



Thank you to everyone who helped make the Confirmation Class Pancake Supper such a great event. The youth raised over \$1,100 that evening. We are especially grateful to Brian and Paula Beveroth who donated a hog for the sausage and to Lou and Carol Adolph who donated the processing costs.

Our Niagara Falls Mission trip has 14 participants! 6 confirmation students, 2 high school youth, and 6 adult chaperones. As we prepare for our trip in July, please pray for: Connor, Brandon, Heide, Clayton, Colton, and Alyvia, for Kaitlyn and Kassie; and for Pastor Jamie, Alayna, Sharon, Kay, Pam, and Patti.

Your continued support will be appreciated as the class hosts a Chili Dinner on Sunday, March 15th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The class is looking for donations for baked goods and corn bread to compliment the meal. Please contact Sharon Woodard or Pam Eubanks for more information about what you can bring to make that evening a success as well.

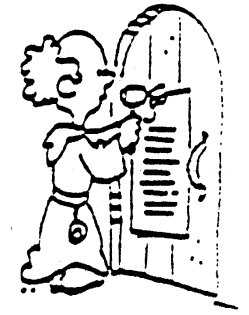
This month, the class will meet on Sundays, March 1, 8, and 22. The Class will not meet on Sunday March 29th due to Spring Break. The Class will also not meet on Sunday, April 5th due to Easter Sunday.



Trinity Tidings

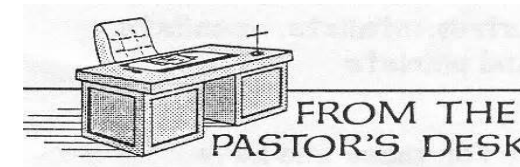
“Sound the Good News”

March 2015



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A couple years ago, my wife and I went on a retreat in Arizona. During that retreat, we had the opportunity to go hiking in the desert and mountains. Another pastor and his wife, who were on the same retreat, as Katie and I, took a hike up Vulture Peak, which reaches just over 3600 feet. The majority of the hike was relatively simple - a winding path through the desert and up the side of the mountain. Then the last 300 or so feet to the peak was a near vertical climb.

Katie and I decided we wanted to be at the very peak, while our friends chose to wait. So I went first and called out to Katie where the places to put her hands and feet were - and ouch - where the cacti were hiding. And again, on the way down, I went first, again, to guide Katie as she stretched for the ledges coming backwards down the side of this mountain. It was a truly amazing sight standing up on top of this mounting, seeing Phoenix, over 60 miles away to our southeast and all the desert surrounding us.

Up on that mountain top, Katie and I had a moment with God. It was absolutely peaceful. And powerfully prayerful. Why are mountaintops associated with moments with God? Moses, Elijah and Jesus each had their own mountaintop experiences. In one story in the Gospel, the three of them even come together for one scene, when God confirms Jesus as his only Son, as the one we are to listen to.

For Katie and I, that moment had its practical sides - reminding us what it is like to work together, reminding us of our need to trust and communicate clearly. Our friends, who waited patiently in the shadow of that 300 foot climb, said afterwards they were impressed with how much we were able to guide each other both up and down and give each other the confidence we needed to make the ascent and descent.

But Katie and I don't remember the climb for its practical implication. We remember it for the moment with God, for that chance to see the world anew again, to hear God's still voice in the soft wind blowing around us as we stood up there. And for the pure serene calm that we both experienced, knowing that ahead of us was an unknown journey, with winds that were going to blow a lot stronger, and uncertainty. Yet there, on the top of Vulture Peak, non of that uncertainty mattered. It only mattered that God was with us.


I don't know if I am fully sure of why mountain tops are associated with these kind of holy moments. I just know they are. This Lenten season, I hope you join us in worship, to hear how people of faith used stones and rocks, the very stuff a mountain is made of, and recognized God's presence in their midst. Maybe you will have a mountaintop experience - right here in the church basement.

Peace,

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

Pastor Jamie

Return Service Requested



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March 2015 Devotional Readings and Prayer Calendar

[Psalm 119:105](#)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Lent is a season of reflection on the cross of Christ, his death and resurrection are the ultimate significant moments in our faith. Without Jesus' death, there would be no new life—without the resurrection, his death would be meaningless. How might these verses help you to reflect on the power of Christ's death and resurrection this season?

Mar 1—Galatians 6:14
Mar 2 — Romans 1:16-17
Mar 3—Romans 5:1-5
Mar 4—1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Mar 5—1 Corinthians 15:3-10
Mar 6—Galatians 2:16
Mar 7 — Philippians 3:17-21

Mar 8—1 Corinthians 1:18
Mar 9—Romans 6:3-5
Mar 10—Romans 6:6-11
Mar 11—1 Corinthians 15:12-19
Mar 12—1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Mar 13—Ephesians 2:4-9
Mar 14—1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

Mar 15—Colossians 1:20
Mar 16—Romans 3:21-26
Mar 17—1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Mar 18—2 Corinthians 5:14-15
Mar 19—2 Corinthians 5:17-19
Mar 20—Colossians 2:13-15
Mar 21—Hebrews 12:1-3

Mar 22—Philippians 2:5-11
Mar 23—Acts 2:22-24
Mar 24—Matthew 16:21-23
Mar 25—Luke 23:34
Mar 26—Luke 23:43
Mar 27—John 19:26-27
Mar 28—Mark 15:34

Mar 29—John 19:28
Mar 30—John 19:29-30
Mar 31—Luke 23:46

March 1—March 7

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Gladys Reed, Elnora Hinrichs, 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.

March 8—March 14

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

From First:

Linda Habben	Sandy Bushman	John Boyer
Jim Cusa	Roger Hinrichs	Jon Ryner
Ruth Borth	Cook Family	Tammy Hinrichs
Mary Dale King	Anita & Leonard Gilbert	

From Trinity:

Tammy Mc Cormick	June Stewart	Dale King
Derrick Hunzinger	Joyce Blair	Ryan Lerake
Elsie Heward	Art	Corinne Ohlwine
Alfred Hinrichs	Ivan Miller	Ruth & Bill Borth
Tammy Hinrichs	Leland Bryson	Matt Krewaldt
Barbara Brubaker	Adlee Barajas	Shirley Nye

March 15—March 21

Pray for farmers beginning the planting season. Pray for those who work for the Department of Natural Resources, whose work of conservation preserves areas of beauty and natural resources for today and the future. Pray for scientists engaged in studying the climate change, how nature and humanity interact, keeping our world's resources safe and secure from all alarms.

March 22—March 28

Pray for teachers, nearing the end of a school year, with students who are anxious for summer. Pray for students, anxious for summer, yet still yearning for more learning. Pray for school administrators preparing for the next year already, making decisions that will impact our children's futures.

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.

March Prayer

Rock of Ages, Cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy river side which flowed, be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and power. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

Amen

** Rock of Ages was written by Reverent Augustus M Toplady in 1763. He was traveling in the Mendap Hills of England, and took refuge in a gorge during a storm. The incident gave him inspiration to write the words of one of our beloved hymns.

*** the word "Cleft" means split, or fissure. In this verse, the author was thankful that the solid rock had an opening that seemed made just for his need in the storm, as if God himself opened it for his need of protection. As you pray these words this month, how is God opening a place of safety in the midst of a storm you may be experiencing.

Here I Raise My Ebenezer

A Faith on Forty Parish
Lenten Experience

Wednesdays, Noon, at Trinity
Feb 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25

What is an Ebenezer?

Found in 1 Samuel chapter 7, the prophet Samuel raises an "Ebenezer" stone, which is a stone monument. Ebenezer means "The Lord has helped me."

Think about that meaning for the name Ebenezer Scrooge the next time you read or watch "A Christmas Carol."

Our Lenten devotions will take a look at times when people of faith raised stone monuments as a sign of God's presence, help or mercy.

Join us for these midweek devotions and lunches for a powerful Lenten experience this February and March.



Sign up sheet to help provide simple lunches for our midweek Lenten experience: is on the table in the Narthex



March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30 - 1 Confirmation Class	2	3 6:30 PM Choir	4 1 PM School Mentoring 12 - 1 PM Midweek Lenten Luncheon/ Devotion	5	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30 - 1 Confirmation Class Daylight Savings Begins - Jump ahead one hour	9	10 1:30 PM Naomi Circle 6:30 PM Choir	11 1 PM School Mentoring 12 - 1 PM Midweek Lenten Luncheon/ Devotion	12 7 PM Dorcus Circle @ Carol Frederick	13 Pastor's Day Off	14 9 AM - 4 PM Congregation Resourcing Event, Malta, IL
15 4th Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 4 PM - 7 PM Youth Chili Supper	16	17 11:30 AM Grace Meals 4:30 PM Southtown Worship 6:30 PM Choir	18 1 PM School Mentoring 12 - 1 PM Midweek Lenten Luncheon/ Devotion	19	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
22 5th Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity 11:30 - 1 Confirmation Class	23	24 No Choir 7 PM VBS Planning Meeting @ Dutchtown	25 1 PM School Mentoring 12 - 1 PM Midweek Lenten Luncheon/	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 Sunday of the Passion 8:30 AM Worship @ FWJ 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship @ Trinity	30	31 No Choir				

Choir/Worship Team

The Choir is scheduled to meet for practice on Tuesdays, Mar 3 and 10. We will be practicing songs for Sunday March 15th and Easter Sunday, April 5th.

The Choir will meet as Worship team to discuss worship plans for Holy Week and April on Tuesday, Marh 17th. We will not have choir practice on Tuesday, Mar 24th or Mar 31st.



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 graders. 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 recognized 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 necessary, just a joyous heart.

Questions:



If you would like to review the minutes from the last Congregational Meeting please visit the Trinity Lutheran Church Website.

www.trinityville.com



If any information is incorrect or we have missed something, please let the office know.

The 2015 Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resourcing Event
Saturday, March 14
Kishwaukee College, Malta

Spiritual Grounding
For Life as
A Baptized Christian

If you are interested in attending, flyers to choose classes are on the table in the Narthex



First West Jordan News

Start cleaning those closets! We will be holding a rummage/craft/bake sale in May to raise money for PADS. Any items you have to donate will be greatly appreciated.



March Helpers

Wk 1 & 2: Leonard & Anita Gilbert
Wk 3,4 & 5 Tom & Trudy Landheer

Lector: Trudy Landheer

WELCA Hostess: Carol Woessner



14th Linda Habben
31st Andrew Beveroth



Wednesday's,

Feb 25, Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18 and Mar 25

Lenten Midweek Luncheon and Devotion at noon at Trinity. These luncheon's and devotions will be focused on the theme "Here I Raise My Ebenezer". You may recognize this phrase from the song "Come thou font of every blessing." It is also from the story in 1st Samuel chapter 7. The prophet Samuel raises a stone monument and names it Ebenezer which means "The Lord has helped". A sign up sheet for helping provide simple lunches is at each congregation.



Thursday, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday worship services - 12:00 noon, a midday worship and luncheon at Trinity; & 7:00 PM an evening worship at Trinity.



Friday, April 3rd
(Time TBA)

Good Friday worship service at Milledgeville Methodist Church, a community celebration.



Sunday, March 15th 4PM - 7PM @ Trinity

The youth will host a Chili Supper to raise funds for their mission trip to Niagara Falls. There will be a table set up for our Sunday School ages children to make Lenten themed crafts as well.

** Note time change from previous newsletter



Vacation Bible School



July 13th - July 17th
3:00 - 6:00 PM



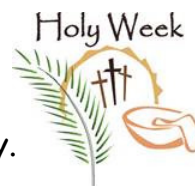
Monday June 1st

Mark your Calendars for Holy Week

Thurs., April 2nd - Maundy Thursday worship services - 12:00 noon, a midday worship and luncheon at Trinity; and at 7:00 PM an evening worship at Trinity.

Fri., April 3rd - (Time to be announced) Good Friday worship service at Milledgeville Methodist Church, a community celebration.

Sun. , April 5th - Easter Sunday, with Sunrise breakfast at 7:30 am @ First Lutheran followed by Easter Worship at 8:30 am; & Easter Sunday worship @ Trinity at 10:15 am



For Palm Sunday, it was previously announced this year would be an Easter Pageant hosted at Milledgeville Brethren, but due to scheduling conflicts and other factors - the Pageant was cancelled for this year.

- 3/1 Carol Sibley
- 3/6 Kevin Judas
- 3/9 Ross Paul Hartman
- 3/14 Collin Eubanks
- 3/16 Ruth Borth
- 3/18 Shirley Cheeseman
- 3/19 Robert Carpenter
- 3/21 Russ Gilroy
- 3/21 Tyler Wagenknecht
- 3/25 Joseph Green
- 3/25 Hunter Strehlow
- 3/26 Michael Hartman
- 3/27 Lucas Koett
- 3/28 Kathy Bogott
- 3/31 Stan Franks



- 3/4 Duane & Karen Landers
- 3/11 Oran & Marie Bryant

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Save The Date's

2015 General Fund Summary

January Budget

Income: 10,685
Expense: 10,794

January Actual

Income: 8,943
Expense: 11,673

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