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First Lutheran of
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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan
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Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”

Dear members and friends of Faith on Forty,

Rabindranath Tagore was an Indian poet born in Bengali in the late 1800's. His poetry was so widely known he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. (I think that's the date). This is one of his poems that has been a comfort to me.

**Faith
is the bird
that feels the light,
And sings
while the dawn
is still dark.**

It feels dark to me right now with the loss of my sister. Truth is I have lost two soul mates. To use a Celtic word, Eddie (my son) and Linda (my sister) were my Anam Cara = soul friends. We understood each other without saying a word. When we did speak, we had the same thoughts and ideas and dreams. The same issues bothered us and inspired us.

Now I ask, as many of us have, "where is God? where is the tender compassion of God for his creatures and creation?" "Where is God in this suffering?" Maybe Jesus asked those same questions when he cried out from the cross "my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

From now until Easter, I will be singing in the dark - like the early morning birds. Their song is very beautiful if you get up early enough to hear them. I remember years ago when I lived in New York, there were so many birds singing outside the window of our home - my son got a tape record to record it. Even at 12 years old he knew he was hearing something magnificent; something truly God-given.....just before dawn.

Maybe God does his best work in the dark?
Like Nicodemus who comes to find Jesus by night.
Like Mary who goes to the tomb to find Jesus in the early morning while it is still dark.
Like the 3 hours of Good Friday when dark covered the face of the Earth.
In each case, the dark gave way to a brilliant light - the light of faith and hope and most importantly, resurrection. Which tells us that the darkness in this life WILL give way to the light of eternal life in the presence of God.

So, dear friends, be patient with the darkness that seems to cover your life once in a while - as I will - as I had to 5 years ago when my Eddie died.

Be patient with the dark, and wait for the Light **It will come. We will rejoice in it on Easter Day.**

With much love,
Pastor Carol

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Rev. Carol Soderholm

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Janet Barkley

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Nancy Janssen

May 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Birthday: Robert Woessner		Birthday: Stacey Jacobson	Birthday: Al Vickers
			7p-8p Milledgeville Senior Scholarship Night			Birthday: Barbara Miller
					Birthday: Madilyn Todd	
5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8	9	10	11
Anniversary: Mitch and Sharon Woodard	Birthday: Curt Eubanks		Anniversary: Antoinette and Korey Fossett	Anniversary: Steven and Phyllis Jewell		Birthday: Erica Kaufman
Birthday: Arden Queckboerner	Birthday: Paige Bauling		Birthday: James Brubaker	Birthday: Brad Grenoble		Birthday: Patty Murray
Birthday: Payton Harris	Birthday: Staci Trobaugh		Birthday: Scott Bryson	Birthday: Craig Bauling		Birthday: Shirley Woessner
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	Birthday: Jamie Doyle		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			Birthday: Katie Gallagher			
			Birthday: Keagan Livengood			
			Birthday: Pam Eubanks			
				2p-4p Dorcas Circle		
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Armed Forces Day
Birthday: Kaitlin Dettman	Birthday: Emma Sinn	Birthday: Drew Sauer	Birthday: Mia Meyer	Birthday: Amanda Schildgen		Birthday: Donna Landis
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Opal Kleckler	Birthday: Le-Anne Nye	Birthday: Samantha Merlak			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Ramona Koett	Birthday: Alayna Beckham	Birthday: Todd Brubaker		Birthday: Dan Hinrichs	Birthday: Jaidon Doyle
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-1p Grace Meals				
		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)				
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	Notes:
Birthday: Allison Palmer	Birthday: Kennedy Livengood	Anniversary: Craig and Kaye Dusing	Birthday: Bryce Palmer		Birthday: Otto Wagenknecht	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Teresa Wagenknecht					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	Birthday: Violet Ohlwine					
	11a-3p Sewers Meet					

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Birthday:Allen Chronister	Birthday:Linda Folkers		Birthday: Anita Gilbert	Birthday:Jenna Green	Birthday:Kim Stewart
	11a-3p Sewers Meet			Birthday:Allen Chronis-ter 6p-7:30p Lent Soup, Sandwich & Study		Birthday:Linda Peterson
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Anniversary:Ken & Lynn Kaufman	11a-3p Sewers Meet		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	Anniversary:Mike & Tammy Miller		Anniversary:Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ				9a-5p Dorcas Circle trip		Birthday: Jim Wetzell
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday:Amy Strehlow	11:30a-1p Grace Meals	Anniversary:Rick & Connie Brockhouse	Birthday:Ron Lartz		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet	4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)	Birthday:Clayton Simpson	11:30a-1p Trinity Maundy service		
				7p-8p First Lutheran Maundy Services		
21 World Immun-ization Week/ Easter/Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative Professionals	25 World Malaria Day	26 Arbor Day	27
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday:Janet Barkley				Birthday: Dan Woessner	Birthday:Caden VanDyke
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	Earth Day					Birthday:Duane Landers
	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
28	29	30	Notes:			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Apr. 7rd & 14th Mia & Jon Meyer

Lector: Mia Meyer

Apr.21st, & 28th Jim & Jan Wetzell

Lector: Jan Wetzell

Circle Hostess: Luann Gvozdjak

Joint Council Meeting

The joint council meeting will be at First Lutheran,
West Jordan on Tuesday the 9th at 6:45p.m.

Soup and Lenten Study

There will be a Lenten study continue
March 28th at 6:00pm. Soup & Sandwiches
for supper, then at 6:30 the Lenten study will con-
tinue on Revelations. The Soup & Lenten study
will go on April 4th

Holy Week Events

Maundy Thursday

April 18th

Trinity Lutheran will have a service
Starting with lunch at 11:30a.m.
Maundy Day service after.

First Lutheran will have a evening
Maundy Day Service at 7:00p.m.

Good Friday Services

Pastor Rick will have a Community Cross Walk at
1:00p.m. starting at school. He will get more
information out on that service.

United Methodist will have Good Friday Community
service at 7:00p.m. at the U.M. church in Coleta

Easter Sunday

First Lutheran will have Easter service
At 8:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran will have a Coffee hour at 9:00am
with a egg hunt for the kids.
Easter service will be at 10:15

Holy Week quiz

How much do you remember about
the people and events of Holy Week?
Here's a little quiz to test your knowledge.
The answers are at the bottom of this page.

1. Where did the Agony in the Garden take place?
2. Who betrayed Jesus?
3. Who denied Jesus three times?
4. Who ordered Jesus to be scourged?
5. What criminal was released instead of Jesus?
6. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
7. How many times does Jesus fall on the way to Calvary?
8. Who helped Jesus carry his cross?
9. Who wiped the face of Jesus?
10. What did the sign on the cross say?
11. Who made arrangements for the burial of Jesus?
12. Who was the first to discover that Jesus had risen?

Answers to quiz:

1) Gethsemane, or the Mount of Olives; 2) Judas;
3) Peter; 4) Pontius Pilot; 5) Barabbas; 6) Fourteen;
7) Three; 8) Simon of Cyrene; 9) Veronica;
10) King of the Jews; 11) Joseph of Arimathea;
12) Mary Magdalene



Easter Word Fun

BUNNY
EASTER
CARROT
BASKET
CANDY
APRIL
SPRING
EGGS
GRASS
HOP

M T O V S R T K O S L E
B C K W R S E K E G G S
L A O C S J K A L O W I
C M I A O W S I T M D K
A L R K I T A N C Y A K
A G S K E O B A E D L M
O W P R M D J P A N W E
C M I J E N S R M A H F
B U N N Y A L I D C K I
S K G J E K L L A R E S
R I W O C H O P C J K L
T O R R A C K O E X W P

SECRET CODE: 6=T
O=S 3=R 7=E
1=H 4=A 8=Y
2=W 5=I 9=P



How does a rabbit keep his fur looking good?

2 5 6 1 1 4 3 7 0 9 3 4 8

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
815-225-7410

E-mail Janet at
telcsecretary@mediacombb.net

Contact a council member

Church Leaders Directory

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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 ad-
dress.
Thanks