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OUR SOURCE OF LIGHT



January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God's Son is the Light of the whole world.

Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:



Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from You. Your fire surpasses all fire, because Your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of Your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, Your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved You to enlighten me with Your truth? The fire of Your love was the reason. You loved me so much that You could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which You have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet You assure me that the love which You put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving Your gift. What more perfect Father could there be!

—Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].

—Jason Gaboury, campus minister in New York City

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52 Week Bible Reading Plan

Have you ever tried to read straight through the Bible and ended up stopping because it got hard to read the genealogies for days or prophecies against the nations around Israel? Well, this plan might be great for you. It is a one-year plan that breaks the Bible into several different Genres: Epistles, The Law, History, Psalms, Poetry, Prophecy, and Gospels. Each day of the week you read a different Gen-



re. The method reading gives a lot of variety each week but it might not be for everyone. Since you are only reading a particular book of the Bible 1 day a week it takes 8 weeks to get through 1 Corinthians. This could make it difficult for some to follow the flow of Paul's letter. However, for those who like variety and are good at tracking from week to week where they left off, this reading plan could be a perfect fit.

	Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
<i>Week</i>	<i>(Sunday)</i>	<i>(Monday)</i>	<i>(Tuesday)</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>	<i>(Thursday)</i>	<i>(Friday)</i>	<i>(Saturday)</i>
1	<u>December 31</u> Romans 1-2	<u>January 1</u> Genesis 1-3	<u>2</u> Joshua 1-5	<u>3</u> Psalms 1-2	<u>4</u> Job 1-2	<u>5</u> Isaiah 1-6	<u>6</u> Matthew 1-2
2	<u>7</u> Romans 3-4	<u>8</u> Genesis 4-7	<u>9</u> Joshua 6-10	<u>10</u> Psalms 3-5	<u>11</u> Job 3-4	<u>12</u> Isaiah 7-11	<u>13</u> Matthew 3-4
3	<u>14</u> Romans 5-6	<u>15</u> Genesis 8-11	<u>16</u> Joshua 11-15	<u>17</u> Psalms 6-8	<u>18</u> Job 5-6	<u>19</u> Isaiah 12-17	<u>20</u> Matthew 5-7
4	<u>21</u> Romans 7-8	<u>22</u> Genesis 12-15	<u>23</u> Joshua 16-20	<u>24</u> Psalms 9-11	<u>25</u> Job 7-8	<u>26</u> Isaiah 18-22	<u>27</u> Matthew 8-10
5	<u>28</u> Romans 9-10	<u>29</u> Genesis 16-19	<u>30</u> Joshua 21-24	<u>31</u> Psalms 12-14	<u>February 1</u> Job 9-10	<u>February 2</u> Isaiah 23-28	<u>February 3</u> Matthew 11-13

SERVING TRINITY & FLS

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

For after hour emergencies, please contact:

Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

James Boldt
(LLB Chair)

Un-Decorating the Church

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School children presented their Christmas service on Saturday, December 9 at 5:30 p.m. The service was entitled "Unto to Us a Child is Born" and focused on Isaiah 9:6.



For our Sunday School mission project, the children used their offering money to purchase Christmas gifts for two people from the Angel Tree. In January they will choose their mission projects for the remainder of the year.

Sunday School resumes on January 7. We welcome any new and familiar families to our Bible activities. The gift of God's Word is a gift that lasts a lifetime! Continue to daily pass that gift to your children and grandchildren.



GRANDPARENTING

Grand Monday nights, a Monday night zoom webinar for parents hosted by Legacy Coalition will continue in January. Topics in January include:



JANUARY 8, 2024

Global Grandparenting Mosaic
Tim Robertson, Director of Global Partnership

JANUARY 15, 2024

A Legacy of Freedom
Valerie Ellery, Founder of Creating Strategic Readers, Inc.

Trinity's grandparenting session will be on Monday, January 15 at 7 pm. Topic will be of viewers' choice.



FAMILY MINISTRY

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.

BETHLEHEM INN

Bethlehem was a success.

We served over 125 people at two performances. We look forward to doing it again next year. Be sure to invite a friend. This is a great opportunity for outreach.

*"God is not out there or back there or yet to be,
but hidden in the most ordinary things of
our ordinary lives."*

—Sallie McFague

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			

- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.



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



Happy New Year! I am sure that you have heard that many times over the past few days, however, what a great thing to hear. It is a reminder that we can start fresh and set new goals for the year. Each and every day we all set goals for ourselves. For some it may be as simple as go grocery shopping and for others it may be to fix the broken drain in the shower. Whatever your daily goals are, they are more manageable to be accomplished because they are short term. To set year goals is always something that is a little tricky. This is because it is a marathon to finish that goal instead of a sprint. So when setting year goals, I try to remind myself to find a community to check in with on the goal and to also remind myself it will get done over time.

Often times I have goals set for the school year that may take all year long. However, to have a community that supports FLS makes these goals easier to accomplish. One goal that has been in the back of my mind since becoming the administrator is to connect the association churches with school families that do not have a home congregation. And while this has always been a goal of mine to accomplish, this is not only my goal for the school but a personal goal this year - to be more intentional about making connections with one another. I would love to have members from both congregations give ideas on how they would be able to help in reaching this goal. It is no small sprint, but a marathon that will have an impactful finish.

January is a big month for FLS and other Lutheran schools as we are celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week. This year it will be held the week of January 22. We will kick off the week at a combined church service on Sunday, January 21 at Peace Lutheran during the 10:30AM service. Students will be singing in church that morning. Throughout the week students and staff will participate in dress-up days, daily devotions, an assembly with a juggler, and the annual Souper Bowl on Friday, January 26. The soup competition will begin at 5:30PM!

Chrysteena Saehler
 FLS Administrator

JOINT PEACE-TRINITY-FLS WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 21
10:30 a.m.
at Peace Lutheran Church

Note that there will be NO 10:30 a.m. service at Trinity that Sunday. Please join us at Peace Lutheran for the special NLSW kickoff service.

J.O.Y. (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

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

We have a really good one, I heard they're taking bets,

With a **speaker demonstrator from Believet**, who **trains service dogs for Vets.**

On **Tuesday, January 23**, we'll start the year off with a boon,

Meeting in the **Fellowship Hall at 1:00** in the afternoon.

After learning from the program, here's advice, or a friendly tip,

We'll have a **Free Will Offering**, also **coffee, dessert, and fellowship.**

So plan to come, **sign up**, I think that you know where;

A time we'll have, I'm pretty sure, that it will be more than fair.



Happy January Birthday!

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

1/31 **Lowell Hetletvedt**
843 Faribault Rd. Apt. 322
Faribault, MN 55021

We thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members. Say a kind word, offer a prayer or send a card!

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

Roger Koopmans (1/5), Bob Wegner (1/5),

Gene Trench (1/8), Carolyn Cross **[80th!]** (1/9)

Marlene Ress (1/14), Shirley Rost (1/16),

Mary Ann Fulton (1/20) **[New Member - 643 Maple Lawn Ave, Faribault, MN 55021]**

Dorothy Mathias (1/20)

WOMEN'S GATHERING AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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.

Note: This will be in lieu of our January 18 Women In Mission meeting.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV  <u>Church Office</u> <u>Closed</u> <u>FLS No School</u>	2 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <u>FLS No School</u>	3 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 <u>FLS School</u> <u>Resumes</u>	4 11:30 Prayer Group	5 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11-5:00 Blood Drive 11:40-3:30 FLS (Church Kitchen) 	6 8:00 Undecorating of the church 5:30 Worship <u>FLS Brd of</u> <u>Directors Retreat</u> 
7 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c 11:30 Congregational Potluck (FH) 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	8 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)	9 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2-2:45 Violin lessons (MR) 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Mtg.	10 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Handbells	11 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 5:30-8:00 AHG (MR, Gym, N, After school care) 7:00 Dartball (Trinity- Fellowship Hall)	12 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:40-3:30 FLS (Church Kitchen)	13 5:30 Worship -c
14 8:00 Worship -c Installation of Officers 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Worship 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	15 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 Grand Monday Night (Music Rm) <u>Martin Luther King</u> <u>Jr. Day- No School</u>	16 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 1:30 Women In Mission (Peace) 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2-2:45 Violin lessons (MR) 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	17 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Connection	18 11:30 Prayer Group	19 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:40-3:30 FLS (Church Kitchen) 6:30 AHG Setup <u>Newsletter</u> <u>Deadline</u>	20 9-3:30 AHG Faith Retreat (FH, MR, Gym, N, After school) 5:30 Worship
21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 NLSW Joint Service at Peace 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl	22 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 2nd Century (Conference Rm) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off-site) <u>Parent Drive Day</u>	23 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 1-3:00 JOY (FH) 2-2:45 Violin lessons (MR) 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café National Lutheran	24 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Handbells 6:00 Connection	25 11:30 Prayer Group 5:30-8:00 AHG (FH, MR, Gym, N, After school care)	26 8:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30-7:00 Souper Bowl (Gym)	27 8-9:30 Basketball Camp (Gym) 3-5:00 Nerf Homeschool Event (Gym) 5:30 Worship -c 6:30-8:30 Game Night (FH)
28 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection 1:30-3:30 Bible Bowl 1:30-5:00 Nerf Event	29 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV	30 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2-2:45 Violin lessons (MR) 3:30 Sunday Wor- ship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 5:30 2025 National Youth Gathering Info Mtg. 7:00 Property Brd	31 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir Practice			



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Installation of our Elders, Lay Leadership Board, FLS Board, and 2nd Century Trust Fund Board members, will be held Sunday, January 14, 2024, during the 8:00 a.m. service. Thank you for serving!

Lay Leadership Board:

- ◆ Barbara Beatty (*re-elected*) (*Secretary*)
- ◆ Jeff Blume (*Chair*)
- ◆ Jim Boldt
- ◆ Deb Malmanger
- ◆ Mitch Miller (*re-elected*) (*Vice chair*)
- ◆ Penny Reichert (*re-elected*)

FLS Board (Trinity members):

- ◆ Howard Bode
- ◆ Sara Hewitt
- ◆ Anna Meyer (*re-elected*)
- ◆ Angela Swanson (*re-elected*)

Elders:

- ◆ Curt Becher
- ◆ Steve Denninger
- ◆ Wayne Meyer
- ◆ Mark Prieve
- ◆ Mark Quinlan
- ◆ Brad Twedt

2nd Century Board:

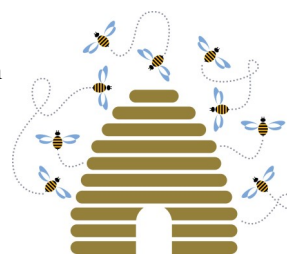
- ◆ Joanne Cross
- ◆ Bob Sommers
- ◆ Brad Twedt
- ◆ Carol Vikla (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Neal Weeg

Special thanks for previously serving:

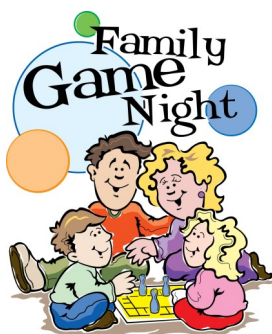
- ◆ Barbara Beatty (2nd Century)
- ◆ Steve Mullenex (LLB)

Beehive:

This modern symbol represents the church and its many, varied "workers." A multitude of people, each with different tasks and gifts, works to build up the body of Christ. Often, nine bees are pictured near the hive to represent the nine fruits of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23).



GAME NIGHT



We will be having Game Night on Saturday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30. 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!

DARTBALL

Join us on January 11 as we host this month's Dartball. Enjoy fun and fellowship in this night of light hearted competition and coffee and snacks afterwards. Please bring a dessert to pass. Games start at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 11. Any questions contact Brian Fuchs.



Trinity Lutheran Church
2023 Annual Congregational Voter's Meeting Minutes
6:30 PM, Monday, November 27, 2023

1. Meeting called to order with opening prayer led by LLB Chairman Jim Boldt
2. Faribault Lutheran School Budget presented by Chrysteena Saehler – FLS Administrator
 - a. Current school year enrollment is 136
 - b. Accreditation recently earned with score of 2.7 of 3, 90%
 - c. 74,058 raised so far for gym project, goal is about \$350,000
 - d. 2023 – 2024 budget includes -50,233 deficit
 - e. Funding request of 3% increase from Trinity
 - f. Howard Bode – Chairman, recognized work of FLS board members
 - g. Sarah Hewitt – (coordinates marketing) explained brochure, stats, achievement, etc.
 - i. Jim motioned to approve the TLC 3% increase for support of FLS, seconded by Larry Twedt, motion carried
3. Elections
 - a. Second Century Trust Fund – one 5-year term
 - i. Carol Vikla nominated by Barbara Beatty
 - ii. Jim motioned to approve the nomination, all in favor, elected
 - b. Lay Leadership Board – three 3-year terms
 - i. Barb Beatty (incumbent) – no nominations, all in favor, elected
 - ii. Mitch Miller (incumbent) - no nominations, all in favor, elected
 - iii. Penny Reichert (incumbent) – no nominations, all in favor, elected
 - c. Faribault Lutheran School Board – two 3-year terms
 - i. Anna Meyer (incumbent) – no nominations, all in favor, elected
 - ii. Angie Swanson (incumbent) - no nominations, all in favor, elected
4. Approval of 2024 Goals
 - a. Reach out to members who may not have returned since Covid pandemic, post Covid push
 - b. Connect with community by advertising TLC events more via newspaper, radio, social media, etc.
 - c. Recruit new volunteers with time & talent questionnaires
 - d. Invite FLS students to sing during services on a regular schedule
 - i. Roger Wilkowske motioned to approve, seconded by Jeff Blume, all in favor, motion carried
5. Second Century Trust Fund Financial
 - a. Review of general policies and guidelines (mostly verbiage) Bob Sommers – Chairman
 - b. Section B clarified regarding event of vacancy on board
 - c. Appendix A reviewed detailing fund categories and availability (mostly verbiage)
 - i. Motion by Carl Vollbrecht to approve general policies and guidelines and appendix A, seconded by Randy Helbling, approved
 - d. Annual report financials presented by Barb Beatty
 - i. Thrivent mutual funds designated for church building, equipment etc.
 - ii. Multiple miscellaneous accounts were dissolved or consolidated as appropriate
6. Trinity Lutheran Church budget for 2024 – Bill Kirkpatrick
 - a. Budget of \$720,160 assumes Senior Pastor is called, (no associate Pastor)
 - b. Major differences from 2023:
 - i. Pastor salary
 - ii. Staff benefits
 - iii. FLS support increases 3%
 - iv. Maintenance/repairs increased about \$5,000
 - v. Rental home mortgage paid off (414 5th Ave.)
 - vi. Jim motioned to approve the 2024 Fiscal budget, seconded by Rick Schafer, budget approved

Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Roger Wilkowske
Closing prayer led by Jim

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Reichert
LLB Secretary

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - DECEMBER 2023

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Thursday, December 12, 2023**

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

1. Opening prayer led by Jim
 2. FLS report
 - a. Safety film application to some windows/doors will be completed by mid-December
 - b. Accreditation earned with a score of 2.7 of 3.0
 - c. FLS Christmas Service Dec. 19 at 6pm
 3. FOC Report
 - a. Year will end in the black due to only paying guest pastors vs. full time pastor salary
 - b. Discussion of possible stewardship drive once a pastor is in place
 4. Executive Committee nominations for 2024
 - a. Mitch motioned to nominate Jeff for chair, Deb seconded, approved, motion carried
 - b. Deb nominated Mitch as vice chair, seconded by Penny, approved, motion carried
 - c. Penny nominated Barb for secretary, seconded by Deb, approved, motion carried
 - d. FOC includes Mitch and Deb
 - e. Executive committee includes Jim, Jeff, and Mitch
 5. Update Merger/Peace Discussions
 - a. Enlist the initial consulting services of David Raymond, spend up to \$1,000 with 50/50 shared cost with Peace (service in phases, no contract)
 - b. Mitch motioned to approve, seconded by Deb, approved, motion carried
 6. LLB member vacancy
Possible candidates appointment discussion, review in January
 7. Discussion Forum meeting/Pastor Wismar/Interim Pastor Candidate
Jeff motioned to present one name, Pastor Peter Gueldner, to the congregational voter's meeting Dec. 18th, seconded by Barb, approved, motion passed
 8. Intentional Interim Pastor Goals
 - a. Guide Trinity Lutheran Church through the ongoing merger process with Peace Lutheran
 - b. Foster a spirit of unity at Trinity
 - c. Intentionally address stewardship in the congregation around the three 'T's of Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure with an emphasis on volunteer opportunities
 - d. Build stronger relationships between staff and the congregation that encourages and equips the congregation for the work of ministry
 - e. Assist with the annual goals of Trinity
 - i. Reach out to members who may not have returned since Covid pandemic
 - ii. Connect with community by advertising TLC events more via newspaper, radio, social media, etc.
 - iii. Recruit new volunteers with time & talent questionnaires
 - iv. Invite FLS students to sing during services on a regular schedule
 9. Calendar items
 - a. LLB meeting Jan. 9, 2024 at 6:30pm
 10. Meeting adjourned
- Closing prayer led by Jim

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Reichert
LLB Secretary

NOVEMBER 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 (November 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	14	11	2
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	9	0	28	26	5	4	~

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0 Adult-Confirmed: Patrick McGannon

Released/Removed: Lee Engquist

Transfers Out: Kevin & Sheila Kreger

Transfer In: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Gary Miner

Notes: Pastors -12 weekend services, 1 Thanksgiving Eve, 1 Funeral
Pastors taught 4 Confirmation Classes & 4 Adult Confirmation Classes,
Pastors taught 3 Sunday Bible Studies



Rev. Gatluk Reat November Report:
*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran
Mission Church*

Worship Attendance
Week 1 – 18; Week 2 – 25; Week 4 – 46

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



GIVE BLOOD—SAVE LIVES

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.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting Red-CrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . .

THE CHIEF STEWARDS OF HUMANITY: MOM AND DAD

St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the first commandment with a specific promise attached to it is, “Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the land” (Eph. 6:2). This promise is one indication of the importance of this commandment. The other thing that highlights the special nature of this commandment is its placement within the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are clearly organized in two big categories. The first three commandments deal with our relationship with God. This category is called the First Table of the Law. The last seven commandments, the Second Table of the Law, tell us how we should relate to other people. These two tables correspond to what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37–39).

The order of the Second Table of the Law is also important. Murder is a greater sin than adultery, which is a greater sin than stealing, or lying, or coveting. But why is the Fourth Commandment first in the Second Table, ahead of “you shall not murder”? Is disobeying your parents really worse than murder? Or maybe we should give up on thinking these commandments are ordered?

The overall effect of this order is to get us to see our parents as a connection point between our neighbors and our God. Throughout our upbringing our father and mother stand between us and God and deliver His gifts to us: God clothes us, feeds us, protects us and teaches His Word to us through our parents.

So, parents have a very high calling from God. They are called to be stewards of the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Parenting thus gives us a keen insight into all our stewardship. Parents know that they have been given a great treasure in their children, a treasure that does not belong to them, yet for which they feel a great deal of responsibility. Truth be told, every gift we have been given is like this, because everything we have — whether our own personal skills and powers or our wealth and time — is all from God. He entrusts it all to us so that we can use it all and take care of it all for His great purposes.

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*Honor your father
and your mother, so
that your days may
be long ...*

Exodus 20:12, NRSV

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GREETINGS FROM CAMP OMEGA

SUMMER CAMP

Registrations will begin soon. Our summer sessions can fill up quickly so please pass along the word. Schedule your children to attend Camp Omega... sooner the better (Campomega.org)

Summer Counselors are being recruited also--please apply!

OMEGA PLUNGE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

First year being held at Camp Omega. Create a plunging TEAM, dress up a bit, gather a few pledges/sponsors, and have the time of your life! Arrange for your youth group to Plunge, and we will split 50-50 with you. Great fundraiser for Youth Gatherings. If you don't plunge - pledge! More info coming soon.

MEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP OMEGA MARCH 15-16, 2024

We have had great male bonding and spiritual growth at the last two Retreats. Please put this in your calendar. Approximately \$110 cost, great meals, well organized! Register online or visit with Russ Schwichtenberg.



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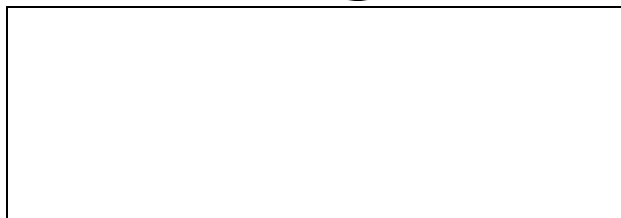
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POTLUCK DINNER

Drinks, dishes and silverware will be provided.