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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL

April Mission Focus

In April, both Trinity and First will collect items for the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter in Sterling.

On Sunday, April 15th, Trinity will take up a noisy offering that will also go towards the YWCA.

The shelter needs: shampoo & conditioner, lotion, deodorant, shower gel, towels & wash cloths, large diapers (size 4, 5, 6), children’s toothpaste & toothbrushes.

Thank you for all your donations.

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

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



Then Simon Peter came, following [the other disciple], and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
John 20:6

I have spent my fair share of time in cemeteries. Whether I have gathered with my own family for the burial of a loved one, or whether I am with the family of members of our churches providing the rituals and comfort that accompany the burial of a loved one, the cemetery is a rather familiar place for me. It is often serene, even on the windiest days. It is often well-groomed (unless you are a working a family tree project searching for a long lost headstone). It is also very final.

Our cemeteries are not like the one Jesus was buried in. Ancient tradition and modern practice don’t match well. But I would suspect one thing is in common between our open grassy fields marked with granite or marble markers and the ancient caves with a large stone covering the entrance, keeping the odor in until the body decomposed enough for the bones to be moved elsewhere and a new body placed on the cold, rock slab. The thing in common is that it was final.

Burial places, whether ancient or new, all seem to be just that. Final. Here is the final resting place. Here is where loved ones may gather to grieve. Here loved ones may leave flowers or other mementos to calm the loss or ease the pain. We have all stood there, and not one cemetery has been different in our entire lives.

Except one.


One cemetery was different. One cemetery completely caught everyone off guard. For here, where a body that was murdered in a gruesome form of capital punishment and was verified as dead by the Roman soldiers over-seeing the execution, here this body is missing. It is gone. The linen cloths that were so carefully wrapped around it were lying there completely disheveled, tossed about as if the one who wore them didn’t have a care in the world.

Imagine for a second standing here. You are the other disciple, the one who ran to the cemetery with Peter after hearing the reports from the women. Imagine walking in. Imagine the bafflement. Imagine your mind racing as you try to grasp the fullness of the meaning of this scene. Sure, Jesus said he would rise. But come on, seriously—cemeteries are supposed to be final. They are final. Nothing can change that.

Except the One who did.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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May 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo
		Birthday: Robert Woessner	7p-9p Milledgeville High School Scholarship Night	Birthday: Stacey Jacobson	Birthday: Al Vickers	Anniversary: Mitch and Sharon Woodard
				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Birthday: Barbara Miller Birthday: Madilyn Todd Pastor's Day Off	Birthday: Arden Queckboerner Birthday: Payton Harris
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Birthday: Curt Eubanks	Birthday: Nicole Brokaw	Anniversary: Antoinette and Corey Fossett	Anniversary: Steven and Phyllis Jewell	Ascension Day	Birthday: Erica Kaufman	Birthday: Kaitlin Dettman
Birthday: Paige Bauling	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday: James Brubaker	Birthday: Brad Grenoble	2p-4p Dorcas Circle	Birthday: Patty Murray	
Birthday: Staci Trobaugh		Birthday: Scott Bryson	Birthday: Craig Bauling		Birthday: Shirley Woessner Pastor's Day Off	
Sixth Sunday of Easter			Birthday: Jamie Doyle			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			Birthday: Katie Gallagher			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			Birthday: Keagan Livengood			
11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday School			Birthday: Pam Eubanks 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Forces Day
Birthday: Emma Sinn	Birthday: Bryn Bauling	Birthday: Mia Meyer	Birthday: Amanda Schildgen	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Birthday: Donna Landis Pastor's Day Off	
Birthday: Opal Kleckler	Birthday: Drew Sauer	Birthday: Samantha Merlak	7p-8p Milledgeville High School Baccalaureate Service (Milledgeville UMC)			
Mother's Day	Birthday: Le-Anne Nye	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)				
Seventh Sunday of Easter	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1p-3p Worship Committee				
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Birthday: Ramona Koett	Birthday: Alayna Beckham	Birthday: Jeremy Hook		Birthday: Dan Hinrichs	Anniversary: Darin and Tonya Frederick	Birthday: Allison Palmer
Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday: Todd Brubaker			Birthday: Andrew McAuliffe	Birthday: Ronald Sucher
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ					Birthday: Heide Gallagher	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Birthday: Jaidon Doyle Pastor's Day Off	
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	Notes:	
Birthday: Kennedy Livengood	Anniversary: Craig and Kaye Dusing	Birthday: Bryce Palmer		Birthday: Otto Wagenknecht		
Birthday: Teresa Wagenknecht	Birthday: Cory Folk					
Birthday: Violet Ohlwine	Memorial Day					
Trinity Sunday	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						

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 - Basement	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 - Basement	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						

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

April 1 & 8: John and Mia Meyer
Lector: Mia Meyer

April 15, 22 & 29: Jim and Jan Wetzell
Lector: Jan Wetzell



Northern Illinois Synod Stewardship Workshop

Saturday, May 5th from 9:30 AM to 3PM at Faith Lutheran, Rochelle

The Synod Stewardship Ministry team is hosting an all-day workshop called “Building Fluency in the Language of Stewardship and Generosity”

The cost is \$12 and includes materials and lunch. Please let Pastor Jamie know if you are interested in attending.

In our prayers:

From First:

Ruth Borth, Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Milford Habben, Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner, Hank Woessner

In our prayers:

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl Bauling, Jerry Blair, Ruth and Bill Borth, Leland Bryson, Kyla Eastabrooks, June Franks, Mary Gerdes, Lawrence Maxwell, Kim Mennenga, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Corinne Ohlwine, Craig Schlidgen, Kimberly Tomasi

The family and friends of Barb Gerdes

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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 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 April 1—April 7

Pray for those who are victims of domestic violence—women, children and men, who need to escape from violent relationships and find a place of renewal. Pray for our donations to the YWCA and other centers that provide for these sisters and brothers of ours in Christ.

Week of April 8 - April 14

Pray for those who are student-actors/musicians preparing for Spring musicals and concerts; pray for teachers struggling to keep students focused as the weather turns nice again; pray for students leading the way towards political change in our nation, that their voices of protest may be heard and that public policy may finally reflect our national desire to bring an end to mass shootings.

Week of April 15—April 21

Pray for our EPIC Sunday school, that all who participate may be filled with God’s love and grow stronger in faith; pray for those who have never heard of God’s love that the Spirit may open the way for us to witness our faith.

Week of April 22—April 28

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.

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

John 15:11
Jesus said, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.”

Let’s be filled with joy this month:

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| ___ April 1 | Psalm 5:11 |
| ___ April 2 | Matthew 2:10 |
| ___ April 3 | John 16:20 |
| ___ April 4 | Galatians 5:22 |
| ___ April 5 | Philemon 1:7 |
| ___ April 6 | Romans 12:12 |
| ___ April 7 | Psalm 51:12 |
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| ___ April 8 | Psalm 20:5 |
| ___ April 9 | Matthew 13:44 |
| ___ April 10 | John 16:24 |
| ___ April 11 | Philippians 1:3-5 |
| ___ April 12 | Hebrews 12:1-2 |
| ___ April 13 | Philippians 4:4 |
| ___ April 14 | Psalm 65:8 |
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| ___ April 15 | Psalm 30:5 |
| ___ April 16 | Matthew 28:8 |
| ___ April 17 | Acts 13:52 |
| ___ April 18 | Philippians 2:1-2 |
| ___ April 19 | James 1:2-4 |
| ___ April 20 | 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 |
| ___ April 21 | Psalm 67:4 |
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| ___ April 22 | Psalm 32:11 |
| ___ April 23 | Luke 2:10 |
| ___ April 24 | Romans 14:17 |
| ___ April 25 | 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 |
| ___ April 26 | 1 Peter 1:8-9 |
| ___ April 27 | 1 Peter 4:13 |
| ___ April 28 | Psalm 7:23 |
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| ___ April 29 | Psalm 51:8 |
| ___ April 30 | Luke 15:8-10 |
| ___ May 1 | Romans 15:13 |
| ___ May 2 | 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 |
| ___ May 3 | 3 John 1:4 |
| ___ May 4 | Revelation 19:6-8 |
| ___ May 5 | Psalm 92:4 |

And these verses only scratch the surface of how often “joy” is found in scriptures!