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NEWSLETTER

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APRIL PASTOR'S CORNER...



Five months ago, you and I were on the verge of a busy season called Advent, culminating with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations. Beginning after Thanksgiving Day, it was an all-out race to complete our celebrations at church and to prepare our own homes for our family Christmas and New Year gatherings.

Let us not forget the reason for the season. Every year following the first Passover in Egypt, Moses commanded the people to set aside a time of celebration, to remind them of God's defeat of Pharaoh and their return to the Promised land. When we celebrated Christmas, we were in fact reminding ourselves and others of the importance of Christ coming into our world as a baby, born like us, but without the sin baggage we carry.

The month of April in Minnesota can be a time of rain as we move from the season of winter into the season of spring. So it is with the seasons of the church. We are fast approaching Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. What was prophesied by God in Genesis 3:15 (a Savior) was accomplished for us two thousand years ago.

We will conclude the season of Lent on April 12 and begin the Holy Week of our faith. During that week, we remind ourselves and others of the final words of Jesus, the suffering and brutality He endured physically and spiritually that was evident against an innocent man, and the complete miscarriage of justice by the religious and civil leaders.

As we stand before the cross today, we realize that our sins put Him there. Our punishment was ours alone to carry. In love He carried our sins, since we are unable to do it ourselves.

Christmas is a season of giving. God gave us His Son as our Savior. The season of Easter is about giving too. Jesus, as the Son of God, gave up His earthly life so that you and I might live. When He died on that eerie darkened Friday of Passover, your sins were paid for. His blood covered your sins as a gift of grace.

The celebration on Easter Sunday is God's Way of saying all things have been accomplished as I said it would be. When Jesus arose from the dead He was given new life. In the same token, with faith in Him, you will receive a new life as well. Your sins are now forgiven, and you will enter heaven for all eternity.

April 12 this year marks the end of Lent. This year it also marks the beginning of Passover. We have an even greater celebration planned at the 10:30 Palm Sunday service. The Sunday school children will process with

palms to sing on the steps of the chancel. Eight confirmants will follow them. We remind ourselves of the Holy Week procession of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. The sacrificial Passover Lamb of God comes to claim His victory over sin, death, and the Devil. It will be a busy few weeks ahead, but worth it.

Pastor

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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
- Noel Handberg,
Financial Coordinator
- Nancy Simonson,
Family Ministry
- Jennifer Kingland,
Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison,
Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler,
FLS Administrator/Principal
- Alexia Cates,
FLS Administrative
Secretary

FROM YOUR LLB CHAIR...



There is an article in this newsletter that is a request for help to support the Heritage Girls program in our church. I urge you to prayerfully consider becoming a part of the program. There are over 40 girls coming to our church to participate in activities and learn about God’s Word. This is a good Christian-based program for young girls.

Speaking of Youth. Our youth program at Trinity is growing and had 51 young people participate in activities last month. Thanks to Dan and Chrysteena for their work to lead our youth.

If you have a topic for me to write about or a comment, you can email the church office.

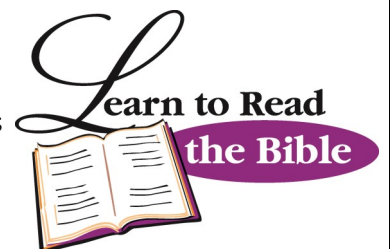
Mitch, LLB Chair



Bible in a Year—April

- Apr. 1 – Judges 11,12; Psalm 50; II Corinthians 1
- Apr. 2 – Judges 13,14,15,16; II Corinthians 2
- Apr. 3 - Judges 17,18; Psalm 89; II Corinthians 3
- Apr. 4 – Judges 19, 20, 21; II Corinthians 4
- Apr. 5 – Ruth 1,2; Psalms 53, 61; II Corinthians 5
- Apr. 6 – Ruth 3,4; Psalms 64, 65; II Corinthians 6
- Apr. 7 – I Samuel 1, 2; Psalm 66; II Corinthians 7
- Apr. 8 – I Samuel 3,4,5; Psalm 77; II Corinthians 8
- Apr. 9 – I Samuel 6,7; Psalm 72; II Corinthians 9
- Apr. 10 – I Samuel 8,9,10; II Corinthians 10
- Apr. 11 – I Samuel 11,12; I Chronicles 1; II Corinthians 11
- Apr. 12 – I Samuel 13; I Chronicles 2,3; II Corinthians 12
- Apr. 13 – I Samuel 14; I Chronicles 4; II Corinthians 13
- April 14 – I Samuel 15,16; I Chronicles 5; Matthew 1
- April 15 – I Samuel 17; Psalm 9; Matthew 2
- April 16 – I Samuel 18; I Chronicles 6; Psalm 11; Matthew 3
- April 17 – I Samuel 19; I Chronicles 7; Psalm 59; Matthew 4

- April 18 – I Samuel 20,21; Psalm 34; Matthew 5
- April 19 – I Samuel 22; Psalms 17, 35; Matthew 6
- April 20 – I Samuel 23; Psalms 31, 54; Matthew 7
- April 21 – I Samuel 24; Psalms 57,58; I Chronicles 8; Matthew 8
- April 22 – I Samuel 25,26; Psalm 63; Matthew 9
- April 23 – I Samuel 27; Psalm 141; I Chronicles 9; Matthew 10
- April 24 – I Samuel 28,29; Psalm 109; Matthew 11
- April 25 – I Samuel 30, 31; I Chronicles 10, Matthew 12
- April 26 – II Samuel 1; Psalm 140; Matthew 13
- April 27 – II Samuel 2; I Chronicles 11; Psalm 142; Matthew 14
- April 28 – II Samuel 3; I Chronicles 12; Matthew 15
- April 29 – II Samuel 4,5; Psalm 139; Matthew 16
- April 30 – II Samuel 6; I Chronicles 13; Psalm 68; Matthew 17



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On March 9, Sunday School students and their families met for a Lenten Family Event. We played Easter Bingo, went on a scavenger hunt to find things in our church, visited some Holy Week interactive stations and put together the Lenten devotions – “Lent in a Bag.”

The Sunday school students have decided to use their offering money to help the people who lost property in the California fires. We have almost reached our goal. Next we will work on purchasing bed nets and health care supplies for people overseas.

Sunday School students will sing and process with palms at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, April 13.

There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Easter, April 20. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt/Treasure Hunt at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

On March 9, four families of 2-year-olds blessed their children with their first picture Bible during the 10:30 service.

GRANDPARENTING



Our grandparents met on March 17 to view a video on the dangers of the online world. This is an excellent video that you can watch on Grand Monday Nights Legacy Coalition website. On May 1 at 7:00 p.m., we will view a video Shocking! Our Grandchildren Aren't Perfect... What Can We Do?

UPCOMING LIVE BROADCASTS INCLUDE:

- APRIL 7, 2025: THE REAL PANDEMIC - OBSESSED WITH OURSELVES AND THE TRUE CURE
Dr. Del Tackett, Author, Speaker Architect, and Teacher of the Truth Project
- APRIL 14, 2025: ONE GRAND LOVE - THE GRACE OF SINGLE GRANDPARENTING
Lisa Appelo, Author, Podcaster, Blogger

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

An Easter Egg Hunt for the preschool children and an Easter Treasure Hunt for elementary aged children is planned for Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt will be outside on the grassy area (weather permitting) and the Treasure Hunt will be in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.



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 May 4, during the Sunday Bible class hour (9:30-10:15), we will be offering “The First Bible” class for parents of 2nd 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 2nd graders will receive a letter of invitation in the mail.



VBS (VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL)

2025 VBS, True North, is being planned for August 3-7.

Preparations are beginning for this exciting event!

Contact Nancy Simonson if you wish to help.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS™

FAITH | SERVICE | FUN

AHG Mission Statement

"Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country."

"American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement."

We need your HELP!

We need Trinity members to step in and serve our troop. We have openings for a troop shepherd and a charter representative for the 2025-2026 school year.

Trinity needs to provide representation for our troop to continue. Please pray about helping!



If you have questions or to find out more information, please contact Billie Jo or Becca M. or contact the church office.

FLS Monthly



Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 5

- FLS Gala @ The Faribault Golf and Country Club

Sunday, April 6

- Students Sing @ Peace Lutheran @ 10:30AM

Thursday, April 10

- BoD Meeting @ Trinity @ 6:00PM

Friday, April 18

- No School/Good Friday

Monday, April 21

- No School/Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 29

- K-2 Play @ 6:00PM

Thursday, May 1

- BoD Meeting @ Peace @ 6:00PM

Thursday, May 8

- Spring Sing @ 6:00PM

Wildcat Wow!

Juliette (Kindergarten)
Maggie (6th Grade)

School Contact

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Reflections on April

As we enter into the second half of Lent, we are starting to prepare more for the death of Jesus. However, we are also preparing for His resurrection. Jesus knew what He was sent to earth to do, and that was to die on the cross and then three days later, rise from the dead so that we could all be forgiven of our sins and spend eternity with Him in heaven. What an incredible thing to celebrate!

We are also entering into the last quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. Where has the time gone! It feels like just yesterday we were starting the school year and now we are almost to the end. There are still many fun events that will be happening. In April, we have the 6th annual FLS Gala, FLS students singing at Peace Lutheran, and the K-2 Play.

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.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS (3/20/2025)

Kindergarten: 15 students | 9 openings

1st Grade: 15 students | 9 openings

2nd Grade: 17 students | 7 openings

3rd Grade: 19 students | 5 openings

4th Grade: 24 students | FULL

5th Grade: 16 students | 8 openings

6th Grade: 13 students | 11 openings

7th Grade: 11 students | see below for openings

8th Grade: 8 students | see below for openings

**7th & 8th Grade is our only combined grades. With that being said, we have a total of 5 openings. Our classrooms will not have more than 24 students.

School Mission Statment

to empower and equip all students for Christian Discipleship and Academic Success in serving others for Christ and His church.

**Third Quarter Chapel Offering:
Club 21 Learning and Resource Center**

Many families were affected by the devastating California wildfires that struck in January. Club 21 is an organization that provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included. Many of the families involved in Club 21 lost everything in the fires.

We are gifting our quarter-three offerings to those families to help them to get back on their feet.

**Fourth Quarter Chapel Offering:
CTSFW Military Project**

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Indiana, has established the Military Project to support chaplains of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) with encouragement and theological resources for their important ministry of bringing the mercy of Christ to the Armed Forces.

Monthly packages of theological resources are sent to deployed chaplains.

BoD Meeting Summary (February 13, 2025)

Members Present: Sara, Jennifer, Anna, Angie

Financial Update:

- 2025-2026 School Budget will be approved at the March 13 meeting
- Food service cost is higher than projected because of the increase of students eating

Committee Reports:

- Fundraising form was approved
- A special endowment committee was formed to handle the Curt Stoltenow funds

New Business

- Registration Numbers (2/13/25): Current Registration is at 35. K: 7, 1st: 4, 2nd: 7, 3rd: 2, 4th: 6, 5th: 3, 6th: 2, 7th: 3, 8th: 1
- FLS Gala (April 5th): tickets are on sale for \$100; proceeds go to capital improvements
- Governor’s Budget - Nonpublic school aid elimination: handout reviewed about possible implications if approved: would affect curriculum, busing.
- Budget Review: increased the food service cost per recent price increase, also assuming a staffing benefits increase of 5%
- Call Committee: to be created for Middle School opening: 2-3 board members, Chrysteena, and 1 teacher: board members Jen, Ann, and Anna volunteered.
- Curriculum Mapping Update: finalizing on March 3rd (bringing to teachers on Professional Development day)

Old Business

- Open House/Kindergarten Night Review: successful. Helpful to have PreK in the gym: more room
- TAG grant: open to apply - Sara will apply (for website overhaul/update); currently getting quotes
- Doors & Signage Update: gym pads (under BB hoops), signs, and doors: prepping for the work



New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans



What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

Answer: new birth

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

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

We know that its tax filing day,
So let's get up and get away,

To **Faribault Family Restaurant**

We'll do **brunch**, come make the jaunt.

(Meet at their location, it's easier that way,

Off hwy. 21, the Speedway gas building, by the freeway.)

We'll eat, converse, such a pleasant scene;

At **11 a.m., Tuesday, April 15.**

Sign up, we'll make the reservations

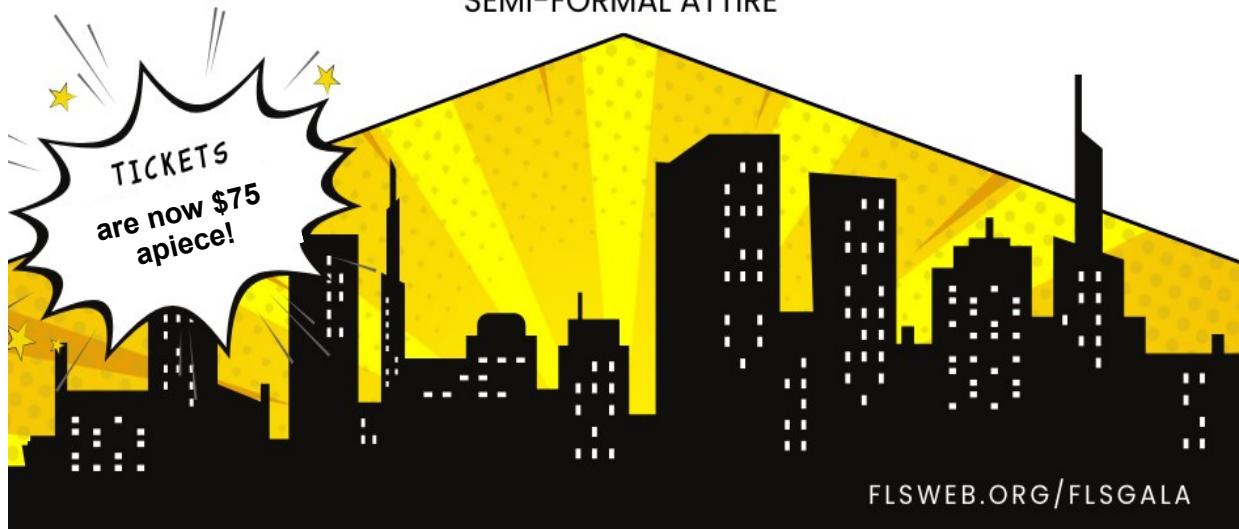
Then prepare for good, good vibrations.



JOIN US FOR A SUPERPOWERED NIGHT FOR OUR SCHOOL!

FLS GALA | APRIL 5, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. | FARIBAULT GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE



FLSWEB.ORG/FLSGALA



Bill Kirkpatrick is retiring the end of March 2025. There will be a reception for him on Sunday, April 6 between services.

Thank you, Bill, for your many years of service as Trinity's Financial / Property Manager!

Special welcome to our new Finance Coordinator, Noel Handberg.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter
BREAKFAST



April 20, 2025
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Trinity auditorium

Needed for Easter Breakfast:

Volunteers to help out (arrive at church at 7:45 a.m. on April 20.)

We also need donations of muffins, donuts, banana bread, other baked goodies.

If you can volunteer to help or bring a dessert, please sign up at the information center.



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

SENIOR SERVICE & LUNCH

You are invited to a special Senior Citizen Communion Service & Lunch on Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the service. The dinner is free, but reservations are required. Please sign up at the information center or call the church office to RSVP for the lunch.

We look forward to having you worship with us during this special service for seniors.

JOIN US FOR POTLUCK




Come meet the Bible Bowl participants and hear about their experience! We will have a whole church potluck on Sunday, April 6 after the 10:30 a.m. service. Bible Bowl participants have been

invited, along with their families. This is also a great time for GRANDfriends to get together as well. We want you to join us!

Book of the Month—check it out in the church library:

***I Will!* by Thom S. Rainer.**
Could you be the answer to the problems you see? Now is the time to just stand up and say you will!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<p>1 8:30 Staff Mtg. 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 3:45 New Member Class (Conf. Rm) 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 4:30-5:15 LEGO Club (Fellowship H)</p>	<p>2 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 2:30 New Perspective -c 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c 5:30 Confirmation (P) 5:30 Lenten Service 6:30 Lenten Supper 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Connection</p>	<p>3 10:00 Prayer Gr. (Marilyn Steele's) 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop (FH, N, Gym, MR) <u>Pastor Out of Office</u></p>	<p>4 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:50-10:20 Tone Chimes</p>	<p>5 1-3:00 AHG Talent Show (Gym) 5:00 FLS Gala (Fbo Golf & Country Club) 5:30 Worship <u>Bible Bowl Competition (Concordia)</u></p>	
<p>6 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bill's Retirement Reception 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c 11:30 Potluck</p>	<p>7 9-3:00 FLS Electives (Fellowship Hall) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 5:00 Banner-making (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8 8:30 Staff Mtg. 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:45 New Member Class (Conf. Rm) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 LLB Mtg.</p>	<p>9 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 5:30 Confirmation (P) 5:30 Lenten Service 6:30 Lenten Supper 7:00 Choir 7:00 Connection</p>	<p>10 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 2:00 Human Care 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Trinity) 5:45-7:30 AHG Spring Badge (FH, Sanc.) <u>WINKEL (Redeemer, Owatonna)</u></p>	<p>11 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:50-10:20 Tone Chimes</p>	<p>12 12-5:00 Sudanese Prayer Service (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 Confirmation Photos (Trinity & Peace) 5:30 Worship Service -c</p>	
<p>13 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection - Confirmation 1-5:00 AHG Reviews (FH & MR) <u>Palm Sunday</u></p>	<p>14 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)</p>	<p>15 8:30 Staff Mtg. 11:00 J.O.Y. (Family Diner) 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:45 New Member Class (Conf. Rm) 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 4:30-5:15 LEGO Club (Fellowship H) 6:30 Elders' Mtg.</p>	<p>16 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 6:00 Connection 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>17 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 10:30 Senior Service -c & Lunch 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 7:00 Maundy Thur. Service -c</p>	<p>18 8:00 Men's Bible Study 7:00 Good Friday Tenebrae Service <u>Good Friday No School</u> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u></p>	<p>19 9:00 Flowers Out (Sanctuary) 5:30 Easter Vigil Service -c</p>	
<p>20 8:00 Festival -c 9-11:00 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Connection -c</p>	<p>21 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV <u>Easter Monday No School Church Office Closed</u></p>	<p>22 8:30 Staff Mtg. 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:45 New Member Class (Conf. Rm) 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café</p>	<p>23 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>24 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 3-4:10 FLS Choir (MR) 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop (FH, Sanc., N, MR)</p>	<p>25 8:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30-8:00 AHG (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)</p>	<p>26 5:30 Worship Service -c</p>	
<p>27 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study 10:30 Connection 12:00 Joint Potluck (Alexander Park) <u>Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser</u></p>	<p>28 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)</p>	<p>29 8:30 Staff Mtg. 2:45-4:30 Violin (MR) 3:45 New Member Class (Conf. Rm) 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 4:30-5:15 LEGO Club (Fellowship H) 6:00 FLS K-2 Play 6:30 Property Brd</p>	<p>30 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Connection 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir</p>				

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 2025).

	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	1	2 ^(H)	~	0	3	0	58	37	20	12	17
Guest/Visitation Pastors	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	~
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	12	0	~	~	3	0	~

Baptisms: 0

Confirmed: 0

Released/Removed: 1 Amy Roemhildt-Cutts

Weddings: 0

Transfer In: 0

Transfers Out: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: 1 James Boldt

Notes: Lay leaders assist pastor at 3 nursing home services; Pastor Lane teaches 4 Confirmation Classes 5/6th grade
Pastor Longshore visits 3 shut ins, Pastor Gueldner 2 funeral services (Verna Bahl and Jim Boldt),
Pastor Gueldner lead 6 nursing home services

Official Acts:



Rev. Gatluk Reat February Report:

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran
Mission Church*

Worship Attendance

Pastor Reat in Malow on mission trip.

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

Happy April Birthday!

Special Greetings to Trinity's Octogenarian and Nonagenarian members with April 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.

*"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you."
(Isaiah 46:4, NIV)*

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - MARCH 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday March 11, 2025

Attendance: Pastor Gueldner, Mitch, Barb, Deb, Penny, Carl, Dan, and Brian

Opening devotion and prayer led by Pastor Gueldner.

Faribault Lutheran School Report:

Registration for the 25-26 school year is at 76. The cost of tuition will be \$4,100 for non-members and \$3,700 for members of either Trinity or Peace. Spring break will be March 24-28.

FOC report:

February income was about equal to expenses. An additional donation was made to Trinity.

Sudanese Ministry/Rev Reat

Pastor Reat has been attending Sudanese community events and will be returning soon.

American Heritage Girls:

Billie Jo reported that the current Trinity leaders are stepping down and the need for a Trinity member to join to continue to use our building. We agreed.

Consolidation Discussion Update:

There will be a final update meeting on May 18 at 2:30 pm at Trinity. A vote to proceed with consolidating will be Monday, May 19 at 6:30 at each church.

Confirmation:

Confirmation for students of Trinity and Peace will be on Palm Sunday at 10:30 at Trinity. Pastor Lane will officiate.

Executive Session was held.

Financial Manager:

The board will hold a retirement coffee and dessert for Bill Kirkpatrick between services on April 6.

Property Manager:

Dustin reported that two of the rooftop units over the school office need maintenance/replacement. Brian motioned to replace them at a cost of no more than \$25,000. Penny seconded. Motion passed. Dustin reported that there may need to be some improvements done to the 418 house. He will follow up.

Summer Worship hours:

Barb made a motion to go to one Sunday service at 9:00 and one Saturday service at 5:30 for the months of June-August. Deb seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Calendar items:

Next LLB meeting: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30.

Confirmation April 13 at 10:30.

Mitch adjourned meeting and Dan closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb B.-LLB secretary

RADIO CLUB REPORT—2024

Wow! Where has the time gone? We are in mid-March (as of this writing) of 2025 already! It seems the older I get, the faster the time goes.

I apologize for not getting this information together sooner. It's been a bit busy. But I wanted to give you an overview of 2023 and 2024 and where we see the Radio Club in 2025 and beyond.

In 2021, we received a wonderful gift from a longtime listener who passed away and remembered the Radio Club and the Faribault Area Lutheran Hour in her will.

The broadcast of the Lutheran Hour will be able to continue for many years in the future because of this generosity. It costs us about \$3,900 yearly to broadcast the Lutheran Hour on KDHL. The broadcast, which comes from St. Louis, is played every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. on KDHL. We invite you to listen!

As for the Radio Club, we need people to join us. You don't necessarily need to work up in the radio room. We need people to take an interest in what we do and help us plan and execute the ministry. Since the pandemic, the Radio Club has just had a couple of us as "members." We'd like to reconstitute the group and make it more formal again. Please talk to Dustin Grund or me if you want to join us!

So, what have we been up to in the last couple of years?

A lot has been happening. Here are a few things that we have been involved with:

- Researched and purchased (with donated funds for church technology) a new 85" monitor installed over the center entrance door to the sanctuary. This allows the pastor and choir to view service slides and follow along with the service. With massive thanks to Steve Denninger and the team that helped, this was installed and is now in use.

- Repainted the radio room.
- Put up a new drop ceiling in the radio room.
- Purchased and installed four new remote-controlled high-definition cameras, replacing our low-definition cameras.
- Cleaned up wiring in the tray above the windows in the back of the church.
- Purchased and installed new Starlink satellite internet for the radio room, giving us higher bandwidth and much less downtime for our live streams and broadcast to KDHL.
- Purchased and are building new computer equipment to allow us to manage more inputs and outputs in the future.
- Moved from transmitter and antenna to Voice Over IP (sending our audio via the internet) to KDHL.



Financially, our listeners and the congrega-

tion members have been doing a fantastic job remembering the Radio Club. Our broadcast fees are now nearly \$12,000 per year with KDHL. We ask that you remember the Radio Club in your prayers and with your gifts and memorials.

Lastly, I apologize for not getting the thank you cards out promptly. That falls on me, and I'm working to get caught up and get those notices out. We certainly appreciate the gifts we receive and want to ensure everyone is acknowledged.

We always seek people to help us with all three services. Please consider volunteering to assist us.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email todd@trinityradioandvideo.org or call the church office.

In His service,

Todd V.

From Your Financial Manager...

AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS, TRINITY NOW HAS A NEW FINANCIAL MANAGER

It seems like I've been in the office here for half of my life. Well, not that long, it just seems that way because I'm getting older. But it has been a long time, about eighteen years now. And yes, it is high time for me to retire. It's both a good time and a sad time for me. It's good because my eyesight has been getting worse for me over the last couple of years, and I'm ready to take it easier now. But it's a sad time because I have really enjoyed doing this job over the years, and I have made many friends here as a part of it. Together, I think we have accomplished a lot over the years. Of course, I'll still be around; I'm not planning on going anywhere after retirement.

Eighteen years is a long time, and I've been thinking lately about what all happened over that time. As you may recall, we had just started Policy Based Governance just before 2007 but the structure of our boards recommended by the consultant wasn't complete at first. Such things as the Board Elders and some sort of business overseer besides the pastor himself weren't yet a part of the system. Pastor Kuehne felt we needed a Business Manager to take care of church operations so the pastor could concentrate on preaching and teaching, which is what he felt pastors are trained for and are generally best at.

Such a person would report to the Senior Pastor who, in turn, would report to the LLB. My previous experience in engineering made me feel I might be qualified for such a job and would be something I would enjoy. Pastor Kuehne apparently agreed, and so I began the position in 2007. The LLB told all the church staff, including the pastor, that all staff members needed an advisory group to support them so in my case, for properties, that's how the Property Committee began.

For the financial side, I worked with the Office Manager, first Kathy Bode, and then Jennie, as a supportive team, one to another. This method, worked well, creating a cross-referencing system, checking over each other's work in every detail so as to form a secure local financial network.

Throughout the years, Kathy, Jennie and I have worked well together, and I believe have maintained that secure structure.

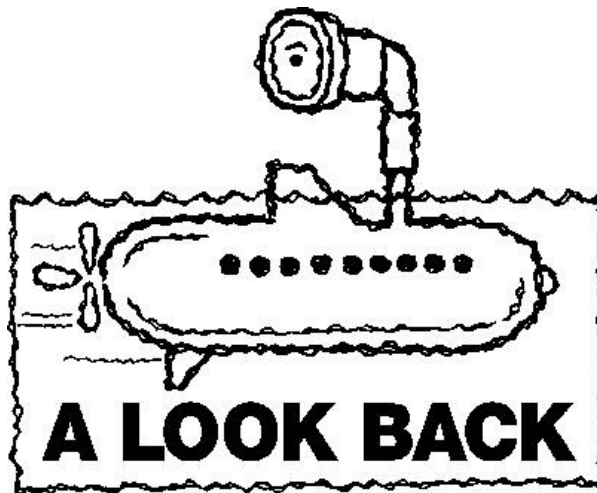
As far as properties are concerned, over the years large lists of improvements have been done on our buildings and infrastructure. Much of the work was done by the members of the Property Committee in addition to their valuable advice and job knowledge. Plus, thanks to the generosity of our members who donated a lot of money over the years for improvements, we had the money for many projects, both big and small, such as our new boiler system, upgraded forced air furnaces and air conditioners, the upgrading of our underground piping complex, including the elimination of all asbestos, plus our new church office area.

Writing policies was also a part of the job. Since 2007, I wrote a series of policies, including steps on maintaining the churches funds and records, our inclement weather policy, health crisis policy, and the employee manual.

Well before 2007, our church had fallen deeply into long-term debt. Through the skilled leadership of several of our church leaders and through amazing support from the entire congregation, we managed to eliminate the entire

debt of more than \$350,000 in a relatively short time. As a part of this, we also had to trim down our spending in order to stay within our means. So one of my goals as Business Manager was to make sure we never went into long-term debt again. And except for the pre-planned loan associated with the new church offices, we have held to the zero debt policy. A part of that was continuously supplying the membership with up-to-date financial information so everyone knew where we sat. That didn't mean there wasn't a time we wound up in the red at the end of the year, but that wasn't loan debt. That was our General Fund getting depleted down to a dangerous level.

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And always, through God’s loving guidance and our understanding of necessary stewardship, we have always found ways to build our funds back up to a sustainable level again.

And even though we have all heard negative comments about some of our buildings, especially about the school stack building, the consultant who came in for the consolidation process told us he was very impressed with the way we keep up our buildings throughout our campus. And around ten years ago, when FLS was looking for options for site alternatives and we had structural engineers come and evaluate both the Peace and Trinity campuses, their final reports said that both Trinity’s and Peace’s buildings were all structurally sound and in good shape. And, of course,

we have all heard many positive comments about our outdoor upkeep.

Yes, God has been good to us. We have managed to stay on an even keel for many years now both in terms of fiscal health and in terms of building maintenance, I have no doubt that will continue with the help of both our new Financial Coordinator and Property Manager. We will continue to keep things, whether as ourselves or as Faribault Lutheran Church, in good financial and physically secure, as God expects of us.

Bill Kirkpatrick

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 JIM BOLDT:

Trinity Youth

\$10. by Sandra Ballenthin Van Erp

IN MEMORY OF CURTIS FUCHS:

Human Care

\$25. by Dan & Judy V.

Undesignated Memorials

\$20. by Pat & Gene T.

\$25. by Annette Wenzel

CAMP OMEGA

Mark Your Calendars

Camp Omega Annual Work Day

**Saturday, May 17, 2025
beginning at 7:30 a.m.**

Join others in Christian fellowship while preparing Camp Omega for the arrival of over 1,600 children and adults for Camp Omega’s summer ministry programming.

Entire families are welcome to join in a fulfilling day of service, fun, and recreation.

Camp Omega summer counselors will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities. The weekend kicks off Saturday morning with check-in starting at 7:30 a.m. and ends Saturday evening with a campfire devotional. Join us for any part of the



Camp Omega

weekend as your schedule allows. Pre-registration is requested.

Arrive anytime after 7:30 a.m. and depart anytime before 9:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, supper and evening campfire devotions are provided.

Cost: This is a FREE event!

Register online at www.campomega.org.

Camp Omega Summer 2025

A life-changing summer awaits!

Registration for summer camp has opened. Please register online at www.campomega.org.

For a full list of programs or for a paper registration, contact Camp Omega at 507-685-4266. Some spots fill up quickly!

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Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am
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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

✝ MAUNDY THURSDAY—
April 17, 10:30 a.m. Senior
Service with Holy Com-
munion

*(followed by lunch in the Fellow-
ship Hall. Please RSVP to the
church office for lunch)*

✝ MAUNDY THURSDAY—
April 17, 7:00 p.m. with
Holy Communion

(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

✝ GOOD FRIDAY—April 18, 7:00 p.m.:
(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)

✝ EASTER VIGIL Remembrance
of Baptism—April 19, 5:30 p.m.
with Holy Communion

✝ EASTER SUNDAY—April 20
8:00 a.m. - Festival Service with
Holy Communion *(live streamed and
KDHL 920AM)*

✝ EASTER SUNDAY—April 20
10:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service
with Holy Communion *(live streamed)*

EASTER BREAKFAST:
9-11 a.m. in the Trinity gym.

EASTER EGG HUNT: 10:00 a.m.

