



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### WHAT'S YOUR NOVEMBER?



For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought “the highest of highs and the lowest of lows.” He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he’d be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn’s wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.

Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to “let the enemy have a claim over November” or “steal the many beautiful memories I once held” about it. Since then, his church’s worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God’s faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it’s an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, “Your [deceased] loved one would not want your ‘November’ to haunt your memory forever.”

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal.

—Stephanie Martin

*The NEWSLETTER Newsletter*  
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### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

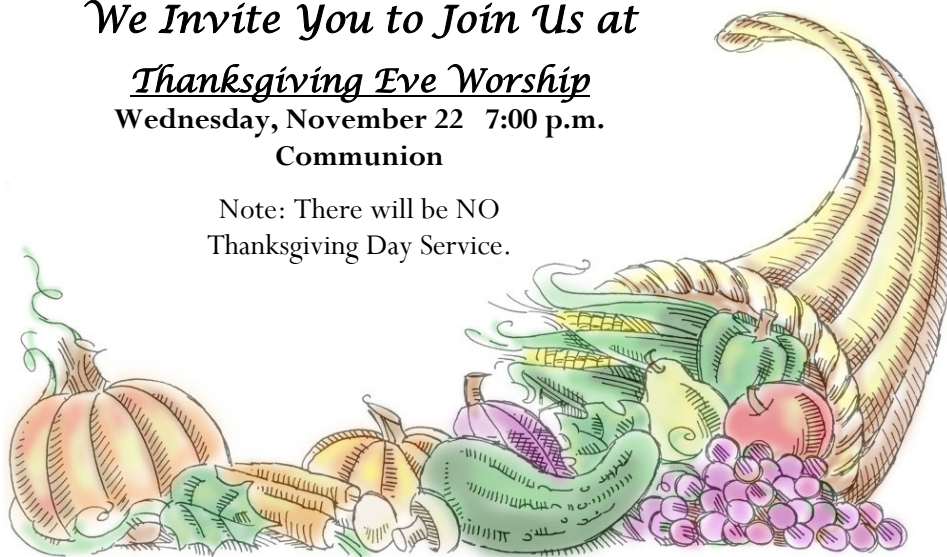
*We Invite You to Join Us at*

*Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

Wednesday, November 22 7:00 p.m.

Communion

Note: There will be NO  
Thanksgiving Day Service.



**GAME NIGHT**

**G**ame Night is coming up on Saturday, November 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Bring your favorite game and a treat to share or just show up for the fun! Invite your family and friends for a great night of food, fun and fellowship.

**DARTBALL**

**J**oin Dartball on Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity, Medford.

Bring a snack to share; refreshments will be served after the game.

Questions? Contact Brian Fuchs.

**Daily Bible Readings: November 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,  
Family Ministry
- Jennifer Kingland,  
Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison,  
Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler,  
FLS Administrator/Principal
- Jessica Lewis,  
FLS Administrative  
Secretary

November 1 – Psalm 121; Mark 9, 10

November 2 – Job 23, 24; Mark 11, 12

November 3 – Job 25; Mark 13, 14

November 4 – Job 27, 27; Mark 15, 16

November 5 – Job 28, 29; Galatians 1, 2

November 6 – Job 30; Psalm 120; Galatians 3, 4

November 7 – Job 31, 32; Galatians 5, 6

November 8 – Job 33; I Corinthians 1, 2, 3

November 9 – Job 34; I Corinthians 4, 5, 6

November 10 – Job 35, 36; I Corinthians 7, 8

November 11 – Psalm 122; I Corinthians 9,  
10, 11

November 12 – Job 37, 38; I Corinthians 12

November 13 – Job 39, 40; I Corinthians 13, 14

November 14 – Psalm 149; I Corinthians 15, 16

November 15 – Job 41, 42; II Corinthians 1, 2

November 16 – II Corinthians 3, 4, 5, 6

November 17 – II Corinthians 7, 8, 9, 10

November 18 – Psalm 124; II Corinthians 11,  
12, 13

November 19 – Matthew 1, 2, 3, 4

November 20 – Matthew 5, 6, 7

November 21 – Matthew 8, 9, 10

November 22 – Matthew 11, 12, 13

November 23 – Matthew 14, 15, 16

November 24 – Matthew 17, 18, 19

November 25 – Matthew 20, 21, 22

November 26 – Matthew 23, 24, 25

November 27 – Psalm 125; Matthew 26, 27,

November 28 – Matthew 28; I Thessalonians  
1, 2, 3

November 29 – I Thessalonians 4, 5;  
II Thessalonians 1, 2, 3

November 30 – Romans 1, 2, 3, 4



**And these words...  
shall be upon your heart;  
and you shall teach them  
diligently to your children...  
-Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



**O**n Sunday, November 5, Sunday School students, youth and their parents and grandparents, as well as all congregational members, are invited to pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The Sunday School children are using their

offering money to purchase hygiene items such as soap, toothbrushes, combs, washcloths and also school supplies such as pencils, notepads, pencil sharpeners, etc.

Families are invited to go shopping for a special “wow” gift for the box. Suggestions for the “wow” gift are: doll, stuffed animal, harmonica, toys (please no war related toys or figures), jump rope, yo-yo, Frisbee, marbles, clothing items (mittens, socks or dress up clothes).

Congregational members are also invited to pack a box. Receive a box from Nancy Simonson and fill it with supplies. We will deliver the boxes to a collection site and pay shipping costs. We hope to pack 30+ boxes.

**The Sunday School children** will sing on November 12 at the 10:30 service.

**Our Sunday School Christmas** service entitled “To Us a Child is Born” will be Saturday, Dec. 9 at the 5:30 service. Special parts will be distributed at the shoebox packing event along with some Advent family devotions.



## FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

**T**he Take it Home Event featuring learning how to improve your prayer life was held on October 15. Several stations were available to practice newly learned skills.

**A parent Bible study group** has started studying apologetics. Parents explore how to share and defend their faith. All parents are welcome. We meet in the nursery. Young children are invited to play while parents watch a video and have discussions.



**A Grandparent session** will be held on Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. We will watch the video presentation of “So They Won’t Forget.” Discussion will center on how to best pass on our faith to the next generation.

### Upcoming Zoom episodes include:

**November 6, 2023** - “Big Doctrines for Little Minds - Helping Children Understand Biblical Truths That Will shape the Rest of Their Lives”

*By Crystal Bowman, Best-selling Author of over 100 Christian Books for Children.*

**November 13, 2023** - “Grateful Grandparenting - Making Thanksgiving a Part of Your Legacy, Not Just a Holiday”

*By Phil Callaway, Canadian Humor Writer, Speaker, Author*



### *All-Church Potluck*

The **Congregational Potluck** will be held on Saturday, November 11 after the 5:30 service. We will be honoring our Veterans and those currently serving in the military on this special day. Bring a side dish or dessert to share (fried chicken will be provided). This will replace our usual monthly potluck for November.

### **The Bethlehem Inn**

performance is being offered for 2 nights this year, Friday and Saturday nights, December 1 and 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

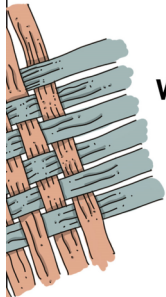
We are encouraging the community and other churches to come. Please invite your friends to this funny but moving dinner theater experience of being present at the Inn on the night of Jesus’ birth.

Menu details to follow. Tickets will go on sale in early November. We are in need of servers. Contact Nancy Simonson if you are willing to serve food.





Handicrafts can spark appreciation for simple items. Weave this basket as a gift.

**What you need:**

- Paper plate
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Yarn (different colors)

**What you do:**

1. In the center of the plate, trace something round. Draw 9 lines (evenly spaced) from the circle to the plate's edge.
2. Cut along each line, stopping at the center circle. Trim more of the plate off so the cuts make a gradual V shape.
3. Fold the plate's sides upward to form basket sides. Keep these upright as you weave a bowl-shaped basket.
4. Begin weaving a length of yarn at the circle's base. Hold the end of the yarn in place as you spread the length over and under each side of the plate.
5. Switch colors to make a pattern. Keep the yarn tight as you weave up the sides.
6. To finish, bend down any remaining paper. Leave a tail of yarn and tuck it under a woven portion. Share your craft with a friend!

# PUZZLE



## THANKS-FILLED GIVING

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected. When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_



Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_

The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_

Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_



Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

\_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



Answers: seed, bread, harvest, generous, thankful, giving





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



November is always a month of self reflection for myself and many others. It is the month of being thankful, even though we should be thankful every month of the year. I like to sit and think about what I am most thankful for in my personal and work life. Every year, I am always thankful for my family and friends, students and their families, and church members who show and give their support to the school. In my personal studies lately, I have found that we should be thankful for each and every day because God has CHOSEN us for a purpose and has CHOSEN us for this season of life. We may not know that reason, but even during the valleys of life I am thankful because I know somehow someway, God is using me.

November is more of a quiet month for school activities, but we do have our 7th and 8th grade play happening on Thursday, November 16. This play is typically done in the Spring but we moved it to try and bring some theater to the fall season. We will also be welcoming a NLSA (National Lutheran School Accreditation) team beginning on Wednesday, November 15 until Friday, November 17. They will be on-site all three days to see what is going on at FLS and reviewing our documents for our accreditation.

Our students and staff thank you for the continued support not only financially but in prayer as well. Our school would not be where it is today without the support of the churches and the community.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and remember to take time and see how you are CHOSEN to spread God's love.

God's Blessings,

Chrysteena Saehler  
 FLS Principal

*What  
 are you  
 thankful  
 for*



## TRINITY YOUTH UPDATE

Trinity Youth has been busy being back together. This semester we are working through the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. We are currently averaging 14 kids each Sunday in the youth room, some days we are shoulder to shoulder. It is great seeing all of them on Sunday morning.

They also had their first fall event. Kids got together on Saturday, October 14 for a bonfire at the Meintsma's



house. There was food and games during the time spent together. We will be having our annual Christmas party in December in which we will decorate cookies, have Christmas trivia, read through Luke 2, and play games.

There is always room for more kids!

We welcome anyone from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to join in on the fun. We meet in the youth room during the Sunday school hour.

## THANKSGIVING PIE ORDERS

**T**rinity Pie Makers will offer pies for sale for Thanksgiving. The pies will be frozen and unbaked.

Order forms are available at the Information Center at church. Please fill out the form and place it in the box that is provided or call Jackie Denninger. The final day for ordering pies for Thanksgiving will be November 6. The pies you order will be ready to be picked up on Monday, November 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Tuesday, November 21, 12-5 p.m. The price for the pies is \$13.00.



Even though the pies will be frozen and unbaked, each pie comes with directions for baking. Please note that pumpkin and pecan pies ARE baked and then frozen. These pies just need to be defrosted.

We appreciate your continued support of our pie project.

### Available kinds:

Apple, Apple Cranberry, Dutch Apple, Blueberry, Cherry, Pecan, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Rhubarb Strawberry, Triple Berry



## Happy November Birthday!

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

**11/30 Diane Cloeter**  
8715 Portland Ave. S Apt 180  
Bloomington, MN 55420

**W**e thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members.

*Please note that addresses are listed for those members who have moved since the 2020 Picture Directory.*

Ted Gunderson (11/1) - 500 3rd Ave. NW Apt. 114, Faribault,  
Dee Bonkoski (11/2) - 500 3rd Ave. NW Apt 214, Faribault,  
JoAnn Boldt (11/5), Marilyn Steele (11/5), Harvey Bursch (11/13),  
Marcy Matthies (11/14), Pat Trench (11/19), Harold Babcock (11/23),  
Kathi Meyer (11/25), Marilynn Nelson (11/25 - 80th birthday!),  
Larry Twedt (11/25), Roger Wilkowske (11/29),  
Verna Bahl (11/30) - 1528 9th Ave. SW, Apt. 109, Faribault



*“A gray head is a crown of glory;  
It is found in the way of righteousness.”*

*Proverbs 16:31*



## THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Trinity would like to honor our members who are veterans or who are currently serving in the Armed Forces at a special recognition ceremony during the 5:30 service on Saturday, November 11. We invite you to join us for this special service and for a dinner in your honor in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

Please contact the church office so that we can have a special recognition certificate prepared in advance. Thank you for your service!

**O**n Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

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## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE TRINITY ALTAR GUILD!

**T**he Altar Guild at Trinity is a group of lay people dedicated to serving God in His house by preparing and caring for the altar and chancel areas of the church for worship. Members of the Altar Guild serve for one month. Duties include cleaning and dusting the chancel furnishings, preparing the altar for worship and cleaning the Communion vessels after each weekend. The time commitment during the month of service is about 1 hour per week.



## ALTAR GUILD

duties to you and they will welcome working with you if you would like to know more about the Altar Guild.

Present Altar Guild members and anyone interested in helping, please come to our only meeting of the year on Thursday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the church. We will establish a calendar for 2023 and talk about any concerns in caring for the altar. If you are

new to the Altar Guild, never fear! You will be assigned to work with one of the people listed above to learn the duties.

If you have thought of serving in church this way, please talk to an Altar Guild volunteer, call Barb Mrosko or come to our meeting on November 16. Members include: Vivian Hagre, Sandy Johnson, Joanne Cross, Diane Schlobohm, Marilyn Simonson, Judy Valentyn, LeAnn Fuchs, Joy Zimmerman, Marcia Barrett, Mark Quinlan. These people will be happy to explain the

We look forward to seeing everyone on November 16, at 10:00. We will meet in the church. Thank you for considering this special service opportunity.

"I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8

# HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE



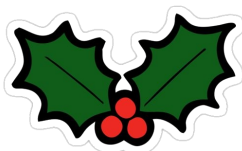
**Saturday, November 18**

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
530 4th Street NW  
Faribault, MN 55021  
In the Auditorium**



**Christmas Items, Baked Goods, Wood  
and Metal Works, Quilts, Porch Pots,  
Jewelry, and Many Other Items!**



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



## J.O.Y. BRUNCH

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

We invite you to try something new,

Since it is a newly opened venue.

**November 14, we'll meet at Faribault Family Restaurant;**

Order almost anything that you may want.

**10:30 a.m.**, so either **breakfast or lunch**,

You decide, you're such a **JOYful** bunch.

Not sure where it is, its location I'll lay,

Off Hwy. 21, the Speedway gas building, by the freeway.

**Sign up at the Welcome Center** so your place is secure;

It's helpful for them to know how many, for sure.

So come one and all, to support a new place,

What fun we may have, bring a bright, smiling face.



*We are a locally owned and operated family restaurant with 10+ years of experience, specializing in breakfast and lunch. Our menu consists of a wide variety of hearty selections... We take pride in using quality and fresh ingredients when we prepare your meal. We appreciate your vote of confidence in choosing our location as your next favorite dining destination.*

## ANNUAL VOTERS' MTG.

**T**he Annual Voters meeting will be held on Monday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.

One position will be open on the 2nd Century Board. Three positions on the LLB will be voted on and two on the FLS Board. Mitch Miller, Barbara Beatty, and Penny Reichert will be running for re-election on the Lay Leadership Board. Anna Meyer and Angie Swanson will run for another term on the FLS Board.

Please contact Jennie in the church office if you are interested in running to serve on the 2nd Century, FLS or LLB Board. Candidates will be voted on at the Annual Voters' Mtg. on November 27.



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG.

**T**he Mission/Vision Committee and Pastor Lane have established a mission and vision statement that will guide and provide direction for the next steps in the possible Trinity/Peace merger. Monday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a congregational meeting to review the statements and vote whether to approve them. A summary of the survey results will be shared which helped build the foundation of the mission and vision statements. A progress update and information on the next phase will also be shared.

## Congregational Meeting





## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Join us for the Hanging of the Greens  
on Saturday, December 2 beginning  
at 8:00 a.m.!

*Many hands make light work! Join the decorating party  
and prepare the church for the Christmas season.*

## **ANGEL TREE**

Trinity will once again sponsor the Angel Tree project. We are currently asking for names of family, friends or neighbors who may be struggling this Christmas. Please, if you know of someone, fill out the "Request for Information" form located on the Information Center in the narthex. All information is confidential. We'll need this form completed and turned in by Sunday, November 5.

The Tree will be decorated and in the narthex on November 10. Following this, the angel ornaments may be taken from the tree. Please document on the sign up form (on the Information Center) your name, phone number and the number identifying your "angel."

Information such as age, interests and specific needs will be listed on the "angel" which will help you in gifting your "angel." Please have all gifts (not wrapped) returned to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 3. Please attach the "Angel" ornament identifying your angel, to the gift.

We will take care of wrapping and getting the gifts out in time for Christmas. If you have any questions please contact Mike Young. Thank you so much for your help with this project!



## **ASSEMBLING HELP NEEDED!**

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLERS are needed to fold and tape the December Newsletters that we mail to each Trinity household. We will assemble newsletters on Monday, November 27, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help out, please call Jennie in the church office, 331-6579.

**Please submit articles for the December Newsletter by Friday, November 17!**



## FOOD SHELF DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

**T**rinity contributes food items to the St. Vincent De Paul's Food Shelf. We are asking Trinity members to help replenish the food pantry with their donations especially during the upcoming holidays. Items can be placed in the large boxes in the narthex during November and December.

Remember to check the expiration date as they cannot distribute items which are beyond the use by date. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this service to feed the hungry in our community.

To learn more about St. Vincent De Paul, visit their website at <https://stvincentdepaulfaribault.com>.

## ADVENT SUPPER

**T**rinity's Human Care is conducting their traditional Advent Supper Fundraiser on December 6, 2023. We will be serving two kinds of hot dishes, coleslaw, buns, beverages and desserts. We would appreciate your help raising funds to support those in need in our church and community.



If you would like to donate a dessert (bars, cookies or cupcakes) please sign up on the sheet on the information center in the narthex. Volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up are also welcome.

This is a Thrivent Action Team Fundraising event. Call Ruth Hildebrandt for more information.

### **There are still two Advent Supper dates open - December 13 & 20!**

If you or your group would like to sponsor a supper, please contact the church office at 331-6579.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for a special project such as the new school auditorium floor or for a specific group such as Sunday School, Youth, Family Ministry, etc.

Thrivent members are able to apply for Thrivent Action Team Funds - \$250 to offset expenses.

## BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

**T**rinity volunteers are needed for 4 two-hour shifts at Hy-Vee and Fareway in Faribault on November 25, 2023. A sign up sheet is at the information center in the narthex.

This is a great activity for families, friends or small groups who want to help others during the holidays. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity to help the Rice County Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign assist those in need in our community. Call Ruth Hildebrandt (334-3766) for more information.

If you are unable to ring bells on the 25th, there are other slots available for you to sign up individually. You may sign up by visiting [RegistertoRing.com](https://RegistertoRing.com) or by calling Randy at 507-334-8816.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>November</h1>			<b>1</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 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>2</b> 8:30-noon FLS Nursery & Youth R 11:30 Prayer Group 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop Mtg.	<b>3</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 9-11:00 AHG Service Project (Fellowship Hall) 3:30 New Member Class <b>5:30 Worship</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 Worship <b>9:15 Operation Christmas Child</b> <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> 4:00 Bethlehem Inn Rehearsal <u>All Saints Sunday</u> <u>Daylight Saving Time</u> <u>(Fall Back)</u>	<b>6</b> 8:00 Pie-makers <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. <b>6:30 Special Merger Mission Statement Voters' Mtg. (Trinity)</b>	<b>7</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>8</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>1:00 Mill City -c</b> <b>4:00 Emeralds -c</b> 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>9</b> 11:30 Prayer Group 6:30 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Trinity) 7:00 Dartball (Trinity, Medford)	<b>10</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>11:00-5:00 Blood Drive</b>	<b>11</b> 3:30 New Member Class <b>5:30 Worship -c Veterans Recognition</b> <b>6:30 Congregational Potluck</b>  <b>Veterans Day:</b> Thank You for Your Service!
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## SEPTEMBER 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 (September 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	2	0	0	11	11	1*
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	15	0	51	37	8	2	~

Baptisms: Keaton Jewison

Weddings: 0

Confirmed: 0

Official Acts:

Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Transfer In: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: William Schultz

**Notes:** Pastors preached at 5 Saturday services & 6 Sunday Services.

Pastor Longshore lead 3 Bible Studies, Klein taught 4 New Member classes, Lane taught 4 Confirmation classes; Jim Boldt & Curt Becher lead 6 nursing home services, Elders lead 2 Sunday services; Curt Becher lead 2 confirmation classes

**Rev. Gatluk Reat September Report:**

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran*

*Mission Church*

**Worship Attendance**

Week 1 – 28; Week 3 – 18; Week 3 - 15;

Week 4 - 35

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



## HAVE WE FORGOTTEN GOD?

**W**e have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as

with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

—Abraham Lincoln,  
1863 proclamations of a  
National Day of Fasting  
and a National Day of  
Thanksgiving



PSALM 136:1, KJV

## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - OCTOBER 2023

### Trinity Lutheran Church Lay Leadership Board Minutes 6:30 PM, Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

Absent: Mitch Miller and Steve Mullenex

1. Opening prayer led by Jim
2. Faribault Lutheran School Report
  - a. Current attendance is 134
  - b. FLS fundraising for the Trinity gym renovation kicked off with a pancake fundraiser breakfast, over 400 people served
  - c. Possible relocation of Pastor Reat's office from the school area to the Trinity office area, Jim is checking into various options
3. Peace/Trinity Possible Merger
  - a. Pastor Lane and the Mission and Vision Committee have established proposed mission and vision statements that will guide and provide direction for the next steps in the possible Trinity/Peace merger
    - i. October 25<sup>th</sup> they will meet with both Peace and Trinity lead groups to review the mission and vision statement before bringing to both congregations for a vote
    - ii. November 6<sup>th</sup> the mission and vision statement will be voted on by Trinity members  
Several Trinity members have expressed interest and inquired about how more things can be done together with Peace members
4. Update Pastor Walters Call
  - a. Over the last week Pastor Walters had a conversation with Elders and LLB Members to answer additional questions, he advised, with The Lord's guidance, he will respond to the Call by the end of the month
5. Worship Schedule Update, District Information
  - a. Jim continues to schedule guest Pastors, with general Pastor shortage scheduling has become more challenging, several November and December services still open
  - b. Should Pastor Walters decline the call, the District Vice President would like to visit with LLB members
6. Voter's Meeting Setup budget/Board Nominations
  - a. Annual Voter's Meeting is Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30
  - b. LLB – terms end for Penny, Mitch, and Barb, all wish to run for re-election
  - c. LLB – possible pre-term vacancy of Steve, if so, LLB appoints member
  - d. FLS – terms end for Anna Meyer and Angie Swanson, both will re-up for a second term
  - e. Second Century Trust - possible interested candidate, Barb to confirm
7. Veteran's Recognition Service
  - a. Veterans are encouraged to attend a special Veteran's Day Recognition service Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, Pastor Klein, also a Veteran, will be leading the service
  - b. Veterans will also be acknowledged during the Sunday services Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Stam
8. Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> worship time
  - a. Pending the availability of Pastor Klein and elder/s the service time will be changed to 4:30pm to help accommodate the Bethlehem Inn performance, Jim will confirm to Nancy
9. Other news - the audit for the first half of 2023 is complete (Barb and Dennis Blackmer)
10. Calendar items
  - a. Congregational meeting to vote on Mission/Vision statement for possible merger November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Trinity
  - b. Next LLB meeting Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
  - c. Annual Voter's meeting November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

11. Meeting adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer led by Jim

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Reichert  
LLB Secretary

**Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . .**

**From Your Financial Manager . . .**

**WHAT PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN 2023**

**E**ven though I'm no longer Property Manager, I thought everyone may be interested in what's been happening during 2023 through the work of the new Property Manager, Dale Kelm, and the people on the Property Committee.

The largest project this year was the re-plumbing of all of the pipes in our underground tunnels. Most of these iron pipes were installed in the 1950s and have corroded during the ensuing years to the point where they were leaking and causing damage to the downstairs school library. As a part of this project, we also had to do an asbestos evaluation and abatement process, which were needed before the old pipes could be removed. All this work was done during the months of August and September. The old iron pipes were replaced with the newer technology PEX piping, a new type of plastic system. This renewal should last for many years. As a part of this, virtually all the asbestos in the building was removed and an Asbestos Management Plan was created which FLS needs as a part of their accreditation process. The school repaired the damage to the library which was paid for by a parental gift. So our tunnel and water distribution system should be good for many years to come and asbestos should no longer be a worry.



The cost of the above cited projects was covered by money received from the federal Employee Retention rebate program, several large estate gifts and individual donations made to the restricted property funds.

Other property improvements done so far this year include:

- Various roof leak repairs occurring over all the buildings during the year.
- Narthex, Fellowship Hall and hallway carpets cleaned (paid for by Pie Makers).
- Several A/C system and freezer repairs needed throughout buildings.
- We are adding additional high resolution security cameras to the outside of the church.
- Both rental houses painted and soffits repaired.
- Replaced one of the garbage disposals in church kitchen
- Failing church kitchen water heater was replaced.
- Replaced sanctuary thermostat covers.
- Replaced counter top in 2nd grade classroom and painted classroom trim.
- Repairs done on the lawn sprinkler system.
- Mechanical bell in the bell tower repaired.
- West narthex door's locking systems repaired.
- Replaced exit bars and locks on 4th Street silver doors and are adding weather stripping.

Thanks to Dale Kelm and the Property Committee which has many new enthusiastic members and our outside lawn and flower care people, we are keeping up with all our property issues. We are so blessed to have these volunteers willing to give their time to keep our properties looking good.

*Bill Kirkpatrick*

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

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG)  
8:00 & 10:30am services live streamed

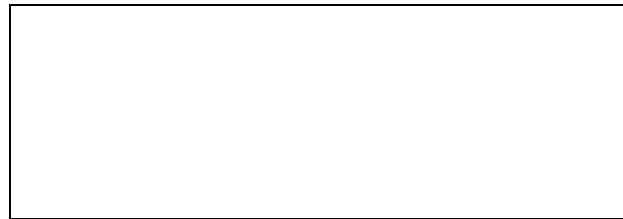
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## BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity will host a Blood Drive  
for the American Red Cross on

**Friday, November 10, 2023**  
**11:00am - 5:00pm**

**Give Something that Means Something®**

To schedule your appointment call, 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)

or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: TrinityFaribault.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.