

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

**N. IL. Synod of the ELCA**

Ministers

**The People of God**

Interim Pastor **Rev. Carol Soderholm**

Secretary **Janet Barkley**

Organist **Nancy Janssen**



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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**

**And**



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

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## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

January 5th & 12th

Lector:

Dan & Jodi Woessner

Dan Woessner

January 19th & 26th

Lector

Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Jodi Woessner

Circle Hostess:

### **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, Donna Folkers Johnson,  
Matthew Foltz, Troy Kendall, Lawrence Maxwell,  
Donna Miller, Rick Miller, Vernon Milnes,  
Ronnie Munz, Dan & Lois Nye, Debbie Oldham,  
Curt Simpson

### **Morning Prayer**

Your light breaks the darkness, Holy One, reminding me that I dwell in the light of your presence. Open my eyes to see you in every grace, every beauty, every smile, and especially in the eyes of those who ache to know your love. Amen

### **Evening Prayer**

The day has come full circle, my Lord. In love, you gave me this day. In love, I return it to you, with thanks for all you have given me to share with the world you so love. Let me now rest in your peace. Amen

## ***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, questions about schedules, Financial questions, 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**

President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)  
Vice-President Harlan Meinsma  
Secretary Lori Oncken  
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse  
At-Large Tammy Miller  
Karen Landers  
Kim Stewart  
Ken Peterson  
Custodian Lynn Kaufman  
Musician Nancy Janssen  
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

### **First Lutheran West Jordan**

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)  
Secretary Jodi Woessner

Interim Pastor, Rev. Carol Soderholm  
Phone # 312-771-1145

Church Secretary Janet Barkley  
Church # 815-225-7410 Cell# 815-590-0520

## Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church

In America (ELCA), the women's organization of the church, will celebrate its annual "Bold Women's Day" on Sunday, February 23rd 2020.

At Trinity Lutheran Church

All Bold Women are invited

There will be a lunch served shortly after church

There will be guest speaker

And good fellowship

More information to follow.



**Trinity's Bold Women of the past.**

## COME ONE COME ALL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MILLEDGEVILLE

**January 12th & 26th 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!!!!**



## Trinity's Circle

Our next Meeting will be  
Thursday, January 9th @ 2:00pm  
Hosted by Janet Barkley



**Grace Meal**  
**NO GRACE MEAL IN**  
**JANUARY**

## Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, January 21st  
at 4:30 PM to 5:00

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Trinity will have their next council meeting  
January 23rd @ 7:00pm

## Trinity's Congregational Meeting

Will be January 26th after church. Please get those pledge card turn in if you haven't done so yet. It helps with the planning for our church. Also the Annual report need to be in by the 20th.

Thank you everyone for the continuing support of  
**Our Church.**

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## January Daily Prayer

**Jan. 1st**—God, thank you for adopting us and making us family. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan. 2nd**—Bless me, God, so I can forgive offenses and be a blessing to others. Amen.

**Jan. 3rd**—God, give us faith to trust in your process for us; bless us with your awesomeness. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan. 4th**—Lord Jesus, help me to see the sacredness in the spaces I traverse. In your name I pray. Amen

**Jan. 5th**—Lord, in the bleakness of winter help me see your constant light. In your name. Amen

**Jan. 6th**—God-with-us, let me see and know you better, in joy and amid pain. In your name I pray. Amen

**Jan. 7th**—Loving God, strengthen us with your Spirit as we pray for others and as others pray for us. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan. 8th**—God our true king, bring about your loving rule for all nations and among us. Amen

**Jan. 9th**—O God, change my heart. Help me to see and live out your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan. 10th**—Here I am, Lord. Wake me to your presence. Speak your word; guide me to listen. Amen

**Jan. 11th**—Loving God, speak hope and peace into being for all who need it. Trusting in you, we pray. Amen

**Jan. 12th**—God, remind us each day that we are your beloved children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Jan. 13th**—Lord, help me remember that I belong to you and am blessed by your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan. 14th**—God our rock, reassure us always of your steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen

**Jan. 15th**—God, you've chosen people to show me your love. Help me love them and others, in Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan. 16th**—Most High God, thank you for inclining toward earth so we may see your wondrous love. Amen

**Jan. 17th**—Generous God, remind us that your love is big enough for all your children. In that huge love we pray. Amen

**Jan. 18th**—God, help me to trust in Jesus as the cornerstone of my life. In his name I pray. Amen

**Jan. 19th**—God, may we always look to Jesus for grace and guidance in our lives. In his name. Amen.

**Jan. 20th**—Holy Spirit, help me to share your good news whenever and wherever you lead. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan. 21st**—God, of light, amid crushing pain help us find hope in our healing love. Amen

**Jan. 22nd**—God, thank you for granting us redemption through your unending love and salvation. Amen

**Jan. 23rd**—God, thank you for revealing the truth of the gospel, which shapes our human stories in Jesus. Amen.

**Jan. 24th**—God, when I face fears from within or outside of myself, draw me into your sheltering peace. Amen.

**Jan. 25th**—God, whether you call in dramatic or ordinary ways, help me to serve where you need me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan. 26th**—Jesus, inspire in me the same openness to your call as the disciples demonstrated. In your name. Amen.

**Jan. 27th**—God, help us to turn away from empty arguments and live in the light of your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Jan. 28th**—Constant God, remain with us as we wait to see the fulfillment of all your blessings. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan. 29th**—Everlasting God, turn our eyes toward the majesty of your unending blessing for humanity. Amen

**Jan. 30th**—Jesus, help us to see our interconnectedness and to care for one another in community. Amen

**Jan. 31st**—Holy Spirit, bless servant leaders, and move us to honor them. Through our servant leader Jesus. Amen



## January Daily Devotions




<b>Jan. 1st</b>	Galatians 4:4-7
<b>Jan. 2nd</b>	Genesis 12:1-7
<b>Jan. 3rd</b>	Hebrews 11:13-22
<b>Jan 4th</b>	Exodus 3:1-5
<b>Jan 5th</b>	John 1:1-18
<b>Jan 6th</b>	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Jan 7th</b>	Ephesians 3:14-21
<b>Jan 8th</b>	Psalms 72
<b>Jan 9th</b>	Acts 9:1-9
<b>Jan 10th</b>	1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a
<b>Jan 11th</b>	Psalms 29
<b>Jan 12th</b>	Matthew 3:13-27
<b>Jan 13th</b>	Genesis 35:1-15
<b>Jan 14th</b>	Psalms 89:5-37
<b>Jan 15th</b>	Matthew 12:15-21
<b>Jan 16th</b>	Psalms 40:1-11
<b>Jan 17th</b>	Genesis 27:30-38
<b>Jan 18th</b>	Acts 4:8-13
<b>Jan 19th</b>	John 1:29-42
<b>Jan 20th</b>	Acts 8:26-40
<b>Jan 21st</b>	Isaiah 53:1-12
<b>Jan 22nd</b>	Isaiah 48:12-21
<b>Jan 23rd</b>	Galatians 1:11-24
<b>Jan 24th</b>	Psalms 27:1-6
<b>Jan 25th</b>	Acts 9:1-22
<b>Jan 26th</b>	Matthew 4:12-23
<b>Jan 27th</b>	Ephesians 5:6-14
<b>Jan 28th</b>	Psalms 27:7-14
<b>Jan 29th</b>	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26
<b>Jan 30th</b>	1 Peter 3:8-12
<b>Jan 31st</b>	1 Timothy 5:17-24





## January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Birthday:Owen Peterson Brithday:Trevor Schluter 	2	3	4
5 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	6 11a-3p Sewers Meet	7	8 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	9 Birthday:Ken Peterson 2p-4p Dorcas Circle	10 Birthday: Leland Bryson Birthday:Emily Kleckler	11
12 Birthday: Ray Ricklefs Birthday: Scott Hinrichs 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	13 11a-3p Sewers Meet	14 Birthday:Kaitlin Murray	15	16 Birthday:Roger Koett	17 Birthday:Therol Anderson	18
19 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	20 Martin Luther King Anniversary:Ken & Linda Peterson (50) 11a-3p Sewers Meet	21 Birthday: Meghan O'Brien 11:30a-1p Grace Meals 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)	22 Birthday: Myron Deets	23 Anniversary:Randy & Opal Kleckler Anniversary:Ron & Sharon Judd Birthday: Janet Koett Council meeting 7pm	24	25
26 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity Congregational Meeting	27 11a-3p Sewers Meet	28	29	30	31	Notes:



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Dear members and friends,

Merry, happy, healthy New Year to you ALL.

2020 - my goodness gracious. How time flies. I remember when it was just the turn of the millennium. Remember how certain groups of people thought everything would crash and the world might come to an end. As we know, it didn't and here we are in 2020 which sounds like a wise and wonderful year. Let's make a resolution to make it a wise and wonderful year for First/West Jordan and Trinity/Milledgeville. It will be the year you will, most likely, call a new Pastor.

That is exciting for you and sad for me. I have loved, loved, loved being your Pastor - and I will miss you.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** - for the wonderful and generous Christmas gifts - those individually given and the generous gift the whole church gave. My oh my.

All of it was heartwarming - especially the "God is good. All the time" sign.

That is a hoot. Every day when I see it hanging on the wall in my home, I will think of you and smile and then pray - pray mightily for you "all the time".

There is a powerful and beautiful Spirit alive among you. Keep it alive.

Keep up the love and the wonderful fellowship you share. Mostly, keep the faith. Keep the faith as strong as it is.

For however long or short our time together will be, I am honored and humbled and happy to be your servant.

With all my love,  
Pastor Carol