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

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings  
“Sound the Good News”



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It was more than 20 years ago, but I remember Cornelius. I met him one Sunday when, in a wheelchair, he wheeled himself into church. A few years earlier he had been hit by a bus and lost a leg. He was ambivalent about church but he ventured in anyway. He wondered if he would be accepted. He wondered if he would be welcome. After all, he slept every night in the Pacific Garden Mission - a hospice for homeless men...and he wheeled around the streets of Chicago every day begging. He was a jolly sort - and wheeled into church with a big smile on his face.

After church we talked for a long time. I listened as he tried to make sense of his life and what had happened to him; his fears and his injuries. I was grateful that he had received Holy Communion. I could talk to him about God and God's place in his life.

For me, this man - who continued to come to Sunday worship - will always be testimony to the way the Kingdom of God is made known to us: in hidden ways and in unlikely people. When and how was the seed of faith planted in him? What made the soil of his heart so fertile? I don't know. He didn't know. But it was there....a faith no one could predict might flourish one day into a harvest of a life worth living in spite of its limitations and a deep faith in spite of lifelong disadvantages.

He joyously came to church every Sunday. It became hard for me to begin worship if Cornelius wasn't there.

I am sure he had no idea of his radiance.

I suspect you have no idea of yours.

With all my love,  
Pastor Carol



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### Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday,  
March 19th at 4:30 PM to 5:00

### WELCA Circle

Circle will meet at 2 p.m. March 14th  
At Barb Brubaker's home.

### For Faith on Forty

West Jordan has a coffee hour on the second Sunday of every month. Pastor Carol would like to join them. Therefore, on that second Sunday she could be a little late. Is there a member of the Milledgeville congregation that would like to begin worship on that Sunday ..... just the opening parts? Maybe 15 minutes? That will allow Pastor Carol to enjoy the folks at West Jordan in a social setting.

Thank you.

### Synod Assembly Delegates

Thank you to Kenny & Lynn Kaufman for volunteering to go to Synod Assembly on June 15th & 16th

**Annual Reports & Budget** can be viewed on Trinity's web page [www.trinitymville.com](http://www.trinitymville.com)  
And look under **News**

### 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

Grace meals will be  
Tuesday March 19th 11:30



### Music and Worship Committee

Thursday March 12th @ 1:00p.m.

### Milledgeville/Chadwick Youth Group #The 521

Next meeting is on March 10th  
Call Ginger Morhardt @815-535-3780  
for more details.

Check them out on Facebook #THE 521 Youth

### Thing's in our Community

#### Relay for Life "Kick-Off"

Sunday, March 3rd 4:00—6:00pm  
Manny's Pizza, Savanna, IL.  
Pizza/Taco Buffet \$8.00/person  
Entertainment & Silent Auction

### Brookville United Methodist Church

Fish Fry Supper  
4:30 —7:30PM  
Friday March 15th, 2019  
Adults \$10.00 Under 10 \$4.50  
Bake Sale, Carry outs welcome

### March Daily Prayer

**Mar. 1st**—Help us to make time with you a priority, O God. In Jesus name. Amen  
**Mar. 2nd**—Merciful God, keep calling us to know and love you through Christ our Lord. Amen  
**Mar. 3rd**—Illuminating God, keep our eyes on you as we journey from darkness to light. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Mar. 4th**—Living Word, pour out your love on us and lead us to grow closer to you, in Christ. Amen  
**Mar. 5th**—Steadfast Lord, clothe me in your grace and mercy, through Christ Jesus. Amen  
**Mar. 6th**—Savior of all, thank you for this one precious life. May we live in honor of you. Amen  
**Mar. 7th**—Abundant God, everything we own is yours. Help us to share our gifts with the world, through Christ. Amen  
**Mar. 8th**—Singing God, teach me to join in your song of peace for all the world. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Mar. 9th**—Living Christ, thank you for hearing us when we call your name. Amen  
**Mar. 10th**—Life-giving God, thank you for meeting us where we are and loving us unconditionally, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
**Mar. 11th**—Give me courage, O God, to tell stories of hope and your love for the world. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Mar. 12th**—Spirit of truth, free us from all that distracts us from you, through Christ. Amen  
**Mar. 13th**—Lord, help me to see my worth not in what I own, but in being your child. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Mar. 14th**—Creating God, fill us with a sense of awe when looking at the work of your hands, through Christ Jesus. Amen  
**Mar. 15th**—Holy God, thank you for safe places of worship. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Mar. 16th**—Caring God, teach us to follow you in all that we do, through Christ Jesus. Amen  
**Mar. 17th**—Loving God, help us to always be willing to gather under the loving wings of you Son, Jesus. Amen  
**Mar. 18th**— Almighty God, fill us with faith to trust in you when we are facing trials. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Mar. 19th**—Gracious God, when life takes me off my planned route, help me to trust you. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Mar. 20th**—Loving God, fill us with your Spirit and keep us connected to Jesus, name. Amen.  
**Mar. 21st**—Loving God, help us to never take for granted your love for us in Christ Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen  
**Mar. 22nd**—Jesus, help us to thirst for the living water of salvation you freely give to us. In your name we pray. Amen  
**Mar. 23rd**—Faithful God, help us to listen with love to those who feel overwhelmed. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Mar. 24th**—Heavenly Father, focus my mind on your great love for sinners, through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
**Mar. 25th**—O God, help us to follow in Mary's footsteps by saying yes to you today, for Jesus' sake. Amen.  
**Mar. 26th**—Oh God, help me to remember all you have done for me, through you Son, Jesus. Amen.  
**Mar. 27th**—Gracious God, help us to live our lives in a manner worth imitating, for Jesus' sake. Amen  
**Mar. 28th**—Loving God, thank you for rolling away the disgrace and the shame that keeps me from fully loving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Mar. 29th**—Lord, help us to acknowledge our sin to you and rejoice in your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ. Amen  
**Mar. 30th**— Lord, ?Help us to proclaim the message of reconciliation that you have entrusted to us, for Jesus' sake. Amen  
**Mar. 31st**— Compassionate God, guide me to reach out with your love to all who have run from you, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

### Daily Devotions



### For March

Mar. 1st	Psalm 99
Mar. 2nd	Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Mar. 3rd	Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Mar. 4th	Isaiah 58:1-12
Mar. 5th	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Mar. 6th	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Mar. 7th	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Mar. 8th	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Mar. 9th	Romans 10:8b-13
Mar. 10th	Luke 4:1-13
Mar. 11th	1 John 2:1-6
Mar. 12th	Peter 2:4-21
Mar. 13th	Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Mar. 14th	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Mar. 15th	Psalm 27
Mar. 16th	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Mar. 17th	Luke 13:31-35
Mar. 18th	Daniel 3:19-30
Mar. 19th	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Mar. 20th	Luke 6:43-45
Mar. 21st	Isaiah 55:1-9
Mar. 22nd	Psalm 63:1-8
Mar. 23rd	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Mar. 24th	Luke 13:1-9
Mar. 25th	Luke 1:26-38
Mar. 26th	Joshua 4:1-13
Mar. 27th	Joshua 4:14-24
Mar. 28th	Joshua 5:9-12
Mar. 29th	Psalm 32
Mar. 30th	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Mar. 31st	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

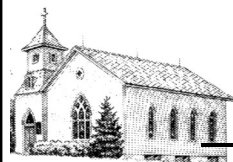
### April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Birthday:Allen Chronister 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>2</b> Birthday:Linda Folkers	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Birthday: Anita Gilbert Birthday:Allen Chronister	<b>5</b> Birthday:Jenna Green	<b>6</b> Birthday:Kim Stewart Birthday:Linda Peterson
<b>7</b> Anniversary:Ken & Lynn Kaufman 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>8</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>11</b> Anniversary:Mike & Tammy Miller 2p-4p Dorcas Circle	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Anniversary:Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell Birthday: Jim Wetzell
<b>14</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>15</b> Tax Day (Taxes Due) Birthday:Amy Strehlow	<b>16</b> 11:30a-1p Grace Meals	<b>17</b> Anniversary:Rick & Connie Brockhouse	<b>18</b> Birthday:Ron Lartz	<b>19</b> Good Friday	<b>20</b>
	<b>21</b> World Immunization Week/ Easter/Easter 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>22</b> Earth Day Birthday:Janet Barkley 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Administrative Professionals Birthday:Clayton Simpson	<b>25</b> World Malaria Day	<b>26</b> Arbor Day Birthday: Dan Woessner Birthday:Caden VanDyke Birthday:Duane Landers
<b>28</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>29</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>30</b>	Notes:			

### March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Birthday:Shirley Cheeseman
<b>3</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>4</b> Anniversary:Duane & Karen Landers Birthday:Cherrie Simpson Birthday:Sharon Judd 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7p-8p Ash Wednesday Service	<b>7</b> Birthday:Haley Miller	<b>8</b> Int'l. Women's Day	<b>9</b> Birthday:Lawrence Maxwell
<b>10</b> Daylight Saving Begins 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>11</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>12</b> 1p-2p Music & Worship Meeting	<b>13</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 10a-11a Ministerail Meeting@ChadwickLutheran	<b>14</b> Birthday: Linda Habben	<b>15</b> Birthday:Tammy Miller	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day Birthday:Chase Coyle Birthday:Kaye Strehlow Birthday:Tammy Miller	<b>18</b> Birthday:Taylor Battles 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>19</b> Birthday:Sharon Woodard 11:30a-1p Grace Meals 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home, Milledgeville)	<b>20</b> Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere) 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>21</b> Birthday:Molly Anderson	<b>22</b> Birthday:Avery Schilgen Birthday:Lois Simmons	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> World Tuberculosis Day 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>25</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Birthday:Freeman Schluter	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Birthday: Andrew Beveroth 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	Notes:					





# West Jordan

## Worship Helpers

Mar. 3rd & 10th Mark & Amanda Baron

Lector: Amanda Baron

Mar. 17th, 24th & 31st Tom & Trudy Landheer

Lector: Trudy Landheer

Circle Hostess: Carol Woessner



**Birthday Card Shower for Lois Simmons**  
turning 95 on March 22nd.  
Her Address is  
Lois Simmoms  
P.O. Box 325  
Milledgeville, Il. 61051

### 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:

Doris Bernard, Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Cindy Brandt,  
Leland Bryson, Jim Brubaker, June Franks, Tom Graff,  
Lawrence Maxwell, Barb Miller, Rick Miller, Vernon  
Milnes, Corinne Ohlwine, Debbie Oldham,  
Craig Schlidgen, Otto Wagenknecht,  
Trae VanZuiden

### Ash Wednesday

Services for Ash Wednesday  
will be at Trinity  
March 6th at 7:00pm,

### Thursday Lenten Services

Lenten services starting on Thursday  
March 14th at 6:00pm. We will start with  
supper, then, about 6:30 the Lenten study  
will start on Revelations.  
The Soup & Lenten study will be 14th, 21st,  
28th & March 4th.  
There will be a sign up to bring Soup &  
Dessert for supper

We are still working out plans for Holy  
Week. Those plans will be in  
April Newsletter.

## Unscramble Lent

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- dMahyutadnrysu \_\_\_\_\_
- vPossrea \_\_\_\_\_
- Etnl \_\_\_\_\_
- yHlkeeloW \_\_\_\_\_
- idaStuoHyyar \_\_\_\_\_
- ruTmidu \_\_\_\_\_
- ForoidGady \_\_\_\_\_
- WyydnepdeaSs \_\_\_\_\_
- Osfydtayr \_\_\_\_\_
- yWssAdenehda \_\_\_\_\_
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### ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



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Church Secretary Janet Barkley  
Church # 815-225-7410 Cell# 815-590-0520

### Church Leaders Directory

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)  
Vice-President Kim Stewart  
Secretary Karen Landers  
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse  
At-Large Tammy Miller  
Lori Oncken  
Harlan Meinsma  
Ken Peterson  
Custodian Lynn Kaufman  
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 ad-  
dress.  
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, Finan-  
cial 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  
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Contact a council member