heart-tugging story that makes the point. Timothy Getty, the young son of J. Paul Getty, the oil tycoon, had a frail body and was often ill. When Timothy was 11 and about to turn 12, his father telephoned him and asked what he want-



ed for his 12th birthday, "I want your love, Daddy, and I want to see you." But the father felt that he couldn't see his son then. Too many business obligations.

Shortly thereafter, Timothy died in a hospital without ever seeing his father. J. Paul Getty, known at the time as the world's richest man, was devastated by the death.

The story brings to mind Socrates' warning to the people of Athens: "Fellow citizens, why do you turn and scrape every stone to gather wealth, and take so little care of your children, to whom one day you must relinquish it all?"

— See Miller's *The House of Getty*