

March Mission Focus: ELCA World Hunger Appeal



This Lent, let’s go “hog wild”! Pick up your ELCA World Hunger Appeal Piggy Bank from the narthex at church.

Trinity has a goal of 20 Piggy Banks,
First has a goal of 10 Piggy banks

Throughout Lent, place a dollar a day into the piggy bank.

- Challenge 1—bring back your piggy bank with \$30 and we can buy a pig
- Challenge 2—bring back your piggy bank with \$40 and we can buy 1 pig and 10 chicks.
- Challenge 3—pick up a second piggy bank for your family, help us to exceed our goal!

Bring the Piggy Banks back to Church on Sunday, April 9th—Palm Sunday—and we will parade them in as part of our Procession of Palms. Then on Easter Sunday, we will announce how many pigs and chickens we were able to purchase!

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



*“...Lord, when was it that
we aw you hungry and gave you food,
or thirsty and gave you something to drink...”*

Excerpt from Matthew 35:341-45

The quoted excerpt comes from one of Jesus’ more famous exhortations to his disciples. In this passage, he declares that on the day of judgment, the Sheep and the Goats will be separated based on their acts towards a variety of people, including those who are hungry and thirty. Jesus connects the act of helping the hungry and thirsty, among other charitable acts, as being done to him. Though, neither the sheep nor the goats realized that it was Jesus they were either helping or (in the case of the goats) not helping.

It was not the Goats fault that they did not recognize Jesus in those they walked by. It is not that the Sheep were wiser that they did help, not knowing they were actually serving Jesus. It just happens. How do we get lost sometimes in our own ways and not recognize Jesus in the needy around us? Perhaps because we get real-ly wrapped up in ourselves. And when we get wrapped up in ourselves, we tend to not be looking for Jesus. How can we get out of our own way and begin to intentionally look for Jesus?

For starters, this Lent, I invite you to fast from self-centeredness and to let that fast open you to where Jesus is found in the hungry and thirsty of the world. The children’s sermons, our meals at our Wednesday Lunch and Devotions, our Wednesday night Bible Study, our March EPIC Sunday School, and our March Mission Focus all are themed around the crisis of World Hunger. This theme was chosen to help us fast from self-centeredness and be more open to others.

These many ways we will engage the theme during Lent will help us learn about the causes of hunger and point us to the hope within the crisis. It is my hope we will even realize just how we can work together with our state and national legislators to work for policies to change the causes of hunger.

Martin Luther wrote, in his commentary on Psalm 82, “For so to help a man that he does not need to become a beggar is just as much of a good work and a virtue as to give alms to a man who has already become a beggar.”

Whether we fight for justice and equality for those suffering extreme poverty and hunger in third world coun-tries, or whether we champion the cause for better sustainable wages in our own backyard, we follow the call of Jesus when we see those who are hungry or thirsty, and we provide for them, as if we are providing for our very Lord and Savior, whose death and resurrection bring us new life and the courage to serve.

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

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Ash Wednesday

March 1st, 7:00 PM worship at Trinity

Join us for the Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

We begin our Lenten fast by turning away
from our inward selves and
opening up to the needs of others.

Lenten Lunch and Devotions

Wednesdays at noon from March 8 to April 5

Join us for a Global menu meal and some interest-
ing facts about areas around the world that suffer
some of the worst poverty and hunger.

Devotions will open us to God’s creative and
redemptive works through the Old Testament as we
take the Easter Vigil 12 readings and hear them
over the course of the 5 weeks of Lent

Lenten Taking Root Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7 PM from March 8 to April 5

At First, West Jordan

This Bible study is adapted from an ELCA World
Hunger resource called Taking Root. We will
learn the causes of hunger and discover hopes in
the midst of the crisis.

Maybe you are able to join us for just one or
perhaps you can attend both of the Wednesday
Lenten experiences; or maybe you are able to join
for only some of them. However you connect this
Lent with our studies, join as often as you can.

EPIC Sunday School

Sunday, March 19—EPIC Faith Event
Focus—World Hunger
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Simon the Bear and his friends will help us
discover simple ways we can help the world hunger
crisis right here in our own community.

EVERY PERSON IN CHRIST is welcome to join
in the EPIC learning.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9th
Bring your ELCA World Hunger Piggy Banks with you
We will parade them into church with our Palms

The totals will be announced on Easter Morning

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13th
Noon—worship at Trinity, followed by Lunch
7:00 PM—worship at First, West Jordan

Good Friday

Friday, April 14th
Our Community gathers together
for one worship service.

7:00 PM at Coleta Methodist Church

(Coleta and Milledgeville Methodists are now partners)

Milledgeville Brethren, Dutchtown Brethren, Trinity/
First Lutherans, Milledgeville and Coleta UMC will
worship together.

Easter

Sunday, April 16th

7:00 AM—Easter Breakfast, First, West Jordan
Regular Sunday worship times at both congregations

Simon the Bear and Friends

Our Lenten children’s sermons featuring Simon the
Bear and his friends return again starting March 5th. If
you miss a week, and want a copy of any of the stories,
please ask Pastor Jamie

Southtown Ministry

The Third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM

Join Pastor Jamie, Lynn and Roger
For the best half hour of your month.
We meet over at Southtown Home
(corner of W. 3rd St. and N. Cochran Ave.)

We read a Bible story, usually have a related craft.
We sing some of their favorite songs.
And we pray together.

During Lent, the Sewing Group will meet on
Wednesdays at 10:30 am until the time of
lunch and devotion.

The Thursday Evening Dorcas Women’s
Circle has changed the night of its meeting in
March from March 9 to March 16.

A similar change will happen for April, when
a new night is chosen, that information will be
printed in bulletins and next newsletter.

Do you need to email something to the church
office?

Telcsecretary@mediacombb.net

If you have emailed something to the office
and did not receive a reply, feel free to call to
make sure we indeed got your email.

At the March Council meeting, new officers
will be elected. That information will be pub-
lished next month. Thank you to all who
serve on Council.

Thank you to all who made the Fat Tuesday
Pancake Supper such a success. The dona-
tions received will benefit our Scholarship
fund, which goes to members who are attend-
ing college or university.

Thank you to everyone who helps make our
monthly noisy offering so successful. In
March, the noisy offering will support the
purchase of more pigs and chickens, to add to
our challenge as a parish to exceed 30 pigs in
Lent.


For those interested in borrowing the Martin
Luther DVD that we used in our Luther 500
study, please talk with Pastor Jamie.

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church
President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)
Vice-President Harlan Meinsma
Secretary Collin Eubanks
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
At-Large Karen Landers,
Tammy Miller
Sharon Woodard,
Kim Stewart

Custodian Lynn Kaufman
Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan
President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner




Celebrating 145 Years of First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

March 5 & 12 Carole Adolph & Melissa
Woessner
Lector: Melissa Woessner

March 19 & 26 Tom & Trudy Landheer
Lector: Trudy Landheer
Circle Hostess: Carol Woessner




Happy Birthday in March

14—Linda Habben


31 - Andrew Beveroth

Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting

Thursday, March 9th
7:00 PM



**Grace meals
Tuesday, March 21st
11:30 AM at Trinity**



Attention Snowbirds
Please let the office know
when you leave and return, so
we can make sure we send the
newsletter to the correct ad-
dress.
Thanks

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fifth Sunday in Lent (Lent)			10:30a-12p Sewers Meet	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
		7p-8p Lent World Hunger Bible Study (West Jordan)				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Palm Sunday	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	12p-1p Maundy Thursday Lunch and Devotion	7p-8p Good Friday Worship (Coleta Methodist Church)	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity				7p-8p Maundy Thursday Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Easter Sunday	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)		7p-8p Dorcas Circle at Kim Stewart's home		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Second Sunday of Easter	11a-3p Sewers Meet		1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		Pastor on Vacation	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ					Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School						
30	Notes:					
Pastor on Vacation						
Third Sunday of Easter						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	2 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	3 Pastor's Day Off	4
			7p-8p Ash Wednesday Worship			
5 First Sunday in Lent (Lent)	6	7	8 10:30a-12p Sewers Meet	9 7p-8p Church Council	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
			7p-8p Lent World Hunger Bible Study (West Jordan)			
12 Second Sunday in Lent (Lent)	13	14 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	15 10:30a-12p Sewers Meet	16 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	17 Milledgeville High School hosts Conference Music Festival (Trinity Lutheran Church)	18
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions	7p-9p Dorcas Circle at Barb Brubaker's	Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		9a-4p M'ville HS reserves Church for music festival	
			7p-8p Lent World Hunger Bible Study (West Jordan)			
19 Third Sunday in Lent (Lent)	20 Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	21	22	23	24	25
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	10:30a-12p Sewers Meet		Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions			
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
			7p-8p Lent World Hunger Bible Study (West Jordan)			
26 Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lent)	27	28	29 10:30a-12p Sewers Meet	30	31 Pastor's Day Off	Notes:
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
			7p-8p Lent World Hunger Bible Study (West Jordan)			



Celebrations for March



3/2 Shirley Cheeseman
3/4 Cherrie Simpson
3/4 Sharon Judd
3/7 Haley Miller
3/9 Lawrence Maxwell
3/15 Tammy Miller
3/15 Joseph Green
3/16 Gary Nye
3/17 Kaye Strehlow
3/18 Taylor Anderson
3/19 Sharon Woodard
3/20 Molly Anderson
3/21 Connor Bryson
3/21 Lindsay Buckman
3/22 Lois Simmons
3/26 Cody Buckman
3/27 Kara Wade
3/28 Freeman Schluter
3/29 Alec Schmidt
3/29 Kyla Eastabrooks
3/30 Doug Strehlow
3/30 Laurie R. Byvick

3/4 Duane & Karen Landers

We are updating our Shepherd's Staff data base. Please notify the church office with any corrections to our baptismal anniversary, birthday, or wedding anniversary lists. Thank you.

3/1 Marissa Eye
3/1 Carol Sibley
3/6 Kevin Judas
3/9 Ross Paul Hartman
3/14 Collin Eubanks
3/16 Ruth Borth
3/18 Shirley Cheeseman
3/19 Robert Carpenter
3/21 Tyler Wagenknecht
3/21 Russ Gilroy
3/25 Joseph Green
3/25 Hunter Strehlow
3/26 Michael Hartman
3/26 Lydia Faulkner
3/27 Lucas Koett
3/28 Kathy Bogott
3/31 Stan Franks

Prayer for March

As we celebrate Irish history and heritage on March 17th with St. Patrick's Day, may this blessing be one you share with all your loved ones:



In our prayers:

From First:

Leora Beveroth, Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Elnora Hinrichs, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Roger Koett, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner,

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Therol Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl & Peg Bauling, Ruth & Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker, Leland Bryson, Kyla Eastabrooks, Linda Estabrooks, Ardree Fogel, Barb Gerdes, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Lawrence Maxwell, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Corinne Ohlwine, Ruth Wolf

The Family and Friends of Shirley Nye

Weekly Prayer Supplement

Each day when you take your quiet time to pray, here are some concerns—local and global—for you to include in your daily prayers

Week of March 5 to March 11

Pray for farmers beginning the planting season, for safety in the fields and nature to cooperate. Pray for the earth, for the forces of climate change we can control, for the agencies that work to protect the environment, that we remember God has provided all we need—if we would only not be so greedy and wasteful.

Week of March 12 to March 18

Pray for those who will receive the pigs and chickens from our Lenten Piggy Bank project. Pray for world leaders to develop programs that truly lift those suffering extreme poverty into a sustainable living.

Week of March 19 to March 25

Pray for those who are homebound, who live in nursing homes and care centers, who do not get many visitors, who are lost from their families. Pray for those who are sick and those who have been on our prayer list.

Week of March 26 to April 1

Pray for our partner ministries in Milledgeville—Chadwick: Chadwick Evangelical Free Church, Pastor Terry Komrska; First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chadwick, Pastor Chris Shoon; Fairhaven UMC/Hope UMC/ Hickory Grove UMC, Pastor Mary Bohall; Milledgeville Brethren Church, Pastor Jim Black; Dutchtown Brethren Church, Pastor Rick Koch; Milledgeville UMC, Pastor Sophia Hyon

For our Partner Congregations in the Faith on Forty Parish, for the Northern Illinois Synod and Bishop Jeff Clements, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path. Paslm 119:105

Survey: The Coming of Jesus

Mar 5 Matthew 1:18-25
Mar 6 Matthew 2:1-12
Mar 7 Matthew 4:1-11
Mar 8 Mathew 5:1-12
Mar 9 Matthew 6:5-15
Mar 10 Matthew 7:24-29
Mar 11 Matthew 9:35-10:9

Survey: Jesus and the Kingdom

Mar 12 Proverbs 24:1-24
Mar 13 Matthew 12:22-37
Mar 14 Matthew 13:44-52
Mar 15 Matthew 16:13-20
Mar 16 Matthew 18:21-35
Mar 17 Matthew 20:17-28
Mar 18 Matthew 22:15-33

Survey: God's Plan for the World

Mar19 Matthew 24:23-44
Mar 20 Matthew 25:31-46
Mar 21 Matthew 26:59-69
Mar 22 Matthew 27:24-54
Mar 23 Matthew 28:1-20
Mar 24 1 Samuel 1:1-28
Mar 25 1 Samuel 3:1-4:1

Survey: The First King of Israel

Mar 26 Psalm 86:1-17
Mar 27 1 Samuel 7:2-17
Mar 28 1 Samuel 10:1-24
Mar 29 1 Samuel 13:1-14
Mar 30 1 Samuel 16:1-23
Mar 31 1 Samuel 17:12-58
Apr 1 1 Samuel 18:1-16