



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Phone: 507.331.6579

Address: 530 4th Street NW Faribault, MN 55021

## NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 26, ISSUE 9

September 2026

### FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

Dear Trinity Members,

**T**he school year is once more upon us, along with the resumption of all the educational ministries of our church.

Not only is it encouraging to see all of the kids in our Sunday school, youth program, and confirmation (along with all the kids at FLS), but these educational ministries are central to the life of our church because the Word is central. And what are we doing through these things if not teaching the Word?

In 1521, Luther stood before the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. He had been excommunicated by Pope Leo X earlier that year and condemned as a heretic. Charles V now demanded that Luther recant his writings or face execution. But Luther said:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason—for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves—I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.”

## THE Final WORD



Ever since that moment, the Lutheran Church has boldly declared that the Scriptures alone are the highest authority for faith and conduct. We are a church body captive to the Word of God.

This Word not only instructs us in doctrine and ethics (teaching us what is true and training us to discern good from evil), but it also gives life to the soul by bringing us into fellowship with God through Christ. As Paul wrote in Romans 10:17, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” What is that “word of Christ” except the Gospel? And how do we know the Gospel apart from the Holy Scriptures? The educational ministries of Trinity do not exist just to give our kids something to do! Rather, they are the means through which hearts are made captive to the Word of God and the Gospel of salvation proclaimed to the next generation.

Since these ministries are so important, they require not only the hard work of many volunteers, but consistent prayer on the part of the whole congregation. As Proverbs 19:21 reminds us, “Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.” Not only must we labor, but we must pray that God would bless. That he would take his Word and plant it in the hearts of these kids so that it would bear much fruit. May that be his purpose, and may it stand!

Pastor Alex

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

|                                                                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| LWML FALL RALLY /<br>BIBLE IN A YEAR                                                | 2   |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL / GRANDPARENTS/<br>GAME NIGHT                                         | 3   |
| KIDS' PAGE                                                                          | 4   |
| FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL                                                           | 5-6 |
| PASTORAL REPORT /<br>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS                                            | 7   |
| SEPTEMBER CALENDAR                                                                  | 8   |
| BLOOD DRIVE / HOLIDAY BOU-<br>TIQUE / BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAIS-<br>ER / PHISHING EMAILS | 9   |
| AUGUST LLB MINUTES                                                                  | 10  |
| FAITH FAMILY REUNION RETREAT                                                        | 11  |
| RALLY DAY                                                                           | 12  |

**“HONORING GOD & COUNTRY”  
LWML Fall Rally  
Saturday, October 3, 2026**

8:30-9:15 a.m. Registration and Brunch

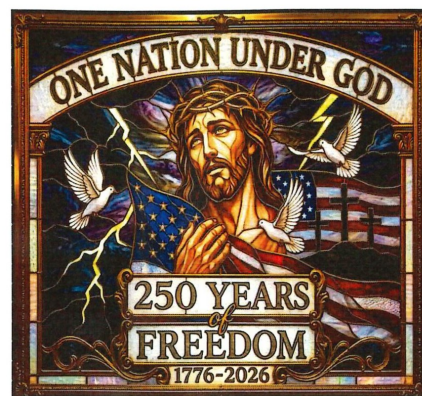
9:30-11:30 a.m. Program

\$10 registration cost

Join us at Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault,

530 4th Street NW.

(Parking on the west side)



## SERVING TRINITY &amp; FLS

- Rev. Alex Slotter,  
Senior 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
- Joshua Baumann,  
FLS Administrator
- Jeneen Michelson,  
FLS Administrative  
Secretary



Guest Speaker—  
Pastor John Meyer  
Retired LCMS Pastor  
and Retired US Army Reserve Chaplain  
Minnesota native



### Gifts from the Heart:

Cash/Check donations towards Chrome Books  
and/or Tuition Scholarships for  
Faribault Lutheran School students!



## *Bible in a Year—September*

September 1 – Ezekiel 15, 16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6

September 2 – Ezekiel 17, 18, 19; Revelation 7

September 3 – Ezekiel 20, 21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8

September 4 – Ezekiel 22, 23, 24; Revelation 9

September 5 – Ezekiel 25, 26, 27, 28; Revelation 10

September 6 – Ezekiel 29, 30, 31, 32; Revelation 11

September 7 – II Kings 25; II Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 40, 41;  
Revelation 12

September 8 – Jeremiah 42, 43, 44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13

September 9 – Lamentations 1, 2; Obadiah; Revelation 14

September 10 – Lamentations 3, 4, 5; Revelation 15

September 11 – Daniel 1, 2; Psalm 87; Revelation 16

September 12 – Daniel 3, 4; Psalm 81, Revelation 17

September 13 – Ezekiel 33, 34, 35; Revelation 18

September 14 – Ezekiel 36, 37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19

September 15 – Ezekiel 38, 39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20

September 16 – Ezekiel 40, 41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21

September 17 – Ezekiel 42, 43, 44; Revelation 22

September 18 – Ezekiel 45, 46; Luke 1

September 19 – Ezekiel 47, 48; Luke 2

September 20 – Daniel 5, 6; Psalm 130; Luke 3

September 21 – Daniel 7, 8; Psalm 137; Luke 4

September 22 – Daniel 9, 10; Psalm 123; Luke 5

September 23 – Daniel 11, 12; Luke 6

September 24 – Ezra 1; Psalms 84, 85; Luke 7

September 25 – Ezra 2, 3; Luke 8

September 26 – Ezra 4; Psalms 113, 127; Luke 9

September 27 – Haggai 1, 2; Psalm 129; Luke 10

September 28 – Zechariah 1, 2, 3; Luke 11

September 29 – Zechariah 4, 5, 6; Luke 12

September 30 – Zechariah 7, 8, 9; Luke 13

**RALLY DAY**

**R**ally Day is September 13. We will have a 5:30 p.m. Saturday service and a 10:30 a.m. Sunday service. Parents can register their children ages 3 through grade 6 in the Music Room at 10:00 a.m.

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will have a hot dog lunch with a chance to view the FLS classrooms.

**GRANDPARENTS**

**“G**rand Monday Nights” are video sessions for grandparents which are offered via a zoom meeting every Monday at 7:00 p.m. throughout the year. You can join each week through registration at [legacycoalition.org](http://legacycoalition.org) or view past sessions. Through these interesting sessions, grandparents learn the importance of their role and receive ideas for passing on the faith to their grandchildren.

We will start up our monthly grandparent meetings to watch a selection each month. Contact Nancy Simonson for more information.

These topics are scheduled on the Legacy Coalition website:

**August 31, 2026**

David Wheeler and Paw Paw Panel—Part Two  
Hard-earned Lessons From Soft-hearted Papaws

**September 7, 2026—Labor Day Holiday****September 14, 2026**

Jim Burns, President, Homeward  
Complicated Families, Complicated Adult Children:  
You Are Not Defined by Your Adult Children’s Poor Choices

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**M**ost teachers are returning. This year Grades 5-6 will NOT be a part of the confirmation program. They will participate in the Sunday School activities and Christmas Sunday School service. They will meet in the conference room in the church office hallway. Regular Sunday School classes start on Sunday, September 20 at 9:15.

**NEW RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES**

**P**astor Alex and Nancy Simonson are working on new resources for children at various ages.

These resources include such books as children’s Bibles and catechisms to use at home with children or for children to explore on their own.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**C**onfirmation classes for 7th & 8th graders begin on Wednesday, September 16, 5:15 p.m.

**GAME NIGHT**

**J**oin us for our next Game Night on Saturday, September 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

Bring your favorite games and a snack to share or just come and enjoy the fun! This is for the whole family—everyone is invited! Not a drop-off event.

Hope to see you there!





A sweet reminder that God is always growing something new, no matter the season. As summer winds down and a new school year begins, remember He is at work in your life, helping you grow in faith, kindness and courage. With His help, you can grow in wisdom, build friendships and shine His love wherever you go.

#### What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving) box chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz.) tub whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) clear plastic cups
- Gummy worms or frogs (optional)



#### What you do:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes until thickened.
2. Gently fold in the whipped topping.
3. Add a layer of crushed cookies to the bottom of each cup.
4. Spoon pudding mixture on top, filling the cups about  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.
5. Sprinkle more crushed cookies on top to look like "dirt."
6. Add gummy worms or frogs for fun.
7. Chill until ready to serve, or enjoy right away.

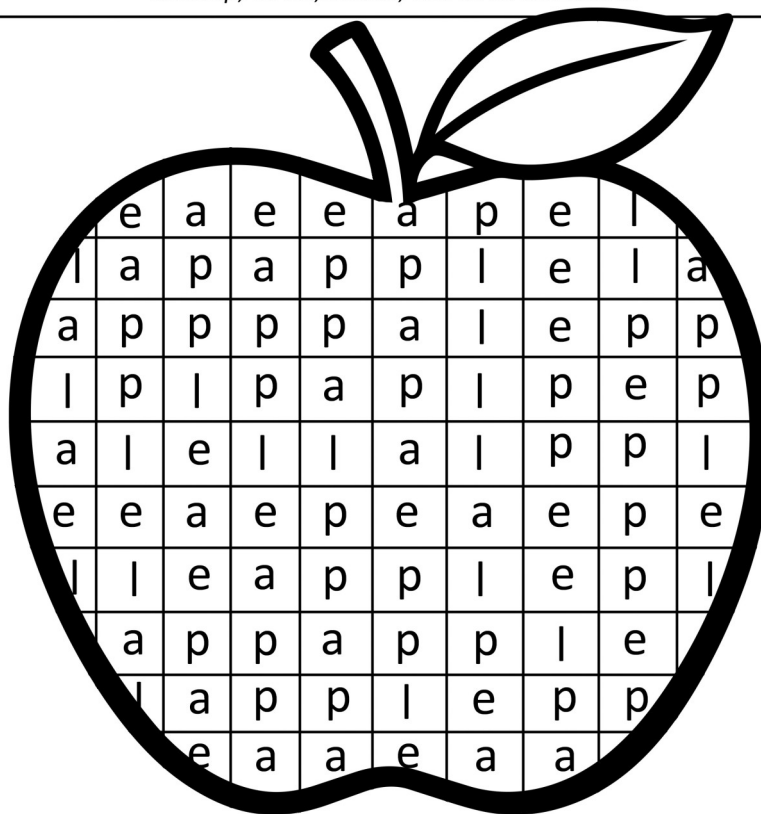
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not  
perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)



## Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?  
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



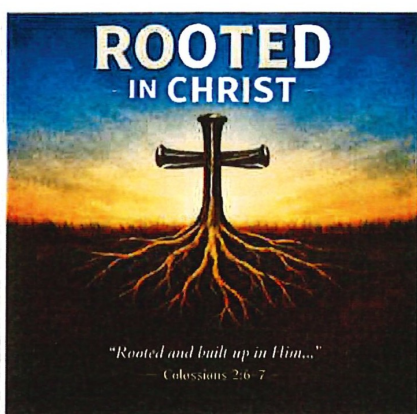


THEREFORE, AS YOU RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK IN HIM, ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM AND ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH, JUST AS YOU WERE TAUGHT, ABUNDING IN THANKSGIVING.  
COLLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Have FAITH in your child's future

## Faribault Lutheran Lowdown

September 2026



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, September 1**
  - First Day of School (5-8)
- **Wednesday, September 2**
  - First Day of School (K-4)
  - Opening Chapel @ 8:30
- **Monday, September 7**
  - Labor Day - No School
- **Sunday, September 13**
  - Dedication & Open House
  - Trinity @ 10:30
- **Thursday, September 17**
  - Board of Directors
  - Peace @ 6:00 pm

Email: [flsoffice@flsweb.org](mailto:flsoffice@flsweb.org)  
[administrator@flsweb.org](mailto:administrator@flsweb.org)

Website: [flsweb.org](http://flsweb.org)

Phone: (507) 334-7982

### From the Administrator

Greetings from Faribault Lutheran School! September is probably my favorite month of the year. I love the fall with cooler temperatures and leaves changing colors. Football season starts and people still have hopes that the Vikings can do something. Harvesting crops and plowing fields have always been something that I enjoy. The start of the school year is special with most students and teachers excited to be here.

Since I arrived at FLS, I have spent most of my time getting to know as much as I can about this place. That is hard to accomplish when all of the preparation for a new school year also needs to take place. I started with the purpose of the school and I thought it would be good to share that information with you because of our partnership together in sharing the Gospel. I hope that most of this information is review for you and not something that is new.

The Mission Statement at Faribault Lutheran School is to empower and equip students for Christian Discipleship and Academic Success to serve others for Christ. As a Lutheran, I have to ask the question: what does this mean? In our philosophy statement it says, "Faribault Lutheran School has its primary purpose to instruct all children in the Lutheran faith in keeping with the teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Faribault Lutheran School also seeks to be an outreach ministry to our community offering scriptural teachings, Christian values, and the love of Christ who has the power to transform lives. This takes place in an academic setting that is challenging and prepares students to successfully engage learning at the secondary level of education."

Faribault Lutheran School prepares students to be Christian leaders recognized for their discipleship, academic achievement, and service to others. It is my prayer that we fulfill that mission and purpose as we partner with families in the education of their children and partner with our association churches in sharing the love of Jesus.

In His service,  
 Joshua Baumann

**Faribault Lutheran School upholds that...**

- ❖ Children are a gift of God and a focus of His love.
- ❖ Parents are the primary educators of their children and our school serves to partner with them in the Christian education of their children.
- ❖ Each child is designed and created by God with his/her own intellect, capacity to learn, and unique talents.
- ❖ Our goal is to help children successfully achieve their potential, embrace their talents, and perform to the best of their ability.
- ❖ Children perform best in an environment where students are loved, respected, and socially accepted.
- ❖ Children achieve academic success when instruction is age-appropriate and gives attention to the needs and differences of the individual learner.
- ❖ Children should know and experience God's grace, read and study God's word, and be encouraged in their relationship with Christ and His church.

**Faribault Lutheran School values...**

- ❖ Christ at the center of all we do academically, spiritually, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- ❖ An educational process that supports standards of academic excellence and achievement.
- ❖ A safe Christian environment where students are loved, respected, and socially accepted.
- ❖ The partnership between home, school, and the Church.
- ❖ Forgiveness, grace, and the hope that is ours in Christ our Lord.

**2026-2027 FLS FACULTY**

**MRS. ERIN BANKS - KINDERGARTEN**

**MS. SIERRA FUCHS - 1ST GRADE**

**MS. BAILEY GARE - 2ND GRADE**

**MS. SIERRA JACOB - 3RD GRADE**

**MRS. DIANA KITZMAN - 4TH GRADE**

**MS. MEGHAN BARR - 5TH GRADE**

**MRS. NANCY BAUER - 6TH GRADE**

**MR. MARK MEYER - 7TH + 8TH GRADE**

**MR. RILEY KRIEGER - MUSIC**

## JULY 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 (July 2026).

|               | 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 |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Senior Pastor | 6           | 1 <sup>(H)</sup> | many          | 3               | 7                                    | 0                                      | 49*                 | 26*                  | 17*              | 20             | many         |
| Lay Members   | 0           | 0                | 0             | 0               | 1                                    | 0                                      |                     |                      |                  | 0              | ~            |

Baptisms: 2 Harley V., Greyson V.

Confirmed: 1 LaShelle V. (Adult)

Profession of Faith/ Affirmation of Baptism: 2 Gary & Carol E.

Released/Removed: 0

Weddings: 0

Transfer In: 0

Transfers Out: 2 Dan & Chrysteena S.

Deaths/Funerals: 0

### Official Acts:



### **Rev. Gatluk Reat July 2026 Report:** *Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church*

Week 1 – 1,350\*\*; Week 2 – 45;  
Week 3 – 56; Week 4 – 40  
(\*\*National Youth Conference in Mankato)

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

Note: \*Lay members (Elders, etc.) assisted at all regular services and nursing home services.

## Happy September Birthday!

**W**e thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members. Say a kind word, offer a prayer or send a card!



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><br>9:00 Staff Mtg.<br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b><br>6:00 Memento<br><br><u>FLS 5th-8th grade starts</u>                                                           | <b>2</b> 8:30 Opening Chapel<br><b>2:30 New Perspective -c</b><br>6:00 Worship Mtg. with Elders, Ushers, & Worship Assistants<br><br><u>FLS K-4th grade starts</u>                                                                                | <b>3</b><br>10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's)<br>10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op)<br>1:00 Sound system Check                                                                       | <b>4</b><br>8:00 Men's Bible Study                                     | <b>5</b> 5:30 Worship Service -c                                                                                            |
| <b>6</b><br><b>8:00 Worship Service -c</b><br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Coffee Hour<br><b>10:30 Worship Service -c</b>                                                                                                                                      | <b>7</b><br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b><br><br><u>Labor Day Church Office Closed No School</u>                                                          | <b>8</b><br>8:00 Pie-makers<br>9:00 Staff Mtg.<br>3:30-7:00 Rice County Fall Fling (Fellowship Hall)<br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b><br>6:00 Memento<br><b>6:30 LLB Mtg.</b> | <b>9</b><br>8:30 Chapel<br>9:00 Quilting<br><b>1:00 Mill City -c</b><br>6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's)<br>6:00 Handbells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                                                      | <b>10</b><br>10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's)<br>10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op)<br>2:00 Human Care<br>5:15-8:45 AHG Troop Mtg.<br><br><u>WINKEL (St. John's, Claremont)</u>     | <b>11</b><br>8:00 Men's Bible Study                                    | <b>12</b><br><b>5:30 Worship Service</b>                                                                                    |
| <b>13</b><br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Coffee Hour<br>10:00 Sunday School Registration<br><b>10:30 Rally Day Service</b><br>11:30 FLS Open House & Hot dog Lunch<br><br> | <b>14</b><br>8:00 Pie-makers<br>12:00 Bible Study<br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b><br>6:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)<br>6:30 Sudanese Committee Mtg. | <b>15</b><br>9:00 Staff Mtg.<br><b>11-5:00 Blood Drive</b> (F. Hall)<br>6:00 Memento<br><b>6:30 Elders' Mtg.</b>                                                                 | <b>16</b><br>8:30 Chapel<br>8:30 Women's Bible Study (Hagre's)<br>9:00 Quilting<br><b>10:00 Milestone -c</b><br><b>3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c</b><br>5:15 Confirmation<br>6:00 Connection Practice (Trinity)<br>6:00 Handbells<br>7:00 Choir | <b>17</b><br>10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's)<br>10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op)<br>1:00 Women In Mission<br>6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace)<br>6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. (Fellowship H) | <b>18</b><br>8:00 Men's Bible Study<br><br><u>Newsletter Deadline</u>  | <b>19</b><br><b>5:30 Worship Service -c</b><br><b>6:30 Game Night</b>                                                       |
| <b>20</b> 8:00 Worship Service -c<br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Coffee Hour<br>9:15 Youth Bible Study<br>9:15 Sunday School<br><b>10:30 Worship Service -c</b>                                                                                               | <b>21</b><br>8:00 Pie-makers<br>12:00 Bible Study<br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b>                                                                        | <b>22</b><br>9:00 Staff Mtg.<br>2:10-2:50 FLS Partners (F. Hall)<br>6:00 Memento                                                                                                 | <b>23</b><br>8:30 Chapel<br>8:30 Women's Bible Study (Hagre's)<br>9:00 Quilting<br>5:15 Confirmation<br>6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's)<br>6:00 Handbells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                      | <b>24</b><br>10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's)<br>10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op)<br>5:15-8:00 AHG Troop Mtg.                                                                     | <b>25</b><br>8:00 Men's Bible Study<br><br><u>FLS Parent Drive Day</u> | <b>26</b><br>8-12:00 AHG New Member Joining Brunch (F. Hall /Nursery)<br><b>5:30 Worship Service -c</b><br>6:30 Youth Event |
| <b>27</b> 8:00 Worship Service<br>9:15 Adult Bible Study<br>9:15 Coffee Hour<br>9:15 Youth Bible Study<br>9:15 Sunday School<br><b>10:30 Worship Service</b>                                                                                                     | <b>28</b><br>8:00 Pie-makers<br>12:00 Bible Study<br><b>3:30 Sunday Worship on TV</b><br>6:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site)                                 | <b>29</b><br>9:00 Staff Mtg.<br>2:10-2:50 FLS Partners (F. Hall)<br>6:00 Memento<br>6:30 Property Brd                                                                            | <b>30</b><br>8:30 Chapel<br>8:30 Women's Bible Study (Hagre's)<br>9:00 Quilting<br>5:15 Confirmation<br>6:00 Connection Practice (Trinity)<br>6:00 Handbells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                                        |                                                                                                                             |

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday,  
September 15  
11 a.m.—5 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment call,  
1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)

or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter:

TrinityFaribault.

*Your gift of Blood can save up to 3 people's lives!  
Thank you for caring.*

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

**E**very person, no matter his or her age, has inherent value and dignity, not because of what they have done or will accomplish, but because they are made in God's image and cherished by Him.

Pregnancy Options LifeCare Center is a non-profit organization in Faribault which focuses on all aspects of life, whether protecting the unborn or supporting the parents who choose to give birth and raise their children or place them for adoption. At the Pregnancy Options LifeCare Center, all life is affirmed as a gift from God.

The Center provides free, confidential services to diversely cultured women. There is no cost for any of their services. They offer pregnancy testing, STI/STD testing, pregnancy/parenting education, maternity and baby necessities, social service referrals, emotional support, and hope.

Once again, Trinity Human Care is sponsoring the "Baby Bottle Supportraiser" to help support the life-affirming work of Pregnancy Options here in Faribault. The baby bottles will be available in the narthex the weekends of Sept. 19 & 20 and Sept. 26 & 27. Families and individuals are encouraged to participate by taking a bottle home and bringing it back by the weekend of October 3 & 4 filled with change, bills or checks.

Thank you for your past support of Pregnancy Options and their important work. Please consider contributing this year to help them continue providing these services to women in our community.

**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE**

**Saturday, November 21,  
2026**

**9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

**Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Faribault**

**Auditorium**



**T**rinity's fifth annual **Holiday Boutique Sale** is planned for Saturday, November 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the FLS/Trinity Auditorium.

You purchase a table for \$10 (which will be donated to the Youth program). Proceeds from the sale of your merchandise will be yours to keep.

**The deadline to register for a table is October 13!** Registration forms are at Trinity Lutheran Church in the church office or in the narthex.

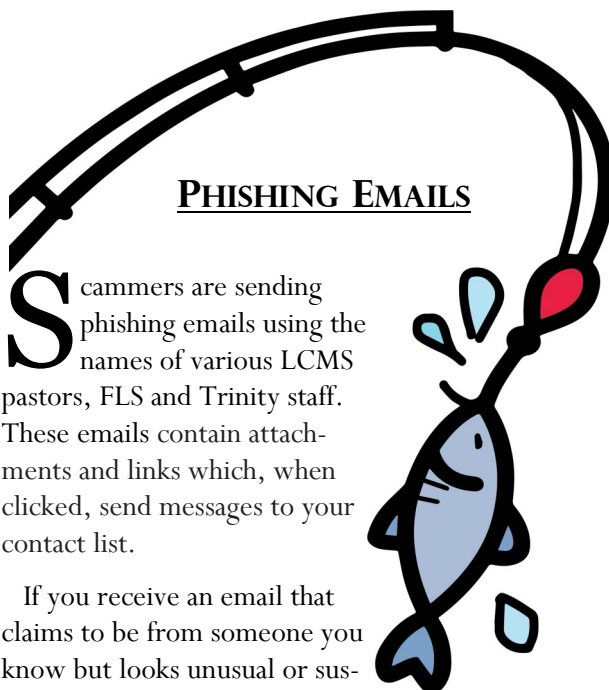
Questions: contact Nancy B. or the church office.

**PHISHING EMAILS**

**S**cammers are sending phishing emails using the names of various LCMS pastors, FLS and Trinity staff. These emails contain attachments and links which, when clicked, send messages to your contact list.

If you receive an email that claims to be from someone you know but looks unusual or suspicious, please call that person to verify that it is legitimate before opening any attachments or links.

Be cautious and stay safe!



## LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 2026

### Trinity Lutheran Church — Lay Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, August 11, 2026 **Time:** 6:30 PM **Respectfully Submitted by:** Brian F.

#### ☐ Attendance

**Board Members:** Barb B., Penny R., Dale K., Nura N., Brian F., Carl V., Pastor Alex

**Guests:** Josh B.

#### ☐ Opening Prayer

Led by Pastor Alex

#### ☐ FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL REPORT

2026–27 Theme: *“Rooted in Christ”*

Enrollment: 121 students

#### ☐ PASTOR’S REPORTS

- **FOC Financial Report**
  - o July expenses exceeded income by **\$16,723**, largely due to the first installment of the 2026–27 property insurance.
  - o The renter for the **418 house** will move in on **September 1, 2026**, at **\$1,300/month**.
- **Sudanese Ministry**
  - o Strong attendance the first week of the month; consistent good attendance thereafter.
- **Family Ministry**
  - o Vacation Bible School (VBS) had **67 children**. Pastor plans to reach out to unchurched families.
  - o Confirmation, Sunday School, and Youth Group begin early September.
  - o **14 students** are registered for confirmation this year.
- **Ministry Teams Governance Update**
  - o Pastor presented the Ministry Team Master Rules.
- **School Board Proposed Bylaws**
  - o Proposed changes to the FLS School Board bylaws were shared; these are also being presented to Peace Lutheran.
- **Gift Planning**
  - o Jon Lorton, District Gift Planner, will attend the next LLB meeting.

#### ☐ PROPERTY & FACILITIES UPDATE

- **April Hail Storm:** Insurance should cover all roof damage.
- **Parking Lots:** Both lots will be resurfaced soon.
- **Addition Roof Repairs:** Inspection revealed additional repairs needed beyond hail-related damage.

#### ☐ DIRECTORY UPDATE

- **175 families** have signed up.
- **180 of 200** available photo slots are filled.

#### ☐ CALENDAR ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT

- **Teams Meeting:** August 26 at 6:00 PM
- **Next LLB Meeting:** Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM
- **Rally Day:** September 13, 2026, at the 10:30 AM service
  - o Peace Lutheran invited
  - o Blessing of the school and faculty
  - o Hot dogs and ice cream to follow
- **Adjournment:**
  - o Motion to adjourn by Brian; seconded by Nura
  - o Pastor Alex closed with prayer





# We Invite You To Attend A Retreat With Faith Family Reunion

When children have left the church and faith in Jesus Christ, parents that are left behind often find themselves feeling isolated and alone. The feelings of guilt and shame can become overwhelming as they wonder what they did wrong, could have done better or what they failed to do. The end result makes parents feel as though they are living solo with the need to carry this burden on their own.

**When:** Saturday, October 17, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2500 7th Ave NE,  
Owatonna, MN 55060

**Sponsored by:** the Faribault Circuit of the Minnesota South District of the LCMS

**To Register:** Call (507) 451-4125 OR click on QR Code to register online

**Cost:** Registration is \$15.00 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and retreat materials



[Click to Register](#)

During this time, we invite you to begin the journey of discovery together with us as we explore the notion that we might all share similar stories and that maybe you are really not alone on this road.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



530 4th Street NW  
Faribault, MN 55021  
Phone: 507-331-6579  
Fax: 507-331-0986  
School: 507-334-7982  
[www.trinityfaribault.org](http://www.trinityfaribault.org)

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  
& Charter/Spectrum channel 181,  
Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

[WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYFARIBAULT.ORG)  
8:00 & 10:30am services live streamed

[WWW.TRINITYRADIOANDVIDEO.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYRADIOANDVIDEO.ORG)  
APPS FOR APPLE / ANDROID AVAILABLE

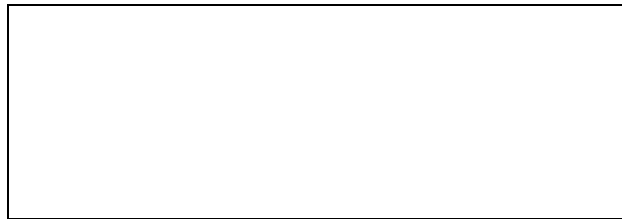
- OUR MISSION -  
CONNECT, GROW, GO



Place  
Postage Here  
Post Office will not  
deliver without  
Postage

Address Service Requested

# 2026



## RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2026

One Sunday service at

10:30 a.m.

*(note: there will still be a 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday service on September 12.)*

- 9:15 Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 Sunday School Registration
- 10:30 Rally Day Service
- 11:30 Tour FLS and Enjoy a Hot dog lunch in the auditorium!