

**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**



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



When they saw the star,  
they were overjoyed.

— Matthew 2:10

THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL

## Epiphany

W X I S Y R A U N A J F N J I I G K W R  
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CELEBRATES  
CHRIST CHILD  
CHURCH SERVICES  
DENOMINATIONS  
EPIPHANY  
FEASTDAY  
INCARNATION  
JESUS CHRIST  
PLOUGH MONDAY  
SINGING  
THREE KINGS CAKE  
TWELFTH NIGHT  
WESTERN CHURCHES

CHALKING THE DOOR  
CHRISTIAN  
CUSTOMS  
EASTERN CHURCHES  
EPIPHANY EVE  
HOUSE BLESSED  
JANUARY SIX  
LITURGICAL  
REVELATION OF GOD  
THEOPHANY  
THREE KINGS DAY  
VISIT OF THE MAGI  
WINTER SWIMMING





## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

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

Jan. 7th, & 14th      Dan & Jodi Woessner

Lector                      Dan Woessner

Jan. 21st & 28th      Kathy Hinrichs

Lector                      Jodi Woessner

### **SPECIAL PRAYERS**

**For the family and friend of**

**Arlyn Hinrichs**

**Myron Deets**

**You will be in thoughts, prayers, and always  
in our hearts.**

### **Grace Meals**

**At Trinity Lutheran Church**

**NO grace meal in January**

**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 Jan. 8th at 10:30.

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

### **In our prayers:**

#### **From First:**

Roger Hinrichs, Ramon & Melissa Woessner,

Dodie Whitmer, Rhonda Ramirez,

Debbie Howlett, Dick Bushman,

Olivia Crossman, Bob Woessner,

Polly Adams, Charlene Lane,

Frank Lazansky, Roxanne Klein, and

Lloyd Mull

#### **From Trinity:**

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth,

Jim Brubaker, Dick Bushman,

Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary,

Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes, Lauren Gerdes

Larry & Mary Gerdes, Ronald Gerdes

Terri Gerdes, Amanda Smith, Roger Hinrichs,

Joyce Lancaster, Jonathan Lenhart,

Mikey Remmers, Sandy Skinner,

Shirley & Bob Woessner. Melissa Woessner,

Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley,



**Food  
Pantry**

**January 2nd, 2024**

9:00 to 11:00 AM

6:00 to 8:00 pm



**Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday January 28th 2024**

**After Church Service**

### Church Leaders Directory

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

President      Tammy Miller  
Vice-President      Kevin Anderson  
Secretary      Shannon 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 Wetzel (631-9353)

Secretary      Jodi Woessner

Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport

563-613-3892

Church Secretary Janet Barkley

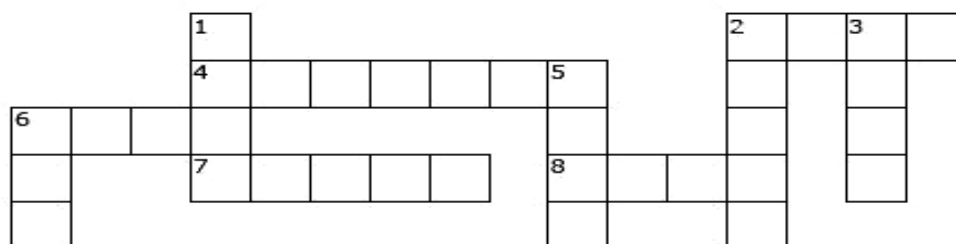
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**The Magi's generous gifts provided the finances needed for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus to stay safe in Egypt during King Herod's Massacre (Matthew 2:13-18). Having worshipped the newborn King, the Magi heeded a divine warning to return by a different route, avoiding Herod's deception.**



## The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



### ACROSS

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

### DOWN

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI  
GIFTS

BOW  
EAST

STAR  
BORN

GOLD  
MYRRH

KING  
INCENSE

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

Contact a council member

## Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, January 16th. 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  
12 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

## Happy New Year

Its time to get your **Committee Reports, and Or-  
ganizational reports** ready for the Annual meeting.  
The checking and saving books will also need to be  
turned in for the annual Audit. The audit will be  
done the week of the Jan. 15th. Committee & Organ-  
izational Reports need to be turned in by the 17th of  
January. See everyone on January 28th for the 2024  
Congregation Meeting.



## The Baptism of Jesus

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PREACHING  
HEAVEN  
POWERFUL  
SON  
NAZARETH  
SPIRIT  
WATER  
WELL  
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## January Daily Prayer

**Jan 1st**—Holy One, you name us Beloved through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you. Amen

**Jan 2nd**—God of all, by your righteousness help us to be in right relationships in this life, especially relationships in this life, especially with you. Amen

**Jan 3rd**— Holy Dawn rising among us, get our attention so we may shine with your love. In Christ we pray. Amen

**Jan 4th**— Savior, thank you for answering our calls for help. Empower us to answer the calls of others. Amen

**Jan 5th**— Thank you, Great Mystery, for including me in your family of beloved children. In Christ I pray. Amen

**Jan 6th**—Gracious One, encounter us today so that we might be changed by your presence. Amen

**Jan 7th** - Dearest Jesus, you find us to matter how our days are going. Thank you. Amen

**Jan 8th**— Creating God, bless us as we begin anew this year, weak as our start may be. Amen

**Jan 9th**— Blessed One, give us your peace today, the peace of Christ that surpasses understanding. Amen

**Jan 10th**— Jesus, remind us today that we are baptized in you and sent to live in your love.. Amen

**Jan 11th**—God who calls, open our hearts to hear your voice today. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

**Jan 12th**—God who knows us, bring us your presence and peace when we need it most. In Christ we pray. Amen

**Jan 13th** —Gracious God, you call us your beloved. Help us to call ourselves that too. Amen.

**Jan 14th**—Teach us to love the marginal places of this world as you do, Lord. We ask this in Christ. Amen

**Jan 15th**— Giver of Life, you have set us apart for your good work in this world. Help us to do it. Amen

**Jan 16th**— God, keep sending your Holy Spirit among us to form our life together in Christ. Amen

**Jan 17th**— God of Love, help us extend to others the mercy we've received from your hand. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 18th**—God, open lips to preach, teach, and live the gospel of Jesus for the sake of your beloved world. Amen.

**Jan 19th** God of hope, help us in this noisy world to find a quiet refuge in you, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Jan 20th**—God of all time, keep us in your care as we live our days held in your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan 21st**—God, you call us to use the gifts given through your Spirit. Grant us courage through Jesus. Amen

**Jan 22nd**—God of journey, thank you for calling us and accompanying us as we venture forth in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Jan 23rd**—God of all, inspire us to be faithful to you in our proclamation and action, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Jan 24th**—God, when we are afraid, protect us in the still pool of your peace, through Christ. Amen

**Jan 25th**—Surprise us, God, with new understanding of our call to be an instrument of the risen Christ. Amen

**Jan 26th**—Teach us, O God, to delight in your works, that we may grow in your wisdom, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Jan 27th**— Jesus, humble our conceit and silence our careless words. Move us to speak and act for your love's sake. Amen

**Jan 28th**— Teach us, O God, to see as you see, through eyes of compassion and love, for Jesus' sake. Amen

**Jan 29th**— Calling God, lead us in hope and joy to new relationships and chapters of life, in Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 30th** - God of power, we call on you, and you are there—our help and shield. Thank you, in Jesus' name. Amen

**Jan 31st** - Loving God, help us trust that we will find you in every phase of our lives. Amen



## Daily Devotions



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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Jan 1st</b>  | Luke 2:15-21            |
| <b>Jan 2nd</b>  | James 3:13-18           |
| <b>Jan 3rd</b>  | Isaiah 60:1-6           |
| <b>Jan 4th</b>  | Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14    |
| <b>Jan 5th</b>  | Ephesians 3:1-12        |
| <b>Jan 6th</b>  | Matthew 2:1-12          |
| <b>Jan 7th</b>  | Mark 1:4-11             |
| <b>Jan 8th</b>  | Genesis 1:1-5           |
| <b>Jan 9th</b>  | Psalms 29               |
| <b>Jan 10th</b> | Acts 19:1-7             |
| <b>Jan 11th</b> | 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] |
| <b>Jan 12th</b> | Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18   |
| <b>Jan 13th</b> | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20   |
| <b>Jan 14th</b> | John 1:43-51            |
| <b>Jan 15th</b> | 1 Samuel 9:27—10:8      |
| <b>Jan 16th</b> | Acts 5:1-11             |
| <b>Jan 17th</b> | Jonah 3:1-5, 10         |
| <b>Jan 18th</b> | Matthew 16:13-19        |
| <b>Jan 19th</b> | Psalms 62:5-12          |
| <b>Jan 20th</b> | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31   |
| <b>Jan 21st</b> | Mark 1:14-20            |
| <b>Jan 22nd</b> | Genesis 12:1-9          |
| <b>Jan 23rd</b> | Acts 5:33-42            |
| <b>Jan 24th</b> | Psalms 46               |
| <b>Jan 25th</b> | Acts 9:1-22             |
| <b>Jan 26th</b> | Psalms 111              |
| <b>Jan 27th</b> | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13    |
| <b>Jan 28th</b> | Mark 1:21-28            |
| <b>Jan 29th</b> | Deuteronomy 18:15-20    |
| <b>Jan 30th</b> | Psalms 35:1-10          |
| <b>Jan 31st</b> | Jeremiah 29:1-14        |



# January

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                 | Saturday  |
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| <p>Happy New Year!</p>   | <p>1</p> <p>Owen Peterson's birthday<br/>Trevor Schluter's birthday</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Food Pantry<br/>9 to 11 am<br/>6 to 8 pm</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<br/>Worship &amp; Communion FWJ<br/>8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>                            | <p>8</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>Kenneth Peterson's birthday</p>   | <p>10</p> <p>Chad Wolf's birthday<br/>Greg Kruse's birthday</p>  | <p>11</p>   | <p>12</p> <p>Ray Ricklefs Birthday</p> | <p>13</p>   |
| <p>14</p> <p>Worship FWJ<br/>8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>   | <p>15</p>   | <p>16</p> <p>Roger Koett's birthday</p>   | <p>17</p> <p>Dick Bushman's birthday<br/>Therol Anderson's birthday</p>                                | <p>18</p> <p>Pastors meeting<br/>1:00 pm at Brethewn Church</p> | <p>19</p>                              | <p>20</p> <p>Kenneth and Linda Peterson's anniversary</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>Worship &amp; Communion FWJ<br/>8:30; Trinity 10:15<br/>Megan O'Brien's Birthday<br/>Trinity Council meeting 11:15 am</p> | <p>22</p> <p><b>TRINITY</b></p>   | <p>23</p> <p>Caitlynn Kruse's birthday<br/>Ron and Sharon Judd's anniversary<br/>Janet Koett B'day</p> <p><b>DELIVERS</b></p> | <p>24</p> <p><b>MEAL THIS</b></p>  | <p>25</p> <p><b>WEEK</b></p>                                    | <p>26</p>                              | <p>27</p> <p>Kara Koett's birthday</p>                    |
| <p>28</p> <p>Worship FWJ<br/>8:30; Trinity 10:15<br/>Trinity's Annual Congregational meeting after church</p>                          | <p>29</p>   | <p>30</p>   | <p>31</p> <p>Amanda Miller's birthday<br/>Jackson Strehlow's birthday<br/>Janice Schell's birthday</p> | <p>Happy <b>EPIPHANY</b> Day<br/>January 6th</p>                |  |   |

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*"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."*

*-Isaiah 60: 1*

Christmas may be a time of emptying—when we end up feeling spent and worn. All the preparation and clean-up, decorating and festivities while perhaps fun, may also be exhausting. If you are alone, the memories of holidays past may taunt you.

Epiphany, on the other hand, is the season of the return of light! The decorations have mostly been put away and things have gotten back to "normal" in the world. But in the church, we observe the coming of the Star—of wonder, of might. We consider the "God in flesh made manifest" and hear Gospel readings of Jesus' baptism, his first miracle at the Wedding at Cana, of the announcement of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies by Jesus in the synagogue.

Epiphany celebrates the possibility of an encounter with the Sacred even in the "normal" or "ordinary" time. It lasts through until Transfiguration Sunday before Ash Wednesday and Lent. It is a time when the church celebrates the coming of gentiles to honor the birth of Jesus, and so we pray for all the nations of the world, saying, "Arise, shine for your light has come," and responding, "The glory of the Lord has risen upon us."

Coming off our mad Christmas dash, do we see Jesus? Do we hear him? God asks us, do you want to find promised peace of Christmas in the season of Epiphany? Consider the following poem, particularly appropriate for this January:

*Peace by Henry Van Dyke*

With eager heart and will on fire,  
I fought to win my great desire  
"Peace shall be mine," I said;  
but life grew bitter in the weary strife.

My soul was tired,  
and my pride wounded deep:  
to Heaven I cried,  
"God grant me peace or I must die,"  
The dumb stars glittered no reply.

Broken at last, I bowed my head,  
Forgetting all myself, and said,  
"Whatever comes, His will be done;"  
And in that moment peace was won.

May you have a blessed 2024.

Peace, Pastor Susan