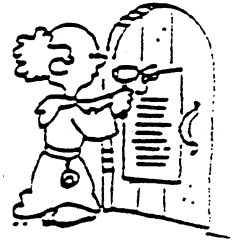


April 2014

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

"Where We Serve Christ and You"



Sunday April 6th: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday April 13th: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Sunday April 20th: Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Sunday April 27th: Second Sunday of Easter



April Prayer

"Like A Wild Flower" a prayer by Heinrich Suso; Germany, c. 1300-1366

Lord, you are like a wild flower. You spring up in places where we least expect you. The bright color of your grace dazzles us. When we reach down to pluck you, hoping to possess you for our own, you blow away in the wind. And if we tried to destroy you, by stomping on you and kicking you, you would come back to life. Lord, may we come to expect you anywhere and everywhere. May we rejoice in your beauty. Far from trying to possess you, may you possess us. And may you forgive us for all the times when we have sinned against you.

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1 Thessalonians 1:3

"As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ."



Throughout Lent, I have introduced two of my "friends" during the children's sermons: Simon the Bear and Catty the Caterpillar. The story they are telling is of when Simon was there when Catty and four of her caterpillar friends (Red, Leaf, Rainbow and Bud) experienced something mysterious. As each of the caterpillars became cocoons, Simon has had one simple message to the others, "Have Hope! Something new is coming!"

I am using my "friends" to help the children because it is a easy way to connect with them on their level. And I am hoping that they will hear this message in a new way, that hope is something that sustains us even when we are most worried about what is happening around us. The story of Simon and the Caterpillars will continue through Easter Sunday, when we learn what happens to the caterpillars.

Over the past year and a half, my family has been sustained by the hope that God is doing something new in our lives. It isn't always easy to see it, though. And we need to be surrounded by friends who remind us to have hope just like the caterpillars need Simon to keep telling them to have hope. Phone calls from friends, encouraging notes in the mail, an occasional e-mail or Facebook message, these are all ways friends connect and share the message of hope - that sustaining element to our faith that says God is indeed doing something new in our life.

One of my neighbor's in my hometown of Wheeling, who happens to be a retired pastor, shared an image of hope with me last August as I was moving into my mother's house with my family. He said when you take a flashlight and turn it on, and you hold a piece of paper up close to it, the small circle of light is what we see. But then you pull the paper back and the circle of light gets bigger. This is what God sees. Hope is what sustains us to trust what God sees that we cannot see. For what God sees is good for our life.

There are times when we each need a friend, a neighbor, a Simon the Bear to remind us to have hope. There are times when we are called to be the friend, the neighbor, the Simon the Bear for someone else.

May the Hope that you endure with sustain you today, and may you use that hope to encourage someone else who needs to be sustained.

Pastor Jamie



Birthday's



Baptismal Anniversary



4/2 Lawrence Maxwell
 4/3 Haley Miller
 4/4 Tammy Miller
 4/4 Lou Adolph
 4/5 Cherrie Simpson
 4/8 Susan Lorke
 4/9 Brandi VanDyke
 4/9 Korey VanDyke
 4/10 Kim Stewart
 4/18 Lauren Schmidt
 4/18 Kay Chronister
 4/18 Dan Schmidt
 4/21 Kenneth Peterson
 4/21 Opal Kleckler
 4/25 Elizabeth Wolf
 4/27 Becky Anderson
 4/27 Emily Kleckler
 4/28 Nancy Dittmar

4/1 ALLEN CHRONISTER
 4/4 DONALD JANSSEN
 4/5 JENNA GREEN
 4/5 IVAN MILLER
 4/6 LINDA PETERSON
 4/6 KIM STEWART
 4/15 AMY STREHLow
 4/15 JAROD NYE
 4/16 KARTER LIVENGOOD
 4/17 CLAYTON SIMPSON
 4/22 JANET BARKLEY
 4/23 RUSS GILROY
 4/27 DUANE LANDERS
 4/27 CADEN VANDYKE

Anniversaries



4/7 Ken & Lynn Kaufman
 4/9 Curt & Pam Eubanks
 4/11 Mike & Tammy Miller
 4/13 Lawrence & Nancy Maxwell
 4/17 Connie & Rick Brockhousr
 4/19 Kevin & Deb Judas
 4/22 Sarah & Kevin Queckborner
 4/29 Rick & Diane Bushman
 4/29 Allen & Kay Chronister

April Readings

Sun., April 6th: 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130; refrain, Ps. 130:5
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

Sun. April 13th: Sun. of the Passion/Palm Sun.

Matthew 21:1-11
 Psalm 31:9-16; refrain, Ps. 31:5
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

Sun. April 20th: Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; refrain, Ps. 118:24
 Colossians 3:1-4
 Matthew 28:1-10

Sun. April 27th: 2nd. Sun. of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
 Psalm 16; refrain, Ps. 16:11
 1 Peter 1:3-9
 John 20:19-31

A Book Review by Pastor Jamie!

Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth, By: Reza Aslan.
Publisher: Random House (2013)

Every now and then, there is a new book that attempts to uncover the mysteries surrounding Jesus' life. Zealot by Reza Aslan is one of the most recent. When it was published, there was some stir generated around this book for many reasons. The main reason is the author, who is a noted scholar and professor of religion, happens to be a Muslim. Aslan shares his faith story in the introduction, which includes a time in his life when he considered himself a devout Christian. I read this book, not because of his faith story, but because his credentials as a scholar and professor of religion tells me that he knows something that I should want to know as well.

The fascinating thing about this book is that it is not a traditional biography. For starters, outside of the Gospels, there is no evidence of Jesus' life or any details about how he was raised. There is only a reference in a 1st century Jewish historian's work that references a man named Jesus who was crucified. But there is no other details about that man named Jesus in that historical work. Aslan's work then is to open for us the cultural and historical circumstances, the things scholars and archaeologists do know about the era when Jesus lived. Understanding this history is important, because it gives a context to better understand the stories we read in the Gospels. Aslan shares the complex history of Israel and the way so many foreign powers sought to overtake it and rule the land, Rome being just the current (in the 1st century AD). He also talks about the many revolutionaries, who were called Zealots, who had stepped up and raised small forces with hopes of ridding Israel of those foreign powers. Jesus was not the only man to claim to be Messiah, he was not the only one in his own era, there were many contemporaries to Jesus who claimed to be Messiah.


Knowing the author is Muslim does make the reader wonder how he will address the matters of our faith. Aslan writes about how the very things the Gospels claim Jesus did were possible, and most likely done by Jesus. He does not discount any miracle Jesus performs, sharing that the performing of miracles was a common element for any of the men who in that era were vying to be Messiah.

Where Aslan does challenge our faith is when he writes about the stories surrounding Jesus' birth. Aslan is quick to point out these stories are not untrue, they are simply not historically accurate. And when he writes they are not untrue, he means these stories carry a truth about our faith that transcends historical accuracy. His purpose is not to have the reader doubt the validity of the stories, but to search out the greater truth the authors of the Gospels are conveying about who Jesus is and why we should believe their claims about him.

Zealot has this challenging edge, but as it helps us question the Gospel author's intent, it drives home that there is something really and significantly important about Jesus, something that we must pay attention to. Certainly, for some in this world, the significance of who Jesus is will be different for others. If you are looking for something that will better help define that era that Jesus lived, if you are curious about the cultural and political forces of that era in which Jesus preached his message and lived his life, Zealot will be a great read.



April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Fifth Sunday of Lent 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	7 Noon Sewers	8 6:30 PM Choir Practice 1:30 PM Naomi Circle @ Lois Simmons 6:30 PM Joint Council Meeting @ Trinity	9 9 AM Pastor @ NW Conference Mtg.	10 7 PM Dorcus Circle @ Kim Stewart's	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
13 Sunday of the Passion/ Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC 	14 Noon Sewers Pastor's Day Off	15 11:30 AM Grace Meals 6:30 PM Choir Practice 4:30 Worship to Southtown 6:30 PM Choir Practice	16	17 Maundy Thursday 11 AM @ TLC w/ lunch to follow 7 PM @ FWJ	18 Good Friday 7 PM worship @ The Brethren church on Main St.	19
20 Resurrection of Our Lord/ Easter Day 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	21 Noon Sewers Pastor's Day Off	22 6:30 PM Choir Practice	23 9 AM Pastor @ Text Study	24	25	26
			Trinity Delivers Golden Meals			
27 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 Worship @ FWJ 10:15 Worship @ TLC	28 Noon Sewers	29 6:30 PM Choir Practice	30			



Church Closing will be announced on:
WCCI

Acolyte Schedule for April

6th: Connor
13th: Colton
20th: Alyvia
27th: Jenna



Come & Enjoy **Milledgeville Grace Meals**

Day: Tuesday April 15th, 2013

Time: 11:30 AM

Who: You & Family & Neighbors

Cost: Free Will Offering

Relay for Life of Carroll County

Survivor Dinner

Saturday April 12th, 2014 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Church of God, Mt. Carroll, IL

Formal Invitations to follow

If you are a cancer survivor and have not been invited in the past please contact Donna Landis at the Milledgeville State Bank.

Interim pastor information

Pastor Jamie Gallagher
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Maundy Thursday Thursday April 17th

11 AM service @ Trinity w/
lunch to follow
7 PM service @ FWJ



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

Hosted by Rev. Greg Mayer

Telephone: 309-232-1202
Email: Jmayer@qconline.com



Check out bulletin board for more information

Tuesday Movie Day

Milledgeville United Methodist Church
Tuesday April 1st

10 am ~ 12pm (Movie "Frozen")
1pm ~ 2 pm (Only for Teens)
Movie decided soon



Free Hot Dog Lunch & Popcorn & Drink

Save the date

Life Line Screening

Protect your health. Protect your life.

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

Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide.

Life Line Screening has **partnered with over 150 hospitals** across the country and has **screened nearly 8 million participants**. Why? Because the ultrasound screenings that we offer can help save your life.



Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening — \$70.00

Ultrasound scan of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — a leading cause of strokes.



Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) — \$70.00

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat.



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening — \$70.00

Ultrasound screening for an abdominal aneurysm (enlargement) that could lead to a ruptured aorta.



Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening — \$60.00

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in the lower extremities, which increases the risk of heart disease.



Osteoporosis Risk Assessment — \$60.00

Ultrasound screens the heel for bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.

PACKAGE 1

Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package — 4 tests for only \$139

PACKAGE 2

Add an Osteoporosis Screening for only \$10 more — 5 tests for only \$149

A \$181 savings!



Emmanuel's 85 - Voices of Praise Presents GOD'S BEEN GOOD

Thursday, Friday, and Sunday
April 24th, 25th & 27th @ 7 PM

Emmanuel Reformed Church
202 East Morris Street,
Morrison, Illinois

*our own Kim Stewart
will be singing



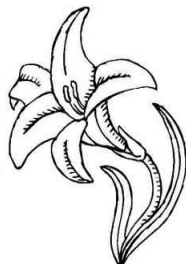
\$15.00 each

Easter Flowers Trinity's Choir Fundraiser

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* Order form - on the table in the Narthex

Pastor's April Hours

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	2 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	3 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	4 Day Off	5
6	7 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	8 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	9 1-4:30 Office	10 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	11 Day Off	12
13	14 Day off	15 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	16 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	17 Office Hours all day and worship services	18	19
20	21 Day off	22 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	23 1-4:30 Office	24 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	25 9-1:30 Office	26
27	28 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	29 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits	30 9-1:30 Office Afternoon visits			

Drop-ins are appreciated, appointments are welcome. Evening visits by appointment. If I am not in my office during my posted times, please understand I am attending something previously unscheduled.



April Mission :

Lutheran Malaria Initiative

&

World Hunger Relief



Lutheran Malaria Initiative

The most effective methods currently being used to control malaria include proper diagnosis and prompt medical treatment, proper use of insecticide-treated bed nets and indoor residual spraying. To be successful these strategies require education about malaria and how to prevent and treat it. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative works through local partners to educate families on malaria, increase access to treatment, and provide prevention tools such as bed nets

World Hunger Relief

while you may know Lutheran World Relief for our nimble response to emergencies, we have a much broader mission to relieve suffering and poverty and to promote justice around the world.

You will find us in rural and remote regions of the world's poorest countries. Working with local partners allows us to go where many other aid agencies can not.

We focus on attacking the root causes of poverty and breaking the cycles that keep people from being healthy, productive and self-supporting. Most often, all people need is a helping hand to provide a resource they have not been able to access on their own.

LWR responds to that need efficiently and effectively by providing resources to local partner organizations — groups who are already there in the trenches and are therefore best equipped to get the right help to the right people.

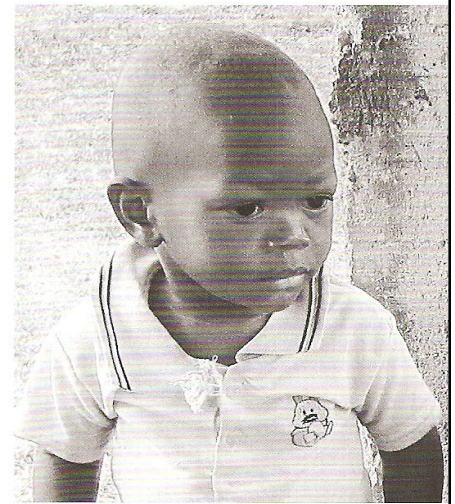
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
www.ELCA.org/malaria

A baby who will live

At 14 months, Agrippa was infected with malaria so severely that when his mother brought him to the Emmanuel Health Center, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Central African Republic, doctors found that over half of his red blood cells had been destroyed, leaving him on the edge of possibly fatal anemia.

As is common in areas where malaria is rampant and medical facilities are scarce, "many people develop partial immunity to malaria," says the Rev. Deborah Troester, a missionary serving in the Central African Republic, "but the parasite can remain in their blood, where it continues to destroy red blood cells."

When there aren't enough red blood cells to transport oxygen throughout the body, Deborah says, people often die — especially infants and small children, who are more susceptible than adults.



Deborah Troester/ELCA

Agrippa was able to receive a blood transfusion, as well as a treatment to kill the remaining parasites in his system. It's lifesaving procedures like this that are made possible through gifts to the ELCA Malaria Campaign as we work with our Lutheran partners in the Central African Republic and in 10 other countries in Africa.

"In a country where thousands of babies and children die needlessly every year," Deborah says, "it's nice to know of one baby who will live."

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The History of Easter

The word "Easter" is a loose translation of the Greek "Pascha" for Passover. The Resurrection was viewed by early Christians as the Lord's New Passover, accomplishing deliverance from oppression of evil as the Hebrews were delivered from the Egyptians.

The first Christians were Jews who continued to gather for worship on the Jewish Sabbath - Saturday. They also worshipped on Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection to celebrate his victory over death.

By the turn of the first century, the Resurrection had become a yearly as well as weekly celebration, but there was disagreement as to when to celebrate it. Jewish Christians, seeing the connection the Jewish calendar, regardless of the day of the week. Others believed Easter should be celebrated on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection.

In 325 AD, the Council of Nicea (which also formulated the Nicene Creed) decided Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox (When the sun crosses the equator-March 20). This remains the method for determining the date of Easter and it always falls between March 22 and April 25.

