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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL

March Mission Focus

ELCA World Hunger Appeal—an ministry arm of the ELCA which promotes sustainable anti-hunger work in our own nation and around the globe.

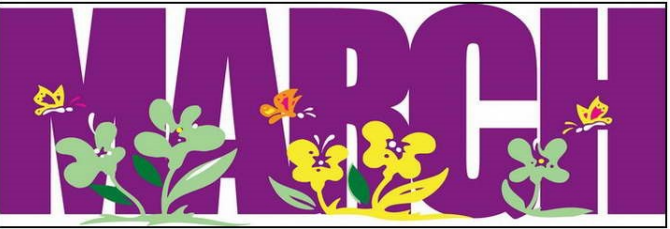
ELCA World Hunger partners with communities and individuals to not just feed for a moment, but to provide lasting relief. ELCA World Hunger has a myriad of education materials available at ELCA.org. And the ELCA World Hunger promotes advocacy in our political venue to develop policies that end the cycles of hunger and poverty.

Set aside a quarter, fifty cents, a dollar, or whatever amount you can, each day in Lent and bring it forward during the noisy offering, to benefit this tremendous ministry of the ELCA.

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
717 Stover Ave, PO Box 637
Milledgeville, IL 61051
815-225-7410; telcsecretary@mediacombb.net
www.trinitymville.com
Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



*As you, Father, are in me and I am in you,
may they also be in us,
so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

John 17:21b


Christianity is word that describes a broad range of views about who Jesus is. And while most churches have differing views, it is sometimes assumed that all Christians have the same beliefs when it comes to the big, important teachings. But this is not always the case. And the differences between what each church teaches matters very much.

I recently came across an article that highlights 5 types of beliefs that have been popularly assumed to be beliefs that all Christians believe in. So, I am going to adapt this article in the form of a “Do Lutherans Believe this? Yes or No” quiz.

1. You can be a Christian and not believe in eternal conscious torment (the concept of hell being an eternal place for those who reject Jesus). Do Lutherans Believe this, Yes or No?
2. The Rapture (a belief that believers will be taken up into Heaven before a period of torment on earth and a final reckoning with those who remained) is how God will end the earth. Do Lutherans believe this, Yes or No?
3. The Atonement Theory (that Jesus died on the cross to take the place of our sins) is why Jesus died on the cross. Do Lutherans believe this, Yes or No?
4. The Bible is to be taken hyper-literally (for example, God created in 6 24-hour periods of time). Do Lutherans believe this, Yes or No?
5. Questioning what the Pastor says about the Bible is Wrong. Do Lutherans Believe this, Yes or No.

Answers will follow later in this newsletter. It does actually matter that being a Lutheran Christian is different from being a Catholic Christian or a Brethren Christian. It matters that we understand scripture differently, and teach about Jesus different. What DOESN’T matter is that these differences cause too much of a rift that we can’t get along. We do need to get along with other Christians. And the best example of how our different churches get along is right here in Milledgeville and Chadwick. We work together to serve people because Jesus calls us to serve. So we have joint worship, we have joint VBS, we support the Food Pantry together, we promote the Youth ministry and football game 5th quarters together. That matters! And that is a gift in this community that I am proud to be a part of. Give thanks for that gift always.

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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Bold Women’s Sunday

It takes a lot of time and effort to put together a successful event. I would like to **thank** the women who worked tirelessly to again bring about a fun and successful Bold Women Sunday event.

Thanks also to those who were able to attend and donate to Safe Haven Home. We collected \$200, for Safe Haven Home.

A special thanks goes to, Nancy Janssen for sharing her travels to South Africa with us. Everyone enjoyed her talk and her enthusiasm for travel.

Thank you all again,

Kim Stewart

Music Recital

Nancy Janssen will have a Music Recital for her students

As the Brethren Church in Milledgeville
On March 18th, At 2:00pm

TLC Dorcus Circle/WELCA

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

Our March Southtown Ministry

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

Wednesday Lenten Lunch and Devotion

We continue our series “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus” as we gather at noon on Wednesdays throughout Lent.

Our remaining devotions will take us to:

March 7—Capernaum
March 14—Mt. Tabor
March 21—Jerusalem

A sign up sheet is in the narthex to help with providing the sandwiches and soup for our Lunch.

Thank you to everyone who helps provide.

**Pancake Supper
Benefit for the Milledgeville Public Library
Porch Fund**

Thanks again to all who made our Pancake Supper such a success. We raised \$1250 that night. That will be combined with our noisy offering and be a gift to the Library as they strive to make the entrance more structurally sound and handicap accessible.

**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!

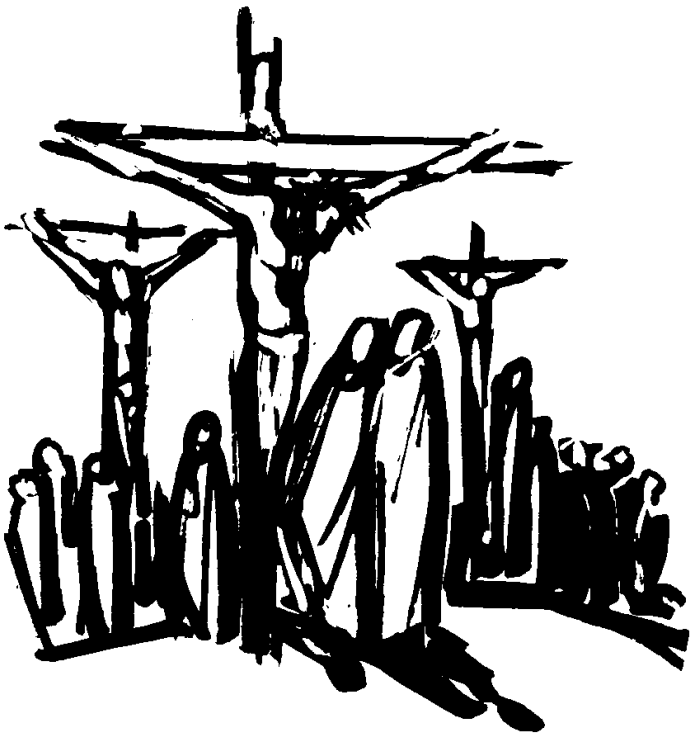
Sunday, March 18
Sunday, April 15
Sunday, May 6

Joint Worship Services for 2018

Mark your Calendars for these dates when we will worship together this year.

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



Answers to our quiz

1. Do Lutherans believe in Hell? Yes AND No. This one requires a longer Bible study to fully parse out, but in the end, it is Jesus who saves—not our own effort. So if our faith is in Jesus, we have nothing to worry about. And if we worry about those who have no faith in Jesus, or who have rejected Jesus, then we simply have to trust Jesus again.

2. Do Lutherans believe in the Rapture? NO. This doctrine was invented about 200 years ago and is based on a couple half verses from different books of the Bible being merged together. We can do a Bible study on this too, but this is not what the book of Revelation is about, either. Lutherans believe the end of all things is in Christ, and Christ has shown us the way—the way is resurrection and God being here with God’s people.

3. Do Lutherans believe in Atonement theory? No. Though this is hard to get away from. It is so easy to say, Jesus died for our sins. And certainly on a universal level, there is some truth there. But on a personal level, you can rest assured Jesus was not thinking individually of you on the cross. Early Christians actually taught that Jesus’ death was about leading a non-violent life, a life more recently exemplified by Martin Luther King Jr and Gandhi.

4. Do Lutherans believe in reading the Bible hyper-literally? No. Lutherans believe the Word of God is inspired by God and is a living word and is an ancient text written by many people over many centuries. It is filled with parables, metaphors, poetry, history, genealogies, myths, and coded anti-empire rhetoric. How do we learn the differences? By reading and studying and engaging a living word.

5. Do Lutherans Believe you can never question the pastor? Absolutely NOT! In fact, questioning is part of what began the reformation and continues the reformation today. So yes! Ask questions of your pastor, search the scriptures, wonder, be amazed, be awed, be curious, be doubtful, be puzzled and flummoxed and above all, in the end, trust God.



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

Holy Week Worship

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.

At 1:30 PM, beginning at the High School, our community churches will lead a Cross Walk through town.

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.

April 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Birthday:Allen Chronister	Birthday:Linda Folkers		Birthday: Anita Gilbert	Birthday:Jenna Green	Birthday:Kim Stewart	Anniversary:Ken & Lynn Kaufman	
Easter Sunday	11a-3p Sewers Meet		Birthday:Don Janssen	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Base-ment	Birthday:Linda Peterson		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ					Pastor's Day Off		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
Second Sunday of Easter	Anniversary:Pam & Curt Eubanks	Birthday:Trace Gallagher	Anniversary:Mike & Tammy Miller	2p-4p Dorcas Circle	Anniversary:Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting		Birthday: Jim Wetzell		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Pastor's Day Off		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Birthday:Amy Strehlow	Birthday:Nathaniel Gallagher	Birthday:Clayton Simpson	Birthday:Ron Lartz	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Base-ment	Pastor's Day Off		
Third Sunday of Easter	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)					
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		7p-9p Joint Council Meeting (First, West Jordan)					
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School							
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Birthday:Janet Barkley	11a-3p Sewers Meet			Birthday: Dan Woessner	Birthday:Caden VanDyke		
Fourth Sunday of Easter							Birthday:Duane Landers
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ							Pastor's Day Off
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
29	30	Notes:					
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11a-3p Sewers Meet						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ							
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							

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

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

March 4th & 11th Mark and Amanda Baron
Lector: Amanda Baron

March 18th & 25th Tom and Trudy Landheer
Lector: Trudy Landheer



EXTRAS FROM CHURCHES IN OUR AREA

Christ Lutheran Church
Chili/ Beef Noodle Soup Supper
Monday, March 5th 4:30 to 7 PM
600 South Main Stockton, IL.

St. John’s Lutheran Church
229 S First St . Pearl City. IL
Hosting a Euchre & Dominoes Party
March 11th
1:30 to: 4:30 PM

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 4—March 10

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 Clements, for the ELCA and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Week of March 11—March 17

Pray for our schools and for the continued success of our student. For seniors preparing to transition to the next stage of life, for juniors seeking advice on how to plan for the next stage of life; for spring sport athletes, for those involved in the music programs and theater productions. Pray for the courage to enter these young people to grow into citizens who make a difference in our world.

Week of March 18—March 24

Pray for our farmers as they prepare for or may have already begun their spring planting chores; pray for seasonable and reasonable weather; pray for those areas still recovering from late winter floods and spring storms.

Week of March 25—March 31

This is Holy Week. Take a moment each day to pray for yourself, for those on our prayer list, for those who have never heard the Good News of Jesus, for those who confess their faith in Jesus and do so at great risk for their own lives; for those who are missionaries bringing the Good News of Jesus to the farthest reaches of our globe

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.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

We continue with a couple more of Paul’s Letters, then for Holy Week, we turn to the Gospel of John and take a chapter each day, and center ourselves on the events of Jesus’ Passion for the entire creation.

___ March 4 Romans 1
___ March 5 Romans 2
___ March 6 Romans 3
___ March 7 Romans 4
___ March 8 Romans 5
___ March 9 Romans 6
___ March 10 Romans 7

___ March 11 Romans 8
___ March 12 Romans 9
___ March 13 Romans 10
___ March 14 Romans 11
___ March 15 Romans 12
___ March 16 Romans 13
___ March 17 Romans 14

___ March 18 Romans 15
___ March 19 Romans 16
___ March 20 Philippians 1
___ March 21 Philippians 2
___ March 22 Philippians 3
___ March 23 Philippians 4
___ March 24 John 12:1-11

___ March 25 John 12:12-50
___ March 26 John 13:1-38
___ March 27 John 14:1-31
___ March 28 John 15:1-27
___ March 1 John 16:1-33
___ March 2 John 17:1-26
___ March 3 John 18:1-19:42

A Psalm of forgiveness, Psalm 108:8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to his sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father who cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Amen

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Secretary Karen Landers
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
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Sharon Woodard
Harlan Meinsma
Ken Peterson
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Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

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