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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.



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# 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 easy 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 overseeing 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!



#### **Confirmation Round-up!**

Sunday, April 29th Pastor Jamie will host a Confirmation Round-Up for families with children age 9 (or entering the 4th grade in the fall) up through high school age who have not yet been confirmed.

We will have a light lunch followed by an information meeting about Confirmation classes which will begin in the fall.

Pastor will send out invitation letters to families he is aware of that should be there. If you do not receive an invite letter, but have a child between ages 9 and 16 who has yet to be confirmed, YOU ARE ALSO INVITED. Come and hear all the great news about what awaits our youth as they grow in faith through our Confirmation classes.

#### **Relay for Life**

This year's Carroll County Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, June 9th from 5 PM—10 PM

At the Mt. Carroll Church of God

For questions about how to support this year's Relay for Life or to participate, contact Janet Barkley

#### **Our March Southtown Ministry**

Will be Tuesday, April 17th at 4:30 PM

You are cordially invited to experience ....

### Voices of Praise presents "Say Amen!"

Three evenings of Amazing Worship and Praise!

Friday, April 13th at 7 PM Saturday, April 14th at 3 PM Sunday, April 15th at 7 PM

Emmanuel Reformed Church 202 E Morris Street Morrison, IL 61270 Emmanuelreformedchurch.org

### **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, April 15 We will have a celebration of Easter lesson, with crafts and Bible stories.

Sunday, May 6

We will close our year out with a year-end celebration carnival and a "Mother's Day" Craft.

EPIC Sunday School is for everyone! Not just kids. Join us for lunch and a great time learning about faith.

#### **Affirmation of Baptism Service**

Sunday, April 15th at the 10:15 worship at Trinity
We will celebration the
Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

This year's class is Nathaniel Gallagher. A cake reception will be held after worship.

#### **TLC Dorcus Circle/WELCA**

Will meet at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 12th



#### Grace Meals will be

Tuesday, April 17th at 11:30 AM here at Trinity.

#### **Joint Worship Services for 2018**

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

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

#### **The Narrative Lectionary**

For the last two years, our churches have used the Narrative Lectionary. This resource is prepared by Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The Narrative Lectionary follows a path through the Old Testament beginning in September until right before Christmas. Then it follows one single Gospel from the birth narratives (in Matthew or Luke) or baptism narratives (in Mark and John) all the way until the resurrection appearances. The Narrative Lectionary completes the academic year with stories from Acts and other writings by Paul through Pentecost Sunday. For the Summer, the Narrative Lectionary provides a few thematic series until after Labor Day when the whole cycle begins anew.

This year, as we move from Easter to Pentecost, we will follow the final scenes in John's Gospel, a few stories from Acts. Then we will hear the whole letter of Philippians.

This summer we will follow three thematic series. First will be a four week series on the Old Testament book of Ruth. Second, we will have a four week series on the Epistle of First John. And finally, we will have a four week series on the Ten Commandments.

These series give us an opportunity to hear passages from the Bible that we may not otherwise hear through the regular course of the year. So join us and bring your friends to hear how God's Word comes alive through these great series this spring and summer.

#### **June Picnic**

This Summer, our two churches continue our great June tradition of a joint worship service and picnic. Hosted at Trinity, worship begins at 10:15 and the picnic follows.

This year's theme is "Top Ten Luaus in the Bible". Hey, who doesn't love a good party? Jesus loved a good party—he was always eating with people. Come hear about who else loved a good party in the Bible, and join us after worship for our own luau pot luck.

#### **Joint Council Meeting**

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM

At First, West Jordan

#### **Favorite Hymns**

Do you have a favorite hymn? Do you know of a hymn we have not sung in a while?

I have recently received two requests for hymns to be sung, and I have found ways to incorporate them into upcoming worship services.

The next worship committee meeting is Tuesday, May 15th at 1:00 PM. We will plan the worship services for the entire summer—from June 17th to September 2nd.

We would love to hear from you what your favorite hymns are. Sometimes we sing a lot of favorite hymns close together, sometimes we sing your favorites far too little. Let us know. Write your hymn suggestions on this page and turn it into the offering plate or give it to me (Pastor Jamie) when you see me next.

I cannot guarantee we can sing all hymns—there are some copyright and license issues we have to overcome, especially if the hymn is not in one of our regular hymnals. But if you request it, we will do our best to try to get it into worship sometime this summer.

When you right your favorite hymns, please also

include if it is in the Green hymnal, Blue Hymna or if it is in a different hymnal, the more information you include, the easier it will be for us to find it. THANK YOU!
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	May 2018					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Birthday: Robert Woessner	7p-9p Milledgeville High School	Birthday: Stacey Jacobson	Birthday: Al Vickers	Mayo Anniversary: Mitch and Sharon Woodar
			Scholarship Night	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	B irthday: B arbara M iller B irthday: M adilyn Todd	Birthday: Arden Queckboerner Birthday: Payton Harris
					Pastor's Day Off	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Birthday: Curt Eubanks	Birthday: Nicole Brokaw	Anniversary: Antoinette and Korey Fossett	Anniversary: Steven and Phyllis Jewell	Ascension Day	Birthday: Erica Kaufman	Birthday: Kaitlin Dettman
Birthday: Paige	11a-3p Sewers M eet	Birthday: James	Birthday: Brad	2p-4p Dorcas Circle	Birthday: Patty	
Bauling Birthday: Staci		Brubaker	Grenoble Birthday: Craig		Murray	-
Tro baugh Sixth Sunday of		Birthday: Scott Bryson	Bauling Birthday: Jamie Doyle		Birthday: Shirley Woessner Pastor's Day Off	
Easter 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			Birthday: Katie Gallagher			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 11:30a-1p EPIC Sunday			Birthday: Keagan Livengood Birthday: Pam			
School			Eubanks 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19 Armed Force
Birthday: Emma Sinn	Birthday: Bryn Bauling	Birthday: Mia Meyer	Birthday: Amanda Schildgen	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Birthday: Donna Landis	Day
Birthday: Opal Kleckler	Birthday: Drew Sauer	Birthday: Samantha Merlak	7p-8p M illedgeville High School B accalaurate Service (M illedgeville UM C)		Pastor's Day Off	
Mother's Day	Birthday: Le-Anne Nye	11:30a-12:30p Grace M eals (Trinity Lutheran Church)				
Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30a-9:30a Worship	11a-3p Sewers M eet	1p-3p Worship Committee				
@FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home Milledgeville)				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Birthday: Ramona	Birthday: Alayna	Birthday: Jeremy		Birthday: Dan	Anniversary: Darin	Birthday: Allison
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@ Trinity					Doyle Pastor's Day Off	
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<b>27</b> Birthday: Kennedy	Anniversary: Craig	<b>29</b> Birthday: Bryce	30	<b>31</b> Birthday: Otto		
Livengood Birthday: Teresa	and Kaye Dusing Birthday: Cory Folk	Palmer		Wagenknecht		
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@ FWJ						

April 2018						
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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		Anniversary:Mike & Tammy Miller	2p-4p Dorcas Circle	Anniversary:Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting		Birthday: Jim Wetzell	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @			l l		Pastor's Day Off	_
Trinity					l actor o Day on	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Birthday:Nathaniel Gallagher		Birthday:Ron Lartz		Pastor's Day Off	
Third Sunday of Easter	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)		mont.		
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8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home Milledge-ville)				
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 5tgh 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

#### **Church Leaders Directory**

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

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Musician Nancy Janssen

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#### First Lutheran West Jordan

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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; Dutchtown 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 t oyou 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
Aprıl 6	Romans 12:12
April 7	Psalm 51:12
April 8	Psalm 20:5
April 9	Matthew 13:44
April 10	John 16:24
April 11 April 12 April 13	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 April 17 April 18	Matthew 28:8
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April 19	James 1:2-4 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
April 20	Psalm 67:4
April 21	rsaiiii 07.4
April 22	Psalm 32:11
Aprıl 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 27 April 28	Psalm 7:23
April 29	Psalm 51:8
April 30	Luke 15:8-10
May 1	Romans 15:13
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May 2 May 3 May 4	3 John 1:4
Way 4	Revelation 19:6-8 Psalm 92:4
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And these verses only scratch the surface of how often "joy" is found in scriptures!