

COMMUNITY

A GriefShare program will be held at First Baptist Church in Waterville, MN. The program is a 13-week nondenominational, Christ-centered, biblical teaching course and focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by group discussion.

Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a loved one. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling.

You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held January 16, 2023 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church 14534 State Hwy 60 Waterville, MN 56096. Register online at www.griefshare.org It you have questions, call Elsie Youtzy. Cost: \$20.00 for the workbook. (Please don't allow the fee to keep you from attending; we do have scholarships available.)

- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

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Livestream: www.trinityradioandvideo.org 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Consolidated Communications TV channel 10 & Charter channel 181, Mon. &/or Tues., 3:30pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (16 th)	12-6:00	Sudanese Event (Gym)
	5:30	Worship Service (C)
	7-9:00	Youth Christmas Party
Sun. (17 th)	8:00	Worship Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Parents' Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Connection Service (C)
Mon. (18 th)	9:00	FLS Christmas Service Rehearsal
	6:30	Call Voters. Mtg.
Tue. (19 th)	8:30	Staff Mtg.
	9:00	Bible Study
	2-2:50	FLS (Fellowship Hall)
	2:45-4:30	Violin Lessons (Music Room)
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6:00	FLS Christmas Service
	6:30	Elders' Mtg.
Wed. (20 th)	FLS Noon Dismissal	
	9:00	Quilting
	10:00	Milestone (C)
	3:30	Faribault Senior Living (C)
	5:30	Confirmation Class
	5:30	Advent Service
	6:30	Soup Supper
	7:00	Choir
	7:00	Connection Practice
Thu. (21 st)	FLS Christmas Break (Dec. 21-Jan. 2)	
	11:30	Prayer Group
Fri. (22 nd)	Newsletter Deadline	
	8:00	Men's Bible Study
Sat. (23 rd)	12:00	Sudanese Prayer Service (Gym)
	5:30	Service of Lessons & Carols
Sun. (24 th)	8:00	Service of Lessons & Carols
	4:30	Christmas Eve Family
	10:00	Christmas Eve Candlelight (C)
Mon. (25 th)	Church Office Closed	
	9:00	Christmas Day Service (C)

Our Mission:
CONNECT...
GROW...
GO...



Trinity News of the Week

December 16 & 17, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 12/18: Jer. 23:5-6	Thu. 12/21: Psalm 2
Tue. 12/19: Luke 1:26-38	Fri. 12/22: Hebrews 1:1-12
Wed. 12/20: Isaiah 52:7-10	Sat. 12/23: John 1:1-18

FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Monday, December 18, will be the dress rehearsal of the FLS Christmas service. It will be at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity. We are encouraging members to come to the dress rehearsal due to the service being crowded on Tuesday evening.

Tuesday, December 19, FLS will have their annual Christmas service at Trinity at 6:00 p.m. This year the students will be remembering Christ's love for us.

The Gymnasium Capital Campaign

is at \$75,000. We were recently gifted a very generous donation of \$10,000 towards the project! This makes us a little over 21% towards our goal of \$350,000. We recently applied for a grant program to contribute to the campaign through the Casey's Foundation, but won't hear back until March. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for this project. If you'd like to make a gift to the project, please stop in the school office.



FLS Christmas Break: Noon dismissal on Wednesday, December 20. No school December 21 - January 2. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3.

Bible Bowl Practice

This year we will be studying the book of Acts using the ESV translation. Everyone in grades 7 -12 and their friends are invited to join the team. Our first practice will be on 01/07/24 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the church and on every Sunday thereafter all the way to the Saturday competition on 04/06/24. Open yourself up to all that you can learn about Jesus and all the blessings that can be yours by being on such a team. See Philip Simonson.



EVANGELISM

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing...

Verna Bahl; Donna Babcock;
Diane Bauernfeind; Gloria Cloutier;
Dave Geyer; Andrew Hein;
Lowell Hetletvedt; Lee Koopmans; Chuck LaCroix; Marilyn Nelson; Mertice Reck;
Lorraine Roemhildt; Scott Rost;
Ray Sanders; Shari Schreck; Diane Schultz;
Barb Young

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Hank Velzke, whose birthday would have been celebrated on December 16, by his wife Mary Ellen.

In Bethlehem Inn performance was a success with over 120 people being served a meal and enjoying a wonderful retelling of the night of Jesus' birth. DVDs are available to purchase for \$5. Contact the church office or Nancy Simonson. If you didn't attend and want to see the performance take this opportunity. Next year, invite a friend and attend in person! This is an easy and great outreach opportunity!



In unity and love, Peace Lutheran Guild has invited the women of Trinity and Women In Mission to a prayer service at Peace on January 16 at 1:30 p.m. This will be followed by coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room. Questions? Call Joy Zimmerman.

FELLOWSHIP



Join us for a Congregational Potluck on Sunday, January 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy great fellowship, food and fun.

HUMAN CARE

“This time of the year always fills us with cheer
But the reason we celebrate is not always clear.
The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree,
The carols, the decorations, the family parties,
But all of the delight and all of the fun
Does not mean a thing if we don't know God's Son.
(continued...)

The tiny baby that was born to die
Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why.
Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made?
Are we worth the offering and the price that
was paid?

In His eyes, we are,
because He made us His own
And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown.
So take joy in the season and
spread His true love
But always remember the gift from above!”

*Jerrold Nelson – A Life Quote from Lutherans
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Give a Gift That Means Something!



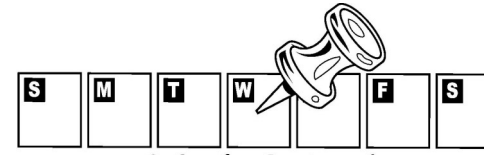
**Trinity will host a
Blood Drive
for the American Red
Cross on**

**Friday, January 5, 2024
11:00am - 5:00pm**

To schedule your appointment call,
1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)
or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
TrinityFaribault.

STEWARDSHIP

At the congregational voter's meeting this Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. the LLB will present one Intentional Interim Pastor candidate for the call. He is from the Minnesota South District but due to confidentiality we cannot disclose his name until then. A detailed bio will be provided Monday at the meeting and Pastor Wismar will join us again to address any questions. Thank you again for your patience.



Mid-Week

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, December 20, 5:30 p.m.**

Please sign up at the information desk if you can bring a dessert (bars, cookies, cupcakes) for the December 20 Soup Supper. The supper is sponsored by our 6th grade confirmation class. All funds raised will support the St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf. They will be serving Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup.

STATISTICS

Attendance	General Fund Receipts
<i>(Wednesday Midweek Service, Dec. 6)</i>	
66	\$ 397
<i>(Weekend Services, December 9 & 10)</i>	
268	\$12,764
<i>(Wednesday Midweek Service, Dec. 13)</i>	
88	\$766

Weekly budgetary needs in 2023: \$14,171

During their regular monthly meeting the LLB approved to enlist the services of David Raymond, a consultant to congregations and mergers with decades of experience. This will begin with a workshop with Peace and Trinity leadership groups. This is a learning workshop where he teaches about mergers, what is needed for a successful merger and potential pitfalls. This will be scheduled once an Intentional Interim Pastor is in place. Note his services, as needed, would be in phases, it is not a contract and the cost would be shared with Peace. More information will be forthcoming as it occurs, in the meantime, you can learn more at David's website, Churchfuture.com.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Monday, December 18

9:00 AM - FLS Christmas Service Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 19

6:00 PM - FLS Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 20

5:30 PM - Advent Service (Rev. Longshore)
followed by Soup Supper

Saturday, December 23

5:30 - Lessons & Carols Service

**Sunday, Christmas Eve,
December 24**

8:00 AM - Lessons & Carols Service

NO 10:30 SERVICE

4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service
(Rev. Dr. Brent Klein)

10:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion (Rev. Dr. Brent Klein)

**Monday, Christmas Day,
December 25**

9:00 AM - Christmas Day service with Holy
Communion
(Rev. Dr. Armand J. Boehme)

**Regular Services on
December 30 & 31, 2023**

5:30 PM - Saturday Worship

8:00 & 10:30 AM - Regular Sunday
Worship Services

NO NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

*Christmas Eve 8:00, Christmas Eve Family and
Christmas Day services will be broadcast on KDHL
(920 AM) and live streamed.*