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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL

November Mission Focus: Operation
Christmas Child

Our annual drive for shoe-boxes continues this year. Boxes are available in the narthex and need to be returned by Sunday, November 12th.

Please include with your box \$9.00 for shipping costs. Each box has the flyer with information about what to pack.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan
20314 Hickory Hills Road
Sterling, IL 61081
815-625-5407
Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



“With these gifts we ...”

Line from the offertory prayer,
With One Voice Service of Word and
Prayer

Thanksgiving Day is around the corner. It is the holiday squished between the over-marketed Halloween and over-marketed Christmas. But do not worry, Thanksgiving gets it proper due. Families gather and feast on a myriad of traditional dishes. The NFL does not let the day go by without a game or three. And the Macy’s parade in New York City captures the hearts of every kid watching the bands march and the big balloon characters float on by.

Each Thanksgiving we take a moment to ponder what we are grateful for during the past year. It is the obligatory conversation before we slice up Tom Turkey and cry foul over all the missed penalties. And we pat our kids and ourselves on the back for taking the one time of the year to be thankful and to express that thankfulness.

But what if I told you that saying thanks is not a once-a-year, make-yourself-feel-good exercise. Being thankful is something we actually do every Sunday in worship. When we give our offering, we follow up with a prayer that expresses our Thanks to God for what God has done for us. The language varies depending on what order of service we are following, but the expression is the same.


“With these gives, we bless you,” “with these gifts we offer ourselves” “these gifts ... offered in great thanksgiving”: these are just some of the ways we take a moment each Sunday to say Thank You to God. After all, everything that we have is a gift from God to begin with. The very breath we breathe, the school we attend, the work we do, the home we live in, the food we eat. It is all gift. Every day is a gift. Saying Thank You to God is not a once-a-year, obligatory moment between feasting and football. Saying Thank You is a powerful act of our faith.

As you come to this moment in worship on Sunday morning, the moment the offering plate is passed around, perhaps you fallen victim to the all too common, “I guess it is time to pay my dues to church” or “I guess we have to pay the bills at church” feelings. How much more impactful is it when that plate comes around and you stop and realize that this is your weekly Thanksgiving. It is not couched in feasts or sports. It is our joyful response each week—saying Thank You for all that God has done in our lives.

So this Thanksgiving, let your conversation not be about once-a-year thanks; let your conversation be about how every week, in fact every day, can say Thank You to our creator and savior.

Enjoy your drumsticks!

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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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.

EPIC Sunday School continues on Sunday, November 19. We will have a light lunch of spaghetti and a fun lesson.

Bring your friends, neighbors and uncles and aunts and grandparents and grandchildren and mom and dad. This is a great time to learn about God together!

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

Sundays: November 19, January 21
Wednesdays: Dec 6, 13 and 20
Sundays, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15 and May 6

ACTS Bible Study

Our Bible Study on the book of Acts wraps up on Wednesday, November 8th.

Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 PM until then to learn more about the early Christian church's Beginnings and how that impacts our ministry today

Our November Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, November 14th at 4:30 PM

2017 Joint Worship Sundays

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

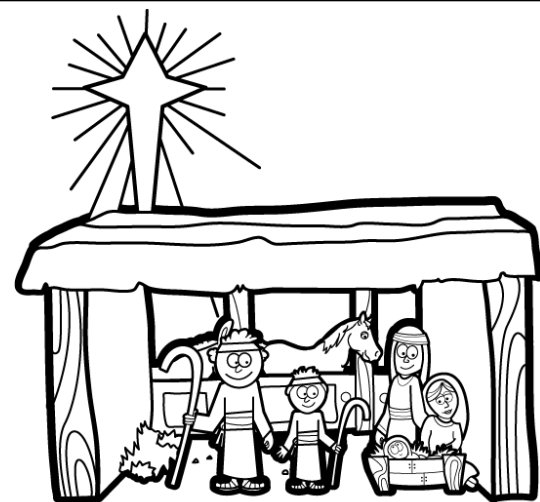
Community Thanksgiving Celebration

Join with all the churches of Chadwick and Milledgeville for

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 19th
6:30 PM

Hope UMC Chadwick



Community Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM
Live Narration of the Christmas Story
IN THE BARN!

Experience the sights and sounds in the barn with a Narrative reading of the Christmas story with a cast and live animals for one short program with a big importance.

"Christmas in the Barn" will be our Community Church celebration, church choirs and volunteers for the cast are welcome.

"Christmas In the Barn" will be at the Rahn family barn located at 20769 IL Rte 40, Mt. Carroll

There is handicap parking and access available. The service will take place inside the barn.

Advent/Christmas Decorating will take place on Sunday, December 3rd immediately following worship

After we decorate the sanctuary, stay for a light lunch.



Grace meals
Tuesday, November 14th



EPIC ADVENT GATHERINGS

Wednesday nights in Advent will be EPIC!

Wednesday, Dec 6th, 6:30 PM Advent Craft Night
Wednesday, Dec 13th, 6:30 PM Advent Baking Night
Wednesday, Dec 20th, 6:30 PM Christmas Caroling around town

Join us on the Wednesday nights for an EPIC time.
The crafts and baked goodies will be taken with us as we carol to folks in the community.

Rock River Hospice and Home Festival of Trees



November 11– 19, 2017 at Northland Mall, Sterling

Country store opens November 11 at 10 AM.

Gala Evening is November 11 at Timber Creek Golf and Banquets in Dixon

Festival of Trees, November 14—19, Northland Mall

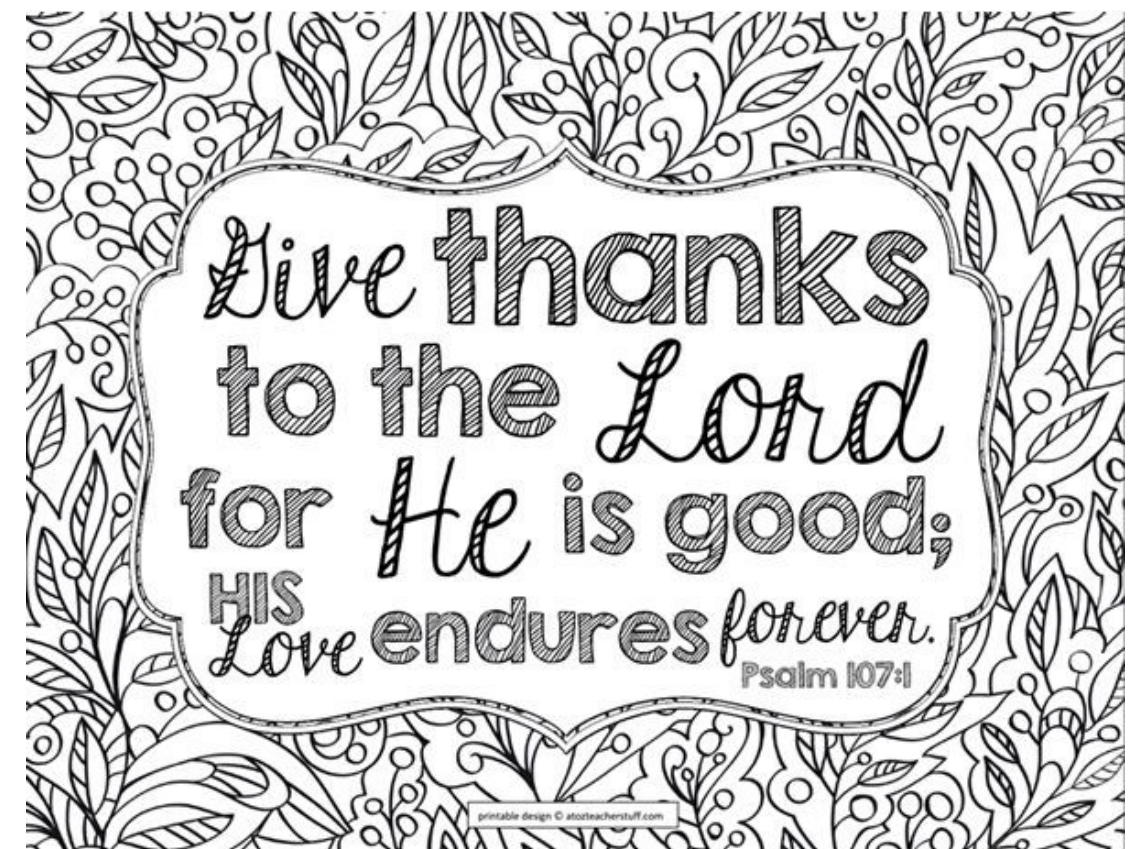
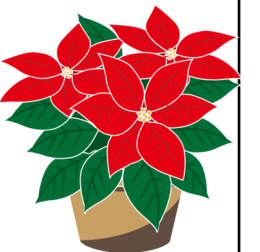
Birthdays and Anniversaries for both congregations will now be listed on our monthly calendar pages.

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

Christmas Poinsettias will be available for sale again this year.

Help beautify our Worship Space by buying a poinsettia.

Sale information will be available in the narthex and in our



December 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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					Birthday:Gavin Schildgen	Birthday:Bridget Newcomer	
					Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Melissa Wagenknecht	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
First Sunday of Advent		Birthday:Bob Oncken	Anniversary:Carol & Gary Sibley	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Base-ment	Birthday:Lori Anderson	Birthday:Colton Simpson	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			Birthday:Josh Nye		Pastor's Day Off	8a-12p Girl Scouts	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		6p-7p EPIC Advent - Crafts					
6p-7p Community Christmas Celebration Live Nativity (Rahn Family barn 20769 IL Rt 40\, Chadwick)							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Second Sunday of Advent	Birthday:Janis Bowers	Birthday:Becky Anderson	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	7p-9p Dorcas Circle	Birthday: Lucille Hook		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	6p-7p EPIC Advent - Baking		Birthday:Adam Williams		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Pastor's Day Off		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Third Sunday of Advent	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	1p-3p Tri-County Conference	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	Birthday:Tyler Miller	Birthday:Amanda Smith	Pastor's Day Off		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	6p-8p EPIC Advent - Caroling	Birthday:David Williams			
				Birthday:Shane Harris			
				Birthday:Sydney Barkley			
				Birthday:Will Schmidt			
				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Base-ment			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Birthday:Bill Borth	Christmas Day	Anniversary:Kevin & Becky Anderson	Birthday:Brandon Eye		Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Ramon Woessner	
Christmas Eve		Birthday:Collin Eubanks	Birthday:John Murray				
Fourth Sunday of Advent							
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
4p-5p Christmas Eve Wor-ship (First Lutheran West Jordan)							
9p-10p Christmas Eve Worship (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)							
31	Notes:						
Birthday:Ashley Wagenknecht							
Birthday:Keasha Kelly							
First Sunday of Christmas							
New Year's Eve							
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ							

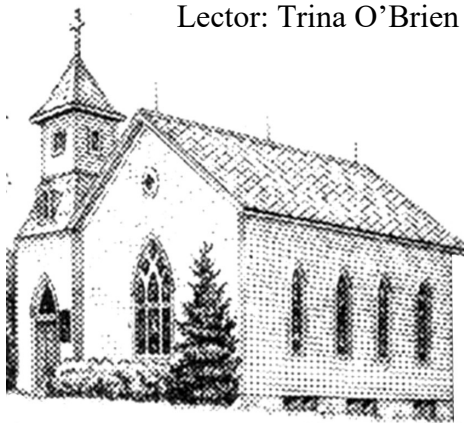
November 2017							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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			All Saints Day	Annivesary:Mark & Laurie Byvick	Pastor's Day Off		
			Birthday:Randy Landis	Birthday: Amy Landheer			
			7p-8:30p Acts Bible Study (Trinity)	Birthday:Patty Hiher			
				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
All Saints' Sunday	Birthday: LaVerne Woessner		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	7p-9p Dorcas Circle at Kim Stewart's home	Birthday: Mark Baron	Veterans Day	
Birthday:Lori Oncken	Birthday:Ronda Imel		7p-8:30p Acts Bible Study (Trinity)		Birthday:Kevin Judas		
Daylight Savings Time Ends					Birthday:Randy Kleckler		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ					Pastor's Day Off		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Time after Pentecost		11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)		6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Anniversary:Mike & Kaye Strehlow	Birthday:Carol Lee Bushman	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle			Birthday:Ross Hartman	Birthday:Tyler Wagenknecht	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)			Pastor's Day Off		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Birthday:Bonnie Queck-boerner	Anniversary:John & Patty Murray	Birthday: Jake Wetzell		Thanksgiving Day	Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Lois Nye	
Time After Pentecost	Birthday:Ken Kaufman						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	1p-3p Tri-County Conference						
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School							
6:30p-7:30p Community Thanksgiving Worship (Hope UMC\, Chadwick)							
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:		
Anniversary:Bill & Ruth Borth	Anniversary:Dana & Kyla Eastabrooks	Anniversary:Kim & Micheal Stewart		Birthday:Adien Barkley			
Christ the King Sunday		Birthday:Connor Eubanks		Birthday:Christian Barkley			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ				Birthday:Harlen Meinsma			

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

November 5 & 12—
Roger Hinrichs and June Purvis
Lector: June Purvis

November 19 & 26—
Trina and Meghan O’Brien
Lector: Trina O’Brien



Festival of Trees Cookies

Rock River Hospice is in need of home-baked cookies for their Country Store during the Festival of Trees. Our time slot this year is Friday, November 10. Cookies need to be at the store between 7-9 am or to Carol Woessner by 8 am. Carol will also take cookies on Sunday, November 5 and freeze them until it is time.

Help Mia’s Classroom

Mia Meyer is collecting winter items for her first grade classroom. She has 25 students this year. She is requesting toothbrushes, toothpaste, hot chocolate mix, coloring books, and snacks (crackers, pretzels, goldfish, etc.)

She also needs kid-sized (10-12) socks, gloves, stocking hats, and scarves. Items need to be turned in by November 26th

In our prayers:

From First:

Ruth Borth, Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Milford Habben, Jules Headrick, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Kara Koett and Abel Dowse, Scotty Powell, June Purvis, Jon Ryner,

The family and friends of Herb Beveroth
The family and friends of Jody Meiners

In our prayers:

From Trinity:

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

The family and friends of Peg Bauling, Debbie Dennis, and Don Kraus

Church Leaders Directory

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Secretary Jodi Woessner

Attention Snowbirds

Please let the office know when you leave and return, so we can make sure we send the newsletter to the correct address.
Thanks

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 October 29 to November 4

Pray for those remembering the loss of a loved one this past year, for those families and friends in our own congregation who have passed away since last All Saint’s Day: Shirley Nye, Leora Beveroth, Iona Mae Stern, Peg Bauling

Week of November 5 to November 11

Pray for all veterans of the US Armed Forces. Pray for all men and women currently serving whether at home or abroad. Pray for the safe return of all men and women serving in places of conflict.

Week of November 12 to November 18

Pray for the child you will never meet, but whose season will light up with the opening of a simple shoe-box filled with your love. Pray that the economic forces that continue to oppress may come to an end, that our need to send shoe-boxes would end with fair economic policies around the world.

Week of November 19 to November 25

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the holy one. Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ our Lord.

Week of November 26 to December 2

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; Dutch-town 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.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

In November, we celebrate Thanksgiving. An American tradition with deep religious roots. This harvest festival is a time to give thanks to the God of the Harvest. Over the next month, take time each day to read a verse that has the phrase “give thanks” in it. Ponder what it means for you to give thanks to God now and always.

___ Oct 29	Psalms 7:17
___ Oct 30	1 Chronicles 16:8
___ Oct 31	Psalms 106:1
___ Nov 1	Psalms 86:12
___ Nov 2	Psalms 118:1
___ Nov 3	1 Corinthians 1:4
___ Nov 4	Psalms 44:8
___ Nov 5	Psalms 9:1
___ Nov 6	1 Chronicles 16:34
___ Nov 7	Psalms 107:1
___ Nov 8	Psalms 92:1
___ Nov 9	Psalms 122:4
___ Nov 10	1 Corinthians 15:57
___ Nov 11	Psalms 54:6
___ Nov 12	Psalms 28:7
___ Nov 13	1 Chronicles 16:35
___ Nov 14	Psalms 108:3
___ Nov 15	Psalms 97:12
___ Nov 16	Psalms 136:1
___ Nov 17	Ephesians 1:16
___ Nov 18	Psalms 57:9
___ Nov 19	Psalms 30:4
___ Nov 20	1 Chronicles 29:13
___ Nov 21	Psalms 109:30
___ Nov 22	Psalms 100:4
___ Nov 23	Psalms 138:1
___ Nov 24	1 Thessalonians 1:2
___ Nov 25	Psalms 75:1
___ Nov 26	Psalms 30:12
___ Nov 27	Hebrews 12:28
___ Nov 28	Psalms 111:1
___ Nov 29	Psalms 105:1
___ Nov 30	Psalms 145:10
___ Dec 1	1 Thessalonians 5:18
___ Dec 2	Psalms 79:13