



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM OUR PASTOR *Pastor Gueldner*

**T**he weather in Minnesota this year has been somewhat strange and out of character. Those who enjoy winter sports and others who make their living off of snowfall, have been disappointed. Things seem so topsy-turvy.

Many of us, including the gardeners, had resolved that winter was over and we started to embrace spring on March 19<sup>th</sup>. God had a different answer. As I write this message to you, snowflakes were coming down outside the church office on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Life has been so topsy-turvy this year.

One thing I know and cherish is that God's plan of salvation is unchanging throughout the generations of man. The time of Holy Week may change each year but the message that is presented to us is timeless.

I often wonder how you and I would have reacted to the death of Jesus if you and I lived in the first century instead of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. You and I get to look back in time and marvel at the events that unfolded. I often wonder at the emotions surrounding the disciples of Jesus.

Jesus and His followers are coming down from Bethphage singing praises to the Son of David. The emotions are in high gear. For, they were proclaiming Him as the Messiah. The man-made expectations of triumph over the physical enemies of Israel were strong.

We, too, sing our praises to the Son of David our Savior on Palm Sunday, but we reserve our greatest praise until Easter. Unbeknownst to the disciples and followers of Jesus their emotions would be turned upside down as our weather has been this year.

Holy Week is a time of year for us to be reminded of all that Christ went through as our Messiah. Holy Week reminds us of the great sufferings of Jesus and the emotions and actions of the disciples during that same week.

I can't imagine the emotional rollercoaster that the disciples experienced in that week. The first day of the week was an emotional high celebrating this joyous entry parade. On Thursday evening things changed drastically after the institution of the Lord's Supper. Right before their very eyes, Jesus was arrested, later tried, and convicted to death. They hit bottom; on Friday evening, Jesus the Messiah was dead. What now?

God, who was ever in charge, provided the answer three days later. The women had gone out to the grave of Jesus expecting their final funeral preparations. The disciples were in emotional turmoil, scared of the Jewish leadership. When news came that Jesus arose from the grave, it was hard to believe. Despite an unexpected snowfall in Minnesota recently, the crocus flower of spring reminds us that new life is coming. The resurrection of Jesus from the grave on Easter morning is even greater. By Grace God brings us new life through Christ.

Come walk through the scriptures again this year. Feel the intense emotions of the first century followers of Jesus. Never forget that when Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, His sacrifice was for you too.

On Easter morning we share those familiar words given to us by the angels, "He has arisen." By faith in Jesus as your Messiah, your sins have been forgiven. One day that will all be revealed to you with eternal life. Your emotions should run high for Christ Jesus our Lord has opened the way to heaven for us. Come celebrate the beginning of your new life in Him. Amen.

~ Pastor Gueldner



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**SERVING TRINITY & FLS**

- Rev. Peter Gueldner,  
Intentional Interim Pastor
- 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

**PRESSED**



**G**ethsemane, the name of the place where Jesus prayed before His betrayal, is an Aramaic word for “olive press.” During Bible times, olives were pressed three times to remove all the valuable oil. Before being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full pressing weight of our sins on His shoulders. Surrounded by olive trees, praying fervently while sweating drops of blood, the perfect Son of God asked His heavenly Father three times to remove the cup of suffering.

Instead of removing that trial, God used it to redeem and save humankind. Likewise, God uses our hardships to refine and strengthen our faith.

“All of us must be vigilant to watch and pray so that we don’t succumb to the temptation to deny the Lord when we go through the olive presses of life and feel like we are being crushed by our situation and circumstances,” the authors write. “We must remember that it is the crushing that brings out the true inner value and worth of the olive.”

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**Why it's the 'Good' Book**

“The whole of the inspiration of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ and the lessons of the Prophets. To read the Bible for these fundamentals is a necessity of American life.”  
-Herbert Hoover

***52 Week Bible Reading Plan***

	<b>Epistles</b>	<b>The Law</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>Poetry</b>	<b>Prophecy</b>	<b>Gospels</b>
<i>Week</i>	<i>(Sunday)</i>	<i>(Monday)</i>	<i>(Tuesday)</i>	<i>(Wednesday)</i>	<i>(Thursday)</i>	<i>(Friday)</i>	<i>(Saturday)</i>
14	<u>March 31</u> I Cor. 11-12	<u>April 1</u> Exodus 1-4	<u>2</u> I Sam. 16-20	<u>3</u> Psalms 39-41	<u>4</u> Job 27-28	<u>5</u> Jeremiah 7-11	<u>6</u> Mark 7-8
15	<u>7</u> I Cor. 13-14	<u>8</u> Exodus 5-8	<u>9</u> I Sam. 21-25	<u>10</u> Psalms 42-44	<u>11</u> Job 29-30	<u>12</u> Jer. 12-16	<u>13</u> Mark 9-10
16	<u>14</u> I Cor. 15-16	<u>15</u> Exodus 9-12	<u>16</u> I Sam. 26-31	<u>17</u> Psalms 45-47	<u>18</u> Job 31-32	<u>19</u> Jer. 17-21	<u>20</u> Mark 11-12
17	<u>21</u> II Cor. 1-3	<u>22</u> Exodus 13-16	<u>23</u> II Sam. 1-4	<u>24</u> Psalms 48-50	<u>25</u> Job 33-34	<u>26</u> Jer. 22-26	<u>27</u> Mark 13-14
18	<u>28</u> II Cor. 4-5	<u>29</u> Exodus 17-20	<u>30</u> II Sam. 5-9	<u>May 1</u> Psalms 51-53	<u>May 2</u> Job 35-36	<u>May 3</u> Jer. 27-31	<u>May 4</u> Mark 15-16

## FAITH LEGACY - APRIL SESSION

***Do you remember getting your first Bible? Remember the excitement of having your very own Bible filled with stories to read and passages to learn?***

On April 28, during the Sunday Bible class hour (9:30-10:15), we will be offering "The First Bible" class for *parents* of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**Students** who attend these classes will receive a free Bible of their own.

**Parents** who attend the class session will learn to:

- Have family devotions with their child.
- Use the Bible in personal devotions.
- Better understand how to use the Bible.
- Speak a blessing while presenting a Bible.



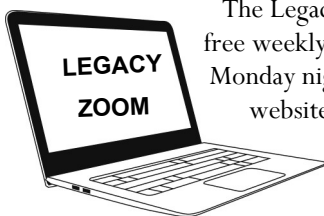
In this session, the student will receive their Bible and learn how it is organized. Parents, grandparents and godparents are invited to attend and share their favorite Bible passages with the student. The student will then have the opportunity to find and mark these favorite passages in their own Bible.

Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will receive a letter of invitation in the mail.

On March 17, 3 sets of parents with 2-year-olds presented their child with their first picture Bible at the 10:30 service.

### GRANDPARENTING SESSIONS

**O**ur grandparents met on March 12 to view a video on human trafficking. On **April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**, we will view a video by Kirk Cameron on How Grandparents Can Fight for Our Future Generations in Today's Culture War.



The Legacy Coalition offers free weekly Zoom sessions on Monday nights through their website. These are some of the sessions being offered for April:

#### APRIL 1, 2024

How to Help Grandchildren Develop a Biblical Worldview

Josh Mulvihill, Executive Director of Church and Family Ministry at Renewation

#### APRIL 8, 2024

TBA

John Trent and daughter Cari, Author of *The Blessing* and Founder of Strong Families

If you cannot watch them on Mondays, the sessions are archived and can be viewed later through the website.

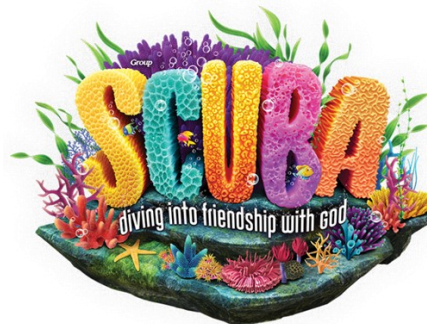
### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**O**n March 11, Sunday School students and their families made resurrection rolls and talked about prayer. Faith benchmarks on prayer were distributed. Families also went on a Lenten photo Scavenger Hunt, looking for clues that told the Lenten/Easter story.

On March 24, Sunday School students sang and processed with palms at the 10:30 service.

On April 14, the Sunday School children will sing at the 10:30 service.

The Sunday school students have decided to use their offering money to buy a share of an alpaca and to purchase a piglet for a needy family overseas. They have already reached their goal and plan to purchase more shares to buy a complete alpaca!



**VBS plans  
are  
underway!**

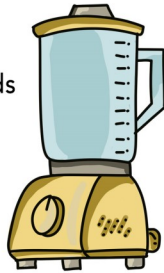
**2024 VBS, Scuba, is August 4-8. Preparations are beginning for this exciting event! Contact Nancy Simonson if you are interested in helping with this event.**

**SOMETHING OLD,  
Something New**

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

**What you need:**

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



**What you do:**

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



**PLANT, WATER, GROW**

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.*

KEY

- = God
- = seed
- = planted
- = watered
- = grow
- = one
- = anything
- = only

I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, Apollos \_\_\_\_\_ it,

but \_\_\_\_\_ has been making it \_\_\_\_\_.

So neither the \_\_\_\_\_ who plants nor the

\_\_\_\_\_ who waters is \_\_\_\_\_,

but \_\_\_\_\_, who makes things \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow



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**Theme 2023-2024:**  
**“CONNECTED”**  
 John 15:1-5



**Happy Spring from FLS,**

**A**pril brings on even more fun events for FLS. We are just coming back from our relaxing week off due to Spring Break.

The annual FLS Gala will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024. This year the Gala will be hosted at the Faribault Country Club, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a piece and will be on sale in the school office, at Trinity Lutheran Church, and Peace Lutheran Church. The ticket includes admission to the event, dinner, two drink tickets, and live music. This is the biggest fundraiser for the school and is a night full of fun from a silent auction to a live auction and games in between. In the past, the Gala has helped improve security at FLS and allowed us to get new stage curtains. We are continuing to raise money for the gymnasium campaign.

The K-2 play will be on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. This year the students will be performing “The Bear Went Over the Mountain.” The dress rehearsal will be on Thursday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Registration is in full swing at FLS, and we are currently still accepting students. It is refreshing to be able to share the news of Jesus with the students through the good and bad times that can happen throughout the school day. Students can apply the faith that they have gained from FLS and share it with those around them. See below for the number of openings we have within each grade level.

Kindergarten	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th/8th
8	6	3	3	11	15	11	5

Thank you to those who have supported our school, teachers, students, and families both financially and through prayer. The mission of FLS would not be possible without the support from everyone.

God’s blessings,

Chrysteena Saehler FLS  
 Administrator



## HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE LUTHER HOUSE?

In 2009 the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, Rochester, felt led by the Holy Spirit to assist their out-of-town brothers and sisters in Christ who were receiving medical care away from home. Primarily a ministry to members of the LCMS in good standing, the Luther House offers housing to families staying in Rochester while undergoing medical care. The units are offered free of charge, but donations from those who are able are gratefully accepted.

The Luther House first began in 2009 as one apartment behind Trinity. In 2014, they added a second apartment. The apartments were in a complex that needed to be demolished, so they moved the ministry to their former parsonage in 2022. They held a fund drive in 2022 to cover the cost of renovating the parsonage into the three units that they have today - Luther's Rose Room, Faith Suite and Grace Family Suite. It was then that the ministry, formerly called TLCare Ministry, was renamed Luther House.

Since July of 2022, Luther House has booked more than 200 reservations with more than 1,000 "unit nights." A unit night is accommodation that would have otherwise been made at a hotel. Free parking is also available on the Luther House grounds.

The Meintsma family was able to stay at the Lutheran House during Vern's surgery in February. Vern shared that the Luther House was very home-like, quiet, clean, and well-maintained. Everything they needed was there – bedding, towels, kitchen supplies, even Wi-Fi and basic cable. It was a true blessing for the Meintsma family to be able to stay in the beautiful unit for the 15 days Vern was in Rochester.

This year, Trinity, Rochester, is holding a second fund drive. The parsonage exterior is in need of tuck-pointing and repair. If you would like to help support this wonderful ministry to LCMS families undergoing medical treatment in Rochester, please consider sending a donation to the Luther House. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with Luther House on the memo line and mailed to 222 6th Ave. SW, Rochester, MN 55902. You may also donate online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZNO/home> (use the Luther House button).

If you are looking for availability at the Luther House, please call or email Tricia at 507-218-1531 or [lutherhouse@trinitylutheranchurch.org](mailto:lutherhouse@trinitylutheranchurch.org).



## LWML SPRING MISSION GATHERING



### Peace... Not as the World Gives

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*

*John 14:27*

**Women in Mission Gathering  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
803 Winona St., Northfield, MN**

8:30-9:15 a.m. Registration / Brunch  
\$10.00 includes Brunch  
9:30-11:30 a.m. Program

### **Ingathering / Gifts from the Heart**

Please help our Women in Mission collect items for the Food Shelf

Diapers sizes 5, 6, 7; Baby Wipes; Personal & Feminine Hygiene Products; Shampoo; Toothpaste; Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; Dish Soap; Laundry Soap; Cleaning Products

**Please place items in the basket in the narthex starting in April!**

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**W**e wish to offer a special, heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers at Trinity. You give generously of your time and talents in large ways and small!



There is no way that all of Trinity's wonderful volunteers can be mentioned here, nor can we list all the ways that volunteers help day after day. The ministry at Trinity is able to move forward sharing the Word of God within our congregation, Faribault Lutheran School, the community and the world because of the tireless work of volunteers like you!

*Thank you and God bless you all!*

### GAME NIGHT

**Mark Game Night on your calendar!**

**Saturday, April 27**

**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share or just show up for an evening of great fun and fellowship. Bring your family and friends; everyone is welcome!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<h1>2024</h1>	<b>1</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b>  <u>FLS - No School</u>  <u>Church Office Closed</u>	<b>2</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Spelling Bee (Sanctuary) 2-2:50 FLS (FH) 2-2:45 Violin lessons (MR) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	<b>3</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Adult Conf. Class <b>2:30 New Perspective -c</b> <b>4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c</b> 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>4</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 5:30-8:00 AHG (MR, Gym, N, FH)  <u>Pastor Out of Office</u>	<b>5</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:40-3:30 FLS (Church Kitchen)	<b>6</b> 8-5:30 Life Line Screening (Gym) <b>5:30 Worship</b>  <u>Bible Bowl Competition (Concordia)</u>	
	<b>7</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Parent Bible Study (Nursery) 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b>	<b>8</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 AHG Leaders' Meeting <b>7:00 Grand Monday Night (Music Rm)</b> 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study ( <i>off site</i> )	<b>9</b> 8:30 Staff Mtg. 9:00 Bible Study 2-2:50 FLS (FH) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <b>6:30 LLB Mtg.</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>1:00 Mill City -c</b> <b>4:00 Emeralds -c</b> 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>11</b> <b>8:30-1:00 WINKEL Pastors' Conf. (Trinity-Sanc. &amp; Fellowship H)</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 2:00 Human Care 6:30 FLS Brd. (Trinity)	<b>12</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 11:40-3:30 FLS (Church Kitchen) <b>6:00 FLS Gala (Golf &amp; Country Club)</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30-1:00 Merger Mtg. (Peace) 9:30-4:00 Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall) <b>5:30 Worship -c</b>
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## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - MARCH 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lay Leadership Board Minutes  
6:30 PM, Tuesday March 5, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Gueldner, Jeff Blume, Mitch Miller, Barb Beatty, Jim Boldt, Deb Malmanger, Penny Reichert, and Brian Fuchs  
Guests: Sara Hewitt and Chrysteena Saehler

Opening devotion and prayer led by Pastor Gueldner from a book entitled Autopsy of a Deceased Church.

Sara Hewitt gave an update on the Gymnasium project. Jeff will check FLS by-laws.

Faribault Lutheran School Report:

Registration for 2024-25 school year has begun. Winterim was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Visitors day will be Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade Musical will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter chapel money will go to Central American Lutheran Mission Society.

FOC report:

February income was better than last month but still lower than monthly expenses. Our expenses in March will be equal to our budget which is about \$60,000 The general balance is good so far.

Sudanese Ministry/Rev Reat:

Weekly attendance seems to be steady yet no financial support from his congregations. Pastor Reat will be gone for 6 weeks beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>. Any financial support for his family while he is gone would be appreciated.

Pastor report: The LLB along with Pastor Gueldner will be studying the book Organizing for Ministry and Mission.

2. Pastor has been approached by some congregational members about assistance to add Trinity to their wills. Kurt Fuhr can come from Lutheran Foundation to give a brief instructional presentation.
3. Rev Mark Moss would like to come June 8 & 9 to preach about Lutheran Heritage Foundation
4. Pastor would like to address stewardship needs in April and May sermons.

Property/Business Manager:

Mitch reported that the ceiling fans in church are being replaced.

The board moved into Executive Session

The board moved from Executive Session

Merger Discussion Update:

Merger committee was discussed. Deb moved and Mitch 2<sup>nd</sup> that Jeff Blume, Brian Fuchs and Jan Zierke be the representatives for Trinity on that committee. Motion carried.

Penny moved and Brian 2<sup>nd</sup> that Deb Malmanger be the alternate for committee meetings when one of them would not be able to attend. Motion carried. The consultant for the merger will be here in April.

Calendar items:

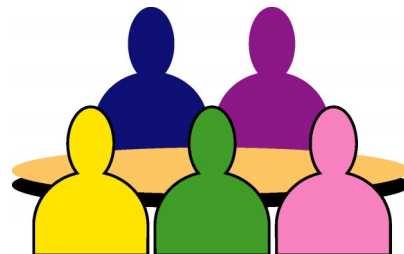
Next meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Jeff.

Closing prayer by Pastor Gueldner

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Beatty-LLB secretary



**LLB MEETING MINUTES**

## FEBRUARY 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 (February 2024).

	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
Interim Pastor	2	0	~	0	5	0	Sermon at 2 nursing home services with Jim Boldt		18	4	6
Vacancy/Guest Pastors	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	7	0
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	12	0	53	39	6	3	~

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Adult-Confirmed: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Transfer In: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Darlene Carlson

**Official Acts:**



**Rev. Gatluk Reat February Report:**

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran  
Mission Church*

**Worship Attendance**  
Week 1 – 30; Week 2 – 45;  
Week 4 – 38

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

**Notes:** Pastor Lane – 3 Confirmation Classes

Pastor Longshore – 4 Adult Confirmation Classes

Lay Members – 6 nursing home services, Curt Becher – three 6<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes

Pastor Gueldner – 12 weekend services, 3 Lenten midweek services; 1 funeral service, 2 nursing home services with Jim Boldt, 3 Adult Bible Study classes, 1 Adult Confirmation class, (~ numerous office visits)



### Happy April Birthday!

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

*“Youth is the gift of nature,  
but age is a work of art.”  
—Stanislaw Jerzy Lec*

4/3 **Mary Ann Young**  
66 Allen Path  
Faribault, MN 55021

4/29 **Kathryn Smith**  
401 Clausen Ave. SW  
Condo 2  
Bemidji, MN 56601

**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!

Judy Kratt (4/2), Jean Winkelman (4/3), Nancy Scherfenberg (4/6),  
LeRoy Rockman (4/18), Bev Paschke (4/19)

**From Your Financial Manager . . .**

**WHAT WE AT TRINITY DO FOR MISSIONS**



One of the major functions of a healthy church is outreach as proclaimed by Christ in the Gospel as the Great Commission: “Go therefore and teach all nations . . . .”. There are several ways churches do this, including community service and outreach, supporting our LCMS Synod, both nationally and at the District level, and supporting specific missions and groups of our own choosing.

The National (actually world-wide) Synod centered in St. Louis supports such things as LCMS missions, our seminaries, Christian literature and broadcasts, our LCMS pastors and teachers and a myriad of other things of great importance to us.

The Minnesota South District office in Burnsville supports our local area of the state covering such things as local church support (coordinating pastor and teacher callings and congregational internal issues), mission work in our area and other functions. Each year, we give \$59,000 or about 8.0% of all General Fund contributions to the National and District Synods.

But here at Trinity we also allocate money each year for missions of our own choosing. \$6,500 each year is sent out to a number of organizations and missionaries that are chosen twice per year by our Mission Committee. During the year, we receive hundreds of letters from organizations all over the world describing the ways they help others and how they would use our donations. The organizations we donate to must be either LCMS missionaries (usually in foreign countries) or missions that help people around the world (preferably Christians) with food, medical care or some kind of personal or spiritual support.

In this article I am listing the organizations chosen in 2023 that were given donations.

Concordia Seminary Adopt-a-Student	\$500 (\$1,000 in 2024, payable quarterly)
<i>(Please Read Separate Article in This Newsletter About This Mission on page 12)</i>	
Neal/Billie Jo Weeg family mission to Mexico in April, 2024	\$500
Our Daily Bread Ministries	\$500
POBLO International	\$500
Rev. Jason & Anna Steffenson - LCMS in Tanzania	\$500
Wasmund Family - LCMS, East Asia	\$500
Rev. David & Joyce Erber - LCMS, Ghana	\$500
Mission Central, LCMS - Gary Thies, Steve Schulz	\$500
Faith Comes By Hearing	\$500
Community Cathedral Café	\$500
American Bible Society, Bibles in China	\$500
Wounded Warrior Project	\$500
<u>LAMP - missions to Canada</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>

At this time, there are only two members in our Mission Committee, Phil Simonson and myself. We would love to have more people join us. It’s not difficult; we usually meet only twice per year and it gives a warm feeling to be helping out people in a direct sense all over the world. The committee plans to meet again in July and December of 2024 to distribute additional mission dollars to the needy.

*Bill Kirkpatrick*

## TRINITY SUPPORTS SEMINARY STUDENT

The Financial Manager article shows a list of mission relevant donations Trinity made in 2023. One of those was “Concordia Seminary Adopt-a-Student.” We are so short on pastors graduating from the seminary, as you no doubt know, there’s not enough to cover the needs of our LCMS churches. In the next few months, I’ll be writing an article on how we can help increase the number of seminary graduates by giving financial support to students.

But Trinity is actually starting now with our new connection to Concordia’s Adopt-a-Student. Each year, we give \$1,000 (in four quarterly payments) that is sent to a specific student. That student then becomes a “pen pal” to us, writing letters periodically on his progress. The letter below from Max and Haley Johnston is the first of our pen pal letters.

~Bill Kirkpatrick



*Max & Haley Johnston*

## SEMINARY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

Dear sponsors, family, and friends,

Thank you for your continued support of my seminary education and pastoral formation! I have just started the spring semester of my first year. The end of last semester ended well, and I got to spend some needed time at home with my family.

Following my time at home, I took a two-week intensive before the beginning of the spring semester called Conversational Greek. It was a joy to be challenged and learn how to speak Greek after all the years just learning to read it. It was challenging but overall a good time, and it gave me a noticed improvement in my Greek.

The spring semester has begun, and we are a few weeks in already. The pace of the classes has quickened, and we are moving along nicely. The slower introduction that we had last semester to start is not present this semester. The classes I am taking are: Creeds and Confessions, Homiletics, Pauline Epistles, and Pastor and Church in Mission.

This semester I also have started a new Resident Field Education Module at Intersect Arts Center. Intersect Arts Center is a non-profit art center and community-oriented space started by a Lutheran church in the inner city. I volunteer one afternoon a week helping with their after-school program. I play games with the kids, do art with them, talk with them, help them with their homework, and participate alongside them with whatever activity the teacher has planned for that afternoon.

Coming up this month I will be going on tour with the seminary choir Laudamus.

I thank God daily for your generous and continued support of me with your prayers, encouragement, and gifts. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Max and Haley Johnston  
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**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 DARLENE CARLSON:**

**Trinity General Fund**

\$100. by Larry Mestad

**IN MEMORY OF ELWOOD LIPS:**

**FLS Gymnasium**

\$25. by Howard Bode

**Human Care**

\$40. by a Friend

**Trinity General Fund**

\$100. by Franklin Hills Office Family

\$40. by Roger & Kathryn Kingsbury

**IN MEMORY OF ARLENE ROLF:**

**FLS Gymnasium**

\$25. by Howard Bode

\$20. by Dale & Theresa Kelm

**A Heavenly Focus**

“Why are not our hearts continually set on heaven?” asks 17th-century pastor and author Richard Baxter. Focusing on heaven stirs our faith, guards against temptation, eases suffering and makes us an encouragement to others, Baxter says. He urges: “Bend thy soul to study eternity, busy thyself about the life to come . . . and let not those thoughts be seldom and cursory, but bathe thyself in heaven’s delights.”

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**PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE AND THE MINISTRIES YOU CARE ABOUT:**

**May 19, 2024 at 9:15AM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault**

**A**t your baptism the Lord gave you the gift of life. He also placed in your heart the desire to be generous with the earthly blessings He shares with you. Lifetime Plan for Giving™ is a process offered by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Foundation to assist you in transferring the blessings God has given you to your family and favorite ministries in the most efficient manner.

**The Lifetime Plan for Giving Workshop will cover:**

- The important documents everyone should have before going to heaven.
- How the LCMS Foundation can assist you with preparing, or reviewing, a will or trust.
- Ensuring your estate is being transferred in a tax-wise manner, and in a manner which you intend.
- How giving plans are for everyone. Whether you are 18 or 98, we all possess gifts from God, and even the humblest gifts can make an impact.



**May 19, 2024 @ 9:15 AM**  
scan code to sign up:



**GO FIRST! MINISTRY WORKSHOP**

**P**lan now to spend time with your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ - learning and growing in your life of service. You are invited to experience the *encouragement* and *inspiration* of this **FREE** two-day event at Concordia Academy, Roseville (2400 Dale Street) - **April 19-20, 2024.**



Over 40 break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the *Go First!* areas: **Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach** or **Collaboration.**

**Registration is Free!**

To register, either: Use the QR code or Visit <https://www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative> and select the number of tickets needed.



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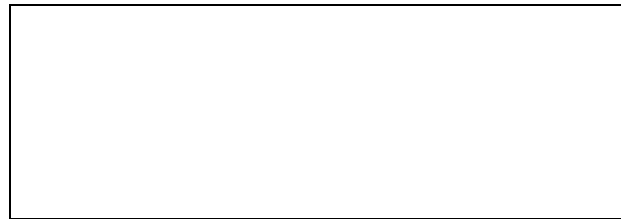
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# An Evening Around the World

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2024 | 6 P.M.

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# TICKETS \$50 EACH

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- Semi-Formal Dress
- Event will feature multiple buffet stations with various seating options
- All proceeds benefit FLS

Questions? Call the School Office, 507-334-7982.