

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Partner in Cooperative Ministry

First Lutheran West Jordan

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The People of God

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**Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL**



**First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL**

And

Live Nativity

Sunday, December 1st at 6:00p.m.

**At Elmer Rahn, at 20769 IL Route 40,
the big hay barn**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan

20314 Hickory Hills Road

Sterling, IL 61081

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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Dear members and friends,

In modern Western culture, the word LOVE is often trivialized. We say we love a TV program, or we love chocolate, or a favorite dessert, or a certain store; a dog or a cat or a football team. But we know this is not love. This is deep appreciation or infatuation or maybe simply a strong preference.

As Christians we celebrate true love: God's love in the Incarnation = the gift of God's Son to a broken and needy world.

As John's Gospel so famously states "For God SO loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16) God took on our flesh in order to be close to us and to let us know we are loved, forgiven, and precious in His sight.

It may be easy for us to speak about love - especially when speaking about our families who we dearly love - but how can we love with the unconditional sacrificial love of Jesus Christ? I remember a famous Charles Schultz PEANUTS cartoon in which Linus, the "theologian" of the clan, cries out in frustration: " I love mankind.....it's people I can't stand. "

Yes it is so hard to love people; especially when they do not agree with us.

Yikes !! How could that be??? People that don't agree with us????

We go into a mild form of shock when people do not hold our same views.

NEVERTHELESS we are called to love each other with the same sacrificial, unconditional love God in Jesus has for us.

This love is the most important thing we do together as church. We can never let our human quarrels overwhelm our deeper unity as God's children. We are all precious and holy in His sight.

For this beautiful and holy season of Christmas, let us practice being precious and holy in each other's sight: all of us for all of us.

With all my love,

Pastor Carol



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

December 1st & 8th Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs
 Lector: Jodie Woessner

December 15th & 22nd Jim & Jan Wetzell
 Lector Jane Wetzell

Circle Hostess: **December** LuAnn Gvozdzak

In our prayers:

From First:

Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman,
 Linda and Myron Deets, Anita Gilbert,
 Linda Habben, Milford Habben, Roger Hinrichs,
 Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner, Ramon Woessner

From Trinity:

Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Cindy Brandt,
 Leland Bryson, Clara Brubaker, Shirley Cheeseman, June
 Franks, Tom Graff, Donna Folkers Johnson,
 Matthew Foltz, Troy Kendall, Lawrence Maxwell,
 Donna Miller, Rick Miller, Vernon Milnes,
 Ronnie Munz, Debbie Oldham, Curt Simpson,
 Chris Sanders, Robin Schneider,

Christmas Eve Services

First West Jordan 4:00pm

Trinity Lutheran 5:30pm

Joint Worship for Christmas Holiday

Sunday December 29th

At First West Jordan

Coffee hour after service

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, ques-
tions about schedules, Financial ques-
tions, 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 or E-mail Janet at
telcsecretary@mediacombb.net**

Contact a council member

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Prayer Group At Trinity Lutheran

The prayer meeting will be around 15 to 20 minutes. We will be meeting December 2nd & 16th @ 11:15 a.m.. Everyone is invited to join in.

Trinity's Circle

Our Christmas Meeting

December 3rd (Tuesday) @ 2:00pm

Hosted by Lois Simmons

Practice's for the Community Christmas services

Community Choirs Tuesday December 3rd @ 6:30

Will be here at Trinity

Community Christmas

Services:

December 8th at 6:00 PM

at Trinity Lutheran Church

Milledgeville

Refreshment after program

Voices of Praise

Emmanuel Reformed Church
202 E. Morris, Morrison Il.

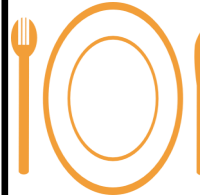
The Carols of Christmas!

Celebrating the most beloved songs
of the Season

Friday December 13th 7:00 pm

Saturday December 14th 3:00 pm

Sunday December 15th 7:00 pm



Christmas Grace Meal

December 17th @ 11:30

At Trinity Lutheran Church

Social Hall

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, December 17th

at 4:30 PM to 5:00

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Trinity will have their next council meeting

December 19th @ 7:00pm

COME ONE COME ALL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MILLEDGEVILLE

December 8th & 22nd 9:15-10 A.M.

CORNER OF ROUTE 40 AND STOVER AVE

JOIN US FOR STORYTIME/CRAFTS/SONGS

THE WORLD IS A MUCH BETTER PLACE WHEN WE SHARE GODS LOVE!!!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Learning and Sharing Together

December Daily Prayer

Dec. 1st—Prepare my heart for you, Lord Jesus. Help me to live in the promise of your love. Amen

Dec. 2nd—Jesus, hope of the world, rouse me from despair and send me out with your light. Amen.

Dec. 3rd—Help me to see your will for the world, O God, and drive away my fears. In Jesus' name. Amen

Dec. 4th—Speak to me, Jesus, and fill me with the power of the Spirit to take action in your name. Amen

Dec. 5th—Help me to receive your message of love, dear Jesus, and welcome the ones who proclaim it. Amen

Dec. 6th—Give me a generous spirit, O God, that I might serve my neighbor in need. Amen

Dec. 7th—Loving Savior, guide me in the ways of peace and justice. Let me dwell in you. Amen

Dec. 8th—Jesus, meet me in the wilderness and renew my soul, so I can make a path for you. Amen

Dec. 9th—Lord Jesus, light the way for me and for all who mourn or feel forgotten or forsaken. Amen

Dec. 10th—Gracious God, nourish me with your love and help me bring hope and blessing to others, through Christ. Amen

Dec. 11th—Let me be your servant, O Lord. Give me the faith I need for the work of your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen

Dec. 12th—Let my heart prepare a place for you, Lord Jesus, and let my voice break out in song. Amen

Dec. 13th—Gracious God, let your light burn brightly in me, that I may bring joy and hope to dark places. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Dec. 14th—Jesus, give me patience and equip me for the work of your kingdom. Amen

Dec. 15th—Forgive me, Jesus, for things left undone. Give me the courage to follow you. Amen

Dec. 16th—Lord Jesus Christ, keep me faithful and without blemish until you bring me before you in glory. Amen

Dec. 17th—Lord, bring healing to those we know and those who are strangers. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Dec. 18th—Lord Jesus, Help me remember that everyone I meet today is a person who is held and loved by you. Amen

Dec. 19th—O Immanuel, when I am hardheaded or afraid, help me to remember that you are with me. Amen.

Dec. 20th—Restore us, O Lord. Shine your face on us, that we may know grief is not the end. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Dec. 21st—Jesus, thank you for your gifts of baptism and my call to serves. Help me to discern this day's service. Amen

Dec. 22nd—Lord Jesus, Many voices summon me to obedience. Help me to heed your call and teach me to obey. Amen

Dec. 23rd—In a world with much gone wrong, we pray for you to come, Jesus. Judge us with mercy and save us. Amen.

Dec. 24th—Lord, help me to share the love you revealed to the world, through Christ. Amen.

Dec. 25th—God, strengthen my faith in our Word and help me to live as someone who is born again, though Christ. Amen.

Dec. 26th—Jesus, as you fed and healed those in need, help me to support all the ministries of your church. Amen.

Dec. 27th—Lord Jesus, help me witness in ways that lead others to catch a glimmer of you. Amen

Dec. 28th—Holy Spirit, help me recognize threats to innocents today and lead me to protect them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Dec. 29th—Jesus, when I am gripped by fear, remind me that you replaced death's power with your promise of glory. Amen

Dec. 30th—Lord Jesus, give us courage to face our failing bodies with hope on the glory you prepared for us. Amen

Dec. 31st—Jesus, illuminate my entire being, that I might ever know you as the light of life. Amen



Daily Devotions



Dec 1st	Matthew 24:36-44
Dec 2nd	Romans 6:1-11
Dec 3rd	Matthew 24:23-25
Dec 4th	Acts 13:16-25
Dec 5th	Isaiah 11:1-10
Dec 6th	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Dec 7th	Romans 15:4-13
Dec 8th	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec 9th	Ruth 1:6-18
Dec 10th	Ruth 4:13-17
Dec 11th	1 Samuel 2:1-8
Dec 12th	Isaiah 35:1-10
Dec 13th	Psalms 146:5-10
Dec 14th	James 5:7-10
Dec 15th	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec 16th	Jude 17-25
Dec 17th	Acts 5:12-16
Dec 18th	John 3:31-36
Dec 19th	Isaiah 7:10-16
Dec 20th	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Dec 21st	Romans 1:1-7
Dec 22nd	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 23rd	Isaiah 33:17-22
Dec 24th	Luke 2:1-14
Dec 25th	John 1:1-14
Dec 26th	Acts 6:51-60
Dec 27th	John 21:20-25
Dec 28th	Matthew 2:13-23
Dec 29th	Hebrews 2:10-18
Dec 30th	2 Corinthians 4:16-18
Dec 31st	John 8:12-19



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday:Gavin Schildgen 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	2 Birthday:Bridget Newcomer Birthday:Melissa Wagenknecht 11a-3p Sewers Meet	3	4 Birthday:Cindy Brandt	5 Birthday:Bob Oncken	6 Anniversary:Carol & Gary Sibley	7
8 Birthday:Lori Anderson 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	9 Birthday:Colton Simpson 11a-3p Sewers Meet	10	11 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	12 Birthday:Becky Anderson 2p-4p Dorcas Circle	13	14
15 Birthday: Lucille Hook Birthday:Adam Williams 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	16 11a-3p Sewers Meet	17 11:30a-1p Grace Meals 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	18	19	20 Birthday:Tyler Miller	21 Birthday:David Williams Birthday:Shane Harris Birthday:Sydney Barkley Birthday:Will Schmidt
22 Winter Solstice 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	23 11a-3p Sewers Meet	24 Birthday:Bill Borth Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Christmas Day Happy Birthday, Jesus!	26 Anniversary:Kevin & Becky Anderson Birthday:Collin Eubanks	27 Birthday:Brandon Eye Birthday:John Murray	28
29 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ Joint worship at FWJ	30 Birthday:Ramon Woessner 11a-3p Sewers Meet	31 Birthday:Keasha Kelly	Notes:			