

September Mission Focus: LWR School Kits

Lutheran World Relief School Kits are shipped around the world to places where education is very limited. Often parents do not have the money to send their children to school, let alone buy supplies. Often the schools have barely enough resources to employ a teacher, let alone full fund the needs of that teacher.

Here is the list of items that LWR collects for its school kits. Please bring in as many of these supplies as you can. Let our gift be the gift of a child’s education!

- 4 70-sheet notebooks
1 30-centimeter ruler
1 pencil sharpener
1 pair of blunt scissors
5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers
- 5 black or blue ball point pens
1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
1 2 1/2 “ eraser
1 drawstring backpack-style bag

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Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Jesus, Acts 1:8

What does it mean that we will be Jesus’ witnesses? The word witness has two meanings, and there is a major difference between these meanings. The first meaning of “witness” is to be someone who has seen something. We can witness a sports event, school kids crossing the street, we can witness a nefarious crime, or something as sweet as new kittens being born. The second meaning of “witness” is to tell others what we have seen. We tell others about the great play at the ball game, we tell others the fashion trends the kids walking to school are wearing, we tell the police about the actions of the criminal, and we have all posted enough kitten memes on Facebook to last many lifetimes.


So which is it, Jesus? Which kind of witness are you telling us we will be? Are we going to be the witness who merely sees what you are doing in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth? Or are we the witnesses who will tell others what we have seen you do, and our telling will begin in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and continue to the ends of the earth?

This question will be at the heart of our Wednesday Bible study on the book of Acts. Beginning Wednesday, September 6th, we will read the book of Acts and learn how the first disciples understood their role as Jesus’ witnesses. How did Peter and James and Paul and Barnabas become witnesses for Jesus? Understanding how the first disciples were witnesses will tell us something important about how we are to be witnesses in the world today.

A lot of church scholars have compared our age of the church, a struggling church, a church seeking its place as a witness in the world, a church struggling to find new witnesses, to the church of the 1st Century, the church just forming as we read through the pages of Acts. As we see what the first Apostles did, in traveling, in setting up communities of faith, we will discover how we are to be the witnesses of Christ for this age and this place.

Join us Wednesdays, beginning September 6th, at 7 pm. Our September study nights will be at West Jordan. Come, hear God’s Word. Discover your role as a witness to what Jesus Christ is doing in the world today.

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EPIC Sunday School

EPIC Sunday School is our Every Person In Christ faith formation time. We gather one Sunday a month for a light lunch and a time of learning.

Parents, Grandparents, children, adults with no children, everyone gets together and has a great time. We read the Bible, we make crafts, we play games, we laugh, we love to learn together.

Join us as EPIC Sunday School returns this Fall.

Our theme for the upcoming year will be based on VeggieTales videos. Bob the Tomato, Larry the Cucumber and a whole host of Veggie-Friends will open our hearts to scripture in new ways. Then we will dive further into each story with our own Bible reading and crafts and fun.

A sign up is in the narthex to help with the light lunch. There is no other registration. Just join us.

Mark your calendars for these Sundays for our Every Person In Christ Sunday School.

Sundays: Sept 17, October 22, November 19
Wednesday: Dec 6, 13 and 20
Sundays, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15
and May 6

ACTS Bible Study

Long ago, in a land far away (sounds like the beginning of Star Wars, doesn't it?)

These words were first spoken:
"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

So, what happened next? Join us this fall as we dive into the Book of Acts and read about the early disciples and their challenging mission of being Jesus' witnesses in a world that didn't want to see Jesus.

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Wednesdays, beginning September 6 at 7PM.
More information will be in our bulletins.

God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, September 10th
Immediately after worship

We will begin with a light lunch. Volunteers will be assigned a couple simple projects for our members.

We will return afterwards and share ice cream sundaes and give thanks to God for our work.

Please let Pastor Jamie know if you have a project that needs help being done around your house.

Examples are yard-work, hard-to-reach cleaning in the house, sweeping the garage, let us know what you would like to have done.

CROP Walk

Sunday, September 24th

Join us as we learn about Hunger in the US and how our supporting CROP Walk brings aid to those here and across the world. We will have an interactive activity and a short hike through town to help bring awareness to the global hunger crisis.

We will begin at 1 pm with a World Hunger learning exercise. Imagine what it might be like being hungry and looking for the resources right here in the US. What roadblocks might you hit, how will you survive? In a brief exercise we will learn the challenges many face just trying to survive.

Then join us for a 3 mile walk around Milledgeville. In developing countries many women and children walk 3 to 5 miles a day just to get fresh water for their household. Our walking by choice is a walk in solidarity with those who have no choice but to walk to get one of life's basic needs.

Join us on Sept 24th, and support our CROP Walk.

2017 Joint Worship Sundays

Sept 3rd (Labor Day Weekend) 10:15 AM at Trinity

November 26th (Thanksgiving Weekend)
8:30 AM at First, WJ

December 24th (Christmas Eve Morning Service)
10:15 AM at Trinity

December 31st (New Year's Eve) 8:30 AM at First,
WJ

The Northern Illinois Synod is hosting a mission trip to India

Heide Gallagher has signed up to go on this trip. The trip will take place February 5th to February 18th.

The focus of the trip is visiting the Arcot Lutheran Church, our companion synod in India. Heide and the others will see where Lutherans first came and began evangelizing in India in 1706; visit and worship at many churches; see the schools, library program and other ministries our synod supports and so much more.

Along the way, Heide will see the place where St. Thomas (as in Doubting Thomas, one of the original 12 disciples) was martyred and is buried. Other cultural sites and heritage sites will be included, and finally the trip will conclude with a visit to the World Wonder, the Taj Mahal.



India Mission Trip Fundraising

First, West Jordan, will be **collecting its loose offering during September** as a fundraiser for Heide. Any loose, undesignated offerings on Sundays September 10, 17 and 24, will be given for Heide's trip. Heide will give a presentation at First on Sunday, September 17 to share more about her involvement on this trip.

Trinity, Milledgeville is hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Sunday, September 17th**. We will serve from 5 pm to 7 pm. The dinner will be a free will donation. A sign up is in the narthex to sign up to help with preparation and clean-up; as well as for donations of a salad or dessert.

The Spaghetti Dinner menu is: Salad, Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, drink and dessert.

In August, the noisy offering at Trinity collected \$51.90 in cash and coins. Also collected were two checks written to Heide totaling \$125, including a personal check and a check from the women's group.

Heide would like everyone to know that she is extremely thankful for your support and donations so far and your continued support and future donations to help her with the cost of the this trip. It is estimated the trip will cost around \$3000, plus an additional \$500-700 in spending money while on the trip. The cost of the trip is due in installments, one in October and the final payment in December.

Heide says, "I believe this trip will help me grow in faith in ways I cannot yet imagine. This once in a life-time opportunity will help me grow as a person and I can't wait to share my experiences with you all when I return. Thank you again so very much.."



**Grace meals
Tuesday, September 19th**

11:30 AM at Trinity

Birthdays and Anniversaries
for both congregations will now be listed on our
monthly calendar pages.

Please let the office know if your birthday or
anniversary information is missing, needs to be
corrected, or should be removed. Thank you.

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**Trinity Lutheran
Church Milledgeville, IL**

And



**First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL**

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
◀ From Sep 28 Pastor Jamie on Vacation						
Time After Pentecost	Birthday:Darin Frederick	Birthday: Carol Woessner	Anniversary:Dick & Carol Bushman	Anniversary: Jeff & Stacey Jacobson	Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Debra Judas
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday:Samantha Doyle	Birthday:Curt Dusing	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	7p-9:30p MHS Home Football Game	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					9:30p-12a 5th Quarter Youth Event (Milledgeville Brethren Church)	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
◀ From Sep 28 Pastor Jamie on Vacation						Anniversary:Tom & Michelle Neubauer
Anniversary: John & Dawn Sauer	Birthday: Trina O'Brien	Birthday:Kaylee O'Neal	Anniversary:Jamie & Katie Gallagher	Anniversary:Dan & Lois Nye	Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Corrine Ohlwine
Anniversary:Ramon & Melissa Woessner	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	Anniversary:Leland & Ruth Bryson	Birthday:Tucker Anderson		Birthday:Paul Cheeseman
Anniversary:Stacy & Eric Mickelson			Birthday: Jan Wetzell	7p-9p Dorcas Circle		Birthday:Trey Frederick
Birthday: Leona Ward			Birthday:Jordan Harris			
Birthday: Luann Gvozdzjak			9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
Birthday:Lauren Schmidt						
Time After Pentecost						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Birthday Bruce Simpson	Birthday:Melissa Emmons	Birthday:Jennifer Brubaker	7p-8:30p Acts Bible Study (Trinity)	Birthday: Carol Sibley	Birthday:Robin Palmer	Birthday:Robin Palmer
Birthday:Brian Simpson	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					Birthday:Stephanie Barkley
Birthday:Cinda Heeren	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)		Birthday: Kim Vickers	Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Westley Bauling
Birthday:Nick Strehlow		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)		6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		8a-2p Fall Bazaar
Time After Pentecost						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Birthday:Andy Hinrichs	Anniversary:Ben & Lisa McAuliffe	Anniversary:Jerry & Cinda Heeren	Birthday:David Blackburn (southtown)	Anniversary:Sally & Jason Caudillo	Pastor's Day Off	Beveroth - Baron Wedding (First!, West Jordan)
Time After Pentecost	Birthday:Mark Dettman	1p-3p Worship and Music Committee Meeting	7p-8:30p Acts Bible Study (Trinity)	Birthday:Belinda Scrogham	5p-6p Wedding Rehearsal (First!, West Jordan)	Birthday:Eric Ebersole
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet			Birthday:Carson Murphy		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	1p-3p Tri-County Conference (Trinity)			6:30p-8:30p Joint Council Meeting (Trinity)		
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School						
29	30	31	Notes:			
Birthday: Linda Deets	Birthday:Dan Schmidt	Birthday: Adam Landheer				
Birthday:Austin Barkley	Birthday:Isabella Barkley	Birthday:Connie Brockhouse				
Reformation Sunday	Birthday:Kevin Anderson	Halloween				
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

September 2017

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					Anniversary:Steven & Jessica Barkley	Birthday:Rebecca Green
					Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Sarah Powell
					5p-6p Landheer - Sumption Wedding Rehearsal	1:30p-4p Landheer - Sumption Wedding (Trinity)
					7p-9:30p MHS Home Football Game	
					9:30p-11:30p 5th Quarter Youth Event (Milledgeville Brethren Church), 521 N Main Ave!, Milledgeville!, I)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Birthday:Ron Judd	Labor Day		7p-8:30p Acts Bible Study (First!, West Jordan)	Anniversary:David & Teresa Wagenknecht	Anniversary: Sheldon & Julie Ebersole	Birthday:Hillary Hartman
Time After Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet			6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Anniversary:Randy & Donna Landis	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Pastor's Day Off	
					7p-9:30p MHS Home Football Game	
					9:30p-11:30p 5th Quarter Youth Event (Milledgeville Brethren Church), 521 N Main Ave!, Milledgeville!, I)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Time After Pentecost	Birthday: Larry Lenhart	Birthday: Keagan Murray	Anniversary: Brad & Kathy Grenoble	7p-9p Dorcas Circle at Kim Stewart's Home	Anniversary: Shane & Brenda Harris	Birthday: Mitch O'Brien
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday:Brad Grenoble	Anniversary:Roger & Ramona Koett		Birthday:Evalynn Beckham	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	Birthday:Lisa McAuliffe		Pastor's Day Off	
11:30a-2p God's Work, Our Hands Service Event		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home!, Milledgeville)	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting		7p-9:30p MHS Home Football Game	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Birthday:Allison Fossett	Birthday:Korey VanDyke	Birthday: Seth Bauling	Anniversary:Dave & Chris Folk	Anniversary: Luke & RyAnn Koett	Birthday: Brian Beveroth	Birthday: Brad Frederick
Birthday:Kathy Nye	Pastor Jamie at Professional Leaders' Conference			Birthday:JohnTimm(southtown)	Birthday: Melissa Woessner	Birthday:Heather Schmidt
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4p-7p Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Time After Pentecost	Birthday:Trent Lartz	Birthday:Dawn Sauer	Anniversary:Korey & Brandi VanDyke	Pastor Jamie on Vacation to Oct 13 ▶		
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10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Cadence Colye
1p-4p CROP Walk						Birthday:Krista Wagenknecht

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

September 10th—Gary and Carol Sibley
Lector: Carol Sibley

September 17 and 24th -
LaVerne and Carol Woessner
Lector: LaVerne Woessner

During September, the Loose, Undesignated Money in our offering will be collected for Heide Gallagher’s participation in the Northern Illinois Synod Mission Trip to India.

Heide will give a presentation on September 17th about her trip.

A couple of prayers for Labor Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil.
Be with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and to all of us, give pride in what we do and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In our prayers:

From First:

Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Milford Habben, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Kara Koett and Abel Dowse, Janet Koett, Scotty Powell, June Purvis, Rhonda Ramirez, Jon Ryner, Jake Wetzell

In our prayers:

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl & Peg Bauling, Jerry Blair, Ruth & Bill Borth, Leland Bryson, Kyla Eastabrooks, Barb Gerdes, Tammy Hinrichs, Kara Koett and Abel Dowse, Janet Koett, Lawrence Maxwell, Kim Mennenga, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Corinne Ohlwine, Sue Pope, Craig Schligden, Gladys Schopp, Cherrie Simpson, Melinda Wieck, Ruth Wolf

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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 September 3 to September 9

Pray our student-athletes for our local schools, as fall sports programs begin. That they may play to the best of their abilities and avoid injury. That competition may be fair and that all fans may exhibit the best in sportsmanship. May our ministerium’s 5th Quarter youth events be well attended and provide our community youth with a positive encounter with the Church.

Week of September 10 to September 16

Pray for those who are affected by the global hunger crisis. For those who face roadblocks in receiving assistance right here in America. For those who rely on the generosity of others just to receive the basic needs for each day.

Week of September 17 to September 23

Pray for families who have special needs children; pray for our partnership with Southtown Terrace here in Milledgeville.

Week of September 24 to September 30

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 Congregation 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.

Mark your Calendars now:

Saturday, October 21st is the Fall Bazaar at Trinity

Thursday, October 26th, at 6:30 PM will be our fall joint council meeting at Trinity

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

Dive Deeper into the Book of Acts. On Wednesday nights in September and October, we will study the Book of Acts. Now on a daily basis, you can read the stories and see God’s kingdom beginning to unfold through the first disciples.

Sept 3 Acts 1:1-11
Sept 4 Acts 1:12-26
Sept 5 Acts 2:1-13
Sept 6 Acts 2:14-36
Sept 7 Acts 2:37-3:10
Sept 8 Acts 3:11-26
Sept 9 Acts 4:1-22

Sept 10 Acts 4:23-27
Sept 11 Acts 5:1-16
Sept 12 Acts 5:17-42
Sept 13 Acts 6:1-15
Sept 14 Acts 7:1-29
Sept 15 Acts 7: 30-53
Sept 16 Acts 7:54-8:3

Sept 17 Acts 8:4-25
Sept 18 Acts 8:26-40
Sept 19 Acts 9:1-19
Sept 20 Acts 9:20-31
Sept 21 Acts 9:32-43
Sept 22 Acts 10:1-33
Sept 23 Acts 10:34-48

Sept 24 Acts 11:1-18
Sept 25 Acts 11:19-30
Sept 26 Acts 12:1-19
Sept 27 Acts 12:20-13:12
Sept 28 Acts 13:13-52
Sept 29 Acts 14:1-20

Pastor Jamie will be out of the Office

September 18—20 for the Professional Leaders’ Conference in Galena, IL. If you need to reach him you may call him on his cell phone.

September 29th—October 13th, Pastor Jamie will be on vacation. In our weekly bulletin insert and in our October newsletter, we will publish who to contact for pastoral care.