



First West Jordan News

December 14th: Small Christmas Program

Helpers:

Dec. weeks 1 & 2 ushers: Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs
Lector: Kathy Hinrichs

Dec. week 4 usher: Jim & Jan Wetzell
Lector: Jan Wetzell

happy
birthday
to you!

Dec. 12th: Terry Huseth
Dec. 15th: Lucille Hook

Gifts for the King

We all have gifts that we may bring.
We all have songs that we may sing.
We all have kind words we may say.
We all have prayers that we may pray.

We all have love and joy to give.
And what a joy life is to live
If we just scatter everywhere
The things God's given us to share.

If you have a gift - bring it.
If you have a song - sing it.
If you have a talent - use it.
If you have love - diffuse it.

If you have gladness - share it.
If you have happiness - give it.
If you have religion - live it.
If you have a prayer - pray it

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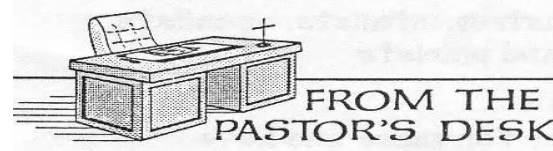
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Trinity Tidings “Sound the Good News”

December 2014

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An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham
Matthew 1:1

Two of the four gospels outline the lineage of Jesus, demonstrating how from Abraham through David through Joseph and Mary Jesus has been a part of God's plan for human salvation through all of history. Matthew 1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38 bring Jesus' family history to life.

I have long been fascinated with genealogy, studying my family's history in libraries, cemeteries and on-line through websites like Ancestry.com. Recently I found a family tree online for one of my wife's family lines that takes us back to the early 1600's in a town called Johlingen in Germany. By my count the farthest ancestors back this family tree gives us is Katie's 10-Great Grandparents.

By Matthew's count, Jesus' family line from Abraham to David is 14 generations, David to the Babylon deportation is 14 generations, and from Babylon to Jesus is another 14 generations. That is an impressive line.

As we enter in this season of celebrating Jesus' birth, there is a way to bring Jesus' ancestry to life that does not involve libraries or cemeteries. The Jesse Tree is a representation of Jesus' ancestry that uses symbols and scripture readings to open us to the lives of Jesus' great-great-great - et cetera grandparents.

On our Prayer and Devotions Page, I have included the readings of a typical Jesse Tree. I invite you to take a few moments each day to read the scripture. Included is a symbol of each ancestor of Jesus. Draw a picture of the symbol, or find a picture on line. Hang the picture on your Christmas Tree, or make up a special Advent Calendar on your refrigerator to place each day's picture as we count down to Jesus' birth. The way to do this is completely up to you and your imagination.

This can be an individual practice, a family devotion - even something to do with the grandkids when they spend the weekend with you.

I hope during this Advent season, you find yourself getting closer to Jesus as you learn more about the families that make up Jesus' history.

Peace,
Pastor Jamie

* Lord Jesus,
*
* On Christmas morning your parents Mary and Joseph welcomed you into their humble home. They raised you to
* be the Messiah, the Anointed One of God who followed the path of service to the cross. This Christmas season,
* humble our hearts to welcome you as Savior and Lord, who frees us from all sin and sets us free to follow the
* path of service to all who are in need. In your mercy, we pray. Amen
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December 2014 Devotional Readings and Prayer Calendar

Psalm 32:6

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you

For this season of Advent, here are scriptures commonly associated with a “Jesse Tree.” A “Jesse Tree” draws its history from a time before literacy, when pictures would symbolize the scripture stories that tell of the promise of Jesus.

As a daily Advent family activity, read the scripture, then feel free to draw the related symbol or find the related symbol online and print it out. Add each day’s symbol to your tree to remind you of the coming of Jesus.

- Dec 1— *Creation*— Gen 1:1-2:4 (sun, moon, stars)
- Dec 2— *Adam and Eve* — Gen 2:7-9,18-24 (people)
- Dec 3— *Fall of Man* — Gen 3:1-7, 23-24 (apple)
- Dec 4— *Noah* — Gen 6:11-22 (ark, rainbow)
- Dec 5— *Abraham* — Gen 12:1-3 (torch, sword)
- Dec 6— *Isaac* — Gen 22:1-14 (altar)
- Dec 7— *Jacob* — Gen 25:1-34 (kettle, ladder)

- Dec 8— *Joseph* — Gen 37:23-38 (bucket, coins)
- Dec 9— *Moses* — Ex 2:1-10 (baby in basket)
- Dec 10— *Samuel* — 1 Sam 3:1-18 (lamp, temple)
- Dec 11— *Jesse* — 1 Sam 16:1-13 (shepherd’s staff)
- Dec 12— *David* — 1 Sam 17:12-51 (slingshot)
- Dec 13— *Solomon* — 1 Kgs 3:16-28 (scales of justice)
- Dec 14— *Joseph* — Matt 1:18-25 (hammer, saw)

- Dec 15— *Mary* — Luke 1:26-38 (lily, crown of stars)
- Dec 16— *John the Baptist* — Mk 1:1-8 (shell w/water)
- Dec 17— *Jesus is Wisdom*—Pr 2:1-15 (open book)
- Dec 18— *Jesus is Lord* — Ex 3:2, 20:1 (burning bush)
- Dec 19— *Jesus is Flower of Jesse*—Is 11:1-3 (flower)
- Dec 20— *Jesus is Key of David* — Isaiah 22:2 (keys)
- Dec 21— *Jesus is Radiant Dawn* — Ps19:6-7 (sunrise)

- Dec 22— *Jesus is King of Gentiles* —Ps 2:7-8 (scepter)
- Dec 23— *Jesus is Emmanuel* —Is 7:14 (bread and wine)
- Dec 24— *Jesus is the Light of the World* — Jn 1:1-14 (candle, flame)

Merry Christmas!

Witnessing the Birth of Jesus

- Dec 25 — Luke 1:26-37 — *the Annunciation*
- Dec 26 — Luke 1:39-56 — *Mary visits Elizabeth*
- Dec 27 — Matt 1:18-25 — *Joseph becomes a father*
- Dec28 — Luke 2:1-7 — *Jesus is born in Bethlehem*
- Dec 29 — Luke 2:8-20 — *Shepherds worship Jesus*
- Dec 30 — Luke 2:21-25 — *Simeon prophesies*
- Dec 31 — Luke 2:36-38 — *Anna prophesies*

November 30—December 6

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, Helen Friel, Bill and Ruth Borth, Elsie Heward, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel; Pray also for the residents of Southtown Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

December 7-December 13

This week keep in prayer those from our prayer lists in worship:

From First:

Linda Habben, Anita & Leonard Gilbert, Linda & Myron Deets
Sandy Bushman, John Boyer, Jim Cusa, Roger Hinrichs, Ed
Dale Mary Kling, Jon Ryner, Ruth Borth, Tammy Hinrichs
Helen Friel, Cook Family

From Trinity:

Lynn Oncken, Tammy McCormick, June Stewart, Derrick Hunzinger, Joyce Blair, Dale Kling, Julie Goellner, Elsie Heward, Mary Gerdes, Alfred Hinrichs, Art, Ryan Lerake, Tammy Hinrichs, Corinne Ohlwine, Ivan Miller, Matt Krewaldt, Ruth & Bill Borth, Leland Bryson, Barbara Brubaker

December 14-December 20

This week keep in prayer events that are in our national headlines, particularly the Ebola crisis in Africa, the on-going war in the Middle East and on the Ukranian/Russian border.

December 21—December 27

This week in prayer lift up your blessings and give thanks: for home, community, family, friends, employment or other financial security, for your church home and the work we do together, for health and material blessings, and here is a blank line (add your own blessings here)_____

December 28-January 3

And always keep in prayers our ministry partners: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. Continue to pray for our local partners here as well: Faith on Forty Ministry, Church of the Brethren on Main Street, Dutchtown Brethren, Milledgeville United Methodist, and Community Baptist Church.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Class is in the midst of studying our creed and what it means to say the words "I believe." The Class is also preparing to go on a Mission Trip this upcoming Summer. Watch for more information in our bulletins and in our announcements. There will be plenty of ways to support our class as they prepare for this trip.

In December, we will have class on December 7th and Dec 14th.

Please pray for our confirmation students as they prepare to affirm their baptismal faith: Connor Eubanks, Clayton and Colton Simpson, Alyvia Woodard, Heide Gallagher, Jenna Green, Brandon Eye

Acolyte Schedule for December

- 7th: Colton
- 14th: Connor
- 21st: Heide
- 24th: Will need volunteer
- 28th: Brandon

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App for Android and Iphone by WELCA

Daily Grace

Daily Grace is an on-the-go companion for your journey, offering a faith reflection every day. In these brief writings you'll encounter God's extravagant, boundless and often surprising grace. You will be comforted, challenged, inspired, consoled and confronted. The daily reflection will stir you to live out your baptismal calling. Take time to reflect, offer a prayer and prepare for the day. Read the daily message or choose Random Grace.



December Mission Focus:
Local 'Christmas Families'

Trinity has 6 families with a total of 12 children. If you would like to help with the families, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Thank you from the W-ELCA

Thanks for your generosity in giving to Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

We will deliver over 50 shoeboxes this year.

THANK YOU!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 2nd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Community Christmas Worship @ M'ville Brethren	8	9 6:30 PM Choir	10 1-3 PM School Mentoring 6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13
14 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class 3:00 PM Installation Worshipw/ cake reception	15	16 11:30 AM Grace Meals 4 PM Worship @ Southtown	17 9 AM Worship Committee 1-3 PM School Mentoring	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20
21 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Joint Worship @ Trinity (Christmas Cantata) No Confirmation Class 10	22	23 6:30 PM Choir	24 4 PM Service @ Jordan 10 PM Service @ Trinity	25 Merry Christmas	26 Pastor on Vacation	27
28 1st Sunday of Christmas 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30-1 Confirmation Class	29	30 6:30 PM Choir	31			
Pastor on Vacation						



Installation Worship

You are invited to celebrate the installation of Reverend James Gallagher as Pastor of the Faith on Forty Parish. Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM. Pastor Denver Bitner, Assistant to the Bishop, will preach and officiate the rite of installation.

Following the worship will be a cake and coffee reception. Please join us to welcome Pastor Jamie as he transitions from interim pastor to pastor for our community.





Community Worship Service

Sunday, December 7th 6:30 PM
Milledgeville Brethren Church

Jesus birth is reason for celebration indeed, and coming together as a community to praise God with song and prayer is a great way to begin our many Christmas celebrations.


The Worship service will feature choirs from all area churches and a joint choir piece. Our own Sunday school will join with our choir for one of our special pieces.

Grace Meal

December 16th @ 11:30 AM
Soup, salad & dessert



Anyone over the age of 60 is welcome



WELCA Christmas Meeting


December 2nd @ 1:30 PM
@ Lois Simmons

All Ladies of the church are invited to share the spirit of Christmas and enjoy faith, fellowship and Holiday goodies

Cantata/Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday December 21st during worship

The Sunday School Children will be joining the Choir for this years Cantata, Christmas Program. Don't miss this wonderful event.



Elementary School Mentoring

Wednesdays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, volunteers are sought to be a "grandparent" to the elementary school kids here in Milledgeville. Meet in the Elementary wing, get a desk and plan for 2 hours of amazing fun - reading and playing school games with kindergarten through 3rd grad-ers. See the light on their face as they grow in their reading and math skills over the course of the year. Take joy in knowing you will be rec-ognized by a kid in a store or at a restaurant simply because you gave 2 hours of your time one afternoon a week. No prior experience neces-sary, just a joyous heart.

Questions:
Mrs. Diane Bracken 225-7022.

No mentoring on Wed Dec 24 or Wed Dec 31.



VOICES OF PRAISE

CHRISTMAS WITH THE VOICES OF PRAISE!




Friday, December 12th @ 7 PM
Saturday, December 13th @ 3 PM
Sunday, December 14th @ 7PM

Emmanuel Reformed Church
202 E. Morris St. Morrison, Il

Worship and Communion

During Advent, we are celebrating Communion on the First Sunday of Advent (November 30th) and the Third Sunday of Advent (December 14th). These Sundays do not align with the first or third Sundays of the month, as is our usual prac-tice for sharing communion. But it aligned better with other needs for our worship during the season of Advent and Christmas. We will return to our usual communion practices in January.





Merry Christmas

Family Christmas Fun Sheet

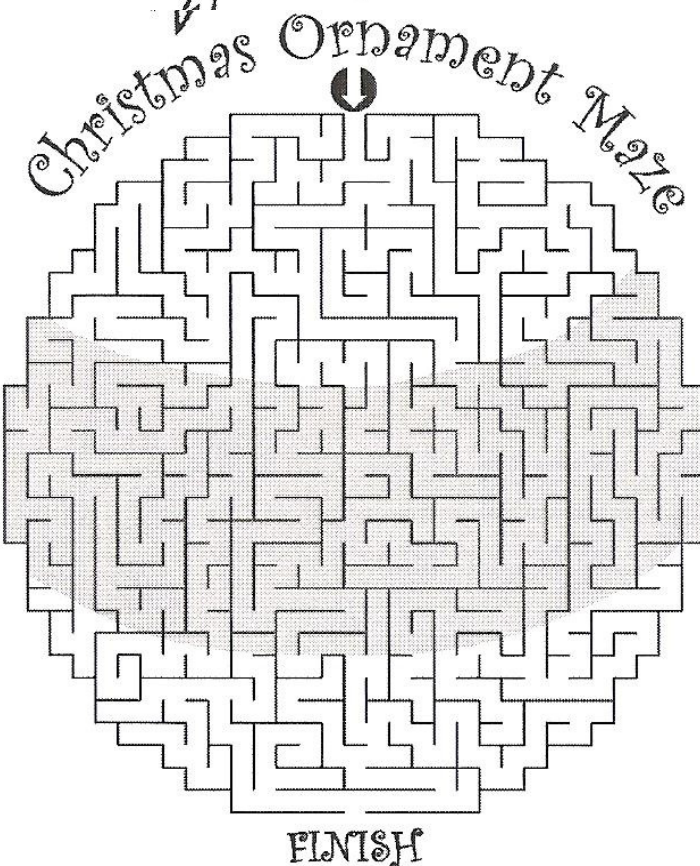


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GIFTS
MIRACLE

NATIVITY
PROPHECY
SAVIOR
SHEPHERDS
STOCKING
WISEMEN
WORSHIP

After you've circled all the words, write down every letter in the puzzle that's *not* been used. All the unused letters together form a hidden message:



FINISH

MRHASSICT: _____
DAIOHLY: _____
EERCH: _____
HTISRC: _____
JUESS: _____
NEAMGR: _____
EABLST: _____
HEPSE: _____
SATOQ: _____
WIENSEM: _____
REEHSDPH: _____



12/4 Jocelyn Green
12/11 Randi Marie Kleckler
12/14 Ken Kaufman
12/15 Kevin Anderson
12/21 Amanda Smith
12/27 Krista Wagenknecht



12/6 Gary & Carol Sibley
12/9 William & Ruth Wolf
12/26 Kevin & Becky Anderson
12/26 Melissa & Wesley Emmens

12/1 Gavin Schildgen
12/2 Bridget Newcomer
12/5 Robert Oncken
12/6 Josh Nye
12/9 Joan Massengill
12/9 Colton Simpson
12/12 John Byvick
12/12 Becky Anderson
12/20 Elizabeth Wolf
12/20 Tyler Miller
12/21 Amanda Smith
12/21 Shane Harris
12/21 William Schmidt
12/24 William Borth
12/25 Alfred Hinrichs
12/26 Collin Eubanks
12/27 John Murray
12/31 Keasha Kelley



Choir Bake Sale At the
Milledgeville State Bank.
Friday Dec. 5th from 8:30 am - Noon.

Any cash or baked donations will be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your items at the church on Thursday Dec. 4th from 12:30 - 3 PM (Amy will be there) & I will drop them off at the bank Friday AM. You can also drop off at the bank Friday AM. If between the hours of 7 & 7:30 AM you will need to pound on the door and Jerry will let you in.

Choir's Annual Poinsettia Sale

\$16 each

Orders need to be in by November 30th,
pay when order
Delivery will be Sat. Dec. 6th.

PLEASE PRICE YOUR ITEMS

