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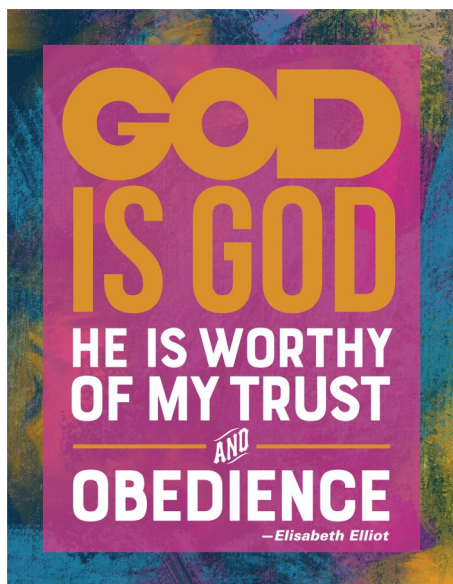
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## NEWSLETTER

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### TOTAL TRUST



**M**issionary and author Elisabeth Elliot says our sovereign God is worthy of unquestioning obedience in matters both large and small. Such trust yields mighty results, she adds, providing Christians with rest, peace and guidance.

“God is God,” says Elliot. “Because He is God, He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what He is up to.”

About the role of obedience in prayer, Elliot asks, “Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person’s seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next.”

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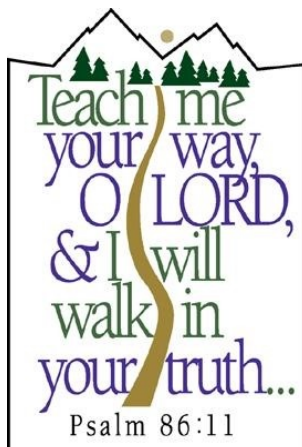
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### A PRAYER THAT I MAY DO GOD'S WILL

**T**he following is the Third-Step Prayer in Alcoholics Anonymous. It's surely a prayer we all can make, that God's will — not ours — may be done and guide our lives.

*God, I offer myself to thee  
to build with me and to do with me as Thou wilt.  
Relieve me of the bondage of self,  
that I may better do Thy will.*

*Take away my difficulties,  
that victory over them may bear witness  
to those I would help of Thy power,  
Thy love and Thy way of life.  
May I do Thy will always!*



## GAME NIGHT IS BACK

**G**ame Night is back – and we want you to join us! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

Bring a favorite game to share if you want, bring a snack to share if you want, or just come. They all work. Hope to see you there.



## Daily Bible Readings: October 2023

### For after hour emergencies, please contact:

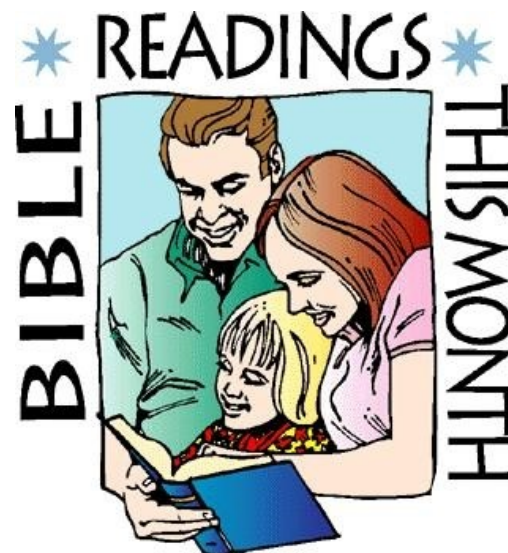
Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

James Boldt  
(LLB Chair)

### SERVING TRINITY & FLS

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

October 1 – Zechariah 10, 11, 12; Psalm 126; Luke 14	October 22 – Job 11, 12; Acts 15, 16
October 2 – Zechariah 13, 14; Psalm 147, 134; Luke 15	October 23 – Job 13, 14; Acts 17, 18
October 3 – Ezra 5, 6; Psalm 138; Luke 16	October 24 – Job 15; Acts 19, 20
October 4 – Esther 1, 2; Psalm 150; Luke 17	October 25 – Job 16; Acts 21, 22, 23
October 5 – Esther 3, 4, 5, 6; Luke 18	October 26 – Job 17; Acts 24, 25, 26
October 6 – Esther 7, 8, 9, 10; Luke 19	October 27 – Job 18; Psalm 114; Acts 27, 28
October 7 – Ezra 7, 8; Luke 20	October 28 – Job 19; Mark 1, 2
October 8 – Ezra 9, 10; Psalm 131; Luke 21	October 29 – Job 20; Mark 3, 4
October 9 – Nehemiah 1, 2; Psalm 133; Luke 22	October 30 – Job 21; Mark 5, 6
October 10 – Nehemiah 3, 4; Luke 23	October 31 – Job 22; Mark 7, 8
October 11 – Nehemiah 5, 6; Psalm 146; Luke 24	
October 12 – Nehemiah 7, 8; Acts 1	
October 13 – Nehemiah 9, 10; Acts 2	
October 14 – Nehemiah 11, 12; Psalm 1; Acts 3	
October 15 – Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1, 2; Acts 4	
October 16 – Malachi 3, 4; Psalm 148; Acts 5	
October 17 – Job 1, 2; Acts 6, 7	
October 18 – Job 3, 4; Acts 8, 9	
October 19 – Job 5; Psalm 108; Acts 10, 11	
October 20 – Job 6, 7, 8; Acts 12	
October 21 – Job 9, 10; Acts 13, 14	



## SUNDAY SCHOOL & ADULT BIBLE STUDY FOR PARENTS

**S**unday School started September 17. Registration is still open for children ages 3 through grade 5. Come to the gym at 9:15 a.m. and we will greet you! Children get involved in the story presentations, music and classroom activities led by teachers. For more information, contact Nancy Simonson.

There is also a youth Bible study at 9:20 -10:15 a.m. in the Youth Room next to the Nursery. All youth grade 6 and up are welcome. Dan & Chrysteena Saehler lead the class.

### We thank God for our willing teachers and helpers:

Age 3-5: Mari Handberg, Jackie Denninger

Puppet/helpers: Nick and Cameron Duskin

Grades 1-3: Courtney Penman/Cameron Duskin,  
Nevaeh Weeg

Grades 4-5: Sara Vollbrecht, Erica Reindl

Grades 6 and up: Dan and Chrysteena Saehler

Music: Kellsey Meyer, Nancy Simonson

Story Presenters: Carol Vikla, Nancy Simonson

Assistant: Tammy Schwichtenberg



**T**here is an Adult Bible Study for parents in the Nursery during the Sunday School hour. They are currently studying apologetics. Apologetics

is being able to give an answer as to why you believe what you believe and learn how to defend the truths of Christianity. It addresses questions such as, "Why do bad things happen to good people? If God is good, why doesn't He stop evil?" Any person interested is invited to come. It is a video and discussion-based study.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

**F**all Fest and Peace Trunk or Treat combine activities. There will be no Fall Fest at Trinity this year. Instead we are helping Peace with their Trunk or Treat activities on Halloween Eve from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Peace campus.



We are in need of people willing to decorate their trunks and give out treats. Treats will be supplied. We will also have carnival games and are in need of people to run the games. A popcorn bar and apple cider is also being offered to guests. A supply list of needed donations will be posted soon. Be a part of this great event by bringing your children or grandchildren, praying, or supporting us with your gifts.

**M**onthly Potlucks are an opportunity to make connections.

Often people don't recognize fellow members of our congregation because they attend a specific service. Trinity congregation is a family of families. We are all members of the body of Christ, created to help and support one another. These monthly potlucks are an opportunity for you to get acquainted with other members of the Trinity family.



*All-Church Potluck*

While these potlucks in the past were designed to connect young parents within the congregation, we are now ready to reach out to others. Please consider enjoying fellowship with others this month on October 15 after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School children sing at the 10:30 service – come and get acquainted with our awesome children.

**HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD TODAY?** **O**ctober 15 –Take It Home Event – 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the gym. Parents and children will learn how to start or improve prayer life in the home. Activities will be provided for families.

**F**uture Date: Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing event – November 5.



# MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



## What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



## What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

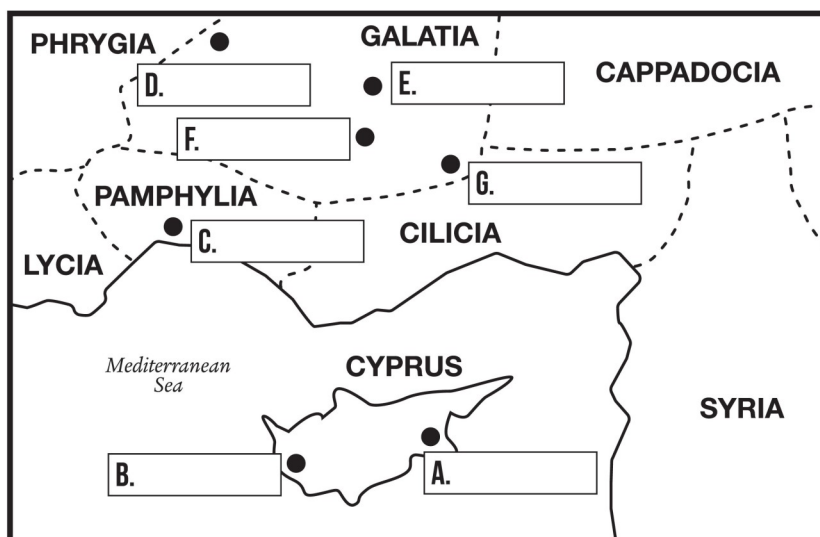
# PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

*Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.*



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)  | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)   | F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)   |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)   | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)    |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) |                         |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Lystra, Iconium, Derbe



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



**W**hat a great first month of school! This year we welcomed 134 students into the building! The kids have enjoyed being back with their friends from last year and connecting with new friends. It is nice to be back in the swing of things this year.

We have many upcoming events happening at FLS in October. FLS will be hosting our girls' Volleyball Tournament on October 7. We will be kicking off the gymnasium capital campaign on Sunday, October 8 with a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. FLS students are selling tickets at church after services for \$10 each or you can buy a ticket the day of for \$15 each. That Sunday, FLS students will be singing at the 8:00 a.m. church service at Trinity. We will also join Trinity for the Reformation Chapel on October 25 at 10:30 a.m. Lastly, we will be having our annual Marty Party on October 27. Students get to dress up and play games related to Martin Luther and the Reformation. If you would like to help, please contact Chrysteena Saehler at [administrator@flsweb.org](mailto:administrator@flsweb.org).

Thank you for the continued support of Christian Education.

God's Blessing,

Chrysteena Saehler  
 FLS Principal



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

## **FLS Pancake Fundraiser**

**Sunday, October 8**

**8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Faribault Lutheran School Gymnasium -  
 526 4th St NW**

**Tickets are \$10 presale (find an FLS student to purchase yours) or \$15 at the door.**

**Breakfast menu: pancakes, eggs, sausage,  
 coffee, milk and orange juice.**

**All you can eat pancakes by the famous  
 Chris Cakes!**

## WE APPRECIATE YOU!

October is pastor appreciation month. While we don't currently have a pastor, you can still pray daily for God to send one. In the meantime, we are thankful for all the people in our congregation who have stepped up to fill ministry roles. Don't forget to show them your appreciation for their work.

*We always thank  
God for all of you  
and continually  
mention you in  
our prayers.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

### Please remember our guest pastors who are helping Trinity during this time of vacancy –

Rev. Dr. Brent Klein, Rev. Matthew Lane, Rev. Rex Longshore, Rev. Bruce Stam, & Rev. John Stern

- 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation – Pastor Lane
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation – Curt Becher
- Nursing home chapel services – Jim Boldt, Curt Becher
- Shut-in visits – Curt Becher, Steve Denninger, Wayne Meyer, Mark Quinlan, Brad Twedt
- Elders who help lead worship – Curt Becher, Steve Denninger, Wayne Meyer, Mark Prieve, Mark Quinlan, Brad Twedt
- Lay Leadership Board who keep things running – Barb Beatty, Jim Boldt, Jeff Blume, Deb Malmanger, Mitch Miller, Steve Mullenex, Penny Reichert
- All others who serve on committees or boards
- Staff – Jennie Kingland, Bill Kirkpatrick, Nancy Simonson

**31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR YOUR PASTOR(S) AND MINISTRY LEADERS IS  
PRINTED ON PAGE 7.**

## PRAYER GROUP UPDATE

People have come together to pray every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity for the past two years. We pray for the congregation, the Sunday school, for the FLS children, staff and families. We pray for America.

We continue to keep in mind the **A.C.T.S.** format.

Prayers of Adoration of God - Praising His holy name.

Prayers of Confessing we are sinners in need of God's forgiveness daily.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the many, many things we are thankful for.

Prayers of Supplication asking for what we need in our church, school, community, nation and world.

No one is required to pray aloud. Come, sit, join in heart and mind as others pray aloud. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer is just talking to God.

Come early to share if you wish. Stay late if you want. We pray as a group from 11:30 a.m. until noon every Thursday, at the east end of the Fellowship Hall.

Questions: Call Marilyn Steele.

Using the  
**ACTS**  
Prayer Model

**A**doration

**C**onfession

**T**hanksgiving

**S**upplication

**"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE**



**GATHERED  
IN MY NAME,  
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."**

**MATTHEW 18:20, ESV**





OCTOBER 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Joy</b> Nehemiah 8:10	2 <b>Encouragement</b> Deuteronomy 7:9	3 <b>Family Time</b> Isaiah 38:19	4 <b>Passion for Ministry</b> Psalm 90:17	5 <b>Times of Fellowship</b> Philippians 1:7	6 <b>Love for God</b> Deuteronomy 6:5	7 <b>Strength</b> Ephesians 6:10
8 <b>Refreshment</b> Psalm 23:1-3	9 <b>For Their Children</b> Isaiah 54:13	10 <b>Patience</b> Proverbs 14:29	11 <b>Prayer Life</b> 1 John 5:14	12 <b>Fun</b> 1 Timothy 6:17	13 <b>Integrity</b> 1 Timothy 1:5	14 <b>Courage</b> Colossians 1:28
15 <b>Rest</b> Psalm 4:8	16 <b>Peace</b> Isaiah 26:3	17 <b>Purpose</b> 1 Peter 2:9	18 <b>Servant's Heart</b> Mark 10:43-45	19 <b>Character</b> Romans 12:1-2	20 <b>Friendship</b> Proverbs 27:17	21 <b>Marriage</b> Ecclesiastes 4:9
22 <b>Provision</b> Ephesians 3:20-21	23 <b>Protection</b> John 17:15	24 <b>Heart for the Lost</b> Romans 1:16	25 <b>Knowledge</b> 2 Peter 3:18	26 <b>Taking Care of God's People</b> 1 Peter 5:2	27 <b>Vision</b> Proverbs 29:18	28 <b>Fear of God</b> Psalm 111:10
29 <b>Guarded Heart</b> Ephesians 6:10-11	30 <b>Steadfastness</b> 1 Corinthians 15:58	31 <b>Wisdom</b> Proverbs 4:6-7				

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**31 DAYS OF PRAYER**  
for your pastor and ministry leaders

## KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT) UPDATE

**K**eeping In Touch Teams met on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. to share experiences in building up the Body of Christ and to receive updated membership lists on 1,046 members in 567 families.

An excellent example of our love and concern for our fellow members is a letter our dear departed brother Ed Morison, a long time KIT Team Leader wrote to a fellow Trinity member in his group as follows: "We recognize you as long time members and we wouldn't like to do anything to jeopardize that relationship. I'd like to start out by saying that I'm sorry for any misunderstanding I may have caused. Our goal is to make you feel welcome and fill your needs such as prayer requests, special needs, questions, etc. We Keep In Touch by sending greeting cards, phone calls, emails, etc. I am



truly sorry for anything I may have done wrong because we value your relationship. Thank you for your time and please contact me if there is any trouble in your heart concerning this matter."

This sums up what KIT is all about and also gives good advice to all Trinity members as we build one another up in the Body of Christ.

Current team members are Carol Ciffra/Scott Howard, Joanne Cross, Carolyn Cross, Jan Paschke, Marlys Stuhrk, Lynette Schaapveld, Duane Schlobohm and Roger Wilkowske.

We continue to have openings for KIT team members. Contact Roger Wilkowske or the church office for further info.

## THANK YOU TO OUR LAWN & FLOWERBED VOLUNTEERS

**T**hank you to the lawn and flowerbed volunteers for a great job this summer!

Nancy Boldt

Richard Delaske

LeAnn Fuchs

Mark Quinlan

Marilyn Simonson

Dave Simonson



## REFORMATION CHAPEL & LUNCH

**Y**ou are invited to a special Reformation Chapel Service for Faribault Lutheran School students and Senior Citizens on Wednesday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity, Faribault.

Holy Communion will be offered following the student dismissal. Luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Reservations are required for the lunch. For reservations, if you need a ride or if you have any questions, please contact the Church Office, 507-331-6579.

*This is a Thrivent Action Team Service Project.*





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



We have a plan for fun, you see,

What we do will be a **mystery**.

**Tuesday, October 17**, is the date it will be,

We'll **start at one** and be **done at three**.

In the **Fellowship Hall**, there is no fee

Plenty of laughs, giggles, smiles, and lots of glee.

**Sign up at the Welcome Center**, is our plea,

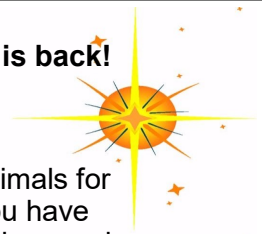
Join us that day, we're like family.

## CHURCH DARTBALL



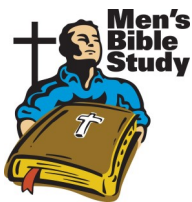
**J**oin us on October 12 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Owatonna for some fun and fellowship for the first set of games of Dartball. Games start at 7 p.m. with coffee and treats afterwards. If you have any questions, contact Brian Fuchs.

## **B**ethlehem Inn is back!



We are in need of animals for our live nativity. If you have animals to share for the evening of Dec. 2 or know of someone who would loan us their animals, please contact Nancy Simonson.

Reserve the date – December 2 – in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun!



## MEN'S FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

**M**en's Bible Study group is starting again. All men are invited to a Bible study on Friday mornings, 8-9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING IN OCTOBER

**T**here is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

Life Line Screening will be at Trinity, Faribault on Saturday, October 14, 2023 in the Auditorium to conduct these screenings.

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>.

## **WHY HAVE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH?**

By ERICA STAAB-ABSHER  
HOPE Center, Faribault

**I**t is said that domestic violence thrives in silence. While that may sound like a powerful statement, what does it actually mean?

When someone is a victim of domestic violence, it can be incredibly isolating. You live in fear in your own home. You live in fear of your children being emotionally affected, even physically harmed. You live in fear of others finding out. This is indeed a heavy, constant burden to bear.

Now imagine if your friends, your family and society in general does not state clearly and repeatedly that domestic violence is wrong, that people don't deserve to be treated this way and that perpetrators need to be held accountable.

When there is a lack of anti-violence messaging and a lack of tangible support, victims are left to their own thoughts, to their feelings of shame and they may even think that perhaps they deserve to be treated this way.

This is why there is a Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every October, we have the opportunity to educate people about the prevalence of domestic violence, to drive awareness of the problem and to cultivate the understanding that can result in victims obtaining the support, the resources and the courage they need to take the necessary steps that can lead them to safety.

How does an awareness month accomplish this? Maybe it's the integration of information into a sermon heard at church. Maybe it's messaging seen on a poster or in a training manual in the workplace. Maybe it's an element of a lesson plan about healthy relationships learned in school.

How important is this in our own community? HOPE Center serves 1,200-1,300 clients per year. And that's just the individuals who have the information and the opportunity needed to reach out to us. Imagine how many more victims of domestic violence are out there here in Rice County. That's how important this is.

I am very happy to report that Domestic Violence Awareness Month has led to HOPE Center being invited to do presentations to many types of organizations during the month. These include nurses, women's groups, churches and the Minnesota Corrections Association.

In addition to educating participants about the key issues related to domestic violence, these presentations also provide the opportunity to highlight the work of so many organizations that collaborate throughout our area to serve victims and to decrease incidents of violence. Attendees may even realize that they themselves may be at risk in their own relationships.

This awareness month also serves to reenergize our HOPE Center staff and volunteers as we carve out time to update ourselves on the issues, resources and advances related to combatting domestic violence. Highlighting the work of the many organizations who collaborate with us reinforces that we are not alone in our work. We review new, proven approaches with an eye toward integrating them into our stable of resources.

We take the time to focus on our experience of the year behind us and discuss moving forward into the year ahead. Since we tend to be working in crisis mode most of the time, this opportunity to pause and reflect tends to reenergize and sustain us.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves so many valuable purposes. I hope you will take this opportunity to seek out information to educate yourself and, if applicable, be there for someone who needs your support and assistance.



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**The mission of HOPE Center is to create zero tolerance for sexual and domestic violence through Healing, Outreach, Prevention and Education. Through innovative programming, we offer direct support to victims of violence in Rice County, collaborative support to other organizations that serve victims, and educational support to the entire community.**

For more information about the Hope Center or domestic violence, please visit [www.hopecentermn.org](http://www.hopecentermn.org) or call 507-332-0882. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you wish to speak to the Hope Center outside of office hours, please contact our Safeline which is answered by trained advocates 24 hours a day: 1-800-607-2330.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> 9:15 Parents' Bible Study 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg.	<b>3</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin Lessons (Music R) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	<b>4</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>2:30 New Perspective -c</b> <b>4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c</b> 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 5:45-7:30 AHG Badges (FH)	<b>6</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 10:00 Sudanese Zoom Mtg. (Conference Rm) 3:30 New Member Class <b>5:30 Worship -c</b>  <u><b>FLS Volleyball Tournament</b></u>
<b>8</b> 8:00 Worship -c <b>FLS Students Sing 8:30-12:30 Pancake Fundraiser (Gym)</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Parents' Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Worship</b>  <u><b>LWML Sunday</b></u>	<b>9</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)  	<b>10</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin Lessons (Music R) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 4:30 FLS Game 6:30-8:30 AHG Class (MR)	<b>11</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>1:00 Mill City -c</b> <b>4:00 Emeralds -c</b> 5:30 Confirmation 6th grade - Trinity 7th/8th grd - Peace 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 4:30 FLS Game 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop Meeting 6:30 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace) 7:00 Dartball (Good Shepherd, Owatonna)	<b>13</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8-5:30 Life Line Screening (Gym) 3:30 New Member Class <b>5:30 Worship</b>
<b>15</b> <b>8:00 Worship</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Parents' Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School Take-it-Home-Event <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> <b>11:30 Congregational Potluck (Fellowship Hall)</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 2nd Century mtg. (Conference Rm) <b>7:00 Grandparenting Night (MR)</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 1-3:00 J.O.Y. (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin Lessons (Music R) 3:30-8 FLS Parent-Teacher Conf. <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	<b>18</b> 8-12:00 Parent-Teacher Conf. 9:00 Quilting <b>10:00 Milestone -c</b> <b>3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c</b> 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>19</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 1:00 Women In Mission 6:30 LLB Mtg.  <b>No School - FLS MEA Break</b> →	<b>20</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study  <u><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></u>	<b>21</b> 3:30 New Member Class <b>5:30 Worship -c</b> 6:30-8:30 Game Night (FH)
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<b>29</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Parents' Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Worship -c</b> 11:30-3:00 Birthday Party (Gym)  <u><b>Reformation Sunday</b></u>	<b>30</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b>	<b>31</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin Lessons (Music R) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <b>6-7:00 Trunk or Treat (Peace)</b> 6:30 Property Mtg.				



## 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 (August 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	11/2*	3	1
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	20	0	54	40	7	6	~

Baptisms: 0

Confirmed: 0

Weddings: Lynette Templin & Gary Schaapveld

Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Transfer In: Roger & Sandra Malm

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Nancy Schultz, Sharon Geyer

### Official Acts:



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

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran*

*Mission Church*

### **Worship Attendance**

Week 1 – 42; Week 3 - 30;

Week 4 - 20

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

**Notes:** Pastors preach at 4 Sat. services & 5 Sun. services,

\*Pastor Klein – wedding service,

\*Pastor Longshore – Funeral service;

Pastor Longshore leads 2 nursing home services;

Pastor Lane – 1 meeting with confirmation parents/students,

3 confirmation classes; Curt Becher – 3 confirmation classes;

Russ Schwichtenberg – 3 Sunday morning Bible Studies;

Elders lead 3 services; Jim and Curt lead 4 nursing home services

## Happy October Birthday!



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

**10/19 Chuck Eastman**

3116 Cedar lake Blvd.

Faribault, MN 55021

**10/28 Betty Lockwood**

2528 Cardinal Ave.

Faribault, MN 55021

**W**e 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!

Larry Hagre (10/8), Edna Boevers, (10/11 - **Happy 90th Birthday!**), Kathleen Koopmans (10/14),  
Mavis Keilen (10/29), Gary Mrosko (10/30), Gloria Cloutier (10/31)

## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 2023

### Trinity Lutheran Church Lay Leadership Board Minutes 6:30 PM, Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

Absent: Steve Mullenex

Guest(s): Chrysteena Saehler

1. Opening prayer led by Jim
2. Faribault Lutheran School Report - Chrysteena Saehler
  - a. October 8<sup>th</sup> is a pancake breakfast 8:30 - 12:30, it is a fundraiser for the gym improvements
  - b. Discussion of possible additional signage and security cameras for the east side playground area as it is often interpreted as public property creating security concerns
3. FOC Report
  - a. Expenses typical, contributions still trending low, concerning but not critical as no pastor salaries or benefits were paid in 2023, will need to improve giving soon
  - b. Plumbing upgrades complete now with multiple water zone valves
4. Sudanese Ministry
 

Consistent, Pastor Reat reporting an average of about 30 worshippers per service
5. Thank you to the Brian Fuchs Family for the bench donated in memory of their family member, Barb Fuchs-Caron, installation location is TBD
6. Peace/Trinity Possible Merger
  - a. The mission and vision committee is working on questions to learn more about what the congregations do as part of their ministries and their importance, they have asked members to assist with asking the questions and gathering the information
  - b. The feedback will be compiled and taken into consideration when creating the mission and vision statement to be presented to the congregations in November
7. Guest Pastor Update
 

Jim working on scheduling guest Pastors through December
8. Call Update
 

The committee has requested a voter's meeting September 25<sup>th</sup> to vote to call Pastor Mark Walters from Alleluia Lutheran Church in Geenleaf, WI
9. Division of Finance/Property Manager Position
  - a. Further discussion of the option to divide these into two positions
  - b. The salary of each position is being determined for the salary committee
10. Review/salary budget/nominations
  - a. Jim will schedule and conduct the Church staff reviews
  - b. LLB – terms of Barb, Mitch, and Penny are ending, they agreed to another term
  - c. Second Century Trust - Carol Vikla is considering
  - d. FLS – Deb contacting Howard Bode for term/nomination information
11. Biblical Citizenship Course
 

Decision not to proceed with the course
12. Calendar items
 

Next LLB meeting Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
13. Meeting adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer led by Jim

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Reichert  
LLB Secretary

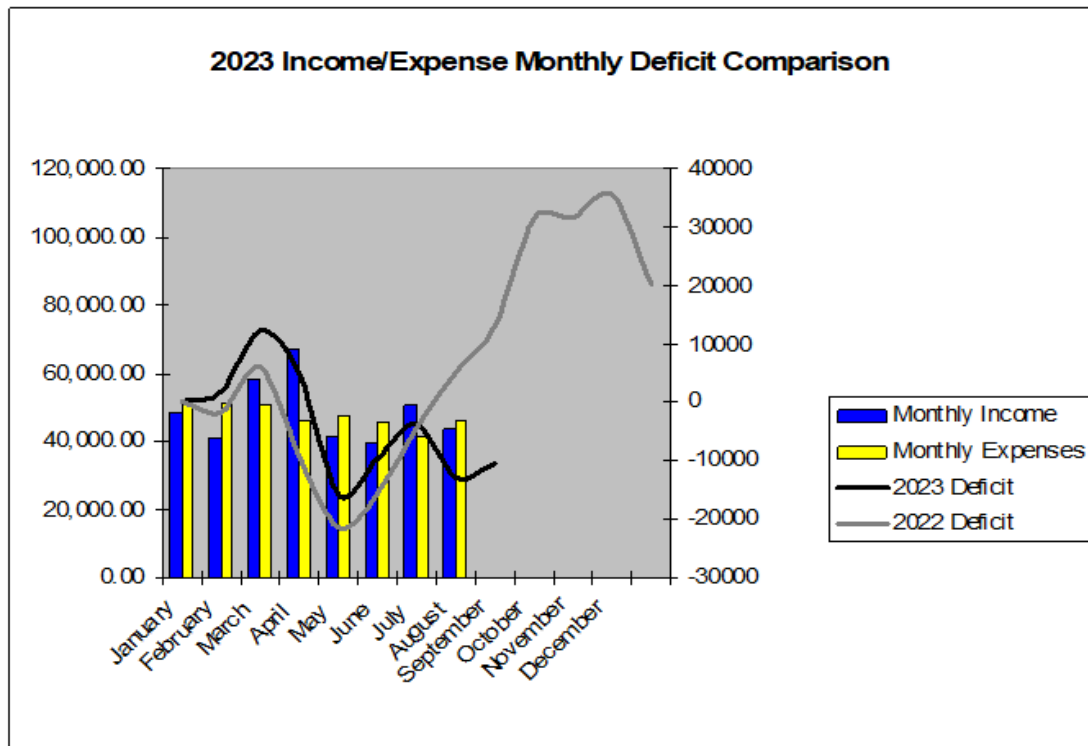
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**From Your Financial Manager . . .**

## **YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**T**his time of year each year I like to let everyone know what our financial status is since the end of the year is coming up before long.

There are two means of financial updates I make available to the congregation showing how our General Fund is doing as the year progresses. The first, the graph below, is the most accurate because the contributions are compared to the actual expenses each month so we can see if the fund is increasing or the deficit is getting worse during the year.



Recently, I was asked to add figures to the Weekly Newsletter each week, which I am doing. But these figures each week can't be compared to expenses easily because our expenses gyrate wildly during the month because of how the various bills crop up. So the published figures are compared with the weekly budget instead, which can be very misleading.

In a normal year when we have pastors being paid their planned salaries and benefits, our expenses follow our budget fairly closely. But the budget is originally set up assuming we will have two pastors in place during most of the year (best case scenario) so we never risk exceeding the budget. But this year, 2023, we have not as yet been blessed by a called pastor. The cost of the temporary and

guest pastors, that have been gracious enough to help us, do not get paid benefits since they are either retired or receive benefits elsewhere. So the Weekly Newsletter figures are useful to see what the contributions are but not useful to gauge how we are doing financially.

Now, let's go back to the above, more accurate, graph which shows how we are doing which compares our income with the smoother, more reliable monthly expenses. Note that the gray trace, which is for 2022, shows our deficit peaking out at \$35K and ending at about \$20K at the end of the year as I warned everyone would happen last year. The deficit was so high in 2022 because we still had two pastors during the course of the year, Pastor Werner for one month and Pastor Rieger for seven months.

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Unfortunately, the contributions didn't nearly cover the expenses we had because of our having the two pastors. Our expenses were a lot lower than the 2022 budget since our pastors weren't here for the entire year but we were still short of our total expenses for the year because of contributions being low.

Looking at the bold black line on the graph, it appears that our deficit is about -\$10K (10K to the good) and that is true at this point in time even though our contributions for 2023 are looking no better than last year. But we appear to look good because we had no called pastors at all during the year.

At some point in time we will be blessed with a Senior Pastor, hopefully soon. When that happens, at the rate of contributions we are currently receiving, we will become greatly in the red for the year and our deficit will likely continue to get worse as time goes on.

I'm not telling you all this to scare you; we can correct this problem. What I'm pointing out is that especially when we finally receive our own pastor(s), we are all going to have to considerably step up our giving for us to stay in the black long term. To prepare for the future time we receive our pastor, we need to increase our giving now as we approach the year's end. By doing this, we can build up a buffer that we can use to smoothly transition to our necessary increased donations when the new pastor comes. Please begin this increase right away in our last three months of the year. Please prayerfully plan this increase for the future into next year and beyond. I have no doubt that the Lord will provide us our pastor soon. He has always watched over and blessed our church and our faithful members and He will continue to do so. As He gives to us, so we must give back to Him. Please think of this as you plan ahead.

Bill Kirkpatrick

## MEMORIALS

*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 MEMORY OF SHARON GEYER:**

#### **Faribault Lutheran School Gym Floor**

\$10 by Mary Ann Young

\$20 by family & friends

#### **FLS Scholarship Fund**

\$10 by Norma Kielmeyer

\$25 by Norman & Shirley Rost

#### **Human Care**

\$25 by Dwight & Ruth Hildebrandt

#### **Undesignated Memorials**

\$25 by Jim & Cindy Bahler

#### **LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)**

\$20 by Larry & Sharon Schreck

### **IN MEMORY OF NANCY SCHULTZ:**

#### **Faribault Lutheran School**

\$25 by Allien Ahlman

\$10 by family & friends

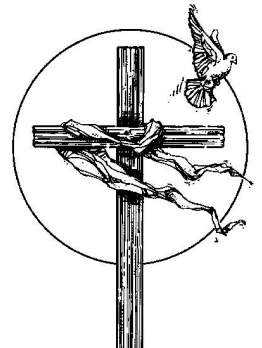


### **"LORD, REMEMBER ME"**

The funeral of renowned evangelist Billy Graham was a celebration — not of the preacher's long life and many accomplishments but of his arrival in heaven. Graham, who died at age 99 in February 2018, was confident he'd spend eternity with Jesus but knew the reason wasn't his own status or actions.

Graham knew he was a sinner in need of forgiveness. "I still need the cross," he said.

Graham added, "I am not going to heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I'm going to heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: 'Lord, remember me.'"



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Radio Broadcast: KDHL (AM 920)- Sunday, 8:00am  
Consolidated Communications TV channel 10  
& Charter/Spectrum channel 181,  
Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

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## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE

**Saturday, November 18**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Faribault, MN 55021  
In the Auditorium**



**T**rinity's second annual Holiday Boutique Sale is being planned for Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the FLS/Trinity Auditorium.

There will be a wide assortment of crafts, porch pots, Christmas items, baked goods, candy, and much more!

Trinity Youth will be providing lunch, snacks and treats for purchase.

Questions: contact Nancy Boldt.