

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**



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

**And**

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH**

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**ABSTAIN  
ASHES  
BLESS  
CROSS**

**EASTER  
FAST  
FOREHEAD  
LENT**

**REPENT  
WEDNESDAY**





## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

February 2nd & 9th  
Lector:

Brian & Paula Beveroth  
Brian Beveroth

February 16th & 23rd  
Lector

Amy & John Sumption  
Melissa Woessner

Circle Hostess:

News letter and the 2020 Annual Report  
Can be found on the Trinity web site  
**[www.trinitymville.com](http://www.trinitymville.com)**

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman,  
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

### **NEW UPDATED ADDRESS**

Dan & Lois Nye  
%The Villas of Holly Brook  
1815 Towanda Barnes Rd. Room 46  
Bloomington, IL. 61704

## ***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**

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**

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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 Women are invited

There will be a lunch served shortly after church

About 11:30 am

Program will start after the lunch



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

## COME ONE COME ALL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MILLEDGEVILLE

**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, February 13th @ 2:00pm  
Hosted by Carol Bushman



## Grace Meals

The next Grace meal will be on  
February 18th 11:30 to 12:30

## Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, February 18th  
at 4:30 PM to 5:00

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Trinity will have their next council meeting  
February 13th @ 7:00pm

## Ash Wednesday Service

**February 26, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

## Lenten Bible Study

Save the following dates.

Pastor Carol will be doing a bible study  
During the Lenten season. They will be on  
Wednesdays, at 6pm with soup, plus more.

Bible study will begin at 6:30. The dates  
are March 4th, 11th, 18th, and ending on  
the 25th. Come and have a light supper  
and learn more about the Bible.

## Carroll County Relay for Life

**"2020 Kick-Off"**

Sunday, March 1st 4:00—6:00pm

Manny's Pizza, Savanna, IL.

Pizza/Taco Buffet \$8.00/person

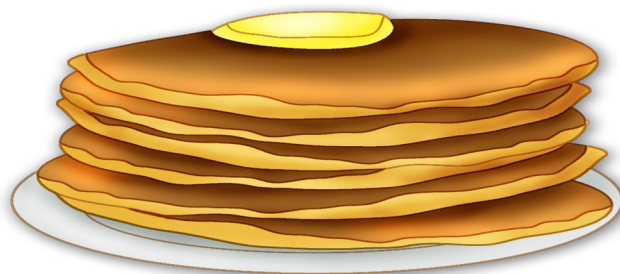
Entertainment & Silent Auction

Come and eat & help to raise money to  
cure cancer

# Shrove Pancake Supper at Trinity Lutheran Church

717 Stover Avenue, Milledgeville (Corner of Stover and IL-40)

Handicapped Accessible Door under Canopy



## Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Serving from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Carry-outs available (Call 815-225-7410; sorry, no-delivery available)

Menu: Pancakes, Whole Hog Sausage, Applesauce and drinks

**Shrove Tuesday:** Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than pigging out on pancakes or taking part in a public pancake race. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

**Penitence:** Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. This tradition is very old. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institutes: In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him.

**Shrove Tuesday celebrations:** Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

# ASH WEDNESDAY



Remember that  
you are dust, and to  
dust you shall return.

Ecclesiastes 3:20  
lutheran.org

## Ash Wednesday

Many non-Lutherans wonder why their Lutheran friends or family members wear ashes on their forehead at the beginning of Lent. Are they showing off? Are they trying to stand out? Is it some weird secret church ritual? What does it mean? Should I get them too? There are three reasons why Lutherans go to church to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. First, the ashes remind people of their sinfulness. Second, the ashes remind people of their mortality. Third, the ashes remind people that they have been redeemed. Let's unpack this a bit. Since ancient times, God's people have used ashes as a sign of humble repentance (e.g. Jonah 3:5-9; Job 42:6; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13). This tradition was carried on by the early church and remains an important tradition today. When one willingly goes up to a pastor and receives ashes on his/her forehead, they are admitting that....

## Lent? ...What is Lent?

Lent is a 40-day season in the Church Calendar beginning Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. Lent is observed on Wednesdays, but Sundays during Lent are treated as 'Little Easters', and not counted as part of Lent. During this time, we focus on what Jesus did to win our salvation. He lived a perfect life and died for us under God's wrath. His sacrifice shows the true horror of our sins and moves us to turn from them.

## But Why is Lent 40 Days?

The 40 days of Lent are taken from Christ's 40-day experience in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Here He faced off with the devil as our Champion, overcoming three temptations common to all mankind...

**First**, Christ was tempted to doubt God's loving care and thus to satisfy His needs Himself -- but instead Christ looks to God's Word and directs us back to trusting in God.

**Second**, by Satan's mishandling of Scripture, Christ was tempted to false belief in God -- but Christ dismisses such self-righteous spiritualism as tempting God, and reminds us of the need to seek out true Scriptural teaching.

**Finally**, Christ was tempted to forsake God in return for worldly pleasures, powers, and possessions -- but Christ forcefully rejects this notion as a ridiculous exchange of the priceless for the worthless, of a relationship with God for eternal separation from Him.

### Do you face temptation?

Are you tempted to doubt God, or to believe things about God that the Bible says are not true, or even to *forsake God*?

Do you give in to this temptation?

**Turn to Christ this Lenten Season!**

**He is your Champion!**

## And Why is Lent so Important?

- **It shows us the true result of our sins ...they separate us from a righteous and just God.**

During Lent, we contemplate our sinful condition and need for a Saviour -- a man who is Holy in His nature and who lived a sinless life. In our natural condition, we are stained with an evil, fallen nature and are incapable of the perfect sinlessness required by God. As a result, all human effort fails to please God, we cannot have a relationship with Him, and we don't deserve one.

- **It shows us the only payment for sin that God could accept ...the death of His Son.**

Though we are undeserving, God in His Grace desires a relationship with us. To accomplish this, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us as a human. Because Jesus is God, He has the Holy nature we don't have, and lived a perfectly sinless life the way we never could. And, in obedience to God the Father, Jesus -- that is, God the Son -- willingly went to the cross, took upon Himself the sin of the whole world, and suffered for us sin's penalty: separation from God and death.

- **It shows us the extent of God's Love ...by His Grace, through Faith in Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are ours for eternity.**

Jesus was innocent of the sin He carried for us, and the penalty He suffered held no power over Him. Thus, He was reconciled with His Heavenly Father and returned to life. Through faith in Christ, we are granted this blessing as well. He was Holy *for us*. He was perfect *for us*. He suffered the penalty of sin *for us*, and it is by faith *alone* -- not by our works, but by the finished work of Jesus Christ -- that we have forgiveness of sins, we are given a new, holy nature, we are reconciled with God, and at the Resurrection we will be given a new body that is unstained by sin.

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## February Daily Prayer

**Feb. 1st**—Lord, thank you for making me worthy to be called you child, though Christ. Amen  
**Feb. 2nd**—Lord, you are my heart's true home. May I rest in you, I ask in Christ's name. Amen.  
**Feb. 3rd**—Be with us, O God, through all the changes of life. Thank you for loving us. Amen  
**Feb. 4th**—Lord, through faithful examples in scripture and in life, teach us compassion for those in need. Amen  
**Feb. 5th**—Life-giving Lord, thank you for making us part of your family. In your name. Amen  
**Feb. 6th**—We delight in your commandments, Lord. Help us trust wholly in you. In your name I pray. Amen  
**Feb. 7th**—God, help me treat others with the same kindness and patience you shower on me. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Feb. 8th**—God, move us to care about what most concerns you: that we treat others with love. In Jesus' name. Amen  
**Feb. 9th**—Let the light of Christ shine through me, Lord. Today and always. In his name I pray. Amen  
**Feb. 10th**—In mercy forgive us, God. Lead us in your life-giving ways. Amen  
**Feb. 11th**—Shine on my path, God, and keep me in your way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen  
**Feb. 12th**—Lord, may my life reflect the love and forgiveness you freely give me in Christ. In his name we pray. Amen  
**Feb. 13th**—O God, thank you for the gift of your law and for the gift of your saving grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Feb. 14th**—Teach us to love others as you have loved us, O God, for Jesus' sake. Amen  
**Feb. 15th**—Holy God, thank you for claiming my heart and my life in Jesus, in whom I pray. Amen  
**Feb. 16th**—God, help us follow Jesus' teachings and be reconciled to one another. We pray in his name. Amen  
**Feb. 17th**—God of love, speak words of life and hope to us and to those who are afraid. Amen  
**Feb. 18th**—God, remind me of your mercy. Move me to show love indiscriminately to others, in his name I pray. Amen  
**Feb. 19th**—I treasure your word, O God. Be with me always and show me your ways. In his name. Amen.  
**Feb. 20th**—Powerful God, when I feel helpless, show me how I can be of service for the sake of justice. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Feb. 21st**—Glorious God, you revealed you love at Sinai, in Jesus, and so often since. Help us perceive you. Amen  
**Feb. 22nd**—Hear the prayers of all who cry to you for help, O God. Thank you for being our refuge. Amen  
**Feb. 23rd**—Thank you, Jesus, for showing me your glory and for walking with me in daily life. In your name. Amen.  
**Feb. 24th**—Dear God, thank you for being and supplying all that we need. We pray in your name. Amen.  
**Feb. 25th**—Shepherd of God, amid life's ups and downs and faith's uncertainties, thank you for your constant love. Amen.  
**Feb. 26th**—Thank you, God, for restoring to me the joy of salvation. In your name. Amen.  
**Feb. 27th**—God of changeless love, thank you for changing as needed to connect with me and all others. Amen  
**Feb. 28th**—God, teach us to be angry about injustice, not about the abundance of our love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.  
**Feb. 29th**—Welcome us, O God, as you welcome all your children. We thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen



## February

### Daily Devotions



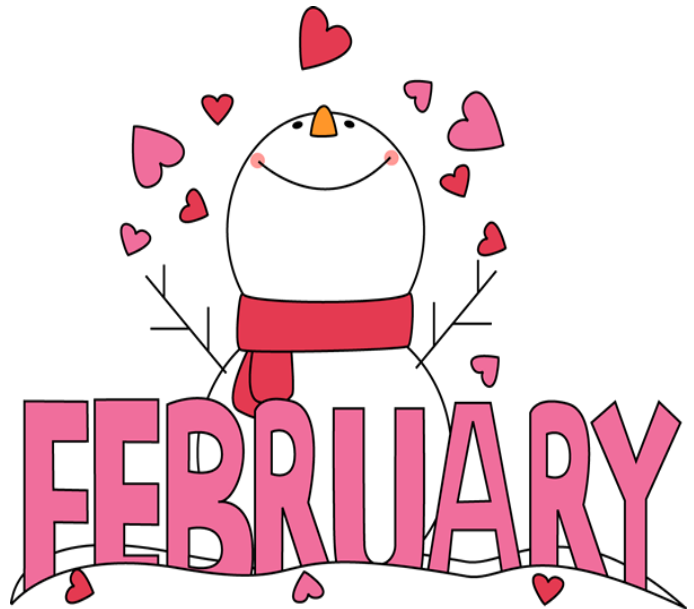
<b>Feb 1st</b>	Psalm 15
<b>Feb 2nd</b>	Psalm 84
<b>Feb 3rd</b>	Ruth 1:1-18
<b>Feb 4th</b>	Ruth 2:1-16
<b>Feb 5th</b>	Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22
<b>Feb 6th</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1-14
<b>Feb 7th</b>	James 3:13-18
<b>Feb 8th</b>	Mark 7:1-8
<b>Feb 9th</b>	Matthew 5:13-20
<b>Feb 10th</b>	2 Kings 22:3-20
<b>Feb 11th</b>	Psalm 119:105-112
<b>Feb 12th</b>	John 8:12-30
<b>Feb 13th</b>	Psalm 119:1-8
<b>Feb 14th</b>	1 John 2:7-17
<b>Feb 15th</b>	Deuteronomy 30:1-9a
<b>Feb 16th</b>	Matthew 5:21-37
<b>Feb 17th</b>	Exodus 20:1-21
<b>Feb 18th</b>	James 2:1-13
<b>Feb 19th</b>	Psalm 119:9-16
<b>Feb 20th</b>	Exodus 6:2-9
<b>Feb 21st</b>	Exodus 19:9b-25
<b>Feb 22nd</b>	Psalm 2
<b>Feb 23rd</b>	Matthew 17:1-9
<b>Feb 24th</b>	Exodus 33:7-23
<b>Feb 25th</b>	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55
<b>Feb 26th</b>	Psalm 51:1-17
<b>Feb 27th</b>	Jonah 3:1-10
<b>Feb 28th</b>	Jonah 4:1-11
<b>Feb 29th</b>	Matthew 18:1-7

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Birthday: Donna Lenhart
<b>2</b> Super Bowl/ Groundhog Day  Birthday: Craig Schildgen 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>3</b>  11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Anniversary: Otto & Dorothy Wagenknecht Birthday: Luke Koett Birthday: Marissa Eye	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>10</b>  Birthday: Tom Barkley 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>11</b>  Birthday: David Wagenknecht	<b>12</b>  Birthday: Tom Landheer Birthday: Alyvia Woodard 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>13</b>  Anniversary: Brian & Cherrie Simpson 2p-4p Dorcas Circle	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 12p-1p Birthday: Sue Loke	<b>17</b> Presidents Day  PRESIDENTS DAY	<b>18</b>  Birthday: Karen Landers 11:30a-1p Grace Meals 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home, Milledgeville)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  Birthday: Brandi VanDyke	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>24</b>  Birthday: Brody Kelley 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>25</b>  Birthday: Amanda Baron  <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> Pancake Dinner 5pm to 7 pm 	<b>26</b>  Birthday: Ron Judd 	<b>27</b>  Birthday: Mike Strehlow	<b>28</b>  Birthday: Kassie Murray	<b>29</b>
			Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 P.M.			

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Dear members and friends,

Wednesday, February 26 is Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent and the Easter season. On Ash Wednesday we receive ashes as a reminder that we are dust and will return to earth.

The dust of Ash Wednesday connects us not only to the soil but to the cosmos. Scientists estimate that four thousand tons of cosmic dust fall to earth each year.

This dust is composed of the basic building blocks of creation. In 1990, Voyager I entered the outer edges of our solar system and focused its lens back at Earth from a distance of four billion miles. Earth appears as a tiny point of light.

Carl Sagan wrote, "Look again at that dot ..... That's us !! On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was lived out their lives. The joy and suffering of every king and peasant, every couple in love, every mother and father, every child, every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there ..... on a mote of dust suspended in a sun-beam." (*Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space*).

Amazing. The ashes of Ash Wednesday remind us of that. They help us to remember how fragile we are....how small, how needy. We acknowledge we will die - but then, at Easter, we rise again in Jesus Christ. The Lenten season is a lesson in our fallen **and** our redeemed humanity. We see our sinful nature, **AND** we see the grace, mercy, forgiveness and love of God in Jesus Christ.

God IS good. ALL the time.

peace and love,  
Pastor Carol

