



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR...



#### Greetings in the name of the Lord,

**T**rinity stands at the beginning of a new moment in its history. A pastor has been called. Installation is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and a long vacancy has ended. I too stand at the beginning of a new moment. My family has left its home in Iowa for a home in Minnesota. We have kissed our friends goodbye and shed many tears for those we love in Rock Rapids and Larchwood. God once asked Elijah, “Elijah, what are you doing here?” And he asks the same of you and me. On the threshold of this new moment, what are we doing here?

There are many answers we could offer. Some people join a church because it has a great children’s program. Some join a church because they enjoy the preaching or the worship of that congregation. Most people join a church because of a relationship. They have friends or family who attend with them. But while a vibrant children’s ministry is a blessing and good preaching is important—while music can move the soul and friends and family make a church feel like home—are any of these things a sufficient reason to join a church? When God asks, “What are you doing here?” can we offer any of these things as a sufficient answer? No. What good is a church if it is reducible to these things?

But a church is not reducible to these things. Over the long Easter season, we read many of the resurrection stories from the Gospels. What they all have in common is the revelation of Christ to the eyes of faith. Take Luke 24 and the road to Emmaus as an example. Two disciples meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus. But even though they see the man walking beside them, they don’t “see” Jesus because they do not recognize him, not until “he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.” Then they see him! Jesus vanishes, but they remember how their hearts burned within them as Jesus “talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures.” Jesus is revealed to them in the reading of the Word and the breaking of the bread, the Scriptures and the Supper. To these means of grace, we add a third, Baptism, for the one who is baptized in the name of Jesus is grafted into him by the gift of the Spirit as a branch onto a vine. The Word, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper—who else has these things? What other organization has Christ?

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## FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

### SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Alex Slotter,  
Senior Pastor
- 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

God asks us, "What are you doing here?" This is our response: "We have come here, O Lord, seeking Christ." We seek and find him in the means of grace.

Martin Luther once said, "Learn, yea, learn I say, what a treasure you have in the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ: that there is no other help and aid against the devil, sin, and eternal death than to cling to the Word of Christ, that is, to believe his promise to make bold to take him at his word." The Word of Christ is the treasure of the Church because it is the means by which we know Christ today. Indeed, the Word of Christ is the means by which Christ enters every situation. What makes the children's ministry wonderful? Christ. Why is the sermon central? Christ. Why baptize, why confirm, why receive the Sacrament? Why sing? Why encourage your family and friends to worship with you? The answer to all of this is Jesus. We seek Jesus. He is the

reason we are gathered here. As the Greeks once said to Philip, "Lord, we would see Jesus!"

As I take up this ministry, I do so with the expectation that my family and I will call Faribault our home for a long time to come. In the years ahead, I want to seek Christ with all of you. I want to find Christ in the means of grace. I intend to bring Christ into every situation by taking his Word to those in need, which is all of us. I know that through your long history, this has been your goal as well. Why build a church and school if not to bring Christ's Word to those who need it? So in all that we do together, let us work single-mindedly toward that goal. If we seek him, we will find him. In Jesus' name, Amen.

—Pastor Alex

## *Bible in a Year—May*

May 1 – I Chronicles 14,15; Psalm 132; Matthew 18  
 May 2 – I Chronicles 16; Psalm 106; Matthew 19  
 May 3 – II Samuel 7; I Chronicles 17; Psalm 2; Matthew 20  
 May 4 – II Samuel 8,9; I Chronicles 18; Matthew 21  
 May 5 – II Samuel 10; I Chronicles 19,20; Psalm 20;  
 Matthew 22  
 May 6 – II Samuel 11,12; Psalm 51; Matthew 23  
 May 7 – II Samuel 13,14; Matthew 24  
 May 8 – II Samuel 15,16; Psalm 32; Matthew 25  
 May 9 – II Samuel 17; Psalm 71; Matthew 26  
 May 10 – II Samuel 18; Psalm 56; Matthew 27  
 May 11 – II Samuel 19,20; Psalm 55; Matthew 28  
 May 12 – II Samuel 21,22,23; I Thessalonians 1  
 May 13 – II Samuel 24; I Chronicles 21; Psalm 30;  
 I Thessalonians 2  
 May 14 – I Chronicles 22,23,24; I Thessalonians 3  
 May 15 – I Chronicles 25,26,27; I Thessalonians 4

May 16 – I Kings 1; I Chronicles 28; Psalm 91; I Thess. 5  
 May 17 – I Kings 2; I Chronicles 29; Psalm 95; II Thess. 1  
 May 18 – I Kings 3; II Chronicles 1; Psalm 78; II Thess. 2  
 May 19 – I Kings 4,5; II Chronicles 2; Psalm 101; II Thess. 3  
 May 20 – I Kings 6; II Chronicles 3; Psalm 97; Romans 1  
 May 21 – I Kings 7; Chronicles 4; Psalm 98; Romans 2  
 May 22 – I Kings 8; II Chronicles 5; Psalm 99; Romans 3  
 May 23 – I I Chronicles 6,7; Psalm 135; Romans 4  
 May 24 – I Kings 9:11; II Chronicles 8; Psalm 136; Romans 5  
 May 25 – I Kings 10,11; II Chronicles 9; Romans 6  
 May 26 – Proverbs 1,2,3; Romans 7  
 May 27 – Proverbs 4,5,6; Romans 8  
 May 28 – Proverbs 7,8,9; Romans 9  
 May 29 – Proverbs 10,11,12; Romans 10  
 May 30 – Proverbs 13,14,15; Roman's 11  
 May 31 – Proverbs 16,17,18; Romans 12

## WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR: REV. ALEX AND THE SLOTER FAMILY

Trinity is blessed to welcome Pastor Alex as he begins his ministry among us. We want to share some background and fun tidbits to get a jump start on getting to know our new Shepherd and his family.

Pastor Alex was not raised in the Lutheran tradition, his faith journey has been shaped by a deep love for Christ and a growing appreciation for Lutheran teaching. Pastor Alex grew up in the Evangelical Free Church in Boone, Iowa, and was drawn to Lutheran theology through the centrality of Christ and the clarity of the *Small Catechism*, especially its teaching on Baptism.

He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 2020, and Trinity is now his second call. Pastor Alex brings with him a thoughtful spirit, a love of learning, and a sense of humor—especially when he admits that, despite enjoying new skills, “I can’t use a saw to save my life.”

Pastor Alex and his wife, Ashlie, have been married for 13 years. Ashlie was not raised in a Christian home, but came to faith in high school and was baptized at Pastor Alex’s home church. She now homeschools their four boys and is known for her exceptional baking—especially her beautifully decorated frosted sugar cookies. When she’s not teaching or baking, she enjoys puzzles and all kinds of games.


  
**W**elcome

Their family is lively, joyful, and full of personality:

- Alexander (7)** loves Minecraft, Sonic, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. He also enjoys tools and fixing things—perhaps making up for his dad’s saw skills.
- Samuel (5)** is energetic, fun-loving, and always on the move. He loves candy, wrestling, and absolutely cannot stand being bored.
- John (3)** was affectionately nicknamed “the very naughty baby” by his father at just six months old. He is loving, headstrong, and full of imagination. His favorite—and only—game is “army,” and everything must be military-themed.
- Leo (almost 2)** enjoys shoulder rides and trips in the truck with Dad. After his brothers fall asleep, he often sneaks out of bed to stay up late watching TV with Mom and Dad. He is a very sweet and gentle little boy.

We are grateful to welcome Pastor Alex, Ashlie, and their boys into our church family. Please join us in praying for them as they settle into their new home and begin this next chapter of ministry at Trinity.

—Mitch M., LLB Chair



## VBS 2026

Ages 3 through grade 6

July 26-30, 6-8 pm

Light evening meal served at 5:30 in the gym.

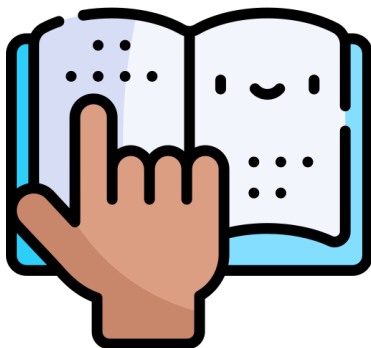
Registration will open May 1 for our VBS! You can register through our website (see link) or at <https://vbspro.events/p/715e28> or sign the forms found on the information center or use this QR code:



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**M**ay 17 is the last day of Sunday School for the school year. On that Sunday, we will have games for students and their parents.

This semester our offering goal was to help with Braille resources and educating a child through World Vision. We have exceeded our goal.



We had 3 Sunday School students give \$50 each from their own money to our Sunday School "Jesus" offerings. What a generous example they set for us all!

**VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

**T**rinity will have a Vacation Bible School on July 26-30, 6-8:00 p.m. for children ages 3 through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Volunteers are needed to make this happen. If you are interested in helping, please contact Nancy Simonson.

Online registration will open on May 1 through the link on our website or at <https://vbspro.events/p/715e28>.

*Faith Legacy*  
SERIES

**2**<sup>nd</sup> graders and their parents had their First Bible Faith Legacy class on April 26. Children were given their own Bible to mark with the favorite passages of their parents and grandparents. A blessing event will take place sometime in May.

## GRANDPARENTING CLASSES

**O**n April 7, grandparents viewed a video entitled: Not Too Late: A Story of Redemption and Hope – Trusting God When You Can't See the Ending.

It featured a story about a gentleman who had spent time in jail, but yet came to know Christ.

Our next video will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the music room entitled: Winning Well – Grandparents' Role in Shaping Character. We will explore our culture's view and God's perspective on sports.

You can watch the free zoom meetings held every Monday year round at the Legacy Coalition website: [legacycoalition.org](http://legacycoalition.org). Past videos are archived at this same website.

The first topic for May's online Grand Mondays is: May 4, 2026

Grand Faith - The Grandparent's Guide to Raising World Changers

*Rhonda Stoppe, Author, Podcaster*

# GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

**What you need:**

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



**What you do:**

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.



## A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

**VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u**

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2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

# FLS Monthly



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, May 7**

- FLS Board Meeting (Peace)  
6:00PM

**Friday, May 8**

- PTO Spring Carnival

**Wednesday, May 13**

- Outdoor Chapel @ Peace  
10:30AM

**Thursday, May 14**

- Spring Sing @ 6:00PM

**Monday, May 25**

- No School

**Wednesday, May 27**

- Fun in the Sun

**Thursday, May 28**

- Kindergarten/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Graduation

**Friday, May 29**

- Last Day of School
- Noon Dismissal

## Wildcat Wow!

Violet - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Carson - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

## School Contact

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flsoffice@flsweb.org

## Reflections on May

Happy May! As we approach the end of another school year, I am reminded how bittersweet this time can be. It is a joy to see how much our students have grown, academically, socially, and in their faith, but it is also hard to say goodbye as our 8th graders prepare to move on to high school.

May is also a busy and exciting month at FLS. We kick things off with our annual PTO Spring Carnival on Friday, May 8. We will then join Peace Preschool for an outdoor chapel and picnic on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 AM. Our Spring Sing will take place on Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM. During the final week of school, students will enjoy our "Fun in the Sun" day, an afternoon of water games and Kona Ice. We will wrap up the year with Kindergarten and 8th grade graduation on Thursday, May 28.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Faribault Lutheran School. Our mission is to "empower and equip all students for Christian discipleship and academic success in serving others for Christ and His church." This important work would not be possible without the ongoing support of our association churches and school community.

We are currently still accepting students. The number in red is the number of openings left in that class.

Faribault Lutheran School Enrollment: 2026-2027

Kindergarten: 11 | 13

1st Grade: 13 | 11

2nd Grade: 14 | 9

3rd Grade: 12 | 12

4th Grade: 17 | 7

5th Grade: 19 | 5

6th Grade: 12 | 12

7th Grade: 12 | 12

8th Grade: 5 | 19

Total Student Enrollment: 115

\*\*Enrollment numbers as of 4/14/2026

God's Blessings,  
Chrysteena Saehler  
FLS Administrator

## School Mission Statment

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

## March ~~February~~ School Board Minutes (3/5/2026)

Our Mission at FLS is to empower and equip all students for Christian Discipleship and Academic Success in serving others for Christ and His church.

**Members Present:** Eric Remold, Angie Swanson, Jen Jen, Josh Malecha, Debra Byrd, Ann Drache, Sara Hewitt (arrival at 1827)

**Members Absent:** Teasha Archambault

**Others Present:** Chrysteena Saehler, Kellsey Meyer

**1. Devotion/Prayer:** Chrysteena Saehler

**2. Call to Meeting Time:** 1807

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- February Minutes Josh motions to approve minutes with changes to attendees; Ann seconds motion carries
- Amendment Meeting Minutes

**4. Public Discussion Time**-none

**5. Faculty Time**

**6. Principal Report**

- Current enrollment 142
- 2026-2027 Enrollment: Enrollment for the upcoming year opens to current families on Wednesday, February 4. It will open to new families on Tuesday, February 10. Below is more information regarding tuition and the other fees that are set for next year.
  - Non-Member Tuition: \$4,225
  - Member Tuition: \$3825
  - Registration Fee: \$100/student (before March 15/new student) | \$300/student (after March 15)
  - Technology Fee: \$75/student
  - Volunteer Fee: \$200/family (refundable to the family up to the full \$200 if 15 volunteer hours are worked per school year)
- Winterim: FLS will be holding its Winterim Day on March 6! This special day is filled with engaging, hands-on projects for every grade level. It is a full and exciting day of learning and creativity, and it would not be possible without the many dedicated volunteers who help plan, prepare, and serve on the day itself. We are so grateful for their time and support in making this experience so meaningful for our students.
- Parent / Teacher Conferences: The spring conferences will be held on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13. This is a dedicated time for parents and teachers to get together to talk about the growth of students.
- Visitors Day: Our annual Visitors Day on Wednesday, March 18. Activities will kick off at 9 AM with Coffee & Conversations with the Principal. This is an opportunity for families and congregation members to connect with each other. We then follow with chapel at 10 AM. Visitors are then invited to follow their FLS student to the classroom for activities, recess, and lunch. We end the day with the 3rd-6th grade musical. This year students will be performing "The Sailor's Bible". The dress rehearsal will start at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18.
- 3rd-6th Grade Musical: The 3rd-6th grade musical this year is "The Sailor's Bible". The night performance will be on Thursday, March 19 starting at 6:00 PM.
- Gala: The FLS Gala, "Let Your Light Shine," will be held on Friday, April 10 at the Faribault Golf and Country Club. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$75 and include an evening of fellowship, dinner, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to support FLS. Proceeds from this year's event will go toward updating the gym sound system, completing upgrades to our lunch tables, and renovating the water fountains near the stack classrooms. Tickets may be purchased at Trinity or Peace Lutheran, or by calling the school office.
- Spring Break: FLS will be on Spring Break from March 23-27.
- Chapel Schedule
  - March 4: Mr. Meyer & 7th Grade
  - March 11: Pr. Thormondson
  - March 18: Mrs. Saehler

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  - March 6: Winterim
  - March 12: P/T Conferences (3:30PM-8:00PM)
  - March 13: No School | P/T Conferences (8:00AM-12:00PM)
  - March 18: Visitors Day
  - March 19: Parent Drive Day | 3rd-6th Grade Musical
  - March 20: Parent Drive Day
  - March 23-27: No School | Spring Break

### 7. Brief talk:

- Change policy (Fundraiser Approval form) or job description verbiage

### 8. Treasurer Report

- Library funds
- Peace invoice process (email sent to Whitney and is mailed)

### 9. Committee Reports (Policy | Curriculum/Technology | Endowment/Financing)

- Sports Co-op Update
  - Working with setting up a meeting with BA; Spoke with Faribault Public Schools
  - Tabled until next board meeting
- Call committee
  - Everything needed from the district
  - Meeting getting organized

### 10. New Business

- 2026-2027 Calendar
  - Proposal to drop snow day, 169 days total school days - Josh motions to approve, Ann seconds. Motion carries.
- Budget
  - Reviewed projected budget
  - Josh motions to approve the school budget, Jen Seconds. Motion carries.
- Gala
  - Fundraiser form given; please see principal report above for more details
- Bank signature
  - Josh motions to approve Eric to become check signer for FLS at State Bank; Deb seconds. Motion carries

### 11. Old Business

### 12. Upcoming Events

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1837 Josh motions to move into executive session, Ann seconds. Motion carried

1937 Josh motions to leave executive session, Deb seconds. Motion carried. (Chrysteena excused from meeting)

1938 Josh motions to move back into executive session, Deb seconds. Motion carried.

2148 Josh motions to adjourn, Jen seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned Time: 2148 | Next Meeting Date and Location: April 9th | 6:00 p.m. | Trinity

**CONFIRMED IN CHRIST**



**T**hanksgiving to God for the six young people being Confirmed in Christ this year and publicly professing their faith in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus. A special Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m.

- ✦ Summer Jo D.
- ✦ Claire Elizabeth K.
- ✦ Bentley Douglas Kane L.
- ✦ Paduam (Ty) R.
- ✦ William Dennis R.
- ✦ Abigail Marie S.

**BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**



**C**ONGREGATIONAL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE in honor of Trinity High School graduates will be held on Sunday, May 31 at 8:00 a.m. Quilts made by Trinity quilt-makers will be given to the graduates during the service.

If you or your child is graduating this spring, please contact the church office, 331-6579, by May 16.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT TRINITY**



**Blood Drive**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Faribault  
 Fellowship Hall  
 530 4th Street NW  
 Faribault, MN 55021

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
 11:00 a.m. to 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; TrinityFaribault to schedule an appointment.

*Get summer ready! Come to give blood May 18-31 for an exclusive Red Cross beach towel, ltd. qty!*

**WOMEN IN MISSION**

Women In Mission will have our regular meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m.

There will NOT be a June Women In Mission meeting.



### MARCH 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 (March 2026).

	Home Visits	Hospital or	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. / Conferences Attend
Guest/Visitation Pastors	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	16 / 2*	8	~
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	16	1	54	39	5	4	~

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0      Confirmed: 0

Released/Removed: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 9 Char B.; Angela E. (Carter, Colby, Chloe); Cassandra M.; Jacob & ShayLynn V. (Everett)

Transfers Out: 2 LeRoy & Kellie T.

Transfer In: 0

Deaths/Funerals: 2 Audrey D., Harold "Sarge" S.

Notes: Pastors led 16 worship services & 2 funeral services, taught 4 Adult Bible classes & 4 confirmation classes (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade); Elders and Lay leaders led 5 nursing home services, taught 4 confirmation classes (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade)  
\*2 funeral services

**Official Acts:**



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

**Attendance**  
Week 1 – 36; Week 2 – 30;  
Week 3 – 40; Week 4 – 75 (Palm Sunday)

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

### Happy May Birthday!

**S**pecial Greetings to Trinity's Octogenarian and Nonagenarian members with May 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.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:30-4:00 FLS FH Kitchen 3:30 Confirmation Exams (Conf. Rm)	<b>2</b> 5:30 Worship Service
<b>3</b> 8:00 Worship <b>Worship</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> <b>2:00 Installation Service &amp; Reception</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Bible Study <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 6:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 2-2:45 FLS (FH) 2:30-3:30 Violins <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	<b>6</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>2:30 New Perspective -c</b> <b>4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c</b> 6:00 Connection (Schafer's) 6:00 Choir Potluck (Off site)	<b>7</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 5:45-7:45 AHG Field Day Troop Mtg. (FH, Sanc., N/YR, MR) 6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace) <b>6:30 LLB Mtg.</b> <u>National Day of Prayer</u>	<b>8</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:30-4:00 FLS FH Kitchen 3:30-6:00 Recital Rehearsal (Gym)  <u>PTO Spring Carnival (Off site)</u>	<b>9</b> 10am-9pm Dance Performance (gym) 1-4:00 Graduation Party (FH) <b>5:30 Worship Service -c</b>
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<b>17</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Confirmation 9:20 Youth Bible Study <b>10:30 Connection -c</b> 1:00 Piano Recital (Sanc. & FH)  <u>Last Day of Sunday School</u>	<b>18</b> 9:00 Bible Study <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 Staff Mtg. 12:30-3:00 JOY (FH) 2:30-3:30 Violins <b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b> 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <b>6:30 Elders' Mtg.</b> 6:30 Grandparenting Night (MR)	<b>20</b> 8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Quilting <b>10:00 Milestone -c</b> <b>3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 1:00 Women In Mission	<b>22</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 12:30-4:00 FLS FH Kitchen  <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 Worship Service -c</b>
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<b>31</b> 8:00 Worship -c <b>Baccalaureate</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study <b>10:30 Worship -c</b>  <u>Trinity Sunday</u>						



*Max & Haley Johnston*

# SEMINARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Dear sponsors, family, and friends,

Vicarage has been going well and has been incredibly busy during this Lenten season. My supervisor told me when I first arrived in Seymour that my year would intentionally become busier and busier and they would gradually add tasks with each week. He likened it to a tractor pull, a very fitting image for southern Indiana.

I passed my mid-year vicarage review with flying colors and I am looking forward to continuing to learn and grow here at Immanuel. Each week is full of new experiences and also opportunities to reflect and refine my skill set.

Haley has been enjoying her involvement in the community and church. She and Everett currently attend story time at the library, quilting group, card making group, two local Mom Groups and any number of meet ups with other moms and their kids. It has been such a blessing that she has found such intentional community here.

Everett turned one in February! He is pulling up to stand on anything and everything and is gradually taking steps. He is getting closer each day to walking. He is forming his first words and is eager to use his voice as often as he can. He especially loves to sing for every hymn that is played in church on the organ. He is also a big fan of Jesus, taking every opportunity to grab the crucifix that I wear and hold it tightly. We are working on getting him to stop chewing on Jesus. Metal on teeth. Ouch.

This later portion of my vicarage has moved past most of the how-to aspects and has been more focused on getting a deeper understanding and appreciation for the theology and practice of what we do. I've been learning how ministry is unique in every setting and situation and learning to grow into it.

It has been a rewarding year so far here and we are looking forward to soaking up these last few months of learning in Seymour. I am so blessed by all of your continued support thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,  
Max, Haley, and Everett Johnston



## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - APRIL 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Lay Leadership Board Minutes  
6:30 PM, Tuesday April 14, 2026

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

### 418 House:

The LLB toured the 418 rental house to see on how the renovation is going.

### Faribault Lutheran School Report:

The Gala was successful and the money will be going to a new sound system for the gym, updating the FLS lunch tables, and getting new water fountains for the stack

Enrolment for next year is still low compared to last year. We received a report from Eric on the status of hiring a new Administrator and possible moving of teachers based on enrollment.

### FOC report:

The general fund balance is \$56,305.25. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row, contributions exceeded general fund expenses.

### Sudanese Ministry:

Attendance continues to be good with 75 attending Palm Sunday.

### Family Ministry:

The Easter breakfast was organized by 2 families – Penman/Grund and the Bailey family.

On April 26 there will be a class for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders where they will receive their first Bibles.

We will have a confirmation banner making time on April 26 after the 10:30 service.

VBS will be moved one week earlier this year (July 26-30) to avoid the Pet Parade and also free up *Night to Unite* for our congregation to consider doing something.

### Audit Report:

An audit was done on 4/9/26 and procedures were gone over.

### Open LLB position:

With Dan leaving, we need to find someone to finish his one-and-a-half-year term.

### Pastor Slotter Reception:

A reception for Pastor Slotter and family is being planned.

### QuickBooks:

A change in Principals are needed. Dan motioned to “Authorize Jennifer K. to be Primary Principal and Noel H. to be Secondary Principal.” Carl Seconded and the motion carried.

### Coffee in the Sanctuary:

We have decided that drinks will be allowed in the sanctuary but prefer them to be in covered containers.

Coffee hour will be from 9:15-10:15 and be cleaned up.

### Outreach:

A new group needs to be formed for outreach such as Promote events, Parade organization, Changing the 4<sup>th</sup> St sign, Facebook promotion and Designing and maintaining a new church website. More work to come once Pastor Slotter is here.

### Calendar items:

Next LLB meeting: Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Mitch adjourned meeting and Dan closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian F.

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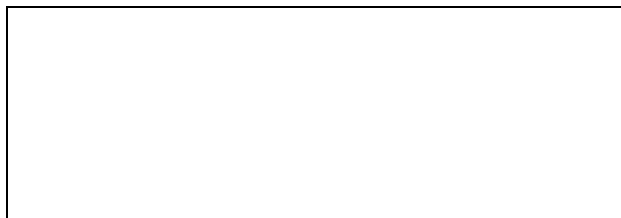
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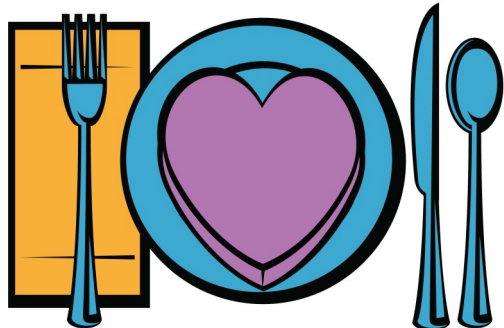


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## COMMUNITY



## FREE LUNCH

### HERITAGE DAYS FREE LUNCH

**W**e need a sponsoring group to take on planning the Heritage Days Free Community Lunch on Friday, June 12, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This is a fantastic outreach to the community that Trinity has hosted for many years. Please talk to Jennie in the church office if you or your group would like to help.

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