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NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY PASTOR'S CORNER...

January 1st marks a great change in our country and in our church. As a nation, we take a day off to celebrate the New Year. At midnight on December 31st, we set aside the past year with its joys and its sufferings.

Why should we celebrate the New Year? What does it matter if I stay up and greet the New Year? It's going to come whether I want it or not! If I go to bed early, I can wake up as usual and be ready for the New Year.

I remember going to church with my parents on New Year's Eve. People today might think that was silly. But here is a thought worth considering. By going to church on New Year's Eve we were giving thanks for the things God had done for us in the past year. We were thanking God for His care and provision.

In the same token, we were asking for His blessing on our lives in the next year. We reminded each other of the promises of God. As His followers we understood that whatever the future would hold, Jesus would be there right beside us all the way

The Lutheran Service Book still holds a few New Year's hymns worth treasuring. They begin at 896 and close at 900. Each one is a great reminder of God's provision for us, not only for today and this year, but for all eternity.

Take a moment to remember the past year. When you do, look at your past fail-



ures, sufferings, and your plans that somehow didn't work out as you planned. Remember that in those times Jesus was walking with you and typically carrying your burdens for you.

In the same token, look at how many times you received undeserved and unexpected blessings from others. You will be amazed how many times God's love for you has shown through.

The Bible is chock full of life stories of the saints. We see their blatant sin, but we also see God's forgiveness. God will forgive our sins when we humble ourselves before Him. That man, woman, and child is granted salvation by faith in Jesus.

The Bible stands as a warning to others in this world. We get a glimpse of the mistakes of others who ignored the promises of God. We need God's word that feeds our souls.

What will 2025 look like for you this year? You will have some challenges and joys. I know from experience that life may not always turn out as you or I planned. I also know that when you turn your life over to Jesus, His plans are always better than you and I could have imagined.

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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
- Alexia Cates,
FLS Administrative
Secretary

JANUARY PASTOR'S CORNER CONTINUED...

As each year comes to a close, I get a chance to look back and reminisce about how God, through Jesus, took care of me and those around me.

Similarly, I can look into the future knowing that the love of my God, in Christ, has my best interests in mind. I can bank on Jesus keeping His promises for all eternity. For, He died carrying the burden of our sin and arose three days later to victory over sin, death, and the devil. The past is the story of God's provision for His people. The present and future is the hope of new things to come in Christ.

**"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope"
Jeremiah 29:11"**

"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

Have a great 2025!

Pastor Gueldner

Bible in a Year—January

Jan. 1 – Read Genesis 1, 2; Luke 1

Jan. 2 – Genesis 3, 4, 5; Luke 2

Jan. 3 – Genesis 6, 7, 8; Luke 3

Jan. 4 – Genesis 9, 10, 11; Luke 4

Jan. 5 – Genesis 12, 13, 14; Luke 5

Jan. 6 – Genesis 15, 16, 17; Luke 6

Jan. 7 – Genesis 18, 19; Psalm 3; Luke 7

Jan. 8 – Genesis 20, 21, 22; Luke 8

Jan. 9 – Genesis 23, 24; Luke 9

Jan. 10 – Genesis 25, 26; Psalm 6; Luke 10

Jan. 11 – Genesis 27, 28; Psalm 4; Luke 11

Jan. 12 – Genesis 29, 30; Luke 12

Jan. 13 – Genesis 31, 32, 33; Luke 13

Jan. 14 – Genesis 34, 35, 36; Luke 14

Jan. 15 – Genesis 37, 38; Psalm 7; Luke 15

Jan. 16 – Genesis 39, 30, 41; Luke 16

Jan. 17 – Genesis 42, 43; Psalm 5; Luke 17

Jan. 18 – Genesis 44, 45, 46; Luke 18

Jan. 19 – Genesis 47, 48; Psalm 10; Luke 19

Jan. 20 – Genesis 49, 50; Psalm 8; Luke 20

Jan. 21 – Exodus 1, 2; Psalm 88; Luke 21

Jan. 22 – Exodus 3, 4, 5; Luke 22

Jan. 23 – Exodus 6, 7, 8; Luke 23

Jan. 24 - Exodus 9, 10, 11; Luke 24

Jan. 25 – Exodus 12, 13; Psalm 21; Acts 1

Jan. 26 – Exodus 14, 15, 16; Acts 2

Jan. 27 – Exodus 17, 18, 19, 20; Acts 3

Jan. 28 – Exodus 21, 22; Psalm 12; Acts 4

Jan. 29 - Exodus 23, 24; Psalm 14; Acts 5

Jan. 30 – Exodus 25, 26, 27; Acts 6

Jan. 31 – Exodus 28, 29; Acts 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children presented their Christmas service on Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. The service was entitled "His Name is Called" and focused on the names of Jesus.

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 5. 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.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Sometime in January we hope to have a family Nerf game night. Look for updates on the details.

GRANDPARENTING

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

JANUARY 6, 2025

The Great Influencer Wars and Our Grandkids
by Larry Fowler and Matt Whitman

JANUARY 13, 2025

Global Collage of Christian Grandparenting Reports from Across the World
by Tim Robertson and Norm Patterson



Trinity's Grandparenting session will be on Monday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m. Topic will be of viewers' choice.

WINTER FUN



**Joint Sledding/Winter Fun date –
January 12, 2025, 2-5:00 p.m.
at Camp Omega**

Trinity, Peace, FLS and Peace Preschool families are all invited to a sledding/winter gathering time on Sunday, January 12 at Camp Omega from 2-5:00 p.m. Tubing costs are \$7 per person.

No sleds or snowboards are allowed to be brought by participants.

Hot drinks and treats will be available in the Retreat Center. Take time to get to know fellow members of the body of Christ.

BIBLE BOWL



It's time to think Bible Bowl again. This year's topic is "The Life of David." We will be studying 1 Samuel 16 - 1 Kings 2 (ESV). Practice will begin on Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The competition date is April 5, 2025. Anyone in grades 7 through 12 is invited to be on the team. God has blessed this method of Bible study over the years. I hope to see you on the team. ~Philip



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Theme 2024-2025:

"ENDURE"

Hebrews 12:1-3

Happy New Year! This is such a wonderful thing to hear each and every year, but it does remind me that another year has passed and to look forward to the upcoming year. This is also the time of year when we set new goals for ourselves. There is always something that I can improve upon in my life and in my vocation.

Due to inclement weather in December, we had to postpone our FLS Christmas service. We will be having an Epiphany service on Thursday, January 2 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in celebrating the birth of Jesus.

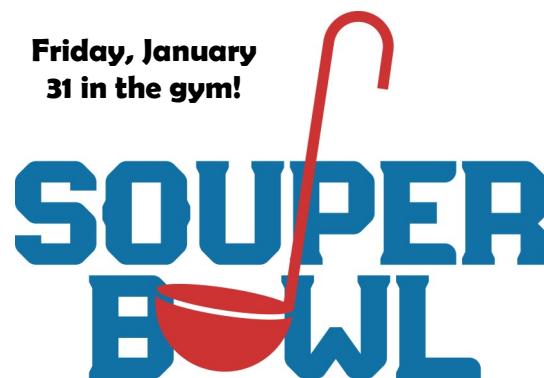
January is one of the best months for Faribault Lutheran School because we get to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week! We kick off the week with a joint service on Sunday, January 26. The service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church during the 10:30 a.m. service. We invite families to participate in a community service project during the Sunday school hour. Families will be writing letters and making gift baskets for the first responders in the Faribault community. We want to give back to those who help keep us safe in the community.

During the week (January 27-31) students will be participating in different activities during the school day. They will have dress-up days, daily school-wide devotions, an all-school field trip, and will find ways to be thankful for having FLS in the community. We will end the week with our annual Souper Bowl on Friday, January 31. This is always such a fun event that we are able to put on, not only for the school families, but for the Faribault community as well. During the week, we will also have the Scholastic Book Fair for students and families to shop at.

Looking ahead to February, we will begin our 2025-2026 registration process on Tuesday, February 11. We encourage you to contact family and friends you know who might be interested in receiving a Christian education.

Thank you for your continued support of FLS.

Chrysteena Saehler
FLS Administrator



**Friday, January
31 in the gym!**



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 12, 2025, during the 8:00 a.m. service. Thank you for serving!

Lay Leadership Board:

- ◆ Barbara (*Secretary*)
- ◆ Brian (*Executive Secretary*)
- ◆ Deb
- ◆ Mitch (*new Chair*)
- ◆ Penny
- ◆ Dan (*newly elected, Vice-Chair*)
- ◆ Carl (*newly elected*)

FLS Board (Trinity members):

- ◆ Sara (*re-elected*)
- ◆ Anna
- ◆ Angela
- ◆ *One position open at this time*

Elders:

- ◆ Curt
- ◆ Steve
- ◆ Wayne
- ◆ Mark
- ◆ Mark
- ◆ Brad

2nd Century Board:

- ◆ Joanne
- ◆ Noel (*newly elected*)
- ◆ Brad
- ◆ Carol
- ◆ Neal

Special thanks for previously serving:

- ◆ Jeff (LLB)
- ◆ Howard (FLS Board)
- ◆ Jim (LLB)
- ◆ Bob (2nd Century Trust)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10



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

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025
11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Please use the Red Cross Donor App, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Trinity Faribault to schedule an appointment.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE EVENT

When: Sunday January 26, 2025
Where: Immanuel - Silo | 22577 County Road 25, Lewiston, MN

Time: 11 am Worship with Pastor Bert Mueller of Silo and Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, President of the LCMS MN South District

Potluck Meal to follow the worship service - Bring a dish to share!

Banquet Speaker: President Woodford

Entertainment: Hope Lutheran High School Choir/ Band

Free will donation to support **Promotion of Life** (from conception to death). We have a lot of work to do here in Minnesota!

BETHLEHEM INN WAS A SUCCESS!



We had 2 great performances with great food. Many good comments were received. We served over 149 guests at two performances. Thanks to everyone who used their free tickets to invite people outside our congregation. We had 82 non-members attend (55%). We look forward to doing it again next year. This is a wonderful, non-threatening opportunity for outreach.

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH

Please come and help with the removal of the Christmas decorations at Trinity on Saturday, January 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m.




Your help is very much appreciated!

GAME NIGHT

We will be having Game Night on Saturday, January 18 from 6:30-8:30 at Trinity. 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!



Women of Trinity Church are invited to an LWML prayer service Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m., at Peace Lutheran Church.



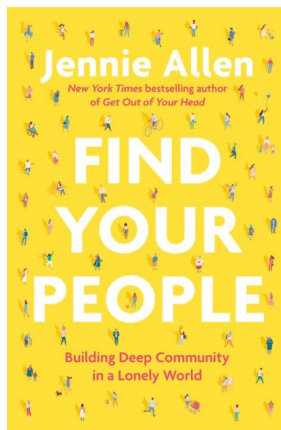
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting January 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity

You Aren't Alone in Feeling Alone

Never in the history of civilization have we been more connected and felt more alone. We are all so lonely. What if the ways we have set up our lives are fundamentally broken?

In the *Find Your People* video Bible study, bestselling author Jennie Allen looks at the original community in Genesis, the Trinity, and the creation of people to see what God had planned for us all along. Jennie offers practical solutions for creating true community in a world that's both more connected and more isolating than ever before.



Drawing on fascinating insights from science and history, timeless biblical truth, and vulnerable stories from her own life, Jennie helps us discover exactly how to dive into the deep end and experience the full wonder of community. Along the way, we'll discover the five life patterns required to build deep, connected relationships.

You were created to play, engage, adventure, and explore—with others. Because while the ache of loneliness is real, it doesn't have to be your reality.

Find Your People women's Bible study will be starting soon! Pick up a flier from cart for more details.

Trinity's Mission Committee has designated a portion of our mission donations to support students in the Seminary. This last year, we have been supporting Max Johnston and his family (Concordia, St. Louis).



Max & Haley Johnston

SEMINARY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024

Dear sponsors, family, and friends,

Thank you for your generous and continued support of my Seminary education both with prayer, gifts, and financially. The fall semester is coming to a close. This semester has continued to be a busy one with a large amount of homework and assignments. As of the time of writing this letter I only have 5 papers left! Haley and I are looking forward to the end of the semester and sometime back home with our families.

Our baby is continuing to grow and is healthy as can be! We have been kept busy with the routine appointments and taking birth education classes. We have begun preparing our apartment for the arrival of our baby and doing some rearranging of our furniture. Haley has been thoroughly enjoying our baby's activity the last few weeks as they have been moving, kicking, punching, and dancing in her womb. Perhaps our baby will take up martial arts!

I am looking forward to next semester's classes and the final months leading up to vicarage. I am taking advantage of all my learning and formative experiences to best prepare myself to serve my vicarage congregation. I am getting to write and preach a few more sermons and I have been blessed to do more at my fieldwork congregation. We are excited for a busy and adventurous 2025!

Thank you again for your continued support of us this year. Please keep our family in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Max, Haley, and Baby Johnston



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed 	2 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 3:00 New Perspective -c 3-5:30 Basketball Practice 6:00 FLS Service 6:00 Connection (Schafer's) 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. <u>FLS-School Resumes</u>	3 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:15-10:20 Tone Chimes 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c	4 8:00 Un-decorating of the Church 5:30 Worship <u>FLS Board Retreat</u>
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c 1:30 Bible Bowl <u>Celebration of</u> 	6 3-5:30 Basketball Practice 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV	7 8:30 Staff Mtg. 10:30 Worship Mtg. 12:00 Zoom mtg. 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3-5:30 Basketball Practice 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	8 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells	9 10:00 Prayer Gr. (Marilyn Steele's) 2:00 Human Care 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop (FH, N, Gym) 6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace) 7:00 Dartball (Trinity, Medford) <u>WINKEL (Trinity, Faribault)</u>	10 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:15-10:20 Tone Chimes	11 9-1:00 AHG Cake-Making Badge 5:30 Worship -c 6:30-9:00 AHG Adult Event (Fellowship Hall)
12 8:00 Worship -c Installation of Officers 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection Service 1:30 Bible Bowl 2-5:00 Winter Fun Day (Camp Omega)	13 12:00 Zoom mtg. 3-5:30 Basketball Practice 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 2nd Century Mtg. (Conference Room) 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (<i>off site</i>)	14 8:30 Staff Mtg. 11-5:00 Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Mtg.	15 8:30 Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 5:30 Confirmation 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells	16 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 3-5:30 Basketball Practice	17 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:15-10:20 Tone Chimes	18 5:30 Worship Service 6:30 Game Night
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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 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	0	0	~	0	3	0	46	33	18	7	11
Guest/Visitation Pastors	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	~
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	7	2	18	10	4	0	~

Baptisms: 0

Confirmed: 0

Weddings: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Transfer In: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: 0

Notes: Pastor Lane taught 3 confirmation classes (5th/6th grade);
 Pastor Longshore visited 3 shut-ins;
 Lay Leaders led OR assisted with 4 nursing home services

Official Acts:



Rev. Gatluk Reat November Report:

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran
 Mission Church*

Worship Attendance

Week 1 – 30, Week 2 – 45, Week 3 – 38,
 Week 4 – 90

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

Happy January Birthday!

Special Greetings to Trinity's Octogenarian and Nonagenarian members with January birthdays. We ask that you remember our fellow members in your prayers and help brighten their day with a card or visit.



Omitted from web version for privacy reasons. Please contact Jennie in the church office or pick up a printed copy of the newsletter for a list of this month's birthdays.

THANK YOU!!
 THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who made our 3rd Annual Boutique Sale a big success! Special thanks to the Youth Group for putting out the fliers, and for the delicious lunch and treats you prepared and served – they were great. Good job!

Also thanks to ALL those who helped with setup, take down or in any way. It was appreciated more than you will ever know. Looking forward to doing it again next year.

Bless you, *Nancy*

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - DECEMBER 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday December 10, 2024

Attendance: Pastor Gueldner, Jeff , Mitch, Barb, Deb, Brian, Penny, Carl and Dan. Jim was absent.

Opening prayer led by Pastor Gueldner.

Faribault Lutheran School Report:

Enrollment for 2024-25 school year is at 140. The students will be participating in 12 days of Christmas where they will dress up to different themes. The PTO will host its annual Christmas Extravaganza on December 13. The school Christmas service will be held on December 19 at 6:00pm. Christmas break will be December 23-January 2. The school office hours will be 9 am to 2pm.

FOC report:

November contributions were great. Contributions covered our expenses for the first time since Easter. There were also 2 large gifts totaling 23 thousand. There has been some interest in the Finance position.

Sudanese Ministry/Rev Reat

Attendance is increasing. Thanksgiving service attendance was good.

Pastor report:

Pastor reported that he and the worship committee have been working on the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Consolidation Discussion Update:

An informational meeting was held on December 9th. The committee will have their next meeting the first week of January. They will be bringing information to each congregation when available January thru April.

Nominating Committee:

FLS still needs one more representative from Trinity. A special voters meeting will need to be held to fill that position.

LLB officers:

Officers were elected for the next year. Deb motioned to elect Mitch as Chairman. Penny seconded. motion carried. Mitch motioned to elect Dan as vice-chair. Brian seconded. Motion carried. Penny motioned to elect Barb as secretary. Carl seconded. Motion carried. Barb motioned to elect Brian as executive secretary. Dan seconded. Motion carried. Mitch motioned to have Deb serve on the FOC. Barb seconded. Motion carried.

A letter from a congregational member about the goals for 2025 was read and discussed. No action taken.

Calendar items:

Next LLB meeting: Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30

Meeting adjourned by Jeff.

The Lord's Prayer was said by the LLB board.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb-LLB secretary

ANNUAL VOTERS' MTG. MINUTES

Trinity Lutheran Church
2024 Annual Congregational Voter's Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm

The meeting was called to order with 66 voting members attending by LLB Chairman Jeff. Pastor Gueldner gave a short devotion and prayer.

Faribault Lutheran School overview was given by principal Chrysteena. She gave out a State Of The School pamphlet. It contained information about finances, test scores, and extra-curricular activities at FLS. Tuition for the 2024-25 school year is \$3,900 for non-members and \$3,600 for members of Peace or Trinity. FLS asked for a 3% increase over last year's contribution. Larry motioned, Roger 2nd that we approve the 3% increase. Discussion followed and the motion carried.

Elections were held for the following: Harvey motioned, Joy 2nd to approve Carl and Dan as LLB members. Motion carried. Wayne motioned, Dave 2nd to approve Sara to serve another term for FLS representative. Motion carried. Carl motioned, Larry 2nd to approve Noel to serve on the Second Century Trust Fund Board. Motion carried.

Goals for 2025 were discussed. The goal carried over from 2024 was to recruit new volunteers with a Time and Talent questionnaire and follow up. Dan motioned, Harvey 2nd to approve as stated. Motion carried. The LLB will continue working on the goal.

The housing allowance for Pastor Gueldner was discussed. Randy motioned, Roger 2nd to accept the \$30,000 allowance. Motion carried.

The MN South District Convention will be held in June 2025. Larry motioned, Brian Fuchs 2nd to accept the roster of Pastor Gueldner, Noel with Curt as alternate. Motion carried.

The Second Century Trust Fund financial report was given by Brad .

Bill gave the financial overview and presented the budget for 2025. Randy Helbling motioned, Harvey 2nd to accept the budget as written. Motion carried.

Bill reported that he would be retiring soon. He would like to be done by March 2025. A replacement for the part time job will be needed.

Announcement was made for the upcoming congregational consolidation information meeting to be held on December 9 from 7-8pm.

Meeting was adjourned by Jeff .

Closing prayer was by Pastor Gueldner.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb
LLB Secretary

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 HAROLD BORCHERT:

Trinity FLS Scholarship Fund

\$50 by Ruth Ann
\$50 by Sarah

IN MEMORY OF LOWELL HETLETVEDT:

Faribault Lutheran School Gym Fund

\$15 by Norm & Shirley

IN MEMORY OF LEE KOOPMANS:

Trinity Quilters

\$120 by an anonymous donor

CAMP OMEGA

MAN UP MEN'S RETREAT

**March 14-15, 2025
at Camp Omega**

Dr. Reed Lessing will be the keynote speaker at this event. Registration will be on Camp Omega's website beginning in early January 2025.



Camp Omega

Omega Lodge or bunkhouse-style shared lodging. Those who stay in Omega Lodge will have linens, pillows and towels provided. Those who stay in the other shared lodging need to supply their own sleeping bag or sheets, pillow and towels.

For more info, visit www.campomega.org/event/manup/.

Cost is based on lodging choice:

\$131.50 Omega Lodge (hotel-style rooms, DBL OCC./Shared)

\$96 Bunkhouse Style (Bring towels/bedding)

\$72 Saturday only (No overnight Lodging)

Who: Adult men and their sons or grandsons (age 16 and older).

Why: To be challenged, encouraged, and refreshed during a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened and spirits renewed by God's Word.

What: Besides time in God's Word, this retreat allows for plenty of fellowship and recreational opportunities.

Registration: The event includes three meals and lodging in hotel-style (double occupancy) rooms in

FIVE STAR LOBBY

Beautifully decorated room, wood burning fireplace, warm rosy cheeks, and fun conversation await you at our new Camp Omega Lodge. Plan a stay—you'll experience them also!

LASTING IMPACT ON MINISTRIES

Transfer your God-given blessings to the people you love and the ministries you care about. Sensitive end of life planning and decisions with your estate aren't easy. The following gift planning counselors prayerfully help you return a portion of your estate to God:

- Linda Gage (LMWL)
- Kurt Fuhr (MN South LCMS)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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LESSONS IN WISE FAITH

“The Magi teach us true faith,” said Martin Luther. Given the obstacles they encountered, we would understand if they had given up altogether!

First, the travelers were “off the mark,” coming to Jerusalem to seek a newborn king in a “royal palace.” Then, directed to Bethlehem, the wise men found a sight “so utterly out of keeping with a king” — a poor young woman and child, in a “poor hut” — that one might expect them to head straight home. “But,” declares Luther, “with a great, strong and full faith they ... follow the word of the prophet and the witness of the star in all purity of heart,” bowing to worship and honor the Savior.

—Based on Luther’s sermon for the Festival of the Epiphany (1522), *Luther’s Works*