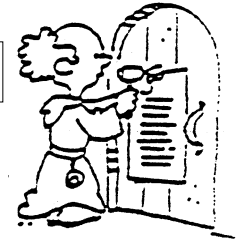


Trinity Tidings
"Sound the Good News"

March 2014

Trinity Lutheran Church, Milledgeville
717 Stover Ave., P.O. Box 637
telcsecretary@frontiernet.net
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

"Where We Serve Christ and You"



Sunday March 2nd: Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 16th: Second Sunday in Lent

Tuesday March 18th: Grace Meals

Sunday March 23rd: Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 30th: Fourth Sunday in Lent



March Prayer

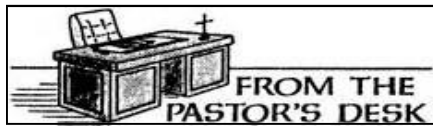
Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet un-trodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ms. Kathy Nye
14 Leeway Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21222



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Organist
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Pastor
Ministers: The People of God
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First Lutheran W. Jordan



Greetings! My name is Pastor Jamie Gallagher. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself.

My wife, Pastor Katie, and I graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary (Columbus, OH) in 2002. We have served congregations in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. We have 3 children: Heide (12 in May), Nate (10 in April), and Trace (5 in April). We also have Alice, our 3 year old Black Lab who aside from being a great family dog serves an amazing role as a therapy dog for our son Nate.

My hobbies include model railroading, genealogy and following my favorite Chicago sports teams: the Blackhawks, the Bears and the Cubs. In the past we have owned horses, and while we do not right now, we are always up for a horseback riding adventure. We also enjoy camping, hiking and exploring new places.

My passions in ministry include youth and family ministry (particularly finding ways to help faith be 'caught' from generation to generation), writing skits for worship (particularly for junior high and high school youth), and listening to where God is pointing us to serve those in need, both near and far.

Over the coming months, you will learn more about me as I visit with you, worship with you, and grow in faith with you. I will also be using this space in the monthly newsletter for brief Bible reflections relevant to our daily lives together.

As we begin our ministry together, I would like to share one of my favorite Bible verses.

Hebrews 11:1 (New Living Translation)

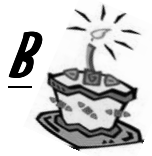
Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

I have held this verse close at heart throughout my life. Faith is not something that can be proven by scientific method, it is not something that can be tested as true or false, faith is a gift from an unseen God made visible through a gathered community, an amazing creation, and the experience of grace and love. Faith does not mean all things will always be perfect in our life, or that we will always get what we want. Faith does mean we have a God who experiences our entire life with us, who strengthens us each day and renews us in baptismal promises. Without this gift from God, I am not sure how I would make it through life. I can only thank God that I do have faith, that this faith encourages me and enables me to face each day in confidence.

I look forward to growing more in my faith as I walk with you during this time.

Peace,
Pastor Jamie

- My local address is yet to be determined and will be published in upcoming bulletins and the April Newsletter
- For now, my weekly office-hours schedule will be available in the weekly bulletin. I will be available for emergency visits regardless of whether I am "in the office" or not.



Baptismal Anniversary



- 3/1 Carol Sibley
- 3/6 Kevin Judas
- 3/9 Ross Paul Hartman
- 3/14 Collin Eubanks
- 3/16 Ruth Borth
- 3/18 Shirley Cheeseman
- 3/19 Robert Carpenter
- 3/21 Russ Gilroy
- 3/21 Tyler Wagenknecht
- 3/25 Joseph Green
- 3/25 Hunter Strehlow
- 3/26 Michael Hartman
- 3/27 Lucas Koett
- 3/28 Kathy Bogott
- 3/31 Stan Franks

- 3/1 Shirley Nye
- 3/2 Shirley Cheeseman
- 3/4 Cherrie Simpson
- 3/4 Sharon Judd
- 3/7 Haley Miller
- 3/9 Lawrence Maxwell
- 3/15 Joseph Green
- 3/15 Tammy Miller
- 3/16 Gary Nye
- 3/17 Kaye Strehlow
- 3/18 Taylor Anderson
- 3/19 Sharon Woodard
- 3/20 Molly Anderson
- 3/21 Lindsay Buckman
- 3/21 Connor Bryson
- 3/22 Lois Simmons
- 3/26 Cody Buckman
- 3/27 Kara Landis
- 3/29 Kyla Eastabrooks
- 3/29 Alec Schmidt
- 3/30 Laurie R. Byvick
- 3/30 Doug Strehlow

Anniversaries



- 3/4 Duane & Karen Landers
- 3/11 Oran & Marie Bryant

March Readings

Sunday, March 2nd: Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 2; refrain, Ps. 2:7
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, March 9th: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
 Psalm 32; refrain, Ps. 32:10
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 16th: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121; refrain, Ps. 121:1,2
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Sunday March 23rd: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 95; refrain, Ps. 95:1
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 30th: Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23; refrain, Ps. 23:5
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
February 11th, 2014

Roll Call: Karen L, Cherrie S, Ken K, Jerry H, Sharon W, Harlen M, Kevin A,

New Business:

1. Pastor Clements: Pastor Clements (Assistant to the Bishop) discussed the Pastoral Ministry and Pastoral Call guidelines with the Joint Council.
 - A. The Interim Pastor is appointed by the Bishop. The appointment can be refused.
 - B. Pastor James Gallagher has been appointed by the Bishop. Pastor Gallagher family currently live in Rolling Meadows. They will need housing.
 - C. A personal call to arrange a visit with Pastor Gallagher will be made. The suggested date will be February 23rd, 2014. He will be asked as a supply Pastor for Feb. 23rd, followed by an interview and contract negotiations.
 - D. A contract will be issued. See attachment.
 - E. The salary will not exceed the previous Pastoral salary contract. All benefits will be included. See Synod guidelines. 30 days may be given to cancel the contract.
2. Joint Council:
 - A. The joint council recommends not changing the hymnals to the new edition.
 - B. A call committee will consist of approximately 4 individuals from Trinity and 2 from West Jordan.
3. Vote for New Officers: Ken K. nominated Kevin Anderson for President, Ken Kaufman for Vice President, Karen Landers for Secretary. Connie Brockhouse for Treasurer, and Ken Peterson for Finance. Jerry H. seconded the nominations. Nominations approved.

Old Business: Old Business help until next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Social Ministry: The committee will focus on Pitter Patter Pantry support.
2. Finance: The budget will be tight during Interim Ministry. Full pastoral salary was not figured in the current budget.
3. Youth: The youth led service will be cancelled for the present. Confirmation plans need to be organized.
4. Property:
 - A. Chad Selman, will be surveying lighting needs.
 - B. The outside kitchen door must be replaced.
 - C. The water leak in the fellowship hall will be repaired in the spring.

Secretary's Report: Jerry H. moved to accept the secretary's report. Sharon W seconded. Motions approved.

Financial Secretary's Report:

General Operating Fund Report: Jerry H. moved to accept the Financial Secretary's Report and the General Operating Fund Report. Karen L. Seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Concerns for People or Issues: Amy (church secretary) will need help with:

- A. Proof reading the newsletter.
- B. A prayer chain chairman needs to be appointed to start the call.

Next TLC Meeting: March 11th @ 6:30 P.M. Additional meetings may be scheduled.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



March 2014



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	3 Noon Sewers	4 6:30 PM Choir Practice	5	6	7	8
9 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	10 Noon Sewers	11 6:30 PM Choir Practice 1:30 PM Naomi Circle @ Lois Simmons	12	13 7 PM Dorcas @ Barb Brubakers	14	15
16 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	17 Noon Sewers	18 11 :30 AM Grace Meals 4:30 Worship to Southtown 6:30 PM Choir Practice	19	20	21	22
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Church Closing will be announced on:

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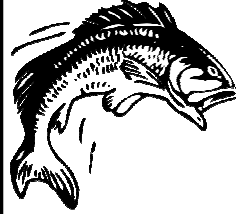
Acolyte Schedule for March

2nd: Connor
9th: Colton
16th: Alyvia
23rd: Jenna
30th: Clayton



Brookville UM Church

Fish Fry Supper
March 14th, 2014
4:30-7:30 PM



Carry Outs Welcome

Adults: \$9.00 Under 10: \$4.50
Preschool Free

Come & Enjoy

Milledgeville Grace Meals

Day: Tuesday March 18th, 2013

Time: 11:30 AM

Who: You & Family & Neighbors

Cost: Free Will Offering

2014 Kickoff Party

Soup Bar

&

Dessert Auction

Tuesday, March 11th, 2014

5:30 PM - 7 PM

Church of God, Mt. Carroll, IL

New Spirit Band will perform

Cost of soup is a donation of any size to The American Cancer Society, Desserts will go to the highest Bidder.

Interim pastor information

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

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90th Birthday Celebration for Lois Simmons

The Other Bar Social Room

March 22nd, 2014 2-7 PM



No gifts

Cards may be sent to Box 325 Milledgeville

Trinity Scholarship Guidelines

1. Any member of our congregation may apply for a scholarship whether for college/technical/trade school etc. This is not limited to High School graduates; worker retraining, graduate level and other are included.
2. Congregational members may apply multiple years as they progress through their schooling.
3. Application forms are available in the church office. Applications are read & approved by council. Applications are due June 1st. When possible we would like to present the check during announcements at worship.
4. We do ask the scholarship be returned if the student does not go to school.

* amount of scholarship is determined by the number of people applying and funds available

March Mission March: LOMC

Why LOMC?

THERE IS A CAMP, RETREAT, OR ACTIVITY FOR EVERYONE. LOMC isn't just for summer, and it's not just for kids!

640 ACRES OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Experience the pond, prairie, and forest that that is home to deer, wild turkey, hawks, owls, and other small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.

FRIENDLY, DEDICATED, & TRAINED STAFF

Our staff is committed to providing quality facilities, service, and programming. We employ good role models that have a strong faith and are enthusiastic about God's ministry at LOMC.

AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION ACCREDITED

We are proud of our ACA accreditation. The accreditation is a rigid series of standards and requirements set forth by the American Camp Association and developed exclusively for the camp profession. This nationally recognized program focuses on safety, quality, and health issues. It requires LOMC to review every facet of its operation to ensure that all guests are provided with a safe and quality experience.

Mission Statement

The purpose of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) is to be the Church in outdoor settings, nurturing Christian faith and providing experiences connecting the Word of God with the World of God.

Who We Are

LOMC is the tool of each individual Congregation within the Church. We are a resource, not a separate entity. We offer an extension of the ministry provided by the Church, not a different approach to sharing the message of Christ. Our mission statement gives us only one goal: To teach the Word of God in the World of God, no matter what the environment participants are in.

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I Think God is a Quilter

God is like a quilter who takes His needle and thread to piece our world from nothing and give it form, instead. I think God is a quilter since everything I see is pieces from His careful hand, from tree to bumblebee. We can see God's stitches, His texture everywhere; The velvet moss, the grainy sand, the silky strands of hair.

God is like a quilter; stitching tight and tiny rows, joining scraps and pieces, seaming everything He knows. It seems He cuts the patterns from what I'd throw away. He shows me how to use each scrap in His redeeming way. I think god quilts a pattern from everything I live; but He can only stitch the quilt from what I choose to give.

God is Master Quilter stitching strength where I am weak, showing me that life He touches holds everything I seek. God is like a quilter who sews patiently each thread; proving length of time no barrier; treating time a gift instead. Think of quilts as lessons God uses just to teach that our pieces and our remnants have kaleidoscopic reach.

So in this life I'm living, with pieces everywhere I'll give them to the Quilter to stitch with loving care. According to His pattern, each piece in place will be, and with His work of quilting He'll make a quilt of me.

(author unknown)

