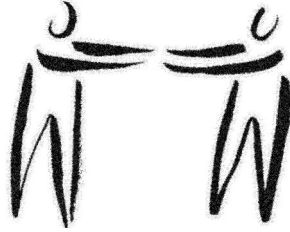


COMMUNITY

Ponderings at the End of a Day — or Year

Dutch Catholic priest and theologian Henri Nouwen found it useful to reflect on several questions at the end of the day: “Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing?” Pondering such questions may prove valuable at the end of a year as well: “How did I contribute to peace in the world this past year? Did I bring smiles to others’ faces? Did I offer words of healing?” Nouwen continued, and we can too: “Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?”



Many of us set New Year’s resolutions for self-improvement, asking, “What are my goals? How can I better myself, my weight, my work-life balance, my habits?” But Nouwen said of his self-inquiry: “These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and [in] the life to come.” His resolution was to share God’s love with others. With God’s help, it can be ours as well, for each new day and each new year.

December 2023
The NEWSLETTER Newsletter

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (30 th)	5:30	Worship Service (C)
Sun. (31 st)	8:00	Worship Service (C)
	10:30	Worship Service (C)
Mon. (1 st)		New Year’s Day Church Office Closed FLS - No School
Tue. (2 nd)		FLS - No School
	8:30	Staff Mtg.
	9:00	Bible Study
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
Wed. (3 rd)		FLS - School Resumes
	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	2:30	New Perspective (C)
	4:00	Pleasant View Estates (C)
	5:30	Connection Party (Schafer’s)
	5:30	Confirmation Class
	6:00	Handbells
Thu. (4 th)	11:30	Prayer Group
Fri. (5 th)	8:00	Men’s Bible Study
	11-5:00	Blood Drive
	11:40-3:30	FLS (Church Kitchen)
Sat. (6 th)		Epiphany
	8:00	Un-decorating of the Church
	3:30	Marriage Counseling
	5:30	Worship Service
Sun. (7 th)	8:00	Worship Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Study
	9:15	Sunday School
	9:15	Parent Bible Study (Nursery)
	9:20	Youth Bible Study
	10:30	Connection Service (C)
	11:30	Congregational Potluck (FH)
	1:30-3:30	Bible Bowl Practice

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



Trinity News of the Week

December 30 & 31, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 1/1: Psalm 72:1-11	Thu. 1/4: Matthew 2:1-12
Tue. 1/2: Isaiah 60:1-6	Fri. 1/5: Romans 6:1-11
Wed. 1/3: Ephesians 3:1-12	Sat. 1/6: Mark 1:4-11

FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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 or email donations@flsweb.org.

FLS - there will be NO school on Monday and Tuesday, January 1 & 2. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3.



Sunday School will resume on January 7 at 9:15 a.m.

Bible Bowl for all 7th-12th graders begins Sunday, January 7 at 1:30 p.m. See Phil Simonson to join!

EVANGELISM

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

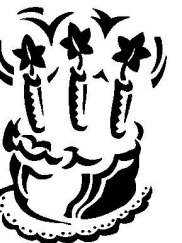
Verna Bahl; Donna Babcock; Diane Bauernfeind; Gloria Cloutier; Dave Geyer; Andrew Hein; Lowell Hetletvedt; Lee Koopmans; Chuck LaCroix; Marilyn Nelson; Mertice Reck; Lorraine Roemhildt; Scott Rost; Ray Sanders; Shari Schreck; Diane Schultz; Barb Young

Prayers for the family & friends of Winston Evenson, father of LeAnn (Curt) Fuchs, who passed away Friday, December 22. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 30.



The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Todd Bursch, whose birthday would have been celebrated on January 1, by his parents, Harvey & Sharon Bursch.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Ray Sanders (95th birthday) & Mary Ann Sanders (90th birthday) and Marge Wilkowske (88th birthday), celebrating their birthdays on December 30.



- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

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Worship Broadcasts: Radio (KDHL 920 AM) Sunday at 8:00am

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

Address: 530 4th St. NW Phone: (507) 331-6579 Trinity website: www.trinityfaribault.org

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

FELLOWSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK

Sunday, January 7, 2024
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall



Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of great food and fellowship. If you aren't able to cook that day, come anyway, there will be lots of good food to share. Bring a friend! Drinks, dishes and silverware will be provided.

Grab your kids and your Nerf guns and get ready to have some fun. We will be having a Nerf battle on January 28 in the gym. This is a family event. Kids should not be dropped off! Elementary kids will meet from 1:30-3:00. Middle and High school aged kids will meet from 3:30-5:00. Bring your water bottle, your Nerf gun (labeled), and your needed ammo. If you do not have a Nerf gun, we will have a couple extra to share.



We will be having Game Night on Saturday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is a great time for families of all ages to come play games together. You can bring a favorite game or come and try something new. Bring a snack to share if you want or just come and enjoy. This is not a drop off event - bring the whole family!



HUMAN CARE

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.

As inflation and rents increase, many people are struggling to pay for basic necessities. Please consider donating to the Trinity Human Care Fund. All donations help those in need in our congregation and the Faribault community.



December 31 "While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God's earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of natural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don't deserve and more than you could imagine."

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans
For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Thank you to everyone who supported the Soup Supper on Dec. 20. The 6th grade confirmation class was able to raise \$513 to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Shelf.

STEWARDSHIP



January 2024 Newsletters are now available. Please be sure to read it online on our website or take home a printed copy from the Narthex today.

STATISTICS

Attendance General Fund Receipts

<i>(Weekend Services, December 23 & 24)</i>	
102 <i>(note: no 10:30 service)</i>	\$7,863
<i>(Special Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services)</i>	
419	\$9,014

Weekly budgetary needs in 2023: \$14,171

Please note that this is the budgetary needs, not the actual expenses. Actual expenses are depicted in the monthly graph.

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.

The Installation of our Board Members (LLB, FLS Brd. and 2nd Century) and our Elders will be held on Sunday, January 14 during the 8:00 a.m. service. Hope you can join us then!



At the Voters' Meeting on Monday, December 18, Trinity congregation voted to extend a Call to Rev. Peter Gueldner to serve as our Intentional Interim Pastor. Rev. Gueldner is currently serving at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Blaine, Minnesota.

Rev. Gueldner has said in his acknowledgment letter that he will formally send his decision the first Sunday in January. Please continue to pray for God's will to be done as we await his decision.

Please come and help with the removal of the Christmas decorations at Trinity on Saturday, January 6 beginning at 8:00 a.m.



Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas Poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary this year. Please be sure to take home your poinsettias following the 10:30 service this Sunday (December 31).



Please do not take the drip trays. The church reuses them.

**The Church Office will be CLOSED
Monday, January 1, 2024**

Note: There will be NO New Year's Day service.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
2 Corinthians 5:17