

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Partner in Cooperative Ministry

First Lutheran West Jordan

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The People of God

Interim Pastor **Rev. Carol Soderholm**

Secretary **Janet Barkley**

Organist **Nancy Janssen**



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**Trinity Lutheran Church
Milledgeville, IL**



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

And





West Jordan

Worship Helpers

If we get back to Sunday services In May

May 3rd & 10 th Gary & Carol Sibley

Lector: Carol Sibley

May 17th & 24th LaVerne & Carol Woessner

Lector LaVerne Woessner

Circle Hostess: Janet Koett

In our prayers:

From First:

Irene Burdick, Sandy Bushman,
Alena Crossman, 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,
Shirley Cheeseman, June Franks,
Donna Folkers Johnson, Matthew Foltz, Ronald Gerdes,
Troy Kendall, Lawrence Maxwell, Donna Miller,
Vernon Milnes, Ronnie Munz, Jennifer O'Brien,
Debbie Oldham, Curt Simpsom, Kim Tomasi,
Otto Wagenknecht, Ramon Woessner,

News letter, Sermons, and Trinity's 2020
Annual Report

Can be found on the Trinity web site

www.trinitymville.com

Also Contagious Is

Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, positive attitude.

Don't wait to catch it from others, be a carrier.

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
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Contact a council member

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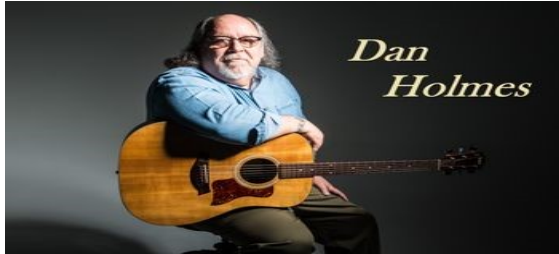
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**RESCHEDULED
JOINT WORSHIP**

**June 14th at
First Lutheran West Jordan
Service will be at 8:30**

DAN HOLMES a folk artist from **Belvidere, Illinois**, will be doing the service **Dan** is an "old school singer/songwriter" with a Christian message about our devotion to God.. Dan creates music that celebrates what God is doing in us, for us and though us. www.danholmesmusic.com



There will be a **Coffee Hour** after this musical service.

April 16 the Chadwick/Milledgeville Community Churches/Pastors group met via zoom.

Pastor Koch read Psalm 33 - as an inspiration.

Pastor Traci Maass was welcomed to the group and the community.

She is the new Pastor at First Lutheran in Chadwick.

The meeting was brief - but we discussed several items.

Becky Anderson and Trinity/Milledgeville are holding VBS this summer for the community. The dates are June 15 - 19 from 3 pm to 5 pm each day.

We were encouraged to inform our communities that this event and everything else, of course, is dependent on the progress of COVID - 19.

The baccalaureate date at the High School is also dependent on the progress of COVID-19. That may have to be changed.

The local Food Pantry was open this month - and will be open next month as well.....as far as we know now.

Pastor Black suggested a community worship service when this epidemic is past us - as a communal act of joy and thanksgiving. The idea was fully embraced by all.

We conversed and used this zoom opportunity to get to know each other better.

The Food Pantry

Trinity's months for food donations is the **June**. Our month to **work** in the food pantry will be **July** 8:45 to 11:00 am

The Chadwick-Milledgeville School District #399 recognizes the importance of end-of-year activities for students, parents, family members and faculty to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. We know that not knowing has created anxiety for our high school students and families. With that being said, we wanted to announce our schedule for the following events: Baccalaureate, Graduation, Prom, and Senior Scholarship Night. Please note the alternative date(s) for these events. We wanted to provide our students and their families advanced notice to tentatively reserve these dates in their calendars.

	Current	Alternative	Alternative
Event	Date	Date # 1	Date # 2
Scholarship Night	May 6 th	June 10 th	July 8 th
Baccalaureate	May 20 th	June 17 th	July 15 th
Graduation	May 29 th	June 19 th	July 17 th
Prom	May 2 nd	June 13 th	July 24 th

LOMC staff and Board of Directors

After much prayer, research and conversation; the LOMC staff and Board of Directors have made the important decision to cancel our eight weeks of summer camp.

Throughout these past handful of weeks, our criteria has been focused on:

Is it safe and are we allowed to have groups onsite?

Do we have the financial resources?

Do our families and guests feel it is safe?

With all the risks and unknowns we have made a sad but right decision for LOMC. The eight weeks (June through July 2020) of regular summer camp programming that LOMC provides has been cancelled.

For safety, we have also decided to cancel Memorial Day Work Weekend scheduled for the end of May. If possible, we may postpone this work event to a later date.

We have updated our web page with new information regarding the next few months related to summer camp and other guests. We invite you to visit the web page to learn more information related to refunds, other summer possibilities and more.

LOMC is still temporarily closed through May 30 per state and local authorities.

Peace be with you
John 14:27

APRIL 22 was the 50th anniversary of EARTH DAY.

Suggestion - When you run the water to get it warm/hot enough to bathe in, have a container handy. Let the cold water run into the container and use it to water your plants - rather than let it run down the drain.

QUESTION:

Who came up with the idea of Earth Day?

- a. Richard Nixon
- b. Cesar Chavez
- c. Gaylord Nelson
- d. Denis Hayes

Globally, which of the following economic sectors emits the largest percentage of greenhouse gas emissions?

- a. Transportation
- b. Buildings
- c. Industry
- d. Electricity & heat production

1st Gaylord Nelson a senator from Wisconsin 2nd D. Electricity & Heat

NOT A SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION OF THE LAST 50 YEARS HAS COME TRUE



EARTH DAY 1970



EARTH DAY 2020

- CIVILISATION STILL EXISTS
- LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS INCREASED BY 30% TO 72
- EXTREME POVERTY HAS HALVED
- INFANT MORTALITY HAS DECREASED BY 72%
- AIR POLLUTION HAS SHARPLY DECLINED
- FOOD HAS INCREASED FROM 2,300 CAL. PER PERSON A DAY TO 2,800 DESPITE POPULATION INCREASE
- CHINA ENDED ITS ONE CHILD POLICY LAST YEAR
- US OIL & GAS ARE AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE 1972
- AND THE US CONTROLS THE WORLD'S LARGEST UNTAPPED RESERVES
- WORLD DEMOCRACY HAS RISEN 536%
- AVERAGE SCHOOLING HAS INCREASED FROM 3.9 TO 8.4 YEARS, A 115% INCREASE

Here are a couple of tidbits from Pastor Carol

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and less murder. Maybe it's my imagination but I do hear birds singing more. Do you? The earth is at rest for the first time in many years.

Something interesting.

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

What does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt

40 years the exodus

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the ten Commandments

Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days

Some theologians believe the number 40 represents change. All the 40 year events above led to a change

During this time let change happen. Enjoy family time more. Return to family prayer time. Enjoy the bond of love, hopefully deepened during this difficult time.

Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

2020 is the year of the United States census. Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, was born during a census.

And lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. Isn't it?

May our Lord's perfect vision for us be accomplished as we appreciate more than ever that we/all of us are in His hands.

Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A positive side effect of the coronavirus: the quality of air is improving all over the planet due to less driving, and more importantly less airplane travel.

Even stargazers - for the first time in many years - are able to see the brilliant night sky. Go outside on a clear night and look up.

It's magnificent on a cloud free night



Trinity Lutheran Church would like to give all mother's a Mother's Day Flower.

To do this you will have to drive thru under the canopy, someone will hand them to you.

You may also drop off your church offering at the same time.

May 10th from 10:30 to 11:45 A. M.





Memorial Day - USA

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ANNUAL
 CEMETERIES
 DIED
 FEDERAL HOLIDAY
 GRAVES
 LAST MONDAY
 MEMORIAL DAY
 MILITARY
 REMEMBERING
 SERVICE
 UNITED STATES

ARMED FORCES
 DECORATION DAY
 DINNER ON THE GROUND
 FLAG
 HONOR
 MAY
 MEMORIALS
 POPPY
 REMEMBRANCE
 SERVING
 WAR DEAD



MAY Daily Prayer

May 1st—God of mercy, ignite my heart in love for you, the world, and the church, though Christ. Amen

May 2nd—Jesus my shepherd, search for me when I sin, and carry me home to your flock. Amen.

May 3rd—God of green pastures, feed me with your presence, in Jesus' name. Amen

May 4th—God of justice, lift up the lowly, restrain the mighty, and give me what I need. In Jesus' name. Amen

May 5th—God of heaven, you hold the earth in your hands. Strengthen me to care for it, in Jesus' name. Amen

May 6th—God of great gifts, make me a servant of your love, expecting nothing in return, In your name I pray. Amen

May 7th—Forgiving God, you take me as I am. Transform me to be a blessing for others. In his name. Amen

May 8th—Living God, you are eager to listen. Encourage me to call upon you, though Christ. Amen

May 9th—God of mystery, there is much I do not understand. Give me faith, through Christ. Amen

May 10th—God of revelations, open our ears, enlighten our eyes, and help us reach out our hands to receive Jesus. Amen

May 11th—O God, you promise to be with me in every dark valley. Walk with me today, in Jesus' name. Amen

May 12th—O God, may we seek you not only with our spirits but with our minds and bodies as well. Amen

May 13th—God of all places, thank you for coming to me among your holy people, and especially in Jesus. Amen.

May 14th—God who sees all, thank you for those who share the good news of Jesus with me. Empower me also to share it with others. . . Amen

May 15th—God our provider, you feed me with your presence. Help me to feed others though Christ.. Amen

May 16th—Jesus, in a world that needs to know your resurrection, let us hear your powerful voice of peace. Amen

May 17th—God, help us to see you as our loving heavenly parent. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds in Jesus. Amen

May 18th—God, help us care for all living creatures on earth, especially my sister Donna, Happy birthday, in Jesus' name. Amen

May 19th—God, teach us to live your teachings and commandments, which you give for the sake of love and life. Amen.

Apr. 20th—Jesus, help us trust in our promised joy even when we experience pain and sorrow. Amen.

May 21st—God, help us trust in you for all that we need, through our ascended Lord and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen

May 22nd—God, grant us a fitting portion of your Spirit today, that we might serve in Jesus' name. Amen

May 23rd—Holy and mighty God, we bow to your authority and to your majesty displayed in creation. Amen.

May 24th—God, help us live in unity and mutual understanding, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

May 25th—God, you inhabit the world with your presence. We worship you wherever we go, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

May 26th—God, may love be our primary motivation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

May 27th—God, thank you for sending your spirit upon us without measure—in whatever amount and form we need. Amen

May 28th—God, we turn away; you forgive. We fall short; you love. Thank you for your constant grace. Amen.

May 29th—God, thank you for loving us so deeply and fully. Though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May 30th—God, help me trust in you as my help and shield in both easy and hard times. Amen.

May 31st—Mighty Holy Spirit, give us the courage to embrace your wind and flames, in Jesus' name. Amen



Daily Devotions



May 1st	2 Corinthians 4:1-6
May 2nd	Luke 15:1-7
May 3rd	John 10:1-10
May 4th	Ezekiel 34:17-23
May 5th	Ezekiel 34:23-31
May 6th	Matthew 20:17-28
May 7th	Genesis 12:1-3
May 8th	Psalms 31:1-5
May 9th	John 8:48-59
May 10th	John 14:1-14
May 11th	Exodus 13:17-22
May 12th	Proverbs 3:5-12
May 13th	Psalms 102:1-17
May 14th	Acts 1:15-26
May 15th	Acts 27:13-38
May 16th	John 14:27-29
May 17th	John 14:15-21
May 18th	Genesis 9:8-17
May 19th	Deuteronomy 5:22-33
May 20th	John 16:16-24
May 21st	Luke 24:44-53
May 22nd	2 Kings 2:1-12
May 23rd	Psalms 93
May 24th	John 17:1-11
May 25th	Psalms 99
May 26th	1 Peter 4:7-11
May 27th	John 3:31-36
May 28th	Exodus 19:1-9a
May 29th	Romans 8:14-17
May 30th	Psalms 33:12-22
May 31st	Acts 2:1-21



MAY

10th

Happy May Day



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY

31st



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Birthday: Robert Woessner	2
3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8	9
Birthday: Stacey Jacobson	Birthday: Al Vickers	Anniversary: Mitch and Sharon Woodard	Birthday: Curt Eubanks		Anniversary: Antoinette and Korey Fossett	Anniversary: Steven and Phyllis Jewell
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Madilyn Todd	Birthday: Arden Queckboerner	Birthday: Paige Bauling		Birthday: James Brubaker	Birthday: Brad Grenoble
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet	Birthday: Payton Harris	Birthday: Staci Trobaugh		Birthday: Scott Bryson	Birthday: Craig Bauling
						Birthday: Jamie Doyle
						Birthday: Katie Gallagher
						Birthday: Keagan Liven-good
						Birthday: Pam Eubanks
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Erica Kaufman	Birthday: Kaitlin Dettman	Birthday: Emma Sinn	Birthday: Drew Sauer	Birthday: Mia Meyer	Birthday: Amanda Schildgen
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	Birthday: Patty Murray		Birthday: Opal Kleckler	Birthday: Le-Anne Nye	Birthday: Samantha Merlak	
	Birthday: Shirley Woessner		9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Birthday: Donna Landis		Birthday: Ramona Koett	Birthday: Alayna Beckham	Birthday: Todd Brubaker	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
Birthday: Dan Hinrichs	Birthday: Jaidon Doyle	Birthday: Allison Palmer	Birthday: Kennedy Liven-good	Anniversary: Craig and Kaye Dusing	Birthday: Bryce Palmer	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet		Birthday: Teresa Wagenknecht			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			Birthday: Violet Ohlwine			
31	 With Honor & Gratitude We Remember					
Birthday: Otto Wagenknecht						
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

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Dear members and friends of Faith on Forty,

My oh my. There is so much to say I don't know where to begin.

Our silent church and empty kitchen are haunting. As I walk around and recall your faces and voices and smiles and laughter, I feel your presence although the space is totally empty. I hear your voices and they are a testimony to the love we share when we are together. Remembering that love (and joy) is a silent witness to the fact that the bonds of our Christian community are not limited to a building. The bonds we share are right now, right where we are. In our hearts. Nothing can take that away.

I know it's hard. I know none of us planned on giving up quite this much when the coronavirus began it's deadly march across our country. I, too, long for the day we can open our sanctuary again, when the silence will be replaced by singing and laughter and community prayer. I am patiently waiting for the day I can walk into church and be surrounded by loving, faithful, joyous people.

You are too.

In the meantime, love looks like an empty church - but NOT empty hearts. Our faith is growing through this separation. Our love is growing. We long to be together again and when we are, our faith and commitment to our church will be stronger than ever. Passing the peace will be more joyous and passionate than ever before. Please stay strong. Stay well. And.....

may the peace of the Lord be with you always

Pray. Pray. And keep on praying.

With all my love,

Pastor Carol

PS. Dear people. I have tried to call everyone to offer support and prayer during this time. If I missed you, it's not because I didn't try. Some calls just don't answer. Some don't have a recording device. And some - well - for one reason or another don't go through. I will keep trying. But please feel free to call me. 312 771 1145

