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NEWSLETTER

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FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

Dear Trinity,

It may be hard to believe, but we are entering the end of the year. The leaves on the ground will soon be replaced by snow, and 2026 will turn to 2027. As the end of the year approaches, we also enter the season of Thanksgiving. It is wholly appropriate that we celebrate this holiday toward the end of the year because now we can look back on the last 11 months and see all that God has done for us.

Just 11 months ago, life was very different for Trinity. The pastoral vacancy was still ongoing, and a new vacancy was about to open at the school as Chrysteena had accepted a call to San Diego. But within just a couple of months, God would provide for both. What a reason to give thanks.

Life was very different for me as well. I was not looking for a new call, and neither was my family. January to May were hectic months as we said goodbye to one church and hello to another. The summer was very different than what we had expected on January 1st because we were learning to live in a new town, I was settling into a new call, and the whole family was getting to know a new church. But at the end of the year, all of us are able to say, "God is good, and we are blessed."



But not only have all of us received many good things from God's hands over the last 11 months, we have also experienced many hardships. What family is there that hasn't known some heartache over the last year? What marriage hasn't seen a little strain? Is there anyone who hasn't struggled with something? And for many families, the Thanksgiving table will have a seat that is now empty. This is why we don't only look backwards when we give thanks. We also look forward.

We look forward to Christmas. The fact that joy is mixed with sorrow reminds us that we need a Savior. But God has sent a Savior, who has promised to wipe away every tear from our eyes. There is no pain so terrible that Christ will refuse to bear it. There is no need beyond his help. There is no reason for despair so long as Christ is there. And he is. He was born to be our Savior, and he is coming again soon.

So give thanks to Christ this season for all the blessings that he has given to you. Lift up whatever troubles you and place them in the wounded hands of Jesus. Do not only look backward, but look forward, forward to the birth of Christ (who is the reason for all hopefulness) and even further ahead to the time when all sorrow, trials, and troubles will pass away on the day that Christ returns. He is coming back to make all things new.

God's peace be with us all,
Pastor Alex

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REFLECTING ON A YEAR OF BLESSINGS

SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Alex Sloter, 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

As we look back on this past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness and abundant blessings. Through every season, He has guided, strengthened, and encouraged our church family, reminding us that His love and provision never fail.

One of the greatest blessings this year, has been welcoming our new pastor. We are thankful for the leadership, vision, and spiritual encouragement that have already made a meaningful impact on our congregation. Through preaching, pastoral care, and a heart for ministry, our pastor has helped us grow deeper in our faith and closer together as a church family.



We are also grateful for the growth and participation in our Bible studies. Week after week, members have gathered to learn God's Word, share their experiences, and encourage one another in their spiritual journeys. These opportunities for fellowship and discipleship have strengthened relationships and deepened our understanding of God's truth.

Beyond these ministries, we have witnessed countless examples of God's blessings throughout our congregation. We have celebrated answered prayers, supported one another through challenges, welcomed new faces into our church family, and shared Christ's love within our community. Every act of kindness, every volunteer hour, every song of worship, and every prayer lifted has contributed to the vibrant life of our church.

Most importantly, we thank God for His continued presence among us. While programs and activities are important, it is His Spirit that unites us, guides us, and gives purpose to all we do. As we look forward to the coming year, we do so with hope and anticipation, trusting that God will continue to lead us into new opportunities for service, growth, and ministry.

Thank you to every member, volunteer, leader, and friend of our church. Your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment have helped make this year a blessing. Together, let us continue to grow in Christ, support one another, and share the hope of the Gospel with all who need it.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Mitch, *LLB Chair*

Bible in a Year—November

November 1 – Psalm 121; Mark 9, 10
November 2 – Job 23, 24; Mark 11, 12
November 3 – Job 25; Mark 13, 14
November 4 – Job 27, 27; Mark 15, 16
November 5 – Job 28, 29; Galatians 1, 2
November 6 – Job 30; Psalm 120; Galatians 3, 4
November 7 – Job 31, 32; Galatians 5, 6
November 8 – Job 33; I Corinthians 1, 2, 3
November 9 – Job 34; I Corinthians 4, 5, 6
November 10 – Job 35, 36; I Corinthians 7, 8
November 11 – Psalm 122; I Corinthians 9, 10, 11
November 12 – Job 37, 38; I Corinthians 12
November 13 – Job 39, 40; I Corinthians 13, 14
November 14 – Psalm 149; I Corinthians 15, 16
November 15 – Job 41, 42; II Corinthians 1, 2
November 16 – II Corinthians 3, 4, 5, 6
November 17 – II Corinthians 7, 8, 9, 10
November 18 – Psalm 124; II Corinthians 11, 12, 13
November 19 – Matthew 1, 2, 3, 4
November 20 – Matthew 5, 6, 7
November 21 – Matthew 8, 9, 10
November 22 – Matthew 11, 12, 13
November 23 – Matthew 14, 15, 16
November 24 – Matthew 17, 18, 19
November 25 – Matthew 20, 21, 22
November 26 – Matthew 23, 24, 25
November 27 – Psalm 125; Matthew 26, 27,
November 28 – Matthew 28; I Thessalonians 1, 2, 3
November 29 – I Thessalonians 4, 5; II Thessalonians 1, 2, 3
November 30 – Romans 1, 2, 3, 4

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



On Sunday, November 15, Sunday School students, youth and their parents and grandparents, as well as all congregational members, are invited to pack shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child.**

The Sunday School children are using their offering money to purchase hygiene items such as toothbrushes, combs, washcloths and also school supplies such as pencils, notepads, pencil sharpeners, etc.

Families are invited to go shopping for a special "wow" gift for the box. Suggestions for the "wow" gift are: doll, stuffed animal, harmonica, toys (please no war related toys or figures), jump rope, yo-yo, Frisbee, marbles, clothing items (mittens, socks or dress up clothes). Please no soap or toothpaste.

Congregational members are also invited to pack a box either with us or on their own. Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. We will deliver the boxes to a collection site and pay shipping costs. We hope to pack 50+ boxes.

After packing the shoeboxes, families will be given Advent family devotions that emphasize the light of Jesus.

The Sunday School children will sing on November 9 at the 10:30 service.

Our Sunday School Christmas service entitled "The Everlasting Light" will be Saturday, December 12 at the 5:30 service. Special parts will be distributed at Sunday School.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

A Pastor/Parent session was held on October 11. This session focused on visioning your child's spiritual future and the role parents play in faith formation.

Legacy COALITION

GRANDPARENTING

Grandparents will meet in November. The date has yet to be determined.

All live streamed and previous video sessions can be viewed at Grand Monday Legacy Coalition website, https://legacycoalition.com.

BETHLEHEM INN

The Bethlehem Inn performances will take place on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This comical, yet moving, dinner theater experience brings to life the night of Jesus' birth. Once again, we are offering a "buy one, get one free" ticket promotion—for every ticket you purchase, you will receive a free ticket to invite someone outside our church. Please consider inviting friends from the community to join us.

Tickets will go on sale in early November, and menu details will follow soon.

We are also in need of servers for the event. Please let Nancy Simonson know if you are willing to help serve food.

Bread Painting

When you eat this fun snack,
be thankful for Jesus,
who is our Bread of Life.

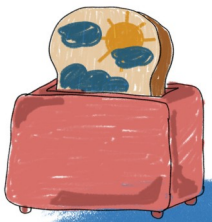
What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional



What you do:

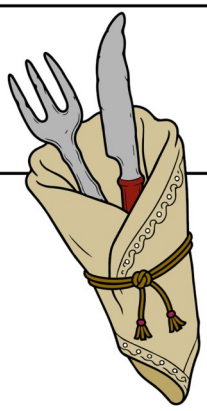
1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:
Ask an adult for help when using a toaster or toaster oven.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

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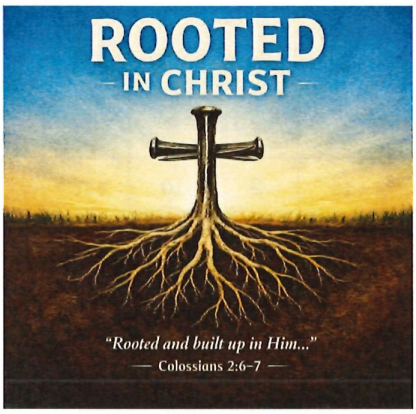
FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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, ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING.
COLLOSIANS 2:6-7

Have FAITH in your child's future.

Faribault Lutheran Lowdown

November 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, November 11**
  - Veterans Day Celebration
- **Thursday, November 12**
  - Board of Directors
  - Peace @ 6:00 pm
- **Friday, November 13**
  - No School
  - Professional Development
- **Thursday, November 19**
  - 7th & 8th Grade Play
  - Gym @ 6:00 pm
- **November 25-27**
  - No School
  - Thanksgiving Break

Mission Statement: To empower and equip students for Christian discipleship and academic success to serve others for Christ.

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From the Administrator

We naturally think about gratitude in the month of November. We reflect on the many blessings God has placed in our lives, our families, and our communities. At Faribault Lutheran School, our theme this year, *Rooted in Christ*, reminds us that the greatest blessing we share is the firm foundation we have in Jesus.

In Colossians 2:6-7, Paul encourages us not only to receive Christ but also to continue walking in Him, growing in faith, and abounding in thanksgiving. The NIV version that I memorized as a youth said overflowing in thanksgiving. This is a beautiful reminder that our faith is not something that we practice only on Sundays, during chapel, or Bible study. Rather, it shapes how we live, how we serve one another, and how we care for the people God places in our lives each day.

At Faribault Lutheran School, we have the privilege of partnering with families and our association congregations to nurture children in both their academic growth and their faith. Every day brings opportunities to share God's Word, encourage one another, celebrate growth, and remind our students that their identity and hope are found in Christ. This ministry is made possible through the prayers, generosity, encouragement, and faithful support of our church communities.

As we look toward Thanksgiving, may we remember that gratitude goes beyond recognizing our blessings. It also means responding to God's goodness by serving others, sharing His love, and remaining firmly rooted in His Word. Whether we are teaching in a classroom, worshiping together, caring for a neighbor, or encouraging a child in faith, we are participating in the work God has given His people to do.

Thank you for the many ways you support Faribault Lutheran School and the ministry of Christian education. Your partnership is a blessing, and we are grateful to be part of a community united in Christ and His mission.

May God continue to root us deeply in His Word, build us up in faith, and fill our hearts with thanksgiving - not only in November, but throughout the year.

In His service,
Joshua Baumann

FARIBAULT LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Administrator Report
Association Congregations
October 2026

Mission

Faribault Lutheran School's mission is to empower and equip students for Christian Discipleship and Academic Success to serve others for Christ.

Theme Verse

"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, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6-7

Enrollment:

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2025-2026	19	17	16	19	21	18	14	8	10	142
2026-2027	15	14	14	12	16	19	13	13	5	121

School started on Tuesday, September 1 for grades 5-8. We welcomed all 121 students on Wednesday, September 2.

Staff: Ms. Meghan Barr is our new 5th grade homeroom teacher. Ms. Megan Wagner is serving as our classroom para. Ms. Kayci LeMieux is our long term substitute in 2nd grade while Ms. Bailey Gare is on maternity leave.

Curriculum: Our new religion curriculum is *Enduring Faith* from CPH. We are currently working on creating a curriculum review rotation. Math will be reviewed this school year.

Accreditation: Accreditation has undergone a few changes since our last visit. We will need to look at the new requirements and make plans to take care of them prior to our next accreditation visit.

Surveys: Our annual survey is currently open to our families and congregation members. The parent survey runs through the end of October and the congregation survey through the end of November. If you are a member of our association congregations and do not have children currently enrolled, please use the link or scan the QR code to find the survey. For those who do not have internet access, there will be paper forms available.
https://forms.gle/qb3SFeU4QpS3W4i2A

Upcoming Events:

- ➔ Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans Day Celebration
- ➔ Thursday, November 19 - 7th & 8th Grade Play @ 6:00
- ➔ Friday, December 11 - PTO Christmas Extravaganza
- ➔ Tuesday, December 15 - Christmas Service

October 19, 2026
Joshua Baumann


Faribault Lutheran School
PTO
Hy-Vee
SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!
Hy-Vee
CASH 4 STUDENTS
Turn your Hy-Vee receipts into cash for
Faribault Lutheran School!
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 – MAY 31, 2027
Turn your Hy-Vee receipts into cash for our school!
Hy-Vee will donate $1 for every $200 of receipt totals at the end of the school year.
*Faribault Lutheran School only. Receipt must show location, total, and date of purchase.
Turn your receipts into hope!
Turn into the office or your child's teacher.
Support our school ♥ Make a difference!

THANKSGIVING PIES

Trinity Pie Makers will offer pies for sale for Thanksgiving. Most pies will be frozen and unbaked.

Order forms are available at the Information Center at church. Please fill out the form and place it in the box that is provided or call Jackie D. We are also offering online ordering this year. You can either use the link (Link: tx.ag/TRIPIES) or scan the QR code to complete your order. The final day for ordering pies for Thanksgiving will be November 8.

The pies you order will be ready to be picked up on Monday, November 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and Tuesday, November 24, 12-5 p.m. The price for the pies is $13.00.

Please note: rhubarb custard, pumpkin and pecan pies ARE baked and then frozen. These pies just need to be defrosted. Unbaked pies have baking instructions included. We appreciate your continued support for our pie project.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE

Saturday,
November 21, 2026
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault

Auditorium



Trinity'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.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale—Christmas items, baked goods, wood and metal works, quilts, porch pots, jewelry, homemade soaps and creams, and much more.

Our Youth will provide a yummy lunch, snacks and treats for purchase!

Questions: contact Nancy B.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The Altar Guild at Trinity is a group of lay people dedicated to serving God in His house by preparing and caring for the altar and chancel areas of the church for worship. Members of the Altar Guild serve for one month. Duties include cleaning and dusting the chancel furnishings, preparing the altar for worship and cleaning the Communion vessels after each weekend. The time commitment during your one month of service is about 1 hour per week.

If you have thought of serving in church this way, please talk to an Altar Guild volunteer, call Barb M. or come to our meeting on **Monday, December 7 at 10:30 a.m.** in the church.

We will establish a calendar for 2027 and talk about any concerns or questions in caring for the altar. If you are new to the Altar Guild, never fear! You will be assigned to work with one of the current Altar Guild members to learn the duties.

J.O.Y. GROUP

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

A **mystery event**, it's a big surprise,

En**JOY**able, none the less, I do surmise.

Tuesday, the **17th** of **November**;

Lots of en**JOY**ment before it's over.

Who knows what will happen at this event in fall,

Find out at **1:30** in the **Fellowship Hall**.

The experience here will be a treat,

BTW, please **sign** the **sheet**.


A LITTLE
PUMPKIN
is on the way
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
BABY SHOWER
HONORING
Ashlie Sloter
Let's celebrate a sweet new chapter filled with love, little pumpkins and big dreams!
Saturday, November 14, 2026
from 10:00-12:00
Trinity Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
A light snack will be served. Please sign up at the information center so we can plan accordingly.
Sweet Baby Boy

SEPTEMBER 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 (September 2026).

	Home Visits	Hospital or Hospice	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 / FLS Classes	Mtgs. Attend
Senior Pastor	2	5	many	1	10	0	28	19	18	26 / 2	many
Lay Members	0	0	~	0	1	0	24*	18*	16*	~	~

Baptisms: 0 Confirmed: 0

Profession of Faith/Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Released Per Request: 11 Crystal B. (Haylee E., Kennedy E.), Karen W.; Molly S. (Connor, Brady, Rylee S.); Monica J. (Elijah, Hunter J.)

Official Acts:

Weddings: 0

Transfer In: 0

Transfers Out: 1 Ralph B.

Deaths/Funerals: 2 Roger Koopmans, Kim Krueger

Rev. Gatluk Reat September 2026 Report:

Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church

Attendance

Week 1 – 25; Week 2 – 31; Week 3 – 36; Week 4 – 45

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

Notes: Pastor -11 regular weekend services, 4 nursing home services, 2 funeral services, 1 committal service
*Lay members (Elders, etc.) assisted at all regular weekend services, at 3 nursing home services and at 2 funeral services

Happy November Birthday!

We 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
1 **8:00 Worship –c** 9:15 Coffee Hour 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study **10:30 Worship –c** 1:30 Visitation 2:30 Memorial Service **All Saints Day** **Daylight Saving Ends**	**2** 8:00 Pie-makers **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 6:30 Women's Bible Study (Fellowship H)	**3** 9:00 Staff Mtg. 2:10-2:50 FLS Partners (F. Hall) **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 6:00 Memento	**4** 8:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study *(Hagre's)* 9:00 Quilting **2:30 New Perspective -c** 5:15 Confirmation 6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's) 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir	**5** 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 5:15-8:00 AHG Troop Mtg.	**6** 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op) 3:15 Worship Planning Mtg.	**7** 8-12:00 AHG Project (Gym) **5:30 Worship Service**
8 **8:00 Worship Service** 9:15 Coffee Hour 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study **10:30 Worship Service**	**9** 8:00 Pie-makers **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 6:00 Trumps' Bible Study *(off site)* 6:30 Women's Bible Study (Fellowship H)	**10** 9:00 Staff Mtg. **11-5:00 Blood Drive** 6:00 Memento **6:30 LLB Mtg.**	**11** 8:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study *(Hagre's)* 9:00 Quilting **1:00 Mill City –c** 5:15 Confirmation 6:00 Connection Practice (Trinity) 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir 	**12** **Wreath Pickup** 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 2:00 Human Care 4:30-5:30 FLS Winterim Mtg. 6:00 FLS Brd. Mtg. (Peace) 6:30 AHG Leaders' Mtg. 7:00 Dartball (Trinity, Medford) **WINKEL (Trinity, Medford)**	**13** 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op) **FLS—No School** **Newsletter Deadline**	**14** 10-12:00 Ashlie Sloter Baby Shower (Fellowship H.) 3:45-5:15 Women's Craft Group (FH) **5:30 Worship Service –c** **6:30 Game Night**
15 **8:00 Worship Service –c** 9:15 Coffee Hour 9:15 Adult Bible Study **9:15 Operation Christmas Child** 9:15 Youth Bible Study **10:30 Worship Service –c**	**16** 8:00 Pie-makers **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 6:30 Women's Bible Study (Fellowship H) **6:30 Annual Voters Mtg.**	**17** 9:00 Staff Mtg. 1:30 J.O.Y. Group (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 Memento **6:30 Elders' Mtg.**	**18** 8:30 Chapel 8:30 Women's Bible Study *(Hagre's)* 9:00 Quilting **10:00 Milestone –c** **3:30 Faribault Senior Living –c** 5:15 Confirmation 6:00 Handbells 7:00 Choir **18th-21st Nursery Reserved** →	**19** 10:00 Prayer Group (Marilyn Steele's) 1:00 Women In Mission 4:45-8 AHG Awards (Sanctuary & FH) **6:00 7th & 8th Grade Play (Gym)**	**20** 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op) **Setup for Boutique Sale (Gym & Narthex)** **Parent Drive Day**	**21** **9-3:00 Boutique Sale (Gym)** 9-5:00 Bell Ringing (Hy-Vee) **5:30 Worship Service**
22 **8:00 Worship Service** 9:15 Coffee Hour 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study **10:30 Worship Service** 1-5:00 Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)	**23** 9:00-1:00 Pie Pickup 1:00 Newsletters Assembled (FH) **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 5:15-6:30 Cheer Leading (Gym) 6:00 Trumps' Bible Study *(off site)* 6:30 Women's Bible Study (Fellowship H)	**24** 9:00 Staff Mtg. 12-5:00 Pie-pickup 2:10-2:50 FLS Partners (F. Hall) 6:00 Memento 6:30 Property Brd.	**25** 6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's) **7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship –c** **FLS Thanksgiving Break—No School** →	**26** **Thanksgiving Day** **Church Office Closed**	**27** 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Bible Study (Realife Co-op)	**28** 9:30-3:00 Young Baby Shower (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen & Gym) **5:30 Gospel Service –c**
29 **8:00 Gospel Service –c** 9:15 Coffee Hour 9:15 Adult Bible Study 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study **10:30 Gospel Service –c** **First Sunday in Advent**	**30** **3:30 Sunday Worship on TV** 5:15-6:30 Cheer Leading (Gym) 6:30 Women's Bible Study (Fellowship H)					

BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10

11 a.m.—5 p.m.

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

or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter:

TrinityFaribault.

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

CAROLING IN DECEMBER

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the Lord!



Save the Date: Saturday, December 12 at 10 a.m. the whole congregation is invited to join together to spread some Christmas cheer by caroling at local nursing homes. All ages are welcome. For all voices, no need to be an expert singer, or even a good singer. More details to come.

BELL RINGING

Trinity members will once again ring bells for the Salvation Army. There are two opportunities for bell ringing—Saturday, November 21 at Hy-Vee and Saturday, December 5 at Fareway. Please sign up at the information center for a two-hour shift on one of these days.



Angel Tree

Angel Tree Project—Christmas 2026… Trinity will again be sponsoring the Angel Tree Project. On the weekend of November 14/15 you will find that the Angel Tree has been decorated with white paper Angel ornaments.

Please take an ornament from the tree. Document on the "Sign Up Sheet" at the Information Center (A) the number listed on the angel; (B) your name; (C) your phone number. Information listed on the angel will help you in gifting your "angel." Please have all gifts (not wrapped) returned to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 6. Be sure to attach the white paper angel ornament, identifying your angel, to the gift. We will take care of wrapping the gifts and getting them delivered in time for Christmas.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Y. Thank you, so very much, for your help with this project! God bless.



TURKEY TROT

Infants Remembered in Silence

November 26, 2026

Thanksgiving Morning!

Register by November 9 to receive a free long-sleeve Turkey Trot T-Shirt. 5K walk, 5K Run, 10K Run, Tot Trot, & Gobble Wobble

Location: Held at the Faribault Middle School

Contact Info:
Phone: 507-334-4748
trot@irisRemembers.com
Visit irisremembers.com for details and to register.

ANNUAL VOTERS' MTG.



The Annual Voters' meeting will be held on Monday, **November 16 at 6:30 p.m.**

We are also seeking nominations for people to serve on the Lay Leadership Board and Faribault Lutheran School Board. Please consider serving!

ADVENT SERVICES AND SUPPERS



Advent midweek services will be Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Advent suppers will be served before the services, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

If you or your group would like to sponsor a supper, please contact Jennie in the church office. This is a great way to support a special fund or project. Seed money is available through Thrivent Action Team to help with expenses. Questions about how it works? Contact the church office, 507-331-6579.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING



Help Us "Spruce" Up the Church!

Join us for the Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 8:00 a.m.!

Many hands make light work! Join the decorating party and prepare the church for the Christmas season.

NEWSLETTER HELP NEEDED

Newsletter Assemblers are needed to fold and tape the December Newsletters on Monday, November 23, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help out, please call Jennie in the church office at 507-331-6579.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!



On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV). © *ChurchArt Online*

THE RADIO CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP



The Trinity Radio Club is asking for your help. We have renewed our contract with KDHL and also renewed our streaming contract for 2026-2027. KDHL is nearly $13,000 and our streaming system is $3,000. We could use your help in covering these costs. We are so thankful for all who have given this year with gifts and memorials. The support for the ministry is awesome. We just need to have some help with these big amounts that are due. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the church office. Thank you so much for your help in continuing the radio/video ministry here at Trinity!

If you have any questions, please contact Todd V.

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - OCTOBER 2026

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

1) Attending: Mitch, Barb, Nura, Carl, Penny, Pastor Alex Absent: Dale
2) Opening devotions and prayer: Pastor Alex with Mathew 19:13-17

3. Faribault Lutheran School report
- The governance project is ongoing. The proposed bylaw changes were not well-received at Peace
- Writing policies related to the board/administrator relationship with the help of the governance committee.
- Problems facing FLS at the beginning of the year have been greatly diminished.

4) Pastor Alex Report
- Financial Report: Expenses exceeded income by $17,591.50 for the month of September.
  - ◊ 2027 Budget to be proposed by 11/1/26
- Attendance Report: Shows very similar to 2025
- Sudanese Report
  - ◊ Attendance is very similar to previous months
  - ◊ The District has agreed to work with the Sudanese Evangelical Mission Church of Southern Minnesota (Pastor Reat's calling congregation) to establish a structure.
- Family Ministry Report
  - ◊ Nancy has 14 children enrolled in Sunday School just for ages 3-Kindergarten and she has about 12 in grades 1-4 and 7 in grades 5-6
  - ◊ On October 25 there will NOT be Sunday School as we will have a joint Reformation service at Peace. In the afternoon at 2 p.m. at Bob S.'s farm, we will have a Reformation celebration congregational gathering.
- Pastor's Report
  - ◊ 20 7/8th graders are enrolled in confirmation this year.
  - ◊ Pastor's involvement in the school includes:
    - * Leading teacher devotions every Thursday
    - * Weekly chapel (Now that Pastor Bartelt is installed, this responsibility will be split with him)
    - * Teaching the religion period every Thursday on a per grade basis (starting in kindergarten, working up to 8th grade, and then returning to kindergarten)
    - * Greeting the kids at drop-off every Tuesday
    - * Being present for pick up at least once a week.
    - * Walking through the school a handful of times each week

5) Property Board: There are issues with the school's boiler that need to be addressed

6) Voters' Meeting – November 16, 2026

7) Goals for 2027:
- Sunday School/Family Ministry
- Increased involvement in leadership roles
- Building Fund/Endowment Fund

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LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES - OCTOBER 2026 CONTINUED

8) Nomination Committee-
- Lay Leadership Board: Possible 3 people for the open positions
- Faribault Lutheran School: Still need 2-3 people to be nominated

9) Salary Committee consist of Carl, Barb, and Nura

10) Calendar items
- Next LLB meetings:
  - ◊ 6:00 Monday, October 26, 2026
  - ◊ 6:30 Tuesday, November 10, 2026

11) Adjournment was motioned by Brian and 2nd by Carl

12) Closing prayer by Pastor Alex

Respectfully submitted,

Brian F.
LLB Secretary

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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 HONOR AND WITH LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF FAMILY AND FAITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO TOUCHED, INSPIRED AND CONTINUE SHAPING OUR LIVES—REST IN GOD'S PEACE.
Sudanese Ministry Continuing Education
A memorial by Bill & Char S.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES "CHUCK" BEATTY:
Undesignated Memorials
$80. by Family & Friends

IN MEMORY OF ROGER KOOPMANS:
FLS Gym Floor
$50. by Howard B.

Special Memorials—Landscaping
$100. by Barbara B.
$50. by Cathy H.
$25. by Dale & Theresa K.
$50. by Gary & Barbara M.
$50. by Larry and Brad T.
$250 by Ed & Trish V.
$40. by Mike Y.
$300. by the Funeral Lunch Workers
$1,000. by Family & Friends

IN MEMORY OF ART MELAND:
Youth Fund
$25. by Howard B.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIS "BUD" PASCHKE:
FLS Gym Floor
$25. by Howard B.

Faribault Lutheran School
$25. by Dwight & Ruth H.

IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN SANDERS:
FLS Gym Floor
$25. by Howard B.

Trinity FLS Scholarship Fund
$30. by Helen V.

General Fund
$50.50 by Jill G.
$206.72 by Family & Friends

Undesignated Memorials
$100. by Geoffrey & Shalom E.
$100. by Dana & Jean L.
$50. by Richard & Renae L.
$50. by Mark & Andrea M.
$20. by Mertice R.
$20. by Pat T.
$50. by Larry and Brad T.

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We Invite You to Join Us for

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25 7:00 p.m.
with Holy Communion

Note: There will be NO
Thanksgiving Day Service.





See order details on Page 8.