

Youth Mission Trip

Niagara Falls OR BUST! That will be the sign on the side of the our vans as our group finally heads off to New York for our mission trip. Join us Sunday, July 19th for a send-off blessing of our group during the 10:15 service at Trinity Lutheran. Then on Sunday, August 9th at both churches, our adventure will be shared in pictures and stories from the participants themselves.

Everyone's support through our fundraisers has been wonderful and amazing. In just a short time, our group has raised over \$4000 and by the time we head off to our trip, all of our expenses should be fully covered.

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.

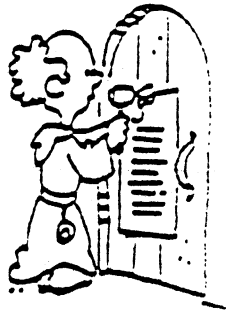
Are you interested in a mission trip opportunity, but missed out going this year? Have no fear, we will have an exploratory meeting in October to discuss a mission trip for the summer of 2016 that will be open to everyone. Watch for more information in the fall newsletters on that meeting.



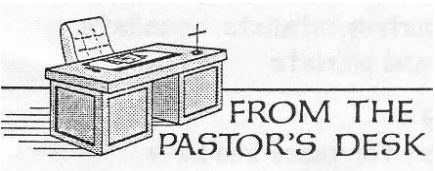
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Trinity Tidings  
“Sound the Good News”  
June/July 2015

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When life gives you lemons, make lemonade  
- old American proverb

This proverb dates back 100 years now. In 1915, Elbert Hubbard wrote an obituary for a dwarf actor named Marshall Wilder. Hubbard was trying to capture the optimism of Wilder, and wrote "He picked up the lemons that Fate had sent him and started a Lemonade-stand." Today this sentence has morphed into the proverb we all know and love as an encouraging proverb in times that are difficult.

I couldn't help but look up this expression as I am preparing for our Sunday, June 14th joint-worship service and picnic at Stover Park. This year's theme is the "Top Ten Lemonade Stand Sites in the Bible". Wait, you didn't know Lemonade stands were in the Bible? Well, okay - there aren't any. But this year, as we engage our story-telling worship service, we will follow the story of a young man named Nimrod as he seeks to turn a little profit (or is it Prophet?) with his lemonade stand.


Little Nimrod will try his best to sell his lemonade along rivers where many are gathered, during droughts when water is scarce, and even at a wedding! Will Nimrod be successful in selling his lemonade?

Join us on June 14th at 10:15 am at Stover Park, and invite your neighbors to join us as well, as we find Nimrod's best Lemonade Stand sites and raise awareness for places in our world that need better access to clean water and the agencies that are making it happen and how we can support them. After worship, we will have a picnic, complete with lemonade. More information on the picnic will be found later in this newsletter.

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

Pastor Jamie

Return Service Requested



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Ministers: The People of God  
Pastor  
Jamie Gallagher  
Parish Secretary  
Amy Hook  
Organist  
Corinne Nye  
Companion Synod  
Tanzania



Attention Snowbirds

Please let the office know when you leave and return, so we can make sure we send the newsletter to the correct address.

Thanks

**June Joint Worship Service and Picnic**

Sunday, June 14th at 10:15 am at Stover Park in Milledgeville, we will have our picnic after the service. The churches will provide the meats, buns, drinks and table-wear.

Bring your lawn chairs, your sunscreen, your salad/side or dessert to share. Bring friends and neighbors.

If you would like to bring lawn/yard games like bag-toss or a volleyball net, that would be great fun too.

Pastor Katie Gallagher will be installed as the pastor of First Lutheran Church, Prophetstown on Sunday, June 7th at 3 PM with an ice cream social to follow the service.

All members of the Faith on Forty Parish are invited to join the celebration for Pastor Katie.

First Lutheran Church  
300 W. 3rd.  
Prophetstown, IL

**June Grace Meal**

Tuesday June 16th  
@ 11:30 AM

Menu:

BBQ Sandwich  
Summer Salad

**July Grace Meal**

Tuesday June 16th  
@ 11:30 AM

**Synod Assembly**

Please keep Pastor Jamie, Amy Strehlow and Lynn Kaufman in your prayers as they serve as delegates from Trinity to the Northern Illinois Synod Assembly, June 19th to 20th.

# First West Jordan News

**WELCA Hostess**

June 3: LuAnn Gvodjak

July 1: Leora Beveroth

Hot Dog Day is July 23!

June 1 - June Purvis  
June 6 - Lee Hinrichs  
June 7 - Leora Beveroth  
June 25 - Trudy Landheer

July 20 - Judi Huseth

## Helpers

June	July
Week 1 & 2: Ushers/ Greeters: LaVerne & Carol Woessner Lector: LaVerne Woessner	Week 1 & 2: Ushers/ Greeters: Janet Koett & June Purvis Lector: June Purvis
Week 3 & 4: Ushers/ Greeters: Allen & Kim Vickers Lector: Jodi Woessner	Week 3 & 4: Ushers/ Greeters: Trina & Meghan O'Brien Lector: Trina O'Brien

6/1 Karen Landers  
6/1 Carol Lee Bushman  
6/1 Le-Anne Nye  
6/1 Melissa Emmons  
6/3 David Wagenknecht  
6/6 Nancy Maxwell  
6/6 Richard Bushman  
6/6 Colton Simpson  
6/12 Kyla Eastabrooks  
6/12 Lois Nye  
6/13 Shirley Nye  
6/13 Clayton Simpson  
6/14 Lois Simmons  
6/16 Connor Eubanks  
6/18 Troy Wagenknecht  
6/20 Andrew Barkley  
6/24 Carole Adolph  
6/26 Payton Harris  
6/28 Pam Eubanks  
6/29 Amanda Schildgen  
6/30 Gary Nye

7/2 Gavin Schildgen  
7/2 William Schmidt  
7/8 Keagan Murray  
7/8 Kassie Murray  
7/8 Kaitlin Murray  
7/9 Mark Dettman  
7/13 Steven Blake  
7/17 Christian Barkley  
7/18 Linda Folkers  
7/18 Jennifer Dettman  
7/26 Teresa Wagenknecht

7/4 Brenda Harris  
7/6 Jocelyn Green  
7/7 Ruth Bryson  
7/8 Steve Buckman  
7/10 Beth Dettman  
7/10 Stan Franks  
7/10 Amy Eye  
7/13 Carol Frederick  
7/15 James Gallagher  
7/18 Lou Adolph  
7/23 Ardree Fogel  
7/24 Randi Marie Kleckler  
7/24 Marie Bryant

6/5 Charles & Kristine Adolph  
6/7 Cassie & Matt  
6/7 Dan & Heather Oncken  
6/10 Vaughn & Robin Palmer  
6/11 Robert & Marlys Carpenter  
6/17 Eric & Kim Riley  
6/18 David & Lynette Kent  
6/21 Thomas &  
6/23 Kevin & Tanya  
6/26 Andrew & Janet Barkley  
6/26 Barry L. & Ronda Imel  
6/27 Lyle & Marcia Printz  
6/28 Deborah & Cruz Colon, Sr.  
6/28 Mark & Jennifer Dettman

7/1 Robert & Shirley Woessner  
7/15 Joseph & Rebecca

Church Directory					
Trinity Lutheran Church			1st Lutheran W. Jordan		
<u>Council President</u>	Kevin Anderson	625-3403	<u>Council President</u>	Jan Wetzel	631-9353
<u>Council Members</u>			<u>Council Member</u>	Jan Koett	718-5144
Collin Eubanks	225-7751	Cherrie Simpson	225-7673		
Ken Kaufman	225-7660	Sharon Woodard	225-7973		
Harlen Meinsma	499-2080				
Patty Murray	855-0532				
<u>Treasurer</u>	Connie Brockhouse	<u>Parish Secretary</u>	Amy Hook		



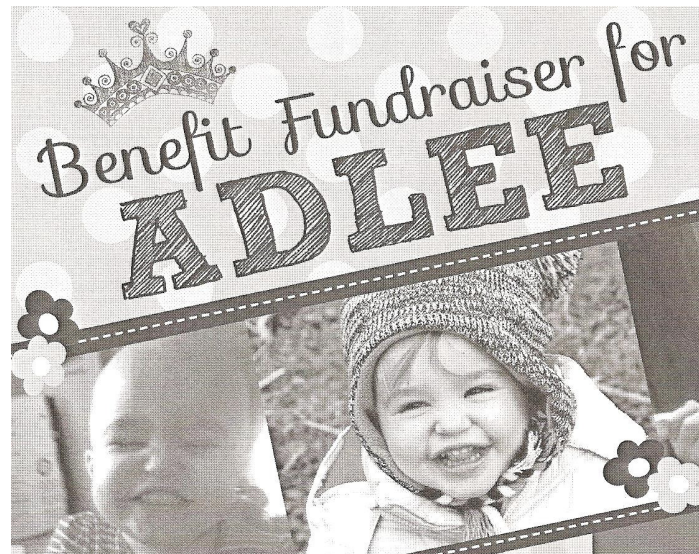


**Benefit for Ronnie Hendrick  
of Milledgeville to help cover  
medical expenses**

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**First Lutheran Church  
19 West Third Street  
(along IL Route 40) Chadwick, Illinois**

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
Noon - 4 PM  
@ Livengood's Barn**



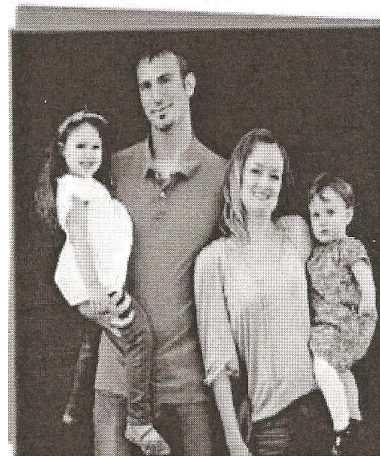
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Noon - 4 PM**

**Livengood's Barn  
21647 Thomson Rd.  
Chadwick, IL**

**Pork Roast Meal  
1 PM - Silent Auction  
3 PM - Live Auction  
Bags Tourny  
DJ/Line Dancing**

**Bake Sale  
Face Painting  
Petting Zoo  
Bubbles and More!**

**STACEY BONTZ BENEFIT**



**After recently overcoming a  
tremendous battle of Ulcerative  
Colitis and multiple surgeries to  
create a new colon, Stacey  
Blackburn-Bontz was involved in a  
tragic car accident with her mother  
Barb Stutzke. Stacey is fighting to  
recover physically and financially.  
Please come help Stacey and her  
family recover!**

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
12:00-8:00pm**



**LONGSHOT BAR & GRILL  
3319 West Rock Falls Road  
Rock Falls, Illinois**

**• HIGH DOLLAR 50/50 RAFFLE  
• LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS  
• DJ  
• BOUNCE HOUSES  
• CAR WASH  
• BAKE SALE  
• GREAT FOOD  
• & MORE!!!**

**A PRAYER FOR FATHERS**

God our Father,  
We give you thanks and praise  
For fathers young and old.  
We pray for young fathers  
Newly embracing their vocation;  
May they find the courage and perseverance  
To balance work, family and faith in joy and sacri-  
fice.  
We pray for own fathers  
Who have supported and challenged us;  
May they continue to lead in strong and gently ways.  
We remember fathers around the world  
Whose children are lost or suffering;  
May they know that the God of compassion  
Walks with them in their sorrows.  
We pray for men who are not fathers  
But still mentor and guide us  
With fatherly love and advice.  
We remember fathers, and grandfathers,  
And great-grandfathers who are no longer with us  
But who live forever in our memory  
And nourish us with their love.

**Amen  
(Credit: Sunday Visitor)**



***Congratulations Graduates***

**College: May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Northern Il University**

**Tyler Wagenknecht  
Keegan Neubauer**

**High School: May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Milledgeville High School**

**Jordan Harris  
Keagan Murray**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: May 28<sup>th</sup>  
Chadwick Middle School**

**Colton Simpson**

**SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mark your calendar for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. That's when Dave Anderson and Roger Walck will be presenting a concert of gospel music here at Trinity. The program will include gospel songs, hymns, old Sunday School songs, some contemporary praise and worship music plus some of what Dave calls, "message songs". Dave will also tell The Rescue Story, the story of he and Barb and five others surviving a plane crash in the Ber- ing Sea. Visit [www.TheRescueStory.com](http://www.TheRescueStory.com). This is an evening you will enjoy. We will announce in the bul- letin the time and refreshments for the evening. This event is open to the public and will be shared with our neighboring churches. We are planning to make it a Thrivent Action Event, as we will be tak- ing a free-will offering for the Shepherd's Canyon retreat ministry which Dave Anderson leads.

For over 25 years Dave and Barb Anderson have had a deep concern for hurting professional church work- ers (pastors, teachers, missionaries) and their spouses. The Andersons and colleagues of theirs have given birth to Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, a ministry which provides burned-out pastors and other church workers with 8-day counseling retreats. Someone has said that the "church is the only army which shoots the wounded". Dave and Barb and their Shepherd's Canyon Retreat counselors believe that it is time to help heal these wounded shepherds. The Dave & Roger concert offering will benefit this ministry. Please visit [www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org](http://www.ShepherdsCanyonRetreat.org).

This is a retreat ministry which has provided comfort and healing for our own Pastor Jamie and his wife Pastor Katie. We are all too excited to bring Dave and Roger here for this concert and this oppor- tunity to support a great ministry.



## June Mission: Food Pantry

Items needed:

Elbow noodles  
Spaghetti noodles  
Egg noodles  
White and Brown Instant rice  
Canned Chicken (small cans are available at the Dollar General & Dollar Tree for \$1)  
Canned chunked/ground Ham (same as above - makes good ham salad)  
Sweets are always welcome - jello, pudding, cake mixes, cookies  
Paper/Cleaning products (paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, dish soap)  
Personal Health products (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant)

\* Trinity will need 2 volunteers to help on Tuesday July 7th



## Youth Lock-In

Calling all Junior and High School kids to a Summer Fun Lock-In. Friday, June 12th to Saturday, June 13th. We will gather at 6 pm at church and begin with dinner. Games will follow, and at dark, we will show an outdoor movie on the church lawn. The Lock-In will continue overnight - bring your favorite games and movies (rated G, PG or PG-13 only). We will finish with a light breakfast and pick up time will be 7 am.



## Milledgeville Community Vacation Bible School

July 13th - 17th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
at Dutchtown Church, Milledgeville

Each day children will start by rockin' out during the "Concert" time with Go Fish! As they rotate through the Backstage Catering (snacks), Set Design & Talent Discovery (crafts & karaoke), Intermission (games), and Bible Study stations, children will experience the power of God's Word firsthand. They'll end their daily VBS experience by gathering for the final "Encore" to worship God together! Your children and leaders will love this gospel-centered approach to VBS.

Themes:

Day 1: Superstar – God Made You in His Image  
Day 2: The Ten Commandments – Are You Good Enough?  
Day 3: The Cross – What Jesus Did For You  
Day 4: Saved – By Grace Through Faith  
Day 5: Go Fish – Share The Good News!

\*\*Dutchtown Members will be available to pick up youth at the three churches in town and bring them out to church. Pick up times will be 2:35 at Methodist, 2:40 at Brethren, and 2:45 at Lutheran.



The host church for this summer's VBS is

Dutchtown Church of the Brethren

Address: 25257 Dutchtown Road, Milledgeville

Phone: 815-225-7812 Website: dutchtownchurch.net

Pastor Rick's Cell Phone: 815-499-3012

Email: revrick-dutchtown@icwifi.com

Find VBS on Facebook:

Milledgeville Community Vacation Bible School

## July Mission Focus: LSSI Christmas in July

Items needed:

Personal items (ex. Shampoo, lotions, soaps)

Donations of money are greatly appreciated - they use this money to purchase handicap accessibility items, such as walkers, shower seats etc.

## Important Pieces Camp - a new offering at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL

August 6th through August 9th, LOMC will hold a new camp designed for families with children who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This camp is designed for the entire family. Activities for the whole family, as well as specific activities for siblings and for parents, are all part of the event. Families will stay in the Freedom Tree retreat centers and each family will have its own counselor. For more information, please see Pastor Jamie or go to the LOMC website - [www.lomc.org](http://www.lomc.org)



A special insert in the bulletin on June 28th and July 5th will provide updates to our summer news and ministry.

Hospice of the Rock River Valley  
Hospice Home  
Fundraiser

TAKE ME TO THE FAIR

A "picnic" type luncheon program about the 1893  
Chicago World's Fair

Thursday, June 11th, 2015 @ NOON  
Bethel Reformed Church  
Sterling, Il

Tickets are \$20

Available at:  
Hospice of the Rock River Valley, Sterling Federal Bank, Sterling,  
Rock Falls, Dixon & Morrison

We Hope to See You at the Fair!

For more information or questions, call 815-288-3673

## Pre-Registration Form

Please return form to your church office.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes, you may use photos taken of child at this event.

Do you have a friend you would like placed with? If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Needed: Y / N Pickup at: Brethren Lutheran Methodist (Please circle one)