

**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**



# ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH



ABSTAIN  
ASHES  
BLESS  
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EASTER  
FAST  
FOREHEAD  
LENT

REPENT  
WEDNESDAY



# Presidents' Day Word Search



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## West Jordan

### Worship Helpers

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

Feb. 4th, & 11th      Brian & Paula Beveroth

Lector                      Brain Beveroth

Feb. 18th & 25th      Amy & John Sumption

Lector                      Melissa Woessner

### **Upcoming Lenten Season**

**Ash Wed.** Ash Wednesday will be a joint worship at First, Jordan at 6:30 pm

**Lent:** Evening Prayer will be on Thursday nights at 6:30 at the Trinity Chapel - "Promises at the Crossroads of History and Hope" the Prayer Service will be February 22nd, 29th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st.

**Palm Sunday** March 24th regular service times.

**Maundy Thursday;** is March 28th. That will be a joint worship at Trinity at 6:30pm.

**Easter Sunday** March 31st regular service times

### **Grace Meals**

**At Trinity Lutheran Church**

**NO grace meal in February**

### **THE SEWERS ARE BACK**

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

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,  
Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman, Tom Cleary,  
Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes, Lauren Gerdes  
Larry & Mary Gerdes, Ronald Gerdes  
Terri Gerdes, Roger Hinrichs, Karen Landers  
Joyce Lancaster, Jonathan Lenhart,  
Mikey Remmers, Shirley & Bob Woessner.  
Melissa Woessner,  
Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley,

**Keep in or Prayers  
the Family and Friends of  
Jim Brubaker 1/25/2024**

**And**

**Sandy Skinner 1/29/2024  
They are in our hearts forever!**



**February 6th, 2024**

**9:00 to 11:00 AM**

**6:00 to 8:00 pm**

### Church Leaders Directory

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

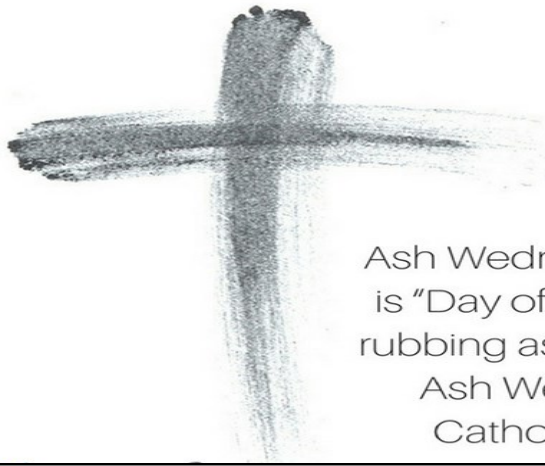
President      Tammy Miller  
Vice-President Kevin Anderson  
Secretary      Shannon Woodard  
Treasurer      Donna Landis  
At-Large      Ken Peterson  
                    Lori Oncken  
                    Jim Brubaker  
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Musician      Nancy Janssen  
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#### **First Lutheran West Jordan**

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)  
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Pastor, Rev. Susan Davenport  
563-613-3892

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



# What is *Ash Wednesday?*

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of rubbing ashes on one's forehead in the sign of a cross. Ash Wednesday and Lent are observed by most Catholics and some Protestant denominations.

## **Lent? ...What is Lent?**

Lent is a 40-day season in the Church Calendar beginning Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday. Lent is observed on Wednesdays, but Sundays during Lent are treated as 'Little Easters', and not counted as part of Lent. During this time, we focus on what Jesus did to win our salvation. He lived a perfect life and died for us under God's wrath. His sacrifice shows the true horror of our sins and moves us to turn from them.

### **But Why is Lent 40 Days?**

The 40 days of Lent are taken from Christ's 40-day experience in the wilderness (**Matthew 4:1-11**). Here He faced off with the devil as our Champion, overcoming three temptations common to all mankind...

### **Do you face temptation?**

Are you tempted to doubt God, or to believe things about God that the Bible says are not true, or even to *forsake God*?

Do you give in to this temptation?

**Turn to Christ this Lenten Season!  
He is your Champion!**

**First**, Christ was tempted to doubt God's loving care and thus to satisfy His needs Himself -- but instead Christ looks to God's Word and directs us back to trusting in God.

**Second**, by Satan's mishandling of Scripture, Christ was tempted to false belief in God -- but Christ dismisses such self-righteous spiritualism as tempting God, and reminds us of the need to seek out true Scriptural teaching.

**Finally**, Christ was tempted to forsake God in return for worldly pleasures, powers, and possessions -- but Christ forcefully rejects this notion as a ridiculous exchange of the priceless for the worthless, of a relationship with God for eternal separation from Him.

### **And Why is Lent so Important?**

- **It shows us the true result of our sins ...they separate us from a righteous and just God.**

During Lent, we contemplate our sinful condition and need for a Saviour -- a man who is Holy in His nature and who lived a sinless life. In our natural condition, we are stained with an evil, fallen nature and are incapable of the perfect sinlessness required by God. As a result, all human effort fails to please God, we cannot have a relationship with Him, and we don't deserve one.

- **It shows us the only payment for sin that God could accept ...the death of His Son.**

Though we are undeserving, God in His Grace desires a relationship with us. To accomplish this, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to live among us as a human. Because Jesus is God, He has the Holy nature we don't have, and lived a perfectly sinless life the way we never could. And, in obedience to God the Father, Jesus -- that is, God the Son -- willingly went to the cross, took upon Himself the sin of the whole world, and suffered for us sin's penalty: separation from God and death.

- **It shows us the extent of God's Love ...by His Grace, through Faith in Jesus Christ, forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are ours for eternity.**

Jesus was innocent of the sin He carried for us, and the penalty He suffered held no power over Him. Thus, He was reconciled with His Heavenly Father and returned to life. Through faith in Christ, we are granted this blessing as well. He was Holy *for us*; He was perfect *for us*; He suffered the penalty of sin *for us*, and it is by faith *alone* -- not by our works, but by the finished work of Jesus Christ -- that we have forgiveness of sins, we are given a new, holy nature, we are reconciled with God, and at the Resurrection we will be given a new body that is unstained by sin.

## 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, February 20th. 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



## CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT

You are invited to join us on  
March 16, 2024 at Sauk  
Valley Community College  
for the Northern Illinois  
Synod's Congregational  
Resourcing Event (CRE).



We will gather around this year's theme of Open God's Story.  
This will be a time to connect God's work throughout the Bible  
with God's work in our lives. Registration is now open!

This event will run 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. with opening prayer  
beginning at 9:30. We will have time to hear from Bishop  
Stacie Fidlar, and our keynote speaker is Rev. Miguel Gomez-  
Acosta, the Senior Director for New Ministry Development  
and Evangelism at the Churchwide Office of the ELCA. This  
engaging pastor will inspire us to share God's story with others  
in our everyday lives.

For more information, including the schedule for the day,  
please check out our synod website: [CRE Webpage](#)  
Registration for CRE is \$35. This includes breakfast treats,  
coffee, and lunch. To register yourself or members of your  
Congregation, please check with Trinity church office.

## February Daily Prayer

**Feb 1st**—God of Love, thank you for walking with us through unsettling times. May we trust your promises. Amen

**Feb 2nd**—God of peace, may we put our trust in your word. In Jesus' name. Amen

**Feb 3rd**— Saving God, we thank you for those we taught us about your power and love. Amen

**Feb 4th**— Healer God, may we reach out to you for strength and new life. Amen

**Feb 5th**— Loving God, help us to give others our full attention so we can reflect your love. Amen

**Feb 6th**— Eternal God, may we meet your gospel message of love, even if we can't meet on other things. Amen

**Feb 7th** - Dear Jesus, give us strength to open our hearts and use our words to proclaim you. Amen

**Feb 8th**— God of wisdom, thank you for all the teachers who have led us to you. Amen

**Feb 9th**— This little light of yours, O God—please make it shine in us! Amen

**Feb 10th**— Empowering God, may we lean on your promises for our core strength. Amen

**Feb 11th**— Strengthen our spirit and resolve so we can follow you, dear Jesus. Amen

**Feb 12th**— May we choose the fast that is acceptable to you. God of love. Amen

**Feb 13th** —Restore to us the joy of your salvation, dear Jesus. Amen.

**Feb 14th**—May the ashes on our foreheads serve as a witness to others today. Amen

**Feb 15th**— May the colors of the rainbow embrace the earth and fan hope in the love of Christ, our Lord. Amen

**Feb 16th**— Remember me according to your unfailing mercy, O Lord, for only your love can set me free. Amen

**Feb 17th**— Remind me who I am, O Lord, I may live the love you are in me. Amen

**Feb 18th**—Let me see what you see and love what you love, Jesus, that I, too, may see the heavens open. Amen.

**Feb 19th** - Dear Jesus, lift me into the fullness of your presence. May all that you are flow into me. Amen

**Feb 20th**—Lord Jesus, open my heart to share the rich blessings you pour out upon your saints. Amen.

**Feb 21st**— Wake my heart each morning with the melody of your love, O Lord, that I may sing your praise. Amen

**Feb 22nd**— I lift my life to you, O Lord, trusting that you love me and will always welcome me home. Amen.

**Feb 23rd**— Let me rest in the presence of your love, Lord Jesus, knowing you are always enough for me. Amen.

**Feb 24th**— Imprint your image on my heart, Lord Jesus, that nothing may erase the beauty of your love. Amen

**Feb 25th**— Thank you for those who have loved and sacrificed for me, Lord Jesus. They shine with your beauty. Amen

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

**Feb 27th**— Open my heart to see the beauty of human love and joy, knowing that you, Lord, are in all of it. Amen

**Feb 28th**— Enfold me in the light of your presence, Lord Jesus, that I may live this day for you. Amen

**Feb 29th**— Receive me into the arms of your healing love, O Lord. Cleanse my heart and make me whole. Amen



## Daily Devotions



<b>Feb 1st</b>	Isaiah 40:21-31
<b>Feb 2nd</b>	Luke 2:22-40
<b>Feb 3rd</b>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
<b>Feb 4th</b>	Mark 1:29-39
<b>Feb 5th</b>	Psalms 102:12-28
<b>Feb 6th</b>	Acts 15:36-41
<b>Feb 7th</b>	Mark 3:7-12
<b>Feb 8th</b>	2 King 2:1-12
<b>Feb 9th</b>	Psalms 50:1-6
<b>Feb 10th</b>	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
<b>Feb 11th</b>	Mark 9:2-9
<b>Feb 12th</b>	Isaiah 58:1-12
<b>Feb 13th</b>	Psalms 51:1-17
<b>Feb 14th</b>	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
<b>Feb 15th</b>	Genesis 9:8-17
<b>Feb 16th</b>	Psalms 25:1-10
<b>Feb 17th</b>	1 Peter 3:18-22
<b>Feb 18th</b>	Mark 1:9-15
<b>Feb 19th</b>	Ephesians 2:1-10
<b>Feb 20th</b>	1 Peter 3:8-18a
<b>Feb 21st</b>	Psalms 77
<b>Feb 22nd</b>	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<b>Feb 23rd</b>	Psalms 22:23-31
<b>Feb 24th</b>	Romans 4:13-25
<b>Feb 25th</b>	Mark 8:31-38
<b>Feb 26th</b>	Genesis 21:1-7
<b>Feb 27th</b>	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19
<b>Feb 28th</b>	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
<b>Feb 29th</b>	Exodus 20:1-17



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>ABRAHAM Lincoln's BIRTHDAY</b> Feb. 12th</p>		 <p><b>Feb. 22nd</b> GEORGE Washington's BIRTHDAY</p>		1	2 Craig Schildgen's birthday Greg Schildgen's birthday	3
4 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	5	6 <b>Food Pantry</b> 9 to 11 AM 6 To 8 PM	7 Luke Koett's birthday Marissa Eye's birthday Otto and Dorothy Wagenknecht's anniversary Amanda Kingle Birthday (southtown)	8	9	10 Thomas Barkley's birthday
11 David Wagenknecht's birthday Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	12 Alyvia Woodard's birthday Ton Landheer birthday	13 Brian and Cherrie Simpson's anniversary  Anke Janssen Birthday	14 <b>Ash Wednesday joint worship at 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan 6:30 pm</b>  VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Kathy Bogott's birthday Troy Wagenknecht's birthday	16 Kali Livengood's birthday Susan Lorke's birthday	17 Robert and Lori Oncken's anniversary
18 Karen Landers's birthday Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	19  HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	20 <b>TRINITY</b>	21 Brandi VanDyke's birthday Gary and Le-Anne Nye's anniversary	22 <b>Lent Evening Prayer@ Trinity Chapel 6:30pm</b>	23	24
25 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15	26 Ron Judd's birthday	27 Michael Strehlow's birthday	28 Kassie Murray's birthday	29 <b>Lent Evening Prayer@ Trinity Chapel 6:30pm</b>	 <p>God is Love</p>	

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# February

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*“Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart.” - Joel 2: 12a*

Ash Wednesday is early this year, falling on February 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentine’s Day). We will gather for worship as a joint congregation at First Lutheran of Jordan at 6:30 pm to receive the Imposition of Ashes with the words “remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” Those words are sobering ones and can be even be a source of despair, which is why so many choose to avoid Lent. But these words are only PART of our story, a much larger and a more hopeful story.

Through the season of Lent then, we will meet on subsequent THURSDAY evenings at 6:30 PM in the Trinity Chapel, singing Evening Prayer and using the Lenten devotional resource--“Promises at the Crossroads of History and Hope,” written by the Rev. Dr. Charlene Rauchy Cox for use by all the congregations of the Northern Illinois Synod.

At the crossroads of history and hope, we live our lives. The season of Lent affords a unique opportunity to prayerfully consider this crossroads of history and hope. We are invited to reflect upon who and what we have been while also pointing to Christ - promise fulfilled, love incarnate, and hope embodied for the sake of the whole world. Throughout Lent, we will be immersed in the history and hope of the Abrahamic family - **Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac.** We will remember we are a people and a story with a past and future with innumerable experiences, both life-giving and life-denying. Our series invites us to proclaim and embody a sure and certain hope. Each week we hear a monologue given by each of the characters in our story.

Please plan to lend your presence and your voice to this devotional time of preparation for the coming Easter!

Peace,

Pastor Susan