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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
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Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”



Dear people of Trinity and West Jordan,
Early in 2013 it was reported that an overcrowded boat of refugees had capsized off the coast of North Africa. Though hundreds were on board, only eight survived by clinging to a fishing net in the middle of the Mediterranean. When fishermen saw them pleading for their lives, they cut the net and left them to die in the ocean depths.

Pope Francis was so moved by this tragedy he choose to make his first pastoral trip to the island of Lampedusa on the southernmost tip of Italy. Lampedusa has become a symbol of the refugee crises = refugees fleeing war and hardship in No. Africa and Syria. When the Pope arrived he celebrated mass on the shore using a chalice made from the driftwood of a downed refugee vessel. He choose to use dead wood to celebrate the new life and love of Jesus Christ for all people.

At the beginning of Advent we read in Isaiah about a new shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse - a new bud blossoming from dead wood. Listen to Isaiah 11. "On that day a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; a Spirit of wisdom and understanding.....He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes....but with righteousness will rescue the needy" Read Chapter 11 of Isaiah. It is beautiful. It points to Jesus the Messiah. In verse 12 Isaiah writes "He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel and reassemble the scattered people of Judah from the four corners of the earth." Judah had been destroyed by the Babylonians and scattered into exile. It is a chapter of hope for a conquered people: promise for people living in exile....and comfort for refugees living under foreign domination.

Remembering that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees fleeing to Egypt from the cruelty of Herod - we understand the human need to flee to lands of safety. Both Isaiah and Pope Francis give witness to the radical nature of our faith....Jesus said, "Come you who are blessed by my Father...take the inheritance prepared for you from the beginning of creation...For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.....I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....I was a stranger and you invited me inI was naked and you clothed me, sick and you comforted me.' (Matthew 25)

This Christmas we dare to believe that God in Jesus Christ desires that all people live in safety, freedom and peace. We can't share the Lord's supper on the shore with refugees in Lampedusa - but we can share the Lord's supper with each other holding them in our hearts, minds and prayers, as we share the bounty of blessings in America.

Peace and love,

Pastor Carol

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December WELCA
WELCA will be At Lois Simmons home
At 1:30 on December 6th

Milledgeville Youth Group #The 521
Next meeting is December 9th
This will be the Christmas party.
For grades 7th -- 12th
Meet at Milledgeville Brethren Church at 6:00p.m.
Check them out on Facebook

Community Blue Christmas Service
At Methodist Church
Milledgeville
December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Shoe Box Thank You
Thank to all that filled the shoe boxes. There was 41 shoeboxes filled with love, for children in need. Some Kids this will be all they get for Christmas. Thanks for all your help.

EPIC SUNDAY SCHOOL
EPIC Sunday School At Trinity
EPIC Sunday School is where Every Person In Christ is welcome to grow in faith. This multigenerational approach has children, parents, grandparents and God's Children of All Ages reading the Bible together, talking about faith, and having fun!
A Leader or leaders are needed to plan our monthly Epic Sunday. Contact Janet Barkley


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.

Grace Meals
December Tuesday 18th
at 11:30 a.m.



Our Southtown Ministry
Will be Tuesday,
December 18th at 4:30 PM

Evangelical Voices of Praise Concert
Will be at
Emmanuel Reformed Church
202 E Morris St. Morrison Il.
ON
December 14 at 7:00 PM
December 15 at 3:00 PM
December 16 at 7:00 PM
So mark your calendars, and come to celebrate the birth of Christ.

 **Music and Worship Committee**
Thursday January 3rd 2019



We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, during Kim's illness and on to her journey in heaven. And thanks to all who prepared the food and worked in the kitchen after the funeral.
Thank you, Walt & Carol

December Daily Prayer

Dec. 1st –Let our hearts increase and abound in love for each other, Holy God, Through Christ our Lord. Amen
Dec. 2nd –Let your faithfulness conquer our fears, Lord, for your kingdom is near. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 3rd–Ancient of Days, use my words and deeds to be a witness to Christ this day. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 4th–Holy Sprit, give me the will to repent in preparation for the coming Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 5th–God, let our words and deeds today proclaim Christ in every way. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 6th–Thank you, Lord, for all who live in a generous faith. Inspire us to do the same. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 7th–Holy God, prepare us to welcome Christ with repentance and joy this season. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 8th–Holy God, strengthen our faith and enliven us to sing your praise. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 9th–Lord, help us to see signs along the way pointing us to where you are calling us to act. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 10th–Lord, comfort me with your promises of a new day, in Christ. Amen
Dec. 11th–Holy One, help us to see your presence in those who are strangers to us. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 12th–Keep me mindful, dear God, of what is most important—your merciful love for me, Christ Jesus. Amen
Dec. 13th–Help us sing for joy, dear God, even as you sing with joy over us. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 14th–I trust you, Lord. Please help me overcome my distrust. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 15th–I rejoice in you, dear God. Help me rejoice in every circumstance. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 16th–God, help me wait for Christ's coming with expectation, knowing that the best is yet to come, through Christ. Amen
Dec. 17th–God, give me faith to look the good of the world. It's not perfect, but it's yours and that means it's good. In Jesus' name.. Amen
Dec. 18th–O Lord, thank you for all Spirit-led encouragers in my life.. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 19th–God, help me to be patient as you smooth the rough places in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 20th–O God of host, shine your grace upon us though Christ, that we may be saved. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 21st–O God of hosts, shine upon us though Christ, that we may be saved. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 22nd–God, Incarnate, enable me to enact your love today and every day. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 23rd–God, help me see your glory in the ordinary & extraordinary events that happen every day. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec. 24th–Jesus, on the eve of your birth, we celebrate life and lifegiving moments. In your name. Amen
Dec. 25th–Dear God, help us to be glad and to sing songs of hope. In the name of the newborn king, Jesus. Amen
Dec. 26th–Come, Holy Spirit, open my heart to you, through Christ Jesus.. Amen
Dec. 27th–God, help me to rejoice in the ways you shower all people with your gracious love, through Christ. Amen
Dec. 28th–Lord Jesus, hear our prayers, even when they come in the form of tears. Amen
Dec. 29th–God, help me celebrate your love for me in Christ Jesus with my heart, my soul, and my body. In Jesus' name. Amen
Dec 30th–Jesus, gift of all life, help us to seek your wisdom this day Christ our Lord. Amen
Dec. 31st–Dear God, help me focus on your love and not on trivial things. In Jesus' name. Amen



For December

Dec. 1st	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Dec. 2nd	Luke 21:25-36
Dec. 3rd	Daniel 7:19-27
Dec. 4th	Malachi 4:1-6
Dec. 5th	Philippians 1:12-18a
Dec. 6th	Malachi 3:1-4
Dec. 7th	Luke 1:68-79
Dec. 8th	Philippians 1:3-11
Dec. 9th	Luke 3:1-6
Dec. 10th	Isaiah 40:1-11
Dec. 11th	Isaiah 19:18-25
Dec. 12th	2 Peter 1:12-15
Dec. 13th	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Dec. 14th	Isaiah 12:2-6
Dec. 15th	Philippians 4:4-7
Dec. 16th	Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 17th	Isaiah 11:1-9
Dec. 18th	Acts 28:23-31
Dec. 19th	Isaiah 42:10-18
Dec. 20th	Micah 5:2-5a
Dec. 21st	Psalms 80:1-7
Dec. 22nd	Hebrews 10:5-10
Dec. 23rd	Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
Dec. 24th	Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
Dec. 25th	Psalms 96
Dec. 26th	Acts 7:51-60
Dec. 27th	John 21:20-25
Dec. 28th	Matthew 2:13-18
Dec. 29th	Psalms 148
Dec. 30th	Luke 2:41-52
Dec. 31st	Colossians 3:12-17



January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
		Birthday:Owen Peterson				
		Brithday:Trevor Schluter				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		Birthday:Ken Peterson	Birthday: Leland Bryson		Birthday: Ray Ricklefs
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	Birthday:Emily Kleckler		Birthday: Scott Hinrichs
				2p-4p Dorcas Circle		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday:Kaitlin Murray	4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	Birthday:Roger Koett	Birthday:Therol Anderson		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
20	21Martin Luther King	22	23	24	25	26
Anniversary:Ken & Linda Peterson (50)	Birthday: Meghan O'Brien	Birthday: Myron Deets	Anniversary:Randy & Opal Kleckler			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		Anniversary:Ron & Sharon Judd			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			Birthday: Janet Koett			
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

December 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Birthday:Gavin Schildgen
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Birthday:Bridget Newcomer		Birthday:Cindy Brandt	Birthday:Bob Oncken	Anniversary:Carol & Gary Sibley		Birthday:Lori Anderson
Birthday:Melissa Wagenknecht						
First Sunday of Advent						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Birthday:Colton Simpson			Birthday:Becky Anderson	2p-4p Dorcas Circle		Birthday: Lucille Hook
Second Sunday of Advent			9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			Birthday:Adam Williams
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
16	17	18	19	20	21Winter Solstice	22
Third Sunday of Advent		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)		Birthday:Tyler Miller	Birthday:David Williams	
JOINT SERVICE					Birthday:Shane Harris	
AT TRINITY					Birthday:Sydney Barkley	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					Birthday:Will Schmidt	
23	24	25Christmas	26	27	28	29
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Birthday:Bill Borth	Christmas Day	Anniversary:Kevin & Becky Anderson	Birthday:Brandon Eye		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Christmas Eve		Birthday:Collin Eubanks	Birthday:John Murray		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
30	31	Notes:				
Birthday:Ramon Woessner	Birthday:Keasha Kelly					
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Dec. 2nd & 9th Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Lector: Jodi Woessner

Dec. 16th, 23rd & 30 Jan & Jim Wetzell

Lector: Jan Wetzell

Circle Hostess: LuAnn Gvozdjak

In our prayers:

From First:

In our Prayers

Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman,
Linda and Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks,
Anita Gilbert, Linda Habben, Milford Habben,
Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner,
Ray Ricklefs, Sherry Schwartz

From Trinity:

Doris Bernard, Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Cindy
Brandt, Leland Bryson, June Franks, Tom Graff,
Lawrence Maxwell, Barb & Ivan Miller,
Rick Miller, Vernon Milnes, Dan Nye, Corinne
Ohlwine, Debbie Oldham, Craig Schlidgen,
Alec Schmidt, Kimberly Tomasi,
Otto Wagenknecht

Interim Pastor, Rev. Carol Soderholm
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Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Secretary Karen Landers
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
At-Large Tammy Miller
Sharon Woodard
Harlan Meinsma
Ken Peterson
Custodian Lynn Kaufman
Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Jan Wetzell (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 ad-
dress.
Thanks

Christmas Eve Worship Services December 24th

4:00 PM at First, West Jordan

9:00 PM at Trinity, Milledgeville

Both services will include
Holy Communion, candlelight
with the hymn Silent Night;

Joint Council Meeting

There will be a joint Council meeting on
December 11th at 6:00 at Trinity.

Trinity will have their normal council meeting
after the joint meeting

Joint Worship Services for 2018

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

Dec 16, Christmas Pageant, 10:15 AM, M'ville
With coffee time after service.

Dec 30, New Year's Weekend, 8:30 AM, Jordan

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE U.S WILDFRIES

If you would like to donate to the wildfire's that
are raging across California, there will be forms
that you can fill out to send your money in. They
on the table in the Narthex.



Joy to the World



ADVENT
ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
BLESSINGS
CAMELS
FRANKINCENSE

INFANT
JESUS
JOSEPH
MAGI
MANGER
MARY
MIRACLE

MYRRH
NATIVITY
REJOICE
STABLE
STAR
THREE KINGS
WISE MEN

Christmas Reminder

Community Christmas Worship Service
The Community Christmas Worship Service
will be December 2nd at 7:00 pm. At the
Brethren Church, in Milledgeville.

Joint Worship
On December 16th Jordan & Trinity will
worship at 10:15 at Trinity.
This will be our joint Christmas Pageant.
Coffee and goodies after the service.