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Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL

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First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL



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”

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
Actually a thousand thank you's.

If I could speak in many languages, even then I would not find words to express my thanks for your love **and generosity**. I cherish every one of you and I cherish the gifts you gave me for Christmas. My heart is full of gratitude.

St. Paul says it beautifully in Philippians 1:3

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel."

Yes, I thank God every time I think of you, and I am grateful to be your partner in the gospel = "the good news" of Jesus Christ. I pray every day when I wake up that I will be worthy of being your servant.....for however long or short that may be.

You are a devoted community of Christians - not unlike some of the early Christian communities who did their utmost to carry forward the good news of Jesus Christ. They did so in all kinds of circumstances and challenges. The challenges you face are similar; a culture that does not support the word of God, doubting people, ignored by many, abandonment by some.

In spite of it all, they carried on and so will you because you are not here just to keep the doors open. You are here to spread the love of God so that everyone who comes to your church will feel that love and learn the full extent of it. You have a high purpose no different than the early Christian communities, so that in 2000 years from now, there will be Christian believers thanks to you. That's awesome !!!!

The new year really doesn't hold anything new. The days will still be short, the nights long and the days cold. But our zeal for the Lord and the fire in our hearts for the Holy Spirit; our love for each other and our renewed devotion to our church will be new - and greater than ever before.

With all my love and prayers,
Pastor Carol



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Nancy Janssen

Milledgeville Youth Group #The 521
Next meeting is a outing **on January 6th.**
It's a trip to Rockford to see a
Ice Hogs hockey game.
Call Ginger Morhardt @815-535-3780 for
more details. Game starts at 4:00p.m.
Stopping for Pizza on way home
Check them out on Facebook #THE 521 Youth

WELCA Circle

Circle will meet at 2 p.m. January 10th
At Kim Stewart's home.
Weather permitting

Important Dates to Remember

January 13th

All financial records of Trinity Lutheran Church need to
be turned in to the office for auditing.

January 22nd

Joint council meeting at 6:30
At Trinity, Milledgeville

January 27th

Trinity Lutheran annual meeting will be right
after Church

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 cor-
rected, or should be removed. Thank you.


Grace Meals

NO Grace meals in January
See you in February



Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday,
January 15th at 4:30 PM to 5:00

 **Music and Worship Committee**

Thursday January 3rd 2019

Come join us for a

MEET and GREET

10 to 11:30 a.m. — Tuesday, Jan. 15

At the Legion Hall in Chadwick

Carroll County TRIAD

Play some BINGO
and win a prize

Refreshments will
be provided


For a ride Contact:
Carroll County Transit at 815-244-0011
by 11: 30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14.

Information will be provided on the
agencies and services available in
Carroll County for seniors

SNOW DATE
Tuesday, Jan. 22

January Daily Prayer

Jan 1st –O God, give us enthusiasm to share the good news of your Son like the shepherds did. Through Christ our Lord. Amen
Jan. 2nd –God, teach us to be strong and courageous in you, through Jesus our Lord. 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

Daily Devotions		
		
For January		
Jan. 1st		Luke 2:15-21
Jan. 2nd		Joshua 1:1-9
Jan. 3rd		Isaiah 60:1-6
Jan. 4th		Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14
Jan. 5th		Ephesians 3:1-12
Jan. 6th		Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 7th		Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Jan. 8th		Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
Jan. 9th		Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Jan. 10th		Isaiah 43:1-7
Jan. 11th		Psalms 29
Jan. 12th		Acts 8:14-17
Jan. 13th		Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan. 14th		Acts 18-24
Jan. 15th		1 John 5:13-21
Jan. 16th		Isaiah 62:1-5
Jan. 17th		Psalms 36:5-10
Jan. 18th		Acts 4:8-13
Jan. 19th		1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Jan. 20th		John 2:1-11
Jan. 21st		Romans 12:1-8
Jan. 22nd		Nehemiah 2:1-10
Jan. 23rd		Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8-10
Jan. 24th		Psalms 19
Jan. 25th		Galatians 1:11-24
Jan. 26th		1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Jan. 27th		Luke 4:14-21
Jan. 28th		1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Jan. 29th		Psalms 119:89-96
Jan. 30th		Jeremiah 1:4-10
Jan. 31st		Psalms 71:1-6

Win

February 2019							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1	2 Groundhog Day	
					Birthday: Donna Lenhart	Birthday: Craig Schildgen	
3 Super Bowl	4	5	6	7	8	9	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet			Anniversary:Otto & Dorothy Wagenknecht			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity				Birthday:Luke Koett			
				Birthday:Marissa Eye			
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	
Birthday:Tom Barkley	Birthday:David Wagenknecht	Birthday: Tom Landheer	Anniversary:Brian & Cherrie Simpson	2p-4p Dorcas Circle		Birthday:Sue Lorke	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday:Alyvia Woodard	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
17	18 Presidents Day	19	20	21	22	23	
Anniversary:Bob & Lori Oncken	Birthday:Karen Landers	11:30a-1p Grace Meals		Birthday:Brandi VanDyke			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							
24	25	26	27	28	Notes:		
Birthday:Brody Kelley	Birthday: Amanda Beveroth	Birthday:Ron Judd	Birthday:Mike Strehlow	Birthday:Kassie Murray			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity							

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January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
		Birthday :Owen Peterson				
		Brithday :Trev or 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 Southtow n Ministry (Southtow n home\, Milledgeville)	Birthday :Roger Koett	Birthday :Therol Anderson		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
20	21 Martin Luther King	22	23	24	25	26
Anniversary :Ken & Linda Peterson (50)	Birthday : Meghan O'Brien	Birthday : My ron Deets	Anniversary :Randy & Opal Kleckler			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	6:30p-8p Joint Council meeting	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						
11:30a-12:30p Trinity Annual Meeting						



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Jan. 6th & 13th Dan & Jodi Woessner

Lector: Dan Woessner

Jan. 20th & 27th Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Lector: Jodi Woessner

Circle Hostess:

Just a little reminder of Advent candles and their meaning

- First purple candle – Hope
- Second purple candle – Love
- Third purple candle – Peace
- Pink candle – Joy

Advent trivia

- 1) What is the meaning of Advent?
- 2) How many Sundays are in Advent?
- 3) What is the traditional color of Advent?
- 4) Which feast follows Advent?
- 5)What do evergreen branches of Advent Wreath symbolize?

(1) Coming, 2) Four, 3) Purple, 4) Christmas, 5) Eternal life



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.

Epiphany

W X I S Y R A U N A J F N J I I G K W R
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CELEBRATES
CHRIST CHILD
CHURCH SERVICES
DENOMINATIONS
EPIPHANY
FEASTDAY
INCARNATION
JESUS CHRIST
PLOUGH MONDAY
SINGING
THREE KINGS CAKE
TWELFTH NIGHT
WESTERN CHURCHES

CHALKING THE DOOR
CHRISTIAN
CUSTOMS
EASTERN CHURCHES
EPIPHANY EVE
HOUSE BLESSED
JANUARY SIX
LITURGICAL
REVELATION OF GOD
THEOPHANY
THREE KINGS DAY
VISIT OF THE MAGI
WINTER SWIMMING



In our prayers:

From First:
In our Prayers

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

From Trinity:

Carol Adolph, Doris Bernard, Jerry Blair, Bill Borth,
Cindy Brandt, Leland Bryson, June Franks, Tom Graff,
Lawrence Maxwell, Barb 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

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)

Vice-President Kim Stewart

Secretary Jodi Woessner

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

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

How to get what you need at Trinity Lutheran/First Lutheran Church's

Emergency Pastoral Care Concern?

Hospitalizations, Illness,
Family Crisis

Call Pr. Carol Soderholm
cell phone 312-771-1145

Do NOT rely on the hospital to contact the church.

Do NOT rely on word of mouth/ The grapevine.

Do NOT rely on mindreading skills. Pastor missed that class in seminary.

Non—Urgent Pastoral Needs?

Scheduling a home visit/baptism/ wedding. Confirmation/Christian Ed, Coffee & Conversation

Leave a message at Trinity for Pr. Carol. She will return it as soon as possible.

E-mail Pastor Carol @ carol.soderholm@gmail.com

Questions about Administrative stuff?

Announcements for the bulletin, questions about schedules, Financial questions, hall rental, etc....

Call the Church and leave a message for Janet on the Church answering machine, for her to return during office hours

E-mail Janet at telcsecretary@mediacombb.net

Contact a council member