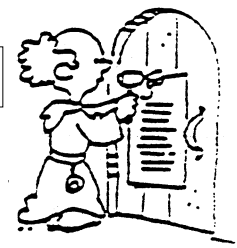


Trinity Tidings  
"Sound the Good News"

May 2014

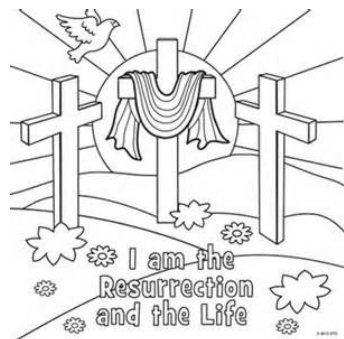
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"Where We Serve Christ and You"



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- Sunday May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter
- Wed. May 7th: Milledgeville High School - Scholarship Night @ Trinity
- Sunday May 11th: Fourth Sunday of Easter
- Sunday May 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Sunday May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter



**May Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we hear your call for us to come to you. Help us to step out of our boats, as Peter once did, and to trust the rock that we will stand on, as we take our steps toward you. Strengthen our faith each day and empower us as we share the great things we have seen you do in our lives. Amen

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**Tanzania**  
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## *May Prayer Calendar*

### *1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Never Stop Praying"*

#### *Week of May 4 to 10*

Sunday, May 4th, The Third Sunday of Easter

Devotional Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 21-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, June and Ray Purvis, Herm and Leora Beveroth, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, Helen Friel, Elda and Dick Dalquist, Bill and Ruth Borth, Elsie Heward, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel

#### *Week of May 11 to 17*

Sunday May 11th, Mother's Day, The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Devotional Reading: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

This Week in prayer: all mothers, all mother's who have suffered a miscarriage, all mother's who mourn the loss of a child, all women who are trapped in abusive relationships, all centers that provide shelter for victims of domestic abuse, all therapists and social workers who help victims escape the cycle of domestic abuse. Pray especially for the YMCA of the Sauk Valley and its Anti-Violence program that provides assistance for women in our region that are victims of domestic violence.

#### *Week of May 18 to 24*

Sunday, May 18th, the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Devotional Reading: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

This Week in Prayer: The Northwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the NIS and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA. Faith on Forty Ministry, Church of the Brethren on Main Street, Dutchtown Brethren, Milledgeville United Methodist, and Community Baptist Church.

#### *Week of May 25 to 31*

Sunday, May 25th, the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Devotional Reading: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22 ; John 14:15-21

This Week in Prayer: The Men and Women who are currently serving our nation's armed forces, for the men and women who have sacrificed their life while fighting for our nation, our national leaders, for those who command our armed forces, for those nations that are our allies, for those nations that are considered our enemies, that peace - God's holy peace - may finally reign and we need not pray against war ever again.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:4-5, NRSV



Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Those words echoed throughout the sanctuary on Easter morning. The celebration of Christ's resurrection is a powerful experience, and I am thankful for all who helped make that day more special - those who helped prepare and serve a wonderful breakfast at First; the choir for adding their voices in worship at First; and all the children who made such beautiful butterflies at Trinity that I will take on visits to our homebound members.

While the Easter day festivities may have come to a close, in the Church we do not stop celebrating Easter morning. It is a Festival that lasts for seven Sundays, a perfect week of Sundays. So hold on to our Easter bonnets, and save some hard boiled eggs to last throughout this special "week".

As we journey through this Easter season, we will have a special guide helping us to hear more about what life is like as Easter people. St. Peter, one of Jesus' closest disciples, has two letters in the New Testament that are attributed to his pen. And this year, throughout Easter Season, we will be reading from the first of those two letters.

Peter was a simple fisherman named Simon. His name was changed to Peter, or in Greek Petros, which means "The Rock" because in Matthew chapter 16 Simon made a dramatic confession. "You are the Messiah," Simon said when Jesus was asking what others were saying about him.

Jesus looked Simon in the eye and then said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

In that moment, Peter and his confession of who Christ is become the Rock, a solid foundation for our faith. What a gift it will be to use these weeks to learn more about Peter, his life and ministry and death, and how he serves as a Rock to our faith.

Invite your friends, and neighbors, and anyone who may be curious, to join us in worship each Sunday. Let Peter be your guide in faith these weeks, as we discover the richness of faith, the uncertainties of faith, and yet through it all - it is God who keeps us "Standing on the Rock."



## Baptismal Anniversary



- 5/7 Lindsay Buckman
- 5/8 Molly Anderson
- 5/12 Taylor Anderson
- 5/13 Stacy Mickelson
- 5/15 Kali Livengood
- 5/16 Sharon Woodard
- 5/17 Michael Strehlow
- 5/17 Alayna Woodard
- 5/17 Jarod Nye
- 5/24 Amy Strehlow
- 5/26 Doug Strehlow
- 5/27 Thomas Barkley

## Anniversaries



- 5/9 Steven & Phyllis Jewell
- 5/19 Frank & Joan Massengill
- 5/25 Darin & Tanya Frederick
- 5/28 Craig & Kaye Dusing

## Birthday's



- 5/1 Robert WoeSSner
- 5/4 Barbara Miller
- 5/5 Payton Harris
- 5/6 Paige Bauling
- 5/6 Curt Eubanks
- 5/8 James Brubaker
- 5/9 Pam Eubanks
- 5/9 Jamie Doyle
- 5/11 Patty Murray
- 5/11 Shirley WoeSSner
- 5/12 Katlin Dettman
- 5/13 Opal Kleckler
- 5/14 Bryn Bauling
- 5/14 Le-Anne Nye
- 5/16 Amanda Schildgen
- 5/18 Donna Landis
- 5/20 Ramona Koett
- 5/21 Alayna Woodard
- 5/25 Jaidon Doyle
- 5/27 Violet Ohlwin
- 5/27 Teresa Wagenknecht
- 5/31 Otto Wagenknecht

## May Readings

### Sun. May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; refrain, Ps. 116:13  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35

### Sun. May 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; refrain, Ps. 31:5  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

### Sun. May 11th: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23; refrain, Ps. 23:1  
 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 John 10:1-10

### Sun. May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20; refrain, Ps. 66:8  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

# Yep, I read it! I Recommend it!

By Pastor Jamie

One of the most prominent Lutheran theologians today is Martin Marty. He has been a professor of religious history for thirty five years at the University of Chicago, where today he remains professor emeritus. Marty has written a brief encyclopedia about Lutheran theology called: Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers: Exploring Christian Faith - published in 2007 by Augsburg Books, an imprint of Augsburg Fortress.

When I review books for the newsletter - I try to find things that are not only interesting to read, but which are helpful in developing a richer faith and deeper understanding of God. I try to find books that are authoritative, and distinctly Lutheran - since we are a Lutheran church. Marty's brief encyclopedia is all of that and more.

This is not a sit down and read cover to cover in one sitting. This resource (not even 160 pages) is meant to get us reflecting on simple and tough questions and to see how from a Lutheran perspective we approach finding an answer. What has been interesting to me is that the answers to the questions he raises are often not answers - but as I said, a way to see how from a Lutheran perspective we approach finding an answer.

For instance, answering the question "Are there errors in the Bible" you will not find a simple yes or no. You will find a discussion on what is more important - that Matthew misquoted an Old Testament prophet - or that the story of God's love is revealed through the story recorded by Matthew. From a Lutheran perspective, we begin answering this question with these thoughts by Marty: "It could be that the error we make is when we worry about 'errors in the Bible. The impulse to get it all right is understandable, since being responsive to Scripture is an urgent issue. The Holy Spirit guides us to pose better questions, such as how does this text relate to us today?" (page 32)

Organized around common teaching points (doctrines), Marty accomplishes giving the ordinary person a theological primer with the intent not on solving or resolving the tensions that exist on such questions like "Are there errors in the Bible" or "I do not remember my baptism as an infant. Can I be rebaptized?" The intent is to draw us into the on-going dialogue which is Lutheran theology - even Martin Luther "defined his theology as he went along, sometimes correcting himself and often letting apparently contradictory assertions stand unexplained." (page 15).

Marty provides us with this reference to help us better understand our Lutheran heritage - to help us feel more confident when you explain to someone else asks, "Why are you Lutheran?" - and for those times when we hear the pastor in the pulpit or on the TV say something we have never heard before and aren't quite sure if he or she is correct. This resource will provide great opportunities of discussion and open the door to see the many wonderful riches that are found in Lutheran theology. This will serve as a handy guide that you want to have near your Bible and your devotional material. It will be for many a wonderful starting point of being faithful with a more deeply rooted Lutheran theology.



# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Pastor's Day Off	2 Confirmation Lock-In 6:30 PM - 7:00 AM	3
	Wednesday afternoons (while school is in session) 1 PM - 3 PM Mentoring at Milledgeville Elementary					
<b>4 Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	5 Noon Sewers	6 6:30 PM Choir Practice	7 10 AM Ministerium @ 1st Lutheran Chadwick  7 PM Scholarship Night @ TLC	8 7 PM Dorcas Circle @ Jodi Woessner	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
<b>11 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	12 Noon Sewers  Pastor's Day Off	13 1:30 PM Naomi Circle @ Lois Simmons  4:30 Worship to Southtown  6:30 PM Choir Practice	14  9 AM NW Conference meeting @Freeport  7 PM Baccalaureate @ Brethren	15	16 Pastor's Day Off	17
<b>18 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	19 Noon Sewers  Pastor's Day Off	20 11:30 AM Grace Meals  6:30 PM Choir Practice	21	22	23 Pastor's Day Off	24
			Trinity Delivers Golden Meals			
<b>25 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	26 Noon Sewers  Office Closed for Memorial Day Celebration	27 6:30 PM Choir Practice	28 9:30 AM Text Study in Stockton	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	31



Next Church Board Meeting:  
June 10th @ 7 PM

New Linens for Communion have been given in memory of Raymond and Laura Peterson.



A new funeral Pall has been purchased for the Church from Memorial.



Confirmation Lock-In:  
"Finding Love in a hopeless/hope-filled place"

Where we find God's amazing love may surprise you.

Friday, May 2nd 6:30 PM to  
Saturday, May 3rd 7:00 AM

Bring your friends. Get ready to have fun and grow in faith.

Dinner, midnight treat, and breakfast included.



Come & Enjoy  
**Milledgeville Grace Meals**

Day: Tuesday May 20, 2014  
Time: 11:30 AM

Who: You & Family & Neighbors

Cost: Free Will Offering

Interim pastor information

Pastor Jamie Gallagher  
630-200-3550

[pastorjamie2002@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjamie2002@yahoo.com)

Thank you to my daughters for hosting the open house, for my 90th birthday, to those who assisted them, to my church family & friends who attended the open house, send cards, and other acts of kindness shown to me. It was a birthday celebration I will never forget.

Blessing to all,  
Lois Simmons

**Thank You!**

Save the date

 **Life Line Screening**  
Protect your health. Protect your life.

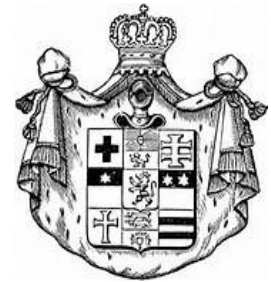
July 2nd 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
@ Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 7/2/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

Germany Tour  
Following the footsteps of  
Martin Luther  
&  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
July 7th - 15th, 2014

Hosted by  
Rev. Greg Mayer

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Check out bulletin board  
for more information

### Pentecost Marshmallow Roast and Hot Dog picnic

Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost Sunday. It is a day for wearing red and it is a day for celebrating the Holy Spirit. Our congregations will have a special joint worship at 10:15 at Trinity, Milledgeville. After worship, we will have a hot dog picnic and marshmallow roast. Why marshmallow roast? Because on Pentecost Day when the Holy Spirit burst onto the scene, the image was of tongues of flame resting on the shoulders and heads of the disciples! And what happens when we roast marshmallows? We get a flame! (Safety first, no shoulders, heads, or tongues will be harmed by the flame of the Holy Spirit, or the flame of the marshmallows.)

Other children and family activities will be included. Watch for more information in the bulletins and in the June newsletter

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Let's Roast Marshmallows!



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June newsletter.





# May Mission : Lutheran Social Services of Illinois



Lutheran Social  
Services of Illinois

We at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois believe that we are called to care for our neighbors in need, and we believe that this calling is a gift and a privilege.

Out of this deep sense of commitment, we walk together with those whom we serve. We rejoice with them in their triumphs, and persevere with them in their challenges, and discover that our lives, too, are changed along the way.

As an organization, we live by guiding principles. We Lead, Lift, Learn, and Love with those around us every day. These principles will guide us into the future with clarity, purpose, and hope.

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## Communion Grape Juice

At Trinity, we will be making a switch in the grape juice we use for communion. We are switching to white grape juice. We are making this switch to avoid confusion. Recent confusion during a worship service is the impetus for this switch.

This switch will allow our congregation to be more sensitive for those who need to select grape juice for health concerns and for age considerations. Using grape juice that is the same color as the wine is confusing for people coming through our continuous line to receive communion. Whether it is selecting a chalice or selecting an individual cup from the tray, having a different color for juice will make it easier in the moment to tell the difference between the wine and the grape juice.

Thank you for helping us make this switch and for being more hospitable for those who rely on grape juice as their way to connect with our Lord and Savior Jesus during the sacrament of Holy Communion. I welcome any questions about this switch and welcome any feedback people have regarding our practices in sharing the sacrament.



Pastor Jamie

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PLANT YOUR GARDEN TODAY

First, plant 3 rows of peas;

patience  
Promptness  
Prayer



Next, plant 3 rows of squash;

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash criticism



Then plant 4 rows of lettuce;

Let us Obey the Lord  
Let us be Loyal  
Let us be true to our Obligations  
Let us be Unselfish



Finish with 4 rows of turnip;

Turn up when Needed  
Turn up with a Smile  
Turn up with a Vision  
Turn up with Determination

