

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

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

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**The People of God**

Pastor **Rev. Susan Davenport**

Secretary **Janet Barkley**

Organist **Nancy Janssen**



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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**



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



## Epiphany of Our Lord

**[The wise men said,] “We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” (v. 2)**

My uncle taught college-level astronomy when I was young. When he visited, he pointed out planets, stars, constellations, nebulae, and galaxies in the night sky while I listened, rapt. I took notes in my journal to remember every detail. I was in awe of the celestial world.

Imagine the awe of the magi, who intently studied the stars and then, one night, saw something different, a new star that captured their imaginations. That star led them on a journey and stirred up enough awe and wonder to prompt them to worship an infant king in a country not their own. That must have been some star!

The season of Epiphany is about the awe and wonder of God revealed in unexpected ways and places: a star, a manger, the water of baptism in a river or a bowl, a bit of bread, a sip of wine, those “other” people. We can be rapt observers these weeks in Epiphany, ready to experience awe and wonder wherever God reveals Godself to us.

**Creator God, we praise you for the world of wonders you have made. Stir us to awe and worship. Amen.**

## Baptism of Our Lord

**A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” (v. 17)**

Imagine it’s your first day on the job and your supervisor greets you, “With you I am well pleased.” How could that be? You haven’t done anything yet!

Jesus is baptized by John at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Jesus hasn’t done much yet, at least as recorded by Matthew’s gospel. There have been no sermons, no healings, no miracles. Jesus simply shows up and lets John dunk him in the river.

Jesus’ baptism reveals God’s grace in our own baptism. In water and the word, God meets us with the words “You are beloved. With you I am well pleased.” It’s not because of anything we’ve done or who we are. It is because of who *God* is. Whether we show up at the font with a lifetime of achievements or as an infant carried in someone’s arms, we are called beloved and publicly claimed as children of God.

Hear these words today: You are God’s beloved. With you God is well pleased. Beloved, what will you do, now that you don’t have to do anything to be saved?

**Your wondrous love amazes me, God. Help me live out my gratitude, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**



## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

**Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters**

Jan. 1st, 8th, & 15th      Dan & Jodi Woessner

Lector                      Dan Woessner

Jan. 22nd, 29th              Arlyn & Kathy Hinrichs

Lector                      Jodi Woessner

## **Trinity Council Highlights**

**Pastor Traci Mass Chadwick Lutheran has taken a call in Wisconsin.**

**The brick work on basement steps will be done in the spring.**

**Kenny and Jim took out the bushes in front of the church. They will be replaced with the memorial funds from Lois Simmons.**

**The Community Christmas service put together by Nancy Janssen was attended by 75 and is on our Facebook page if you haven't seen it.**

**If you have News or a Announcement for the February newsletter please email, or call me before February 20th**

### **THE SEWERS ARE BACK**

We will be sewing again on Mondays at 10:30.

There will be a lite lunch of what ever dish you bring. They are working on tying quilts And sewing for singles bed.

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Irene Burdick, Roger Hinrichs, Scotty Powell, Ramon Woessner, Dodie Whitmer, Elena Vassallo, Rhonda Ramirez, Debbie Howlett, Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman, Bob Woessner, Polly Adams, Charlene Lane, Myron Deets, Jared & Seantae Wetzell, Sye Dodson, and Landon Frederick .

#### **From Trinity:**

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth, Jim & Barb Brubaker, Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary, Carol Frederick, Matthew Foltz, Chet Gerdes, Larry & Mary Gerdes, Sharon Hammer, Jane Hines, Roger Hinrichs, Dick Janssen, Joyce Lancaster, Mikey Remmers, Sandy Skinner, Shirley & Bob Woessner, Sye Dodson, Landon Frederick, Noah Oldham, Pam LaBarron,

## **Trinity Lutheran**

**Next council meeting January 22nd 2023  
After church.**



**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday January 29th 2023  
After Church Service**

## Church Leaders Directory

### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

President      Kevin Anderson  
Vice-President Jim Brubaker  
Secretary      Shannon Woodard  
Treasurer      Donna Landis  
At-Large      Ken Peterson  
                    Lori Oncken  
                    Tammy Miller  
Custodian      Lynn Kaufman  
Musician      Nancy Janssen  
Financial Secretary      Ken Peterson

### **First Lutheran West Jordan**

President      Jan Wetzel (631-9353)  
Secretary      Jodi Woessner

Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport  
563-613-3892

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



# Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

## The Magi

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PROPHECY  
JERUSALEM

HORSES  
JUDEA  
WISE MEN  
STAR  
YESHUA  
MICAH



## 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](mailto:pastorsusan678@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@mediacommbb.net](mailto:telcsecretary@mediacommbb.net)

Contact a council member



### Food Pantry

January 3rd, 2023

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm

### Grace Meals

At Trinity Lutheran Church

**NO** grace meal in January

In the Social Hall

All seniors are welcome

### Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, January 17th. at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner & Greg Kruse, leaders

### Trinity Lutheran Web Page & Facebook Service

The web page has the most current Newsletter plus the last 10 years of annual reports. Web Page is found at [www.trinitymville.com](http://www.trinitymville.com)

Facebook where all the Sunday Services can be viewed if you can't make it to church. You would have to have Facebook account on your computer, laptop, tablet or phone. Just "Like" *Trinity Lutheran Church Milledgeville*, to view the church's Facebook page and you can view the service. And get other post from Trinity Facebook page.



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## January Daily Prayer

**Jan 1st**—God who makes all things new: Remind us this year and always of our identity in you. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 2nd**—Kindle faith and trust within us, faithful God. Reassure us with your love, through Christ. Amen

**Jan 3rd**— Surprising God, you are with us wherever we go and no matter what we have done. Help us see you there. Amen

**Jan 4th**— Grounded in you, God, may we give and receive holy hospitality. Through Christ we pray. Amen

**Jan 5th**— Reconciling God, help us see how to be servants of your justice for the good of all. In Jesus. Amen

**Jan 6th**—Creator God, we praise you for the world of wonders you have made. Stir us to awe and worship. Amen

**Jan 7th** - Give us courage, God, to listen before we speak, especially to those who differ from us. Amen

**Jan 8th**— Your Wondrous Love amazes me, God. Help me live out my gratitude, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Jan 9th**— God, reorient us when we choose to fear, love, and trust other things above you. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 10th**— Healer of our every ill, bring healing where we need it most, whether in body, mind, or spirit. Amen

**Jan 11th**—Give us wisdom, God, to discern when to be gentle and when to be fierce. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 12th**—God, sometimes it feels our work is in vain. Help us trust in your strength, not our own. Amen

**Jan 13th**—Make us bold, O God, to share about your love and faithfulness. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**Jan 14th**—God, reveal to us our spiritual gifts and help us use them as you wish, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Jan 15th**— God, thank you for continually seeking us. Let us rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name Amen

**Jan 16th**— Spirit of Jesus, open our ears to you and our hearts to others. When need to be, close our lips. Amen

**Jan 17th**— Wow, Lord! Thank you for loving and keeping me no matter what. In Jesus, name. Amen

**Jan 18th**—Messiah Jesus, embolden us with Peter's courage to speak truth both to you and about you. Amen.

**Jan 19th** Jesus, light of the world, shine hope upon us all. Amen

**Jan 20th**—Generous God, open my heart and hands in generosity until I taste great joy. Amen.

**Jan 21st**—Wise God, lead us from small-minded squabbles to your large-hearted love in Christ. Amen

**Jan 22nd**—God of love and life, turn us again this day toward your transforming grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan 23rd**—Thank you, Lord, for your patience and perseverance with us. Amen.

**Jan 24th**—"Teach me your way, O Lord" (v.11), that I might love others as you first loved me. Amen

**Jan 25th**—Holy

Spirit, clear me of spiritual clutter; may your words and wisdom flow through me. Amen

**Jan 26th**—Thank you for your justice and kindness toward us, Lord, and for walking humbly with us in Christ. Amen.

**Jan 27th**— Receive our sighs too deep for words, O Lord, in your even deeper love. Amen

**Jan 28th**— Holy Fool. thank you for besting our wisdom with your wonders in Christ crucified and risen. Amen

**Jan 29th**— Creator and Blessor, thank you for making and remaking us and the world. Amen

**Jan 30th** - Thank you, powerful God, for your astonishing love, revealed to us in Jesus. Amen

**Jan 31st** - Help us delight and trust in you, Lord, especially when our hearts are hardened. Amen




## Daily Devotions



<b>Jan 1st</b>	Luke 2:15-21
<b>Jan 2nd</b>	Hebrews 11:1-12
<b>Jan 3rd</b>	Genesis 28:10-22
<b>Jan 4th</b>	Exodus 3:1-5
<b>Jan 5th</b>	Isaiah 42:1-9
<b>Jan 6th</b>	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Jan 7th</b>	Acts 10:34-43
<b>Jan 8th</b>	Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Jan 9th</b>	Genesis 35:1-15
<b>Jan 10th</b>	Acts 8:4-13
<b>Jan 11th</b>	Matthew 12:15-21
<b>Jan 12th</b>	Isaiah 49:1-7
<b>Jan 13th</b>	Psalms 40:1-11
<b>Jan 14th</b>	1 Corinthians 1:1-9
<b>Jan 15th</b>	John 1:29-42
<b>Jan 16th</b>	Acts 8:26-40
<b>Jan 17th</b>	Psalms 40:6-17
<b>Jan 18th</b>	Matthew 16:13-19
<b>Jan 19th</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4
<b>Jan 20th</b>	Psalms 27:1, 4-9
<b>Jan 21st</b>	1 Corinthians 1:10-18
<b>Jan 22nd</b>	Matthew 4:12-23
<b>Jan 23rd</b>	Judges 6:11-24
<b>Jan 24th</b>	Psalms 27:7-14
<b>Jan 25th</b>	Luke 21:10-19
<b>Jan 26th</b>	Micah 6:1-8
<b>Jan 27th</b>	Psalms 15
<b>Jan 28th</b>	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
<b>Jan 29th</b>	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Jan 30th</b>	Philemon 1-25
<b>Jan 31st</b>	Psalms 37:1-17



# Happy January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Owen Peterson's birthday Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	2	3	4	5	6 Ty Wolf's birthday  Happy Epiphany	7 Ed and Kali Livengood's anniversary
8 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	9 Kenneth Peterson's birthday	10 Chad Wolf's birthday Greg Kruse's birthday	11	12	13	14
15 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	16 Roger Koett's birthday	17 Dick Bushman's birthday Therol Anderson's birthday	18	19	20 Kenneth and Linda Peterson's anniversary	21
<b>TRINITY DELIVERS MEAL THIS WEEK</b>						
22 Bennett Mickelson's birthday Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	23 Caitlynn Kruse Susan's birthday  Ron and Sharon Judd's anniversary	24	25	26	27 Kara Koett's birthday	28
29 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	30	31 Amanda Miller's birthday Jackson Strehlow's birthday Janice Schell's birthday	 <p><b>January 16th 2023</b></p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b></p> <p><b>I HAVE A DREAM</b></p>			

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***“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a person could stake his life on it a thousand times.”*** - Martin Luther

(Note: this is the Fourth in a series of seven on Martin Luther's "7 Marks of the Church")

The Fourth Mark of the Church says Luther, is **“The Office of the Keys”** derived from Christ's words to St. Peter (in Matthew 16:19). The promise made there finds its explanation in Isaiah 22, in which "the key of the house of David" confers authority also on the Kingdom of Judah.

Our congregations enact this office nearly weekly with the use of Confession and Forgiveness, at the beginning of our worship services. There is also an order for private confession and forgiveness in our hymnal, although rarely used. Most often pastoral care is substituted for troubled souls rather than a formal private confession, but that option is always available for Lutherans who desire it.

During the four weeks of Advent, we prepared for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. We contemplated the First Coming of Jesus as Savior, and anticipate his promised Second Coming. And amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we looked for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives.

While the world puts away its decorations shortly after December 25, the church celebration of Christ's incarnation continues through Epiphany. We hear stories of Jesus' practical ministry to those in need around him as well as to his continued witness of God's love and care for this world. May 2023 be a time of peace, hope and continued witness by YOU of the same.

Peace,

Pastor Susan

