

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

Pastor **Rev. Susan Davenport**

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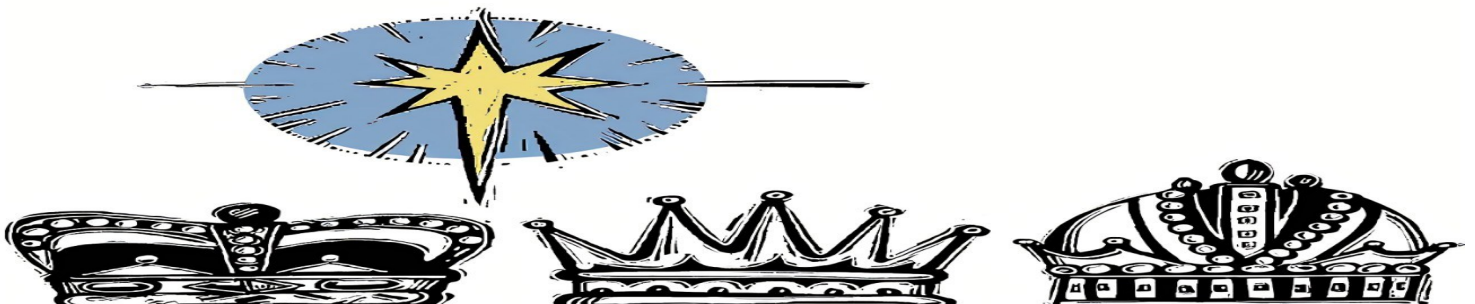


**First Lutheran of
Jordan, Sterling, IL**

And

January





EPIPHANY

- January 6th coming twelve days after Christmas.
- Epiphany is derived from the Greek word meaning to show or reveal, when Christ was revealed to non-Jews.
- This time also celebrates the arrival of the Magi (Three Wise Men) who visited Jesus. As the Magi were non-Jews, Christians see their visit as a sign that Christ's message is for all nations.



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West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters

Dec. 5th & 12th Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Lector Jodi Woessner

Dec. 19th & 26 Jim & Jan Wetzell

Lector Jan Wetzell

Circle Hostess: LuAnn Gvozdjak

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR 2021

**January 2nd 2022 Joint Service at
First West Jordan 8:30 am**

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, January 18th. at 4:30
Lynn Kaufman & Jodi Woessner, Leader

In our prayers:

From First:

Irene Burdick, Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell,
Ramon Woessner, Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo,
Rhonda Ramirez, Tom Graff, Debbie Howlett,
Pam Pfundstein, Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman,
Loren Diffenbaugh, Bob Woessner,
Polly Adams, and Charlene Lane

From Trinity:

Jerry Blair, Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker,
Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman,
Tom Cleary, Ginny Enoch, June Franks,
Matthew Foltz, Tom Graff, Larry Gerdes,
Butch Harris, Jane Hines, Roger Hinrichs,
Joyce Lancaster, Vi Lenhart, Nancy Maxwell,
Donna Miller, Vernon Miles, Roberta Mosley,
Gary Sibley, Bob Woessner.

How to get what you need at Trinity Lutheran/First Lutheran Church's

Emergency Pastoral Care Concern?

*Hospitalizations, Illness,
Family Crisis*

**Call Pr. Susan Davenport at
Cell phone # 563-613-3892**

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. Susan.
She will return it as soon as possible.

E-mail Pastor Susan

pastorsusan678@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 Tammy Miller (815-493-6664 cell 815-541-6195)
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Karen Landers
Ken Peterson
Lori Oncken
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Musician Nancy Janssen

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Jan Wetzell (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner

Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport
563-613-3892

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

Highlights from our Church's 2021 year

June 13th 2021 Installation of Pastor Susan Davenport



Oct. 24th 2021

Jocelyn Green Conformation



SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM ASHER BENJAMIN BATTLES

born July 26, 2021 baptized November 21st 2021 Parents: Michael and Taylor Battles

Grandparents: Keven & Becky Anderson, Monte & Melanie Battles Godparent: Destiny Petty

First Lutheran Church West Jordan 150th year Anniversary November 7th, 2021



¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Baptism of our Lord Sunday, Jan. 9th



Pastor's Vacation

Pastor Susan will be on vacation
December 26 to January 7th 2022

January 2nd Joint Worship at Jordan

The service will be at 8:30. Pastor Brant Clements is providing pulpit supply for the combined service at First, which will include communion.

In case of emergencies:

Pastor Traci Maas (Chadwick) - 608-669-4230

Pastor Tammy Anderson (Morrison) - 815-414-1758

Pastor Traci will be gone for a few days after Christmas, but Pastor Tammy says she is available if needed.

A pastor observed: "We certainly believe in the resurrection at our church. If you doubt it, just visit our offices sometime and watch our staff come back to life at quitting time."



**Food
Pantry**

January 4th, 2022

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Trinity it's that time of the year to get ready for the annual meeting.

Deadline for Reports - Jan. 16th turn into the office.

Council Meeting - January 23rd.

(immediately following church)

Annual Meeting - January 30th
(immediately following church)

JOINT SERVICES FOR 2022

March 2nd Ash Wednesday Service at First WJ

Maundy Thursday At Trinity

Good Friday at Methodist during the day

June 12th at Trinity 10:15 am. Outside service with picnic to follow.

September 4th. Labor Day at First WJ 8:30 with coffee hour to follow.

December 25th At Trinity 10:15 sing along service
January 1st At First WJ. at 8:30

January Daily Prayer

Jan 1st—Lord, thank you for naming and claiming us as your children. Remind us of that identity today. Amen
Jan 2nd—Jesus, help our lives reflect the grace and love you have shown us. In your name we pray. Amen
Jan 3rd—God, when we are overwhelmed by grief and sadness, remind us of your redeeming love. Amen
Jan 4th—God, you are worthy of our praise. Keep our eyes open to all ways you care for us. Amen
Jan 5th—Loving God, through Jesus you claim each of us as your child. Hallelujah! Amen
Jan 6th—Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine in and though you people today. Amen
Jan 7th—Jesus, you are the everlasting light. Shine through me today, for your sake. Amen
Jan 8th— God of all, help my life speak of your abundant love for everyone, though Christ. Amen
Jan 9th—God of love, help listen to your voice above all others today, to the glory of your name. Amen
Jan 10th—Holy God, help us to trust you in all of life’s struggles and to find our strength in you. Amen
Jan 11th—Lord, you are powerful and good. Speak into our lives today for your glory. Amen
Jan 12th—Father in Heaven, for Jesus’ sake . Stir up in us the gift of your Spirit today. Amen
Jan 13th —God, help us hear your truth today: that you call us Beloved, Redeemed, Precious. Amen.
Jan 14th—God of all creation, you are faithful and good. Help us put our trust wholeheartedly in you today. Amen
Jan 15th—God, by your Spirit use our gifts to serve put neighbors in their need and to proclaim your kingdom . Amen
Jan 16th—As you, Lord, have freely and abundantly given, may we also give with joy and gladness. Amen
Jan 17th—Thank you, God, for treasuring me. May I in turn treasure others, for Jesus’ sake. Amen
Jan 18th—Risen One, thank you for unlocking your love for all. In your name we pray. Amen.
Jan 19th—Blessed Jesus, your death and resurrection bring us new life in baptism. We thank you. Amen
Jan 20th— Holy One, you are the complete summary of the law, perfected in love. We pray in your name. Amen.
Jan 21st—God, we are not worthy of you to dwell in us; yet you do so nonetheless. For that we give you thanks. Amen
Jan 22nd—God, help me see in each person your creativity and the wonder of all they offer to the world. Amen.
Jan 23rd—Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Amen.
Jan 24th—O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may proclaim your praise. Amen
Jan 25th—Bread of life, Jesus Christ, feed us now and evermore. Amen.
Jan 26th—Loving Creator, you call us to trust you in all circumstances. We believe; help our unbelief. Amen.
Jan 27th—Loving God, as you embrace all your children, help us love and serve with abandon and joy. Amen
Jan 28th—From our birth to our dying day, O God, may our praise “be continually of you.” In Jesus’ name. Amen.
Jan 29th—Help me, O God, to know how best to love in any given situation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.
Jan 30th—Help us, O Lord, to remember that with you there are no outsiders. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen
Jan 31st— Loving God, we worship and adore you. Show us how you inhabit every corner of creation. Amen

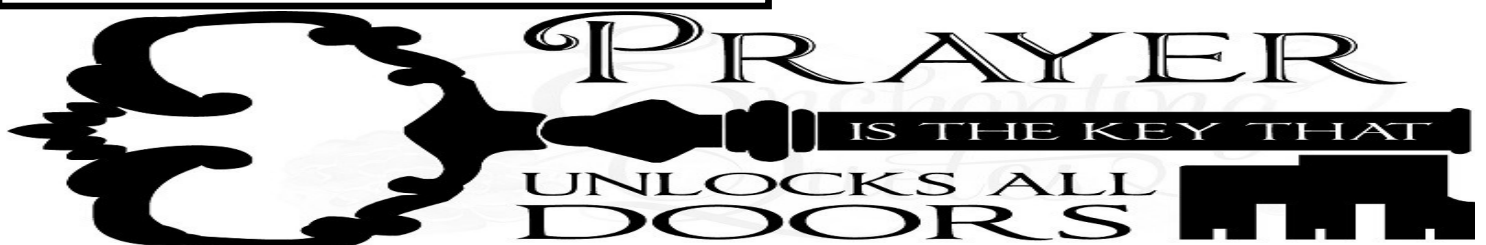


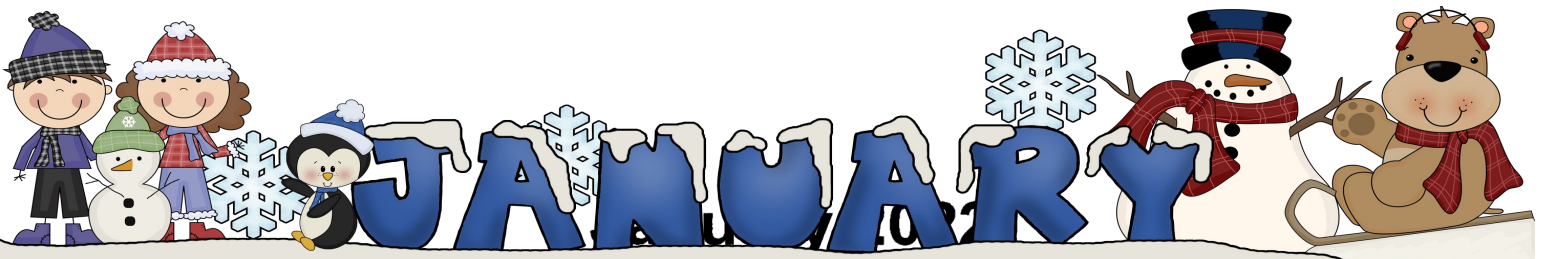
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Daily Devotions



Jan 1st	Luke 2:15-21
Jan 2nd	John 1:[1-9] 10 – 18
Jan 3rd	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Jan 4th	Psalms 147:12-20
Jan 5th	Ephesians 1:3-14
Jan 6th	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan 7th	Isaiah 60:1-6
Jan 8th	Ephesians 3:1-12
Jan 9th	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Jan 10th	Isaiah 43:1-7
Jan 11th	Psalms 29
Jan 12th	Acts 8:14-17
Jan 13th	Isaiah 62:1-5
Jan 14th	Psalms 36:5-10
Jan 15th	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Jan 16th	John 2:1-11
Jan 17th	Acts 4:8-13
Jan 18th	Matthew 16:13-19
Jan 19th	1 Corinthians 10:1-5
Jan 20th	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10
Jan 21st	Psalms 19
Jan 22nd	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Jan 23rd	Luke 4:14-21
Jan 24th	Galatians 1:11-24
Jan 25th	Acts 9:1-22
Jan 26th	Luke 21:10-19
Jan 27th	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Jan 28th	Psalms 71:1-6
Jan 29th	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Jan 30th	Luke 4:21-30
Jan 31st	Psalms 84





Sunday
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Saturday

Have a Happy and Healthy New year

2022

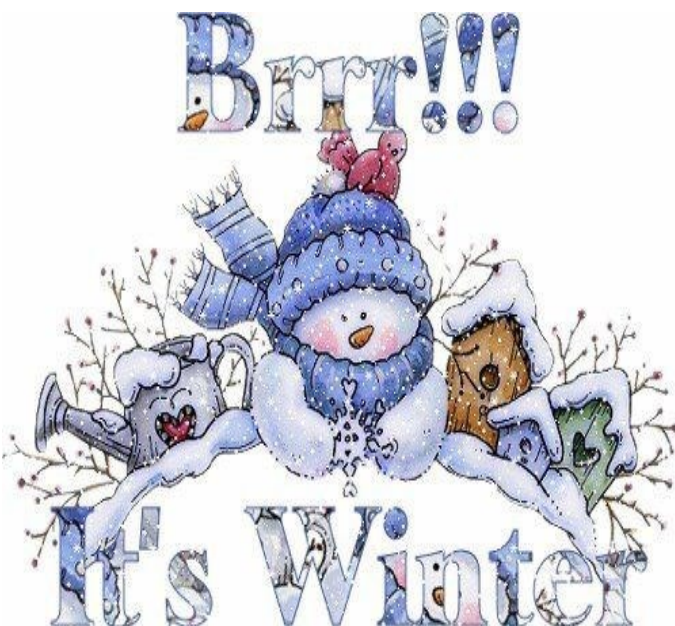
<p>2</p> <p>Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Ty Wolf's birthday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ed and Kali Livengood's anniversary</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Laura Buckman's birthday</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Kenneth Peterson's birthday Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chad Wolf's birthday Emily Kleckler's birthday Greg Kruse's birthday</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Roger Koett's birthday Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Dick Bushman's birthday Therol Anderson's birthday</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Kenneth and Linda Peterson's anniversary</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Caitlynn Kruse birthday Ron and Sharon Judd's anniversary Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Kara Koett's birthday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

Trinity Delivers Meals this week

<p>30</p> <p>Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Amanda Miller's birthday Jackson Strehlow's birthday Janice Schell's birthday</p>	
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Pastor Pen

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. Ephesians 1: 3

With the advent of GPS, navigating by compass is becoming a lost art and it's easy to see why: in clear skies, modern GPS receivers can determine a user's location accurately and quickly with little to no user skill needed.

But here's the thing: GPS units are electronic, and electronics fail at the most inopportune times. Sometimes, they run out of battery; sometimes, after years of use, they fail. Furthermore, they can usually only tell which way you're facing once you're on the move.

Compasses, on the other hand, are nigh-indestructible. They don't take batteries, don't have screens to break, and don't need software updates. When protected with either waterproof coatings or careful storage, maps (also becoming uncommon) rarely fail. Keeping these two simple items handy — and knowing how to use them — is a small step that could save you a lot of trouble. ...

A new year is before us and which direction it will take us is anybody's guess. God, through Christ, according to Paul in the book of Ephesians (from the Second Reading for our first Sunday of 2022) gives us "navigational tools" for our next journey around the sun.

The four cardinal points of the Ephesian compass are the north-south vectors of our status as *chosen/children* of God. The east-west points of *redemption* and *forgiveness* locate us squarely within God's vast plan of extravagant grace and salvation. Everything we are and hope to be falls within these four vectors, which in themselves encompass God's eternal plan for us.

On a journey, a compass needs to be consulted frequently, trusted and used in relation to what is known as true North. *Always be aware of your True North, Jesus Christ.*

In Paul's message to the church, we hear him suggesting that we will go through experiences and troubles when we feel utterly lost. We'll be in a soupy fog that brings us to a standstill. We might be in a sandstorm of confusion and despair. We won't have a clue as to which way is north. The beautiful thing about being in a meaningful relationship with Christ is that we will never lose our compass, nor can anyone take it from us. Seriously, our compass, properly defined, is our faith.

Peace and blessings to all of you in 2022.

Pastor Susan