

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Partner in Cooperative Ministry**

First Lutheran West Jordan

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**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Milledgeville, IL**



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

**And**



## Next Trinity Council

Sunday, December 3 at 11:00 AM  
(or immediately following worship).

## Timberland Playhouse



December 1-3 & 6-10, 2023

Get you Holiday started right.

Purchase ticket by calling 815-244-2035

## 2 NEW Pastors in our Ministerial Group

Pastor Peter Kecheon (Coleta/Milledgeville United Methodist Church)

Pastor Mark Pederson (Chadwick E-Free Church)

Both of these new Pastors will be hosting a special holiday service. It would be a great to go and meet them.

*"For unto you is born ...a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord."*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

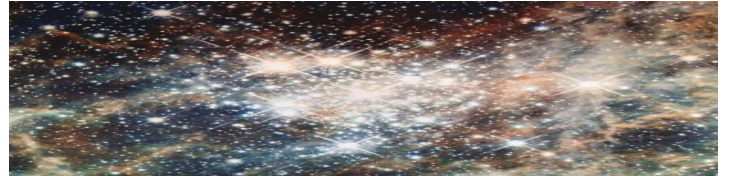
*Luke 2:11*

## December Earth Church

**The Light shines  
in the darkness**

**Saturday December 2, 2023**

**Winter Meal at Noon, Gathering  
at 1PM December Earth Church  
at: 7578 W Pines Road, Mt.  
Morris, IL 61054**



**RSVP: Carol and Paul Soderholm  
815-973-8011  
carol.soderholm@gmail.com**

**EMMANUEL**

**VOICES OF PRAISE**

**THE MIRACLE of CHRISTMAS**



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Friday Dec. 15th @ 7 pm

Saturday Dec. 16th 3 pm

Sunday Dec 17th 7 pm

Emmanuel Church, 202 E .Morris St.  
Morrison IL 61270



## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

#### Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers

Dec. 3rd & 10th Kathy Hinrichs

Lector Jodi Woessner

Dec. 17th, 24th & 31st Jim & Jan Wetzell

Lector Jan Wetzell



### Grace Meals

**December 19th 2023 @  
11:30a.m.**

**at Trinity's Social Hall  
All Seniors welcome**

### **UP COMING EVENTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

Community Christmas, **Sunday, December 3** at Brethren Church, 6:30 PM.

Faith on 40 Advent Evening Prayer, **Sunday December 10, 4:00 PM.**

**Blue Christmas Service, Sunday Dec. 17th,** at Milledgeville United Methodist Church

Joint Worship Advent 4 (Christmas Eve **Morning**) Dec. 24th at Trinity, 9:00 AM

Christmas Eve: Jordan, 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve: Trinity, 6:00 PM

Joint Worship New Years Eve Morning Dec. 31st (Hymn Sing) at Jordan, **8:30 AM**

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Roger Hinrichs, Ramon Woessner, Dodie Whitmer, Rhonda Ramirez, Debbie Howlett, Dick Bushman, Olivia Crossman, Bob Woessner, Polly Adams, Charlene Lane, Frank Lazansky, Melissa Woessner Roxanne Klein, and Lloyd Mull  
Keep in your prayers the family of Arlyn (Lee) Hinrichs who passed suddenly .

#### **From Trinity:**

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker, Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary, Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes, Laura Gerdes Larry & Mary Gerdes, Ronald Gerdes Roger Hinrichs, Amanda Smith, Joyce Lancaster, Jonathan Lenhart, Mikey Remmers, Sandy Skinner, Shirley & Bob Woessner. Melissa Woessner, Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley,  
Prayers for Pastor Susan, as she recovers from her surgery on November 30th

### **Our Southtown Ministry**

Will be Tuesday, December 19, at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner & Greg Kruse, leaders

**If you have News or Announcement for the **Jan. & Feb.** newsletter please email, or call me before **December 22th****

### Church Leaders Directory

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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

#### **First Lutheran West Jordan**

President Jan Wetzell (815-631-9353)  
Secretary Jodi Woessner

Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport  
563-613-3892

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



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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 Camels  
 King David  
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Purple And Pink  
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 Zachariah  
 Caesar Augustus  
 Light Of The World  
 Astrologers  
 Solemnity  
 Christ The King  
 Reverence  
 Betrothed  
 Swaddling

Saint Nicholas Day  
 John The Baptist  
 Incarnation  
 Immaculate Conception  
 Calendar  
 Star  
 Infant  
 Hymns  
 Myrrh  
 Epiphany  
 Heavenly Host

## 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, 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@mediacommb.net](mailto:telcsecretary@mediacommb.net)

Contact a council member



### Food Pantry

December 5th, 2023

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 PM



### THE SEWERS

We will be back to sewing in **January**, on  
Mondays at 10:30. There will be a lite  
potluck lunch . They are working on  
sewing and tying quilts for singles bed.  
Come and enjoy some social time.



### WELCA Circle

Will have a Bible study on  
Dec. 18th at 2:00p.m.

On women of the Bible  
All are welcome.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH QUILT RAFFLE

KAYE STREHLOW-  
PIECED TOGETHER  
AND FINISHED THE  
BINDED. THE QUILT  
WAS MACHIME  
QUILTED.



Thank everyone that helped with making the quilt and  
to all that sold ticket for the quilt raffle.1st place went  
to Kathy Nye, 2nd place went to Pat Dawson. The  
raffle raise \$810.00. Thanks to all.

### MILLEDGEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Coffee Plus** —Fridays mornings from 9-11 we gather for  
coffee (or tea or water) and some conversation with our  
friends and neighbors here in town.

**Our Lego Builders' Club** meets every Saturday 10 am  
to 1:45 pm. . All ages are welcome to stop in at any time  
during the day and build with our Legos.

**Makers' Meet-up** Thursday's Dec 7,14th, 21st,and 28th  
from 5 to 7pm

Movie **FRIDAY FLICKS** Friday, December 29 at  
6:00pm - Free popcorn and water.

**Saturday Sing-Along** December 30th

**Library Board Meeting:** January 9th, 2024 at 6:30  
to 8:00pm

### 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 ac-  
count on your computer, laptop , tablet or phone. Just "Like"  
*Trinity Lutheran Church Milledgeville*, to view the church's Fa-  
cebook page and you can view the service. And get other post  
from Trinity Facebook page .



## December Daily Prayer

**Dec 1st**—Lord, you call us to be peacemakers no matter how painful that task. Help us, we pray. Amen

**Dec 2nd**—Holy God, your gift of grace makes our life in Christ possible. Help us grow in speech and knowledge. Amen

**Dec 3rd**— Lord Jesus, when we realize we are numbed by pain and loss, call us again to watch, work, and wait in your name. Amen

**Dec 4th**— Shout peace into our fears, Lord Jesus, and fill us with hope. Amen

**Dec 5th**— You never leave us, Lord, especially when we are in despair. Thank you, in your. Amen

**Dec 6th**— When we walk through dark valleys, we do not fear, because you are with us, Jesus. Amen

**Dec 7th** - When we sink into despair, Almighty God, remind us of your comfort and your tender promises. Amen

**Dec 8th**— Thank you for the gift of Advent, Lord God, reminding us of your goodness always. Amen

**Dec 9th**— Patient God, may I respond to others with patience, by help if your Spirit. Amen

**Dec 10th**— Open our hearts to your good news, Christ Jesus, as if we are hearing it for the first time. Amen

**Dec 11th**—Thank you, Lord God, for your open arms of refuge in fearful days. Amen

**Dec 12th**—In our world full of brokenness and tears, God, make us beautiful signs of your care for all. Amen

**Dec 13th**—Thank you, Lord Jesus, for Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Lucia, who answered your call to serve. Amen.

**Dec 14th**—Holy God, we treasure our Jewish Siblings, who know immense suffering yet bless you over the Shabbat candles, as did your Son, Jesus. Amen

**Dec 15th**— Transform our tears into shouts of joy, Lord God. Amen

**Dec 16th**— Loving God, turn me from my “shoulds” to a grateful trust in your promises. In Jesus’s name. Amen

**Dec 17th**— Lord Jesus, keep us focused on you as the source of our hope. In your name we pray. Amen

**Dec 18th**—Clothe me, Lord, with what I most need to stand firm in faith. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Dec 19th** Lord, thank you for calling people to lead your church. Open us to that work, in your holy name. Amen

**Dec 20th**—Jesus, shine your righteousness on me, bringing hope and healing. In your name I pray. Amen.

**Dec 21st**—Holy Lord, in this season of giving, keep me focused on your greatest Gift, in whose name I pray. Amen

**Dec 22nd**— God of promise, help us navigate this in-between time of awaiting the great changes you are bringing in Jesus. Amen.

**Dec 23rd**—Lord, I still don’t understand it all! Help me trust your power and love, through Christ. Amen.

**Dec 24th**— Thank you, God, for our Savior, Jesus, and for his loving parents. Amen

**Dec 25th**— Glory to you, God, for the gift of Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen

**Dec 26th**—Lord, thank you for opening heaven and transforming life through Jesus, in whom we pray. Amen.

**Dec 27th**— Gracious God, thank you for John’s gospel. That we may more deeply know Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

**Dec 28th**— Ruler of all, may we soon see your reign of grace and love, through Jesus, our Savior. Amen

**Dec 29th**— Creator God, may we use our gifts and our days to praise you, in Jesus’ name. Amen

**Dec 30th**— Thank you, God, for claiming me as your child and heir, through Christ. Amen.

**Dec 31st**— Open our eyes, Lord, to your coming among us through Jesus Christ. Amen





## Daily Devotions



<b>Dec 1st</b>	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
<b>Dec 2nd</b>	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
<b>Dec 3rd</b>	Mark 13:24-37
<b>Dec 4th</b>	Micah 4:1-5
<b>Dec 5th</b>	Psalm 79
<b>Dec 6th</b>	Luke 21:34-38
<b>Dec 7th</b>	Isaiah 40:1-11
<b>Dec 8th</b>	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
<b>Dec 9th</b>	2Peter 3:8-15a
<b>Dec 10th</b>	Mark 1:1-8
<b>Dec 11th</b>	Psalm 27
<b>Dec 12th</b>	Isaiah 4:2-6
<b>Dec 13th</b>	Luke 1:5-17
<b>Dec 14th</b>	Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11
<b>Dec 15th</b>	Psalm 126
<b>Dec 16th</b>	1Thessalonians 5:16-24
<b>Dec 17th</b>	John 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>Dec 18th</b>	Ephesians 6:10-17
<b>Dec 19th</b>	2 Kings 2:9-22
<b>Dec 20th</b>	Malachi 3:16—4:6
<b>Dec 21st</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
<b>Dec 22nd</b>	Luke 1:46b-55
<b>Dec 23rd</b>	Romans 16:25-27
<b>Dec 24th</b>	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Dec 25th</b>	Luke 2:1-20
<b>Dec 26th</b>	Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60
<b>Dec 27th</b>	John 21:20-25
<b>Dec 28th</b>	Matthew 2:13-18
<b>Dec 29th</b>	Psalm 148
<b>Dec 30th</b>	Galatians 4:4-7
<b>Dec 31st</b>	Luke 2:22-40



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gavin Schildgen's birthday	2 Bridget Newcomer's birthday
3 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 Community Christmas 6:30pm Brethren Church	4	5 Robert Oncken's birthday	6 Gary and Carol Sibley's anniversary Josh Nye's birthday	7	8 Lori Anderson's birthday	9 Colton Simpson's birthday
10 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 Advent Evening Prayer at Trinity 4:00pm	11	12 Becky Anderson's birthday John Byvick's birthday	13	14	15	16
17 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15 Blue Christmas Service at United Methodist Church at 4:00 pm	18	19 <b>Grace Meal at Trinity at 11:30 am</b>	20 Elizabeth Wolf's birthday Tyler Miller's birthday	21 Amanda Smith's birthday Shane Harris's birthday Sydney Barkley's birthday Will Schmidt's birthday	22 Marty Dorgan's birthday	23
24 Bill Borth's 99 th birthday Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	25 	26 Collin Eubanks's birthday Kevin and Becky Anderson's anniversary	27 Brandon Eye's birthday	28	29	30
31 Donald and Anke Janssen's anniversary Greg Kruse and Pastor Susan Davenport's anniversary <b>JOINT WORSHIP at 1st West Jordon at 9:00am</b>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!</h2>					

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“I am tired with my own life and the lives of those after me,  
I am dying in my own death and the deaths of those after me.  
Let thy servant depart,  
Having seen thy salvation.”

“A Song for Simeon” by T. S. Eliot

The color blue used for Advent symbolizes “hope” and “waiting.” We wait not just for Christmas at this time of year, but we prepare in hopeful expectation for the return of Christ.

“Blue” is also a description for feelings of sadness and downheartedness that often accompany loss or change. For many people who have lost a loved one, or who are experiencing hardship, Christmas and all of its accompanying merriment can be a source of pain. For others, the holidays are a particularly lonely time of year or the accompanying darkness of December can be difficult.

Advent can be a wonderful time to consider the more somber notes of the season. Lighting candles in memory for our loved ones, singing “Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,” in a vesper service, gathering for worship and low-key praise, may help “prepare the way” for a fuller celebration, or may take the place of a celebration put on hold for you or people you know.

This year, the Milledgeville United Methodist Church offers a “Blue Christmas Service” on Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 PM. The week before, Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM in the Trinity Chapel, we will sing Holden Evening Prayer and hear a “blue” devotion. Even if you are not “blue” this season, you are invited to attend and support those for whom the season may be a challenge.

Also mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 PM for a Community Christmas at the Milledgeville Brethren Church (a more joyful look forward to the Holidays). Advent is a time, as the song goes, to consider “the hopes and fears of all the years.”

Peace,

Pastor Susan