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NEWSLETTER

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WHO, ME? YES, YOU!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading His people. But God always knows what He's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)



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"WE WILL
SERVE
THE
LORD
OUR
GOD
AND
OBEY
HIM."
JOSHUA 24:24, NIV

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has His person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and He invites you and me to partner with Him in His work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When His people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has His person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story He has you."

*The NEWSLETTER Newsletter,
September 2023*

IN BETHLEHEM INN

Performances of **IN BETHLEHEM INN** are being planned for December. We are currently in need of actors, especially male actors. Contact Nancy Simonson.



Daily Bible Readings: September 2023

September 1 – Ezekiel 15, 16; Psalm 70;
Revelation 6

September 2 – Ezekiel 17, 18, 19; Revelation 7

September 3 – Ezekiel 20, 21; Psalm 111;
Revelation 8

September 4 – Ezekiel 22, 23, 24; Revelation 9

September 5 – Ezekiel 25, 26, 27, 28;
Revelation 10

September 6 – Ezekiel 29, 30, 31, 32;
Revelation 11

September 7 – II Kings 25; II Chronicles 36;
Jeremiah 40, 41; Revelation 12

September 8 – Jeremiah 42, 43, 44; Psalm 48;
Revelation 13

September 9 – Lamentations 1, 2; Obadiah;
Revelation 14

September 10 – Lamentations 3, 4, 5;
Revelation 15

September 11 – Daniel 1, 2; Psalm 87;
Revelation 16

September 12 – Daniel 3, 4; Psalm 81,
Revelation 17

September 13 – Ezekiel 33, 34, 35;
Revelation 18

September 14 – Ezekiel 36, 37; Psalm 110;
Revelation 19

September 15 – Ezekiel 38, 39; Psalm 145;
Revelation 20

September 16 – Ezekiel 40, 41; Psalm 128;
Revelation 21

September 17 – Ezekiel 42, 43, 44;
Revelation 22

September 18 – Ezekiel 45, 46; Luke 1

September 19 – Ezekiel 47, 48; Luke 2

September 20 – Daniel 5, 6; Psalm 130;
Luke 3

September 21 – Daniel 7, 8; Psalm 137;
Luke 4

September 22 – Daniel 9, 10; Psalm 123;
Luke 5

September 23 – Daniel 11, 12; Luke 6

September 24 – Ezra 1; Psalms 84, 85;
Luke 7

September 25 – Ezra 2, 3; Luke 8

September 26 – Ezra 4; Psalms 113, 127;
Luke 9

September 27 – Haggai 1, 2; Psalm 129;
Luke 10

September 28 – Zechariah 1, 2, 3; Luke 11

September 29 – Zechariah 4, 5, 6; Luke 12

September 30 – Zechariah 7, 8, 9; Luke 13

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 NEEDS TEACHERS



We are in need of Sunday School teachers/helpers/presenters for the fall quarter, full or part-time.

The Sunday School program uses a site rotation schedule so a teacher is needed to lead small group activities for about 20 minutes. Others lead the story presentation and music. All materials are supplied.

If you have a love for children, here is an opportunity to use your talents! Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.

GRANDPARENTS

“Monday Grands” is a video session for grandparents which is offered via Zoom meeting every Monday at 7:00 p.m. throughout the year. You can join each week through registration at legacycoalition.org. Check the website for a list of the upcoming topics. Grandparents learn the importance of their role and receive ideas for passing on the faith to their grandchildren.

We will start up our monthly grandparent meetings to watch a selected video once a month. Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.

RALLY DAY



Rally Day is September 9/10 at all services. At the 8:00 a.m. service the Sunday School staff will be dedicated. At 9:15 -10:15 a.m. our Sunday School year begins with families meeting in the gym for registration and activities.

Rally Day - kicking off another year of Sunday school as we welcome back our children, teachers and members after the summer break.

FAITH LEGACY



Faith Legacy Series is a parent-training curriculum to help families grow spiritually in their home. Sessions will be held for parents and children at age 2 and Grade 2. Parents will learn how to help their child grow spiritually and will be given tools to do so.

When the session is completed, parents speak a personalized blessing over their child while giving the child a blessing object. This blessing event will take place in a worship service so the whole church can better support parents helping their children know, love and follow Jesus.

Faith Legacy sessions will be held for parents of the 2-year-old class in January and parents of 2nd graders in April.



VBS REPORT



On August 6-10 we hosted Stellar VBS where we learned to shine Jesus' light! We learned that in dark times, when people don't get along, when people are sad or need help and even when good things happen we need to shine Jesus' light!

We had 65 children attend (71 registered) with 62% of those children being non-members.

We raised \$715 for the St. Vincent de Paul food shelf to purchase a shelving unit and wire baskets and food. Thanks to the 46+ volunteers and congregational members who purchased supplies, donated money and prayed. You are stellar!



Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sand-box or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.



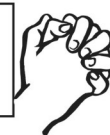
A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA



R G S Z M P N B T L W
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 L U B L F , R Z O D Z B H
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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



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Theme 2023-2024:
"CONNECTED"
John 15:1-5



September is finally here and the school is full again with students and teachers. Teachers arrived mid August to begin the school year by setting up their classrooms, meeting together as a staff to look at curriculum, and enjoying fellowship with one another before students arrived. We are happy to welcome 136 students back to FLS this school year and look forward to seeing what this year holds for our FLS family.

Each summer it seems that our school is getting improvements accomplished. Thanks to the Berghoff family, we were able to completely redo the library floor and it is now waterproof. We are also very thankful that the pipes were completely redone this year. All of these improvements make the school safer for our students. We appreciate everyone who has either built, installed, or helped with any of the improvements throughout the year at FLS.

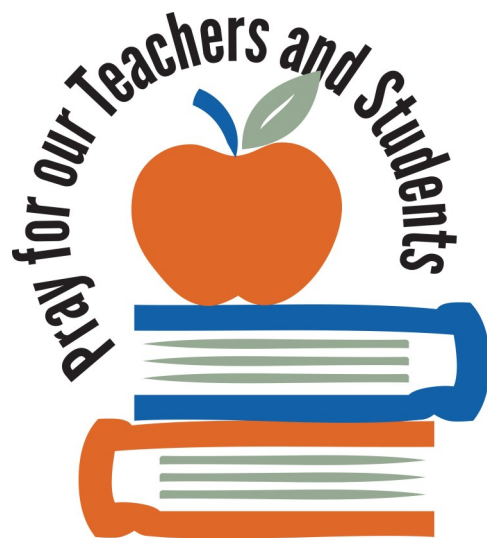
We are excited to welcome new staff members to the FLS staff. We want to first welcome Lisa Watters as the 1st grade para-teacher. Lisa was previously a para at McKinley in Faribault. We are excited to have her on board!

The theme this school year is Connected. This theme comes from John 15:1-5: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

We are very thankful for all you do as a church body and individuals to support Faribault Lutheran school.

God's Blessings,

Chrysteena Saehler
FLS Principal



JOIN A SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Get into God's Word this fall! Consider joining a Bible Study or start one of your own.

Leader: Pastor or Lay Leader

Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Trinity Fellowship Hall

Leader: Vivian Hagre

Women's Bible Study

Group Meetings: Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at Vivian Hagre's home
(405 Jane St. E, Morristown, MN 55052)

Leaders: Ruth Hildebrandt & Bev Paschke

Group Meetings: Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall *(begins meeting again September 12, 2023!)*

Leader: Todd & Joyce Trump

3510 227th St E

Group Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
in members' homes

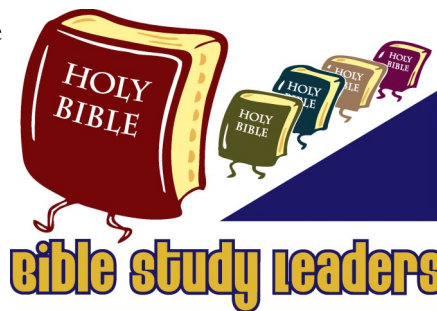
Leader: Mike Young / Noel Handberg leads

Group Meetings: bi-weekly, usually Monday or Tuesday night

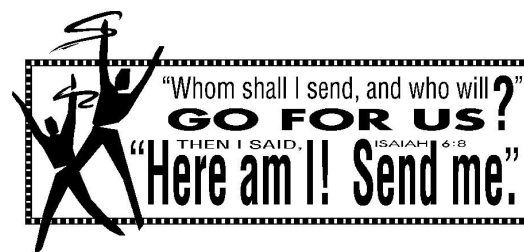
Women's Bible Study

No designated Leader

Mondays after Pie-making in the Fellowship Hall



NEEDED: A leader for our Men's Friday morning Bible Study group! Please use the valuable gifts God has given you and help lead a great group of men on Friday mornings studying God's Word.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE AT TRINITY

Calling All You Talented Crafters & Bakers

Trinity's second annual Holiday Boutique Sale is being planned for Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the FLS/Trinity Auditorium.

Reserve your table by filling out a form at the information center.

Start planning and making your crafts now! We are looking for crafts of all kinds, jewelry, baked goods, jams & jellies, homemade candies, etc.

You purchase a table for \$10 (which will be donated to the Youth program). Proceeds from the sale of your merchandise will be yours to keep.

Questions: contact Nancy Boldt.



J.O.Y. - TOUR RICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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

If things of the past seem to be a blur,

And you need a reminder of how things were,

September 19, Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. the place to be,

Will be with a **tour** of the **Historical Society**.

We'll meet at the place, it's by the fairgrounds,

Off 2nd Avenue NW, just north of the running river sounds.

After viewing things of the past our thoughts may linger,

So we'll have time to converse at **Perkins** over **dinner**.

Sign up on the sheet in the usual place,

Then come on the 19th with your bright, shining face.

WOMEN'S FALL MISSION GATHERING

Lutheran Women in Mission

"WOMAN AT THE WELL"

Speaker: Coral Rose, Minnesota South District Heart to Heart Sister

Come! See!

John 4:29

Coral says: "God worked in every season of my life, preparing me for my 8 years of missionary service in Africa. God knows our life histories and loves us in spite of/because of them. Christ came to be part of our story too if we don't force Him out. Once we realize that He is our long-awaited Messiah, we too will want to tell everyone this Good News."

Woman's Fall Mission Gathering

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2500 7th Ave. NE, Owatonna

We will be carpooling from Trinity's West parking lot at 8:15 a.m.

Sign up at the information center!

9:00-9:30 a.m. - Registration & Brunch: Cost \$10.00

10:00 Program Close by Noon

Ingathering/Gifts from the Heart: Christian children and youth books for St. Martins Lutheran School, Winona, MN: for The Learning Center Preschool, ages 2-5; Elementary, ages 4-12; High School books for teens, ages 13-18.



MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERY FOR OCTOBER

Once again, it is our privilege to be asked to deliver Meals on Wheels for people living in Faribault. We will be assigned three routes to deliver during the first two weeks of October.

Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Information Center and sign your name and phone number for the week that you can deliver the meals.

Usually the routes have between 8 and 12 meals to deliver. Once I (Barb Mrosko) know which routes we will have for delivery, I will let you know and provide a list of names and addresses so you can drive the route and find all of the people where you will deliver meals.



Meals on Wheels is an easy and good way to get acquainted with people in town who don't get out very often. You will be helping them to have a delicious and nutritious meal, and you will also have the chance to check to see that "your people" are all right!

The time that it usually takes to pick up the meals, deliver them and return the bags to Buckham West is about an hour. Once I have been given our route assignments, I can give you more information. If you have questions, please contact Barb Mrosko. Thank you for signing up to help!



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive
Trinity Lutheran Church

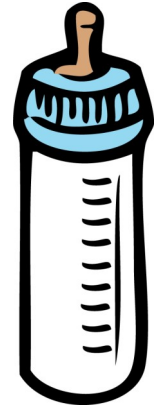
Fellowship Hall
530 4th St. NW
Faribault, MN

Friday, September 15, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: TrinityFaribault to schedule an appointment.

PREGNANCY OPTIONS BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

PREGNANCY Options



Pregnancy Options LifeCare Center is a non-profit organization in Faribault which provides free, confidential services to diversely cultured women. There is no cost for any of their services. They offer pregnancy testing, STI/STD testing, pregnancy/parenting education, encouragement, and hope. Clients are greeted with a warm, caring environment. Together the staff, clients and Faribault community build a strong relationship with encouragement, hope and practical support.

Once again, Trinity Human Care is sponsoring the "Baby Bottle Supportraiser" to help support the life-affirming work of Pregnancy Options here in Faribault. The baby bottles will be available at the church services on Sept. 16 & 17 and Sept. 23 & 24. Families and individuals are encouraged to participate by taking a bottle home and bringing it back by the weekend of Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 filled with change, bills or checks.

Thank you for your past support of Pregnancy Options and their important work. Please consider contributing this year to help them continue providing these services to women in our community.



LIFE LINE SCREENING IN OCTOBER

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.¹




Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.²

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/Hc>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <u>FLS No School</u> 	2 5:30 Worship
3 8:00 Worship 10:30 Worship -c 6-12:00 midnight Sudanese Community Service event (Gym)	4 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV   <u>FLS No School -</u> <u>Labor Day</u>	5 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	6 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 2:30 New Perspective -c 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	7 11:30 Prayer Group	8	9 5:30 Worship -c
10 8:00 Worship -c Sunday School staff dedicated 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Rally Day Activities 10:30 Worship 	11 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 KIT (Keeping In Touch) (MR) 7:00 Grand Monday (online) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)	12 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Mtg.	13 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir 	14 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop Meeting 6:30 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Trinity-Sanctuary)	15 10-4:00 Blood Drive 	16 9-11:00 AHG National Day of Service 5:30 Worship <u>Baby Bottle</u> <u>Fundraiser</u>
17 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c Baptism 11:30 Baptism Reception <u>Baby Bottle</u> <u>Fundraiser</u>	18 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grandparenting (Grand Monday)	19 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 JOY (Tour) 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	20 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir 	21 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Women In Mission	22 <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	23 9-11:30 AHG New Member Joining Brunch 5:30 Worship -c <u>Baby Bottle</u> <u>Fundraiser</u>
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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 (July 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	0	0	1	0	0	0	12 / 1*	0	0
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	21	0	60	42	9	4	~

Baptisms: 0

Confirmed: 0

Transfer In: 0 Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0 Weddings: 0

Profession of Faith/ Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Don Dugan, Dennis R. Krenz

Notes: Guest Pastors – 12 Worship Services,
* Pastor Longshore wrote a nursing home sermon for Elders to use; Elders – 3 Sunday services, 6 nursing home services;

Official Acts:



Rev. Gatluk Reat July Report:

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran
Mission Church*

Worship Attendance

Week 1 – 30; Week 3 - 26;
Week 4 - 37

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

Lay Leaders – 3 Bible Studies on Sunday,
1 LAMP Mission Presentation on Sunday by Nancy Simonson



Happy September Birthday!

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

9/3 Nancy Appelgren

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9/13 Elmer Schulz

706 9th Ave. SW
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9/5 Darlene Carlson

289 Karen Dr. Apt. 257
Woodville, MN 55129

9/13 William Schultz

7282 230th St. E
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9/9 Barbara Roach

843 Faribault Rd Apt. 200
Faribault, MN 55021

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!

Nancy Dickison (9/1 - **80th birthday!**)

Dwight Hildebrandt (9/6), Jane Luehrs (9/9), Mertice Reck (9/11), George LaRoche (9/12),
Sandra Trebelhorn (9/25 - **80th birthday!** 9502 - 150th St E, Nerstrand, MN 55053)

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 2023

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

Attendance: Jim Boldt (Chairman), Barb Beatty, Penny Reichert, Deb Malmanger, Jeff Blume
Absent: Steve Mullenex, Mitch Miller

1. Opening prayer by Jim
2. Biblical Citizenship Course
Sharon Smith of Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford provided more detail about the course and the various options, LLB discussion followed and will continue with full LLB member input
3. Faribault Lutheran School Report
 - a. Student enrollment for the 2023-24 is currently at 136
 - b. Library floor renovation begins August 7
4. FOC Report
 - a. Contributions still down, similar to summer 2022
 - b. The possible division of the Financial/Property Manager position further discussed
 - c. The audit for TLC and Second Century Trust has been completed
5. Sudanese Ministry
Sudanese Ministry attendance increasing and stable with about 25 – 41 worshipers
6. Senior Pastor Call Update
Pastor Holden has received the documents and is considering the Senior Pastor call
7. Guest Pastors September forward
 - a. Pastor Klein has agreed to continue the Saturday 5:30 services through December
 - b. Pastor Lane can assist with some Saturday services as well to allow Pastor Klein a break
 - c. Jim will be contacting guest Pastors to check availability and coordinate a schedule if a Senior Pastor is not in place
8. Peace/Trinity Merger Update
 - a. Thursday, July 20th the leadership teams of Trinity and Peace met with Pastor Lane to discuss the mission and vision statement for a possible merger
 - b. A mission and vision statement committee was formed with several leaders of each church, as well as FLS and the Childcare Center
 - c. More information is forth coming soon about other committees that will also need to be formed
9. Worship Committee Questions
 - a. Service scheduling questions discussed and addressed, schedule being finalized
 - b. Occasional possible worship service and other opportunities with Peace discussed
10. Calendar items
The next LLB meeting is September 12th

11. Meeting adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer led by Jim

*Respectfully submitted,
Penny Reichert*

LLB Secretary



STEWARDSHIP IN THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:



This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

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