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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL

February Mission Focus

The Milledgeville Public Library needs our help repairing its building. Our Noisy Offering and Pancake Supper will go to the Porch fund.

The Library will be fixing: the ramp will be made of concrete and graded properly; the porch will have extensive new brick work; there will be a more sturdy metal railing; holes in the porch will be filled in to keep critters out of the library; and a new front door will be installed.

The Library has received a grant to cover some of the projected costs. The more donations the Library receives, the less loan it needs to take out.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan
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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



*Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew
that his hour had come to depart from this world
and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were
in the world, he loved them to the end.
John 13:1*

Have you ever been asked, if there was one person, living or deceased, you could have dinner with, who would that be? This is the type of question asked as a mixer to help small groups get to know one another better. Often the answer includes a close relative who has died, or a famous actor or politician. I have heard many answers when I have asked this question at youth groups—Abraham Lincoln to Miley Cyrus, with a few beloved grandparents thrown in for good measure.


Sometimes, the responses even lean toward people of faith—Martin Luther, or Mother Theresa. And sometimes, every now and then, I hear someone actually respond with Jesus Christ. Wow, could you imagine spending a dinner with Jesus? That would be one spectacular event!

Well imagine no more, the Gospel writer John gives us a full picture of what that dinner would look like. It would begin with Jesus kneeling down to wash our feet, a symbolic act of servanthood. I imagine we would react much like Peter did, in refusing Jesus’ humble action. This is our Lord and Savior after all, we should be kissing his ring or something, not having him wash our feet. Yet this is what Jesus does in meeting us. Jesus becomes our servant.

Jesus would probably spend the evening doing a lot of talking, sharing things we need to know, so that we can more fully understand his true identity. At least, that is how he spent his final evening with the disciples, trying to impart as much wisdom on them as he could cram into that final dinner. Then, before we depart for the evening, Jesus would pray with and for us. Jesus would just open the direct lines to the Father and pour out his soul for us. And we would still be sitting there, stunned, not knowing what was really happening.

It would be quite the powerful evening. *WHAT IF* you could have that one more night with Jesus to have dinner with him? This Lenten season, our Sunday morning worship texts will be from Jesus’ final night with his disciples. The invitation is open for us to imagine ourselves at the table with Jesus and the disciples. The invitation is open for us to imagine Jesus as our servant-Lord, the strange paradox. The invitation is open for us to hear the teachings Jesus is trying to cram into a final few hours, and to hear the prayer he lifts up in our name. Only we won’t have the pressure of a few hours, we have several weeks. We won’t have the stress of a large meal to prepare—Jesus has the meal already prepared and set on the table waiting for us. Join us this Lent, for a journey of experiencing one more dinner with Jesus.

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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Bible Study
Thursdays, 10:30 AM - Noon
Continuing until Thursday, February 15

The Path to Godliness
A Bible Study on Titus

Our Bible study on Titus is going great. Join us if you haven't already for a great study.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Bring cans of soup to worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4th
All cans will go to the food pantry here in Milledgeville

Bold Women's Sunday

Sunday, February 25th. After worship, all women are invited for a lunch and presentation. Nancy Jannsen will give the presentation on a recent trip to Africa she and her husband took.

This is open to all women of both congregations.

TLC Dorcus Circle/WELCA

Will meet at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 8th

Epic Sunday School
Sunday, February 18th

Lent. It is such a different season than Advent. There is no baking, no crafts, no carols to sing of a cute baby born and laying hay surrounded by cute farm animals.

And yet, Lent is just as important to our faith as Advent is. So, how do we practice Lent as a family, in a way that helps us to discover the spirituality and faith that is vital to our faith journey.

Join us on this day, the First Sunday of Lent, to learn what types of baking, crafts, easy fasting, and prayers the family can do together to grow deeper as a family of faith.

Lent is filled with opportunities for us to grow closer to God. Let this EPIC Sunday school time be a valuable workshop to share ideas with one another and learn a few new ideas.

Pancake Supper
Benefit for the Milledgeville Public Library
Porch Fund

Sunday, February 11th from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

We will host a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper for the Milledgeville Public Library.

Donations of syrup, butter, and applesauce, and cash for sausage and pancake mix will be appreciated.

Volunteers for set-up beginning at 3 PM as well as for serving and for clean up are appreciated as well.

The Library porch was last repaired in 1967 and the ramp was added in 1990. The porch is collapsing and the ramp is nearly impossible for a wheelchair bound person to come up by themselves. These repairs as well as a new front door that won't stick, are well needed and repairs are expected to be completed this Spring.

Library Director Jennifer Garden will also be here for the benefit to answer any question you have about the Library.

EPIC SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES
For the Spring of 2018

A schedule for Light Lunch volunteers with suggested menu will be posted on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up to help with the light lunches!

Sunday, March 18
Sunday, April 15

Joint Worship Services for 2018
Mark your Calendars for these dates when we will worship together this year.

February 14, Ash Wednesday, 7 PM at Jordan
March 29, Maundy Thursday, noon and 7 PM at Milledgeville
Friday, March 30, Good Friday, noon at Milledgeville

May 27, Memorial Day Weekend, 8:30 AM, Jordan
June 10, Summer Picnic, 10:15 AM, Milledgeville
September 2, Labor Day Weekend, 8:30 AM, Jordan
Dec 16, Christmas Pageant, 10:15 AM, M'ville
Dec 30, New Year's Weekend, 8:30 AM, Jordan

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday
February 14th

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 PM at First, West Jordan. Our Lenten journey begins with Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. How does this sign point to what Jesus does himself on the cross and in the tomb, but also how does this sign help us understand what Jesus does in all of our lives?

Our Sunday Worship readings will all be from Jesus' final night with his disciples. "One More Night" will be the theme as we read John chapters 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The Disciples had one more night to learn everything they could from Jesus, and they didn't fully understand it until it was too late. If we had One More Night to spend with Jesus, what would we want to learn from him? Join us Sunday mornings for worship and hear what Jesus has to say to you.

Our Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Devotions are back. Each Wednesday at noon from February 21st to March 21st we will gather for a light soup and sandwich lunch and then we will "Follow In Jesus' Footsteps". Join us as we go to Bethlehem, the Jordan River, Capernaum, Mount Tabor and Jerusalem to see the sites that commemorate where Jesus walked and did so many amazing things. We will hear what Archaeology has discovered that helps us better understand where Jesus walked, what he did, and why his miracles are so inspiring to us still to this day.


Lent. It is a journey to the cross. And it is a journey of discovery. May our Lenten season bring you on a wonderful journey to the cross.

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.

Our February Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, February 20th at 4:30 PM

 **Grace Meals will be**
Tuesday, February 20th at 11:30 AM
here at Trinity.

Holy Week Worship
Palm Sunday—March 25th
Maundy Thursday—March 29th
Good Friday—March 30th

Mark your calendars now for this important week of worship. Each day brings something new, and helps us to focus on a different piece of God's story in Jesus.

March 25th—Palm Sunday. We begin with our procession of Palms, and then we turn to the stations of the cross, and hear Jesus' Passion read from the perspective of the footsteps he took from being arrested to being crucified and laid in a tomb.

March 29th—Maundy Thursday. We gather at the table, and hear Jesus declare "I am the bread of life." How does Jesus still feed us today? How do we become Jesus' bread for the world around us. On this somber day, we remember the covenant he made for us, and we discover how that covenant becomes alive in us. Join us either at noon or at 7 PM at Trinity. The noon worship will be followed by a light luncheon.

March 30th—Good Friday. We will add a new worship experience to our church this year. At noon, we will gather around the cross of Christ for a meditative service. Simple prayers, quieter songs, and reading followed by silence and maybe a reflective action for us all. Come and be inspired. Good Friday is the holiest day for Christians. This is a day for us to gather and be in complete awe of what Jesus did in dying for all creation.

Also, on Good Friday, our community will gather at 7PM at the Milledgeville United Methodist Church for worship. This inspiring worship service allows the entire Milledgeville and Coleta community to gather and be in awe of what Jesus did in dying for all creation. The area pastors all participate in bringing God's Word to life, with short stories and reflections to make us contemplate the meaning of Jesus' death.

Is Good Friday that important that we should gather and worship twice in one day, after already having been to worship on Thursday, too! Yes! It is. The story is not complete unless we hear it each day of Holy Week.

March 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	2 Birthday:Shirley Cheeseman	3
					Pastor's Day Off	
4 Anniversary:Duane & Karen Landers Birthday:Cherrie Simpson Birthday:Sharon Judd Third Sunday in Lent (Lent) 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	5 11a-3p Sewers Meet	6	7 Birthday:Haley Miller 12p-1p Lenten Lunch and Devotion	8 2p-4p Dorcas Circle	9 Birthday:Lawrence Maxwell Pastor's Day Off	10
11 Daylight Saving Time starts	12 11a-3p Sewers Meet	13 1p-3p Worship Committee	14 Birthday: Linda Habben	15 Birthday:Tammy Miller	16 Pastor's Day Off	17 Birthday:Chase Coyle
Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lent) 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 12p-1p Lenten Lunch and Devotion	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		Birthday:Kaye Strehlow
18 Birthday:Taylor Anderson	19 Birthday:Sharon Woodard	20 Birthday:Molly Anderson	21 12p-1p Lenten Lunch and Devotion	22 Birthday:Avery Schildgen	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
Fifth Sunday in Lent (Lent) 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church) 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)		Birthday:Lois Simmons		
25 Palm Sunday	26 11a-3p Sewers Meet	27	28 Birthday:Freeman Schluter	29 Maundy Thursday	30 Good Friday (regional holiday)	31 Birthday: Andrew Beveroth
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ				12p-2p Maundy Thursday Worship and Luncheon (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	12p-1p Good Friday Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	Holy Saturday
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity				7p-8p Maundy Thursday Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	7p-8p Good Friday Community Worship (United Methodist Church\, 321 N Holcomb Ave\, Milledgeville\, IL 6)	

February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Birthday: Donna Lenhart	Birthday: Craig Schildgen	
				10:30a-12p Morning Bible Study	Pastor's Day Off	
				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	11a-3p Sewers Meet		Anniversary:Otto & Dorothy Wagenknecht	10:30a-12p Morning Bible Study	Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Tom Barkley
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			Birthday:Luke Koett	2p-4p Dorcas Circle		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			Birthday:Marissa Eye			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Birthday:David Wagenknecht	Birthday: Tom Landheer	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	Ash Wednesday	10:30a-12p Morning Bible Study	Pastor's Day Off	Anniversary:Bob & Lori Oncken
Transfiguration Sunday	Birthday:Alyvia Woodard		Valentine's Day	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			7p-8p Ash Wednesday Worship (First, West Jordan)			
4:30p-7p Pancake Supper Benefit: M'ville Library						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Birthday:Karen Landers	Presidents' Day	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	Birthday:Brandi VanDyke		Pastor's Day Off	Birthday:Brody Kelley
First Sunday in Lent (Lent)	11a-3p Sewers Meet	4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home, Milledgeville)	12p-1p Lenten Lunch and Devotion			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		7p-8:30p Council Meeting				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School						
25	26	27	28	Notes:		
Birthday: Amanda Beveroth	Birthday:Ron Judd	Birthday:Mike Strehlow	Birthday:Kassie Murray			
Second Sunday in Lent (Lent)	11a-3p Sewers Meet		12p-1p Lenten Lunch and Devotion			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-1p Bold Women's Sunday Luncheon and Presentation (Trinity), Milledgeville)						

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

February 4th & 11th Brian & Paula Beveroth
Lector: Brian Beveroth

February 18th & 25th Amy & John Sumption
Lector: Melissa Woessner



EXTRAS FROM CHURCHES IN OUR AREA

**Milledgeville Methodists Men's Annual
Pancake & Sausage Supper**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24th 2018
4 to 7 PM Donations at door**

Brookville UM Church Fish Fry Supper

February 23th 2018 Adults \$10.00 Under 10 \$4.50
4:30 - - 7:30 PM

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, Kara Koett and
Abel Dowse, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner,

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, Kara Koett and Abel Dowse,
Randy Landis, Lawrence Maxwell, Kim Mennenga,
Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Corinne Ohlwine,
Maddie and Avery Parker, Craig Schligden,
Cherrie Simpson

For the family and friends of Lynn Kocal

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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

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 February 4—February 10

Pray for the safe journey of those traveling with the
Northern Illinois Synod Companion Synod Trip to India,
for their two weeks of hearing the story of God at work in
Tamil Nadu, India:

Deaconess Cheryl Erdmann, Deaconess Sheryl Andre-
asen, Bishop Jeff Clements, Esther and John Prabhaker,
Pastor Gary Erickson, Cole Bathje, Yolanda Churhill,
Pastor Dan Wynard, Pastor Cathy Daharsh, Heide Gal-
lagher, Art Milton, Dakota Kampmeier, Joanna Esker,
Dr. Alan Esker, Karen Baber, Stephanie Crawford, Pastor
Stacie Fidler, Elyse O'Brien, Pastor Reed Peterson, Cher-
yl Reimer

Week of February 11—February 17

Pray for the Olympics, for the spirit of good sportsman-
ship and international competition; pray for world peace
to be inspired by the games; pray for the athletes hurt by
Dr. Nassar in Michigan, and for their families; pray that
athletes everywhere are treated appropriately by those
they trust

Week of February 18—February 24

Pray for those entering the season of Lent seeking God,
seeking God's presence and action in their lives. Pray for
those who question their faith, that their journey may
strengthen them. Pray for those who are waiting for an
invitation to come and see what God can do in their life

Week of February 25—March 3

Pray for our partner ministries in Milledgeville—
Chadwick: Chadwick Evangelical Free Church, Pastor
Terry Komrska; First Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Chadwick, Pastor Chris Schoon; 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 the Northern Illinois Synod and Bishop Jeff Clem-
ents, for the ELCA and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth
Eaton.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

The Letters of Paul offer a wide range of
themes, from daily advice to theological doc-
trine. Take a moment each day to discover
God's Word as shared by Paul in these letters

___ Feb 4 Galatians 1
___ Feb 5 Galatians 2
___ Feb 6 Galatians 3
___ Feb 7 Galatians 4
___ Feb 8 Galatians 5
___ Feb 9 Galatians 6
___ Feb 10 Ephesians 1

___ Feb 11 Ephesians 2
___ Feb 12 Ephesians 3
___ Feb 13 Ephesians 4
___ Feb 14 Ephesians 5
___ Feb 15 Ephesians 6
___ Feb 16 Philippians 1
___ Feb 17 Philippians 2

___ Feb 18 Philippians 3
___ Feb 19 Philippians 4
___ Feb 20 Colossians 1
___ Feb 21 Colossians 2
___ Feb 22 Colossians 3
___ Feb 23 Colossians 4
___ Feb 24 1 Thessalonians 1

___ Feb 25 1 Thessalonians 2
___ Feb 26 1 Thessalonians 3
___ Feb 27 1 Thessalonians 4
___ Feb 28 1 Thessalonians 5
___ Mar 1 2 Thessalonians 1
___ Mar 2 2 Thessalonians 2
___ Mar 3 2 Thessalonians 3

A Prayer for Repentance, for the season of Lent

Directly from the words of Psalm 51:10-12

Dear Lord,

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
Amen