



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Members of Trinity,

**W**e are grateful to God that he led Pastor Sloter to accept our call to be Senior Pastor. We pray for him, Ashlie, and their four boys as they prepare to make this transition. We also pray for his current congregations as they will need to begin the call process to find a replacement for him.

Pastor Sloter would like to begin getting to know us here at Trinity. He values making connections with members and being present within the school and congregation. He is excited to begin working with confirmation classes, youth group, and getting involved in FLS. Please see his message below about reaching out to help him get to know each of you and your families.

*Dan, Call Committee*



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX:

**G**reetings to all the saints at Trinity in Faribault. My family and I are thankful to God that he has called us to your congregation. Though it will be a couple of months before we are able to move, we would like to begin the process of getting to know all of you so that we can put names to faces when we arrive. A great way to do this would be to text me a picture of you and your family. Be sure to include your name(s) so I know who it is from. I'll send a reply to greet you. Then when we meet in person in a few weeks, my family and I won't be so overwhelmed with new names that we forget who you are.

You can text me at **(phone # removed from online version for privacy reasons. Please call the church office for Pastor's #)**.

Thank you, and God's blessings.  
Pastor Alex

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## PASTORS SERVING IN FEBRUARY

**Thanksgiving to God for the guest pastors who will be serving at Trinity in February.**

All Saturday services—The Rev. Dr. Brent Klein  
February 1—The Rev. Scott Strohkirch  
February 8—The Rev. Scott Strohkirch  
February 15—The Rev. Rudy Maurer  
February 22—The Rev. John Meyer  
Ash Wednesday and Lenten Midweek services:  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.—The Rev. Rex Longshore



## Bible in a Year—February

### SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Hal Rex Longshore, Visitation Pastor
- Rev. Gatluk, Reat, Sudanese Evang. Lutheran Mission Church
- Noel Handberg, Financial Coordinator
- Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry
- Dustin Grund, Property Manager
- Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison, Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler, FLS Administrator/Principal
- Jeneen Michelson, FLS Administrative Secretary

Feb. 1 – Read Exodus 30, 31, 32; Acts 8	Feb. 15 – Lev. 25; Psalm 25, 26; Acts 22
Feb. 2 – Exodus 33, 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9	Feb. 16 – Lev. 26, 27; Acts 23
Feb. 3 – Exodus 35, 36; Acts 10	Feb. 17 – Num. 1, 2; Acts 24
Feb. 4 – Exodus 37, 38; Psalm 19; Acts 11	Feb. 18 – Num. 3, 4; Acts 25
Feb. 5 – Exodus 39, 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12	Feb. 19 – Num. 5, 6; Psalm 22, Acts 26
Feb. 6 – Lev. 1, 2, 3; Acts 13	Feb. 20 – Num. 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
Feb. 7 – Lev. 4, 5, 6; Acts 14	Feb. 21 – Num. 8, 9, 10; Acts 28
Feb. 8 – Lev. 7, 8, 9; Acts 15	Feb. 22 – Num. 11, 12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
Feb. 9 – Lev. 10, 11, 12; Acts 16	Feb. 23 – Num. 13, 14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
Feb. 10 – Lev. 13, 14; Acts 17	Feb. 24 – Num. 15, 16, 17; Mark 3
Feb. 11 – Lev. 15, 16, 17; Acts 18	Feb. 25 – Num. 18, 19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
Feb. 12 – Lev. 18, 19; Psalm 13; Acts 19	Feb. 26 – Num. 20; 21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
Feb. 13 – Lev. 20, 21, 22; Acts 20	Feb. 27 – Num. 22, 23, 24; Mark 6
Feb. 14 – Lev. 23, 24; Psalm 24; Acts 21	Feb. 28 – Num. 25, 26; Mark 7

## FROM THE LLB CHAIR...

**A**s we move through this winter season together, I've been reflecting on what it means to be part of a church family. Worship on the weekend is a beautiful anchor in our week—an opportunity to gather, pray, sing, and be reminded of God's presence in our lives. But the life of the church doesn't begin and end at the sanctuary doors. In fact, some of the most meaningful moments of Christian community happen in the spaces in between weekends.

Our congregation is blessed with so many gifts—compassion, creativity, wisdom, humor, and a deep desire to serve. Yet many of our ministries, committees, and outreach efforts could flourish even more with a few additional hands and hearts. Whether it's helping with fellowship hour, joining a study group, supporting our outreach partners, singing in the choir, or lending your skills to behind-the-scenes work, there are countless ways to be part of the vibrant life of this church.

Getting involved isn't about filling slots or adding more to your calendar. It's about connection. It's about discovering

that you belong, not just in a pew, but in a community that grows stronger when each person brings their unique gifts. It's about finding joy in shared purpose and deepening relationships with people you may only wave to on Sunday mornings.



If you've been feeling a nudge to participate more fully—or even if you're simply curious—I encourage you to take that next step. Try something new. Ask a committee chair what they're working on. Sit in on a meeting. Volunteer once and see how it feels. You might be surprised by how life-giving it can be.

Thank you for all the ways you already contribute to the spirit of this congregation. Together, we can continue building a church that reflects God's love not only in worship, but in every corner of our shared life.

Mitch M.  
LLB Chair

If you have a topic for me to address or a comment, please email the church office.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



**T**he Sunday School children have decided to use their offering money to support a child's education overseas and also help supply Braille and sign language resources through World Vision.

**Note:** The students will be singing in the 10:30 service on February 8.

**2026 VBS, Rainforest Waterfall**, is being tentatively planned for August 2-6. Preparations are beginning for this exciting event! Contact Nancy Simonson if you are interested in helping with the planning stage.

## FAMILY MINISTRY

### Family Date Night

**A** special date night is being planned for Saturday, February 7. Couples/Parents can enjoy a date without kids! We will babysit your kids (ages 3 and up) any time between 5:30-8 pm in the gym while you enjoy some time together. Please let Nancy Simonson know if you are planning to drop off your children.



### Valentine Family Event

**O**n February 1 during the Sunday school hour, parents and children are invited for a special Valentine event. Families will be making blessing bags for shut-ins, Valentines for nursing home residents and treats for our members. Other games and activities are being planned.

### Snow tubing at Camp Omega

**O**n February 8 all families of Trinity, Peace, FLS and Peace preschool are invited to come to Camp Omega for snow tubing. The cost is \$5 per person attending whether you tube or not. Please sign up at the information center or at this link: <https://forms.gle/3jWUA2nfNKAf9rqx5> or use this QR code. This is an opportunity to become acquainted with our fellow Christians in a fun environment.



## *Faith Legacy* SERIES

**O**n February 22 at 9:30-10:15 in the nursery, families of two-year-olds are invited to learn how to start "God Talk" in their homes. Picture Bibles will be given to families to read with their children. A blessing event will be held in a church service for the parents to present the Picture Bible to their child and bless them. An invitation will be sent. Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.

## GRANDPARENTING

**T**he Grandparenting meeting for January was about Generational Patterns of Strongholds vs. Generational Healing and Change.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room. We will be watching the session on "The Ultimate Impact: Mentoring Your Grandkids – 7 Strategies for Creating a Powerful Connection."

Grand Mondays are continuing on Zoom each Monday night at 7 p.m. through the [Legacycoalition.com](http://Legacycoalition.com). Various speakers talk about the special role grandparents have in encouraging the growth of their grandchildren's faith. Here are the topics in February:

### **February 2, 2026**

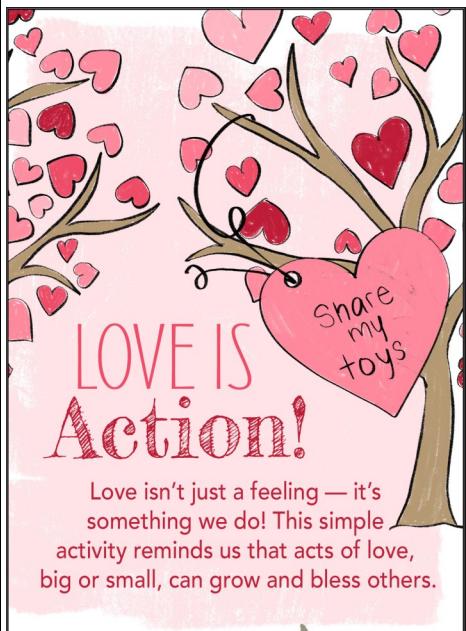
"The GRANDEST Job Ever: Shepherding Well"  
*Holly Culhane, Founder and CEO of Presence Point*

### **February 9, 2026**

"Grandparent With Love - Practical Ways to Celebrate Valentine's Day"  
*Lori Wildenberg, Parenting Coach, Author*

### **February 16, 2026**

"Super Bowl Rings, Bald Heads, and Grandkids"  
*Craig Colquitt, Entrepreneur & Former NFL Player*

**What you need:**

- Construction paper (brown for the trunk, pinks and reds for hearts)
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Markers or crayons

**What you do:**

1. Cut a large tree trunk and branches out of brown paper and glue it onto a sheet of paper or poster board.
2. Use colorful paper to cut several hearts — these will be your “leaves.”
3. On each heart, write loving actions like “share my toys,” “pray for others,” or “help clean up.”
4. Glue the hearts onto the branches to create a full, love-filled tree.
5. Hang it somewhere visible as a reminder to put love into action every day!

**LOVE CODE BREAKER**

Change some of the letters below to reveal this verse!

**Change:**

C's to L    Z's to H    P's to R

J's to A    Q's to T    X's to E

K's to O

(The other letters stay the same.)

" L  
 C K V X    Q Z X    C K P D    Y K U P  
 G K D    W I Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 Z X J P Q    J N D    W I Q Z    J C C  
 Y K U P    S K U C    J N D    W I Q Z  
 J C C    Y K U P    M T N D    J N D  
 W I Q Z    J C C    Y K U P  
 S Q P X N G Q Z . "

**Mark 12:30**

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

# FLS Monthly



## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, February 4

- Enrollment opens for current FLS families

### Thursday, February 5

- FLS BOD Meeting @ 6:00 (Trinity)

### Tuesday, February 10

- PreK / Open House from 5:00PM-6:30PM

### Friday, February 13

- Parent Drive Day

### Monday, February 16

- No School
- Professional Development

### Friday, February 20

- PTO Glow Dance

## Reflections on February

February may be a shorter month, but it often feels full as we continue to grow, serve, and prepare together as a school community. After celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week and our successful Souper Bowl event, we move into February with gratitude for God's many blessings and excitement for what lies ahead. While the month itself is quieter in terms of activities, our staff is preparing for the many programs and events that will take place this spring.

Re-enrollment for current families will open on Wednesday, February 4, one week before enrollment begins for new students. This allows our families the opportunity to secure their place for the upcoming school year as we continue our mission of faith-based education at FLS. Our Pre-K Night and Open House is on Tuesday, February 10 from 5:00-6:30 PM. Registration is fully online, making it easy for families to complete the process from home.

If you know a family with an incoming Kindergartener or one who is seeking a Christ-centered school environment, please invite them to join us that evening. I would love the opportunity to welcome new families and share how God is at work at FLS each day.

In addition to registration events, PTO will host their annual GLOW Dance on Friday, February 20. This well-loved event invites students in grades K-8 to enjoy fellowship and fun through dancing, glow items, and face painting in the gym.

As we look ahead to the spring season, we are reminded how quickly time passes and how thankful we are for each moment we have to grow in faith, learning, and community before summer arrives.

God's Blessings,  
Chrysteena Saeher  
FLS Administrator

## Wildcat Wow!

Hayden - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Eleanor - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## School Contact

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flsoffice@flsweb.org

## School Mission Statement

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



## FEBRUARY CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK

We are planning a congregational potluck on February 15 after the 10:30 a.m. service, to honor wedding anniversaries of all years.

Please come and share your joys and stories of your marriage.

If you are single, you are still valued and invited to come! Bring a dish to share. Tableware and drinks will be provided.



Join us for Dartball at Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford, on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.



Join us for Game Night on Saturday, February 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

We have a great time playing games, munching snacks and enjoying each other's company. The whole family is invited! This is not a drop-off event.

## Membership Classes

**New Member Classes**  
**Starting February 8 at 9:15 a.m.**

*Held in Pastoral Office.  
Talk to Jennie in the church office for more info.*

### J.O.Y. GROUP

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

We know, we think, we've got it,

But do not know for sure...

We hope it will all "pan out"

For the afternoon, **February 24**.

There's a **movie** that will be released;

Titled "**I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2.**"

(Since its release is February 20

Few details we have for you.)

We'll plan to **carpool** from the **west lot**

Of our church called Trinity;

**Later, the time and theater**

Will be all laid out for thee.

**Sign up at the Welcome Center**

**Name and number** please do enter;

We hope you'll take us up

On this sparsely detailed venture.

## DECEMBER 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 (December 2025).

	Home Visits	Hospital or Jail	Office Visits	Prospect Calls	Shut Ins/ Others Communed Privately	Shut Ins/ Others Visited- No Communion	NH Worship Attended	NH Worship Communed	Worship Services	Classes Taught	Mtgs. / Conferences Attend
Guest/Visitation Pastors	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	16	4	~
Lay Members	0	1	0	0	9	0	48	31	7	7	~

Baptisms: Cameron R., Gordon B.

Weddings: 0      Confirmed: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Transfers Out: 0      Transfer In: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Larry Severin (died 11/4/2024)

### Official Acts:



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

### Attendance

Week 1 - 36; Week 2 - 42; Week 3 - 35;  
Week 4 - 53

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

**Notes:** Guest pastors led 16 worship services and 1 Sunday Bible study; Elders led 5 nursing home services and 2 weekend services; Lay leaders led 4 Confirmation classes and 3 Sunday Bible Studies; Pastor Odom taught 3 confirmation classes



### Happy February Birthday!

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

*"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."*

*Proverbs 9:11 (NIV)*

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>1</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Valentine Family Event 9:15 Confirmation Class 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> 1:30 Bible Bowl	<b>2</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 3:15-5:30 FLS Basketball Practice 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. <b>11-5:00 Blood Drive</b> 1:30 LWML Prayer Service at Peace 2:30-3:30 Violin (YR) 3:15-5:30 FLS Basketball Practice <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <b>6:30 LLB Mtg.</b>  <b>FLS Registration Opens</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>2:30 New Perspective -c</b> <b>4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c</b> 5:30 Confirmation (Peace) 6:00 Connection (Schafer's) 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 Prayer Gr. (Marilyn S.) 6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Trinity)	<b>6</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 9:00-3:15 AHG Faith Retreat (FH & Gym) <b>5:30 Worship -c</b> <b>5:30-8:00 Date Night (Gym)</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Confirmation Class 9:15 New Member Class 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection</b> 1:30 Bible Bowl <b>2-4:00 Snow tubing (Camp Omega)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study ( <i>off-site</i> )	<b>10</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 2:30-3:30 Violin (YR) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <b>5-6:30 FLS Open House/Pre-K Night</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>1:00 Mill City -c</b> 5:30 Confirmation (Peace) 6:00 Connection 7:00 Choir	<b>12</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn S.) 2:00 Human Care 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop 7:00 Dartball (Trinity, Medford)	<b>13</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>5:00 FLS School Overnight Event Parent Drive Day</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  <b>FLS Event (Fellowship Hall, Gym, Youth Room, Sanctuary Jan. 13th, 5pm—14th, 8am</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 FLS School Overnight Event</b> 1-3:30 Galentines <b>5:30 Worship Service</b> 6:30-11:00 Youth Gr. (FH & YR) <b>Valentines Day</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Confirmation Class 9:15 New Member Class 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> <b>11:30 Potluck (FH)</b> 12-3:00 FLS Parent Basketball (Gym) 1:30 Bible Bowl 4:30-9:00 Home Extension Group (FH)	<b>16</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> <b>FLS—No School Presidents Day</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 2:30-3:30 Violin (YR) 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 4:30 LEGO Club <b>6:30 Elders' Mtg.</b> <b>6:30 Grandparenting Night (Music Room)</b>	<b>18</b> 8-3:00 Pretzel Making 8:30 Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>10:00 Milestone -c</b> <b>3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c</b> 5:15 Handbells 5:20 Confirmation (Peace) 5:30 Lenten Supper 5:45 Choir <b>6:30 Ash Wed. Service</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn S.) 6:00 Connection	<b>20</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>1:00 Newsletters Assembled</b>  <b>PTO Glow Dance</b>	<b>21</b> 6am-6pm Sudanese Service of Prayer & Fasting <b>5:30 Worship Service -c</b>
<b>22</b> 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Confirmation Class 9:15 New Member Class 9:20 Youth Bible Study 9:30 2-year-old class (Nursery) <b>10:30 Connection</b> 1:30 Bible Bowl	<b>23</b> <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study ( <i>off-site</i> )	<b>24</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 2:30-3:30 Violin (YR) <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Property Brd	<b>25</b> 8:30 Chapel 9:00 Quilting 5:15 Handbells 5:20 Confirmation (Peace) 5:30 Lenten Supper 5:45 Choir <b>6:30 Lenten Service</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn S.) 5:45-7:30 AHG Troop 6:00 Connection	<b>27</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8-12:00 FLS Mini Cheer (Gym) <b>5:30 Worship Service</b> <b>6:30-8:30 Game Night</b>

**NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLERS NEEDED!**

**N**ewsletter Assemblers are needed on Friday, February 20, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please come help us assemble, fold, and tape newsletters. Your help is essential!



**Newsletters Assembled**  
**February 20**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**(Fellowship Hall)**

**February 13**  
**(Early deadline!)**



**Special Note:** The deadline for March Newsletter articles is one week early—deadline is **Friday, February 13!** Please submit your articles promptly. Thank you!

**CARPET PROJECT**

**C**arpet Project...by the time this Newsletter is printed, the new carpet in the sanctuary should be installed; pews, choir chairs, altar, pulpit and lectern back in place; walls, pews and carpet vacuumed!

This project was a huge undertaking. Because of the willingness of many individuals, giving of their time and talents, the project ran smoothly. Whether it was pulling the pews, tearing out old carpet, scraping/sanding the adhesive off, resetting the pews, vacuuming and cleaning, preparing a meal...your help was much appreciated! Literally, this project could not have been done without your commitment to serve.



Again, we are extremely grateful to the Pie Makers and others who donated funds to make this possible. To Bob and Louise F. for donating the use of a dumpster and taking care of disposal fees. To LeRoy R. for the use of his equipment, making the adhesive removal an easier task. Also, to Steve D. for his leadership and for devising a plan to pull the pews and reset them.

We have been blessed with a beautiful house of worship, in maintaining it, we are being good stewards. Thanks be to God for all He provides!

**Prayers of appreciation for Mike Y.'s guidance and assistance with the carpet project!**

**MEMORIALS**

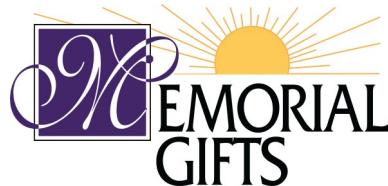
*Each gift has been recorded in the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Book located in the Church Office. We invite you to stop by the office and note the special donations given in love and remembrance. All gifts to Trinity Radio Club are recorded, then acknowledged by the Radio Club during their Sunday broadcasts.*

**IN MEMORY OF GENE TRENCH****FLS Gym Fund:**

\$50 by Howard B.

**Sudanese Fund:**

\$50 by Roger & Sandy M.



*"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."*

1 Thessalonians 4:14, ESV

## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - JANUARY 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Lay Leadership Board Minutes  
 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Attendance: Mitch M., Dan S., Barb B., Penny R., Nura N., Brian F. and Carl V. Chrysteena S., Brad T., and Dustin G. were guests.

Meeting was Opened by prayer from Dan.

**Faribault Lutheran School Report:**

**Rescheduled Christmas Service:** Due to the weather, the FLS Christmas service had to be rescheduled. The service will now be on Monday, January 12, in the FLS Gym. The service will be live-streamed.

**National Lutheran Schools Week:** NLSW will begin on Sunday, January 25, with a joint church service at Peace Lutheran Church at 9 AM. The week will be filled with dress-up days, all school devotions, all school projects, an all-school field trip, and kicking off our Kids for Heart Challenge! The week will wrap up with the highly anticipated Souper Bowl competition on Friday, January 30.

**FOC report:**

December contributions exceeded expenses by \$16,166.46, similar to last year.

Year-end deficit to 2025 budget: \$105,258.49.

Year-end deficit to 2025 actual expenses: \$69,871.51.

We start 2026 with a general fund surplus of about \$48k, which is about \$64k less than last year.

District says they'll be reducing their contribution to Rev. Reat's ministry to \$5,000.

Noel has told them we'll be reducing our contribution to them by \$5,000 to \$54,000 for FY 2026.

There may be a possible need for all groups' finances to be listed in the budget.

**Family Ministry:**

Our Sunday School Christmas service was held on Dec. 13 with Sunday School students in age 3 through grade 6 involved. 40 Goodie bags were donated and distributed. Nerf day is January 19 with a time for elementary kids and a time for the older youth. We are planning to have 5-6 confirmation class and Sunday School on January 25 at 9:15 for those students who are not involved in FLS.

**Pastor Report:**

Services are covered through the end of April.

**Executive Session:**

Barb motioned and Carl seconded to go into executive session/Motioned and 2<sup>nd</sup> to go out.

**Leadership Change:**

With Dan and Chrysteena moving in June, the LLB needed a new chair. Penny nominated Mitch and Brian seconded.

**Souper Bowl:**

Will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> in the school gym.

**Fellowship Pads:**

Discussion on what to do tabled until future meeting.

**Calendar items:**

Next LLB meeting: Tuesday, February 3

Mitch adjourned meeting/closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Brian F.-LLB secretary



## **CAMP OMEGA: MAN UP! MEN'S RETREAT**

**Friday, March 6, 2026—Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**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:** Biblical Friendship, Gracious Fatherhood and True Masculinity - would God like to grow you in those elements of your Christian walk?

You're invited to a 24-hour Men's Retreat on March 6-7 as we explore these themes and more with Dr. Scott Keith, a noted speaker and author who loves talking to men about God's design for them and family.

During this retreat we'll be surrounded by the natural beauty of Camp Omega, where you'll have time for fellowship and recreational opportunities. Join other men by the lake, hiking the woods, taking time for target shooting, or gathering at tables for food and games.

### **Speaker Topics and Themes:**

*Where Two or Three are Gathered*

A collection of lectures and discussions on why recapturing friendship is a great need for men in the church and society today.

#### *Being Dad*

A series of talks on how children need strong, gracious fathers and how men can strive against a world that tells them they are not required, allowing God's transforming grace to flow through family relationships, especially as a father.

#### *Why the Church Needs Masculine Men*

Why are men leaving the church? These talks explore this issue and offer solutions rooted in family, friendship, and the need for men to return to the church, befriend one another and speak the forgiveness of Jesus to one another, modeling true male friendship.

**Cost:** \$131.50 Omega Lodge (hotel style rooms)

Double Occupancy/Shared Lodging

\$96 Bunkhouse Style Shared Lodging

\$72 per day—Saturday Only (No Overnight Lodging)

**Camp Omega, 22750 Lind Ave. Waterville, MN 56096**

**Need more info?** Call 507-685-4266

Register online at <https://campomega.org/event/manup/>



**Removing the sadness of those affected by disasters isn't easy, but we can help. Lutheran Early Response Team equips volunteers to offer hope and relief. Learn essential skills like team formation, disaster cleanup, and emotional support to make a lasting impact.**



## **BASIC LERT TRAINING**



**SIGN UP TODAY!**  
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**Join LERT ROCHESTER Training!**  
 + Ages 14+; The cost for class is \$20

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Grace Lutheran Church**

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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Weekly Service Schedule - Saturday, 5:30pm  
Sunday, 8:00am and 10:30am  
Radio Broadcast: KDHL (AM 920)- Sunday, 8:00am  
Consolidated Communications TV channel 10  
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Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

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### LENT BEGINS



Lenten Midweek services begin with Ash Wednesday on  
February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

### Theme for Midweek Lenten Services:

**W**e are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Him. We contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

#### Dying His Death, Living His Life

- **Ash Wednesday** – Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness
- **Week 1** – Dying to Pride, Living for Others
- **Week 2** – Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven
- **Week 3** – Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith
- **Week 4** – Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace
- **Week 5** – Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace

#### LENTEN SUPPERS

Want to sponsor a Lenten Supper?  
We still have openings on February  
18, March 4 and March 25. Please  
contact Jennie in the church office  
to sign up!