

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Partner in Cooperative Ministry

First Lutheran West Jordan

N. IL. Synod of the ELCA

Ministers

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**



JESUS' 12 DISCIPLES

12

Look for the words listed below.



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| Peter | Andrew | James, the Lesser |
| John | Thomas | Simon |
| James | Philip | Bartholomew |
| Matthew | Jude | Judas Iscariot |



Earth Day Word Search



O Z O N E C Y P L A S T I C S
W E C C L I M A T E Z O Z P E
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P L A N E T E R E U S E D I S

- AIR
- APRIL
- BOTTLES
- CANS
- CLEAN
- CLIMATE
- COMPOST

- CONSERVATION
- EARTH
- ENERGY
- ENVIRONMENT
- LAND
- NATURE
- OCEAN

- OXYGEN
- OZONE
- PLANET
- PLANTS
- PLASTIC
- POLLUTION
- PROTECT

- RECYCLE
- REDUCE
- REUSE
- TREE
- VOLUNTEER
- WATER



West Jordan

Worship Helpers

Alter care, communion assistant, Ushers/greeters

Apr. 7th, & 14th Mia & Jon Meyer

Lector Jon Meyer

Apr. 21st & 28th Jim & Jan Wetzell

Lector Jan Wetzell



*Dan
Holmes*

**First Lutheran West Jordan
Will be hosting Dan Holmes
Sunday April 21 2024
at 8:30 am**

**Come join us for a great time
of music and fellowship.**

**First Lutheran is collecting supplies for
Home Of Hope Cancer Wellness Center.**

They are in need of paper towels, toilet paper,
postage stamps, blank note/ thank you cards,
coffee and K-cups, letter-sized copy paper, #10
envelopes, and money.

In our prayers:

From First:

Roger Hinrichs, Ramon & Melissa Woessner,
Dodie Whitmer, Rhonda Ramirez,
Debbie Howlett, Bob & Shirley Woessner,
Polly Adams, Frank Lazansky,
Roxanne Klein, Lloyd Mull,
Brian Beveroth, and Gary Sibley

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Bill Borth,
Dick Bushman, Shirley Cheeseman,
Tom Cleary, Betty Dettman, Chet Gerdes,
Larry & Mary Gerdes, Ronald Gerdes
Roger Hinrichs, Joyce Lancaster,
Jonathan Lenhart, Mikey Remmers,
Shirley & Bob Woessner.
Pam LaBarron, Roberta Moseley,

Grace Meals are back

**At Trinity Lutheran Church
grace meal on **April 16th, 2024****

**At 11:30 in Social Hall
All seniors welcome**

Joint Council Meeting

April 17th at 6:30 at Jordan

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
 Carol Bushman
 Colton Simpson
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



On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and the victory of life over death. The Easter season continues for fifty days and concludes on the feast of Pentecost, marking the sending of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples.

At this time of year, there are fresh signs of life all around us. Flowers are blooming, trees are budding, and grass is greening. These are most welcome sights—a relief, really—following the especially cold and difficult winter months that many parts of our country, have endured. Now, the mountains of snow and ice are melted by the warmer temperatures, providing the ground with much-needed moisture for the support of reemerging life.

All the beauty and new life that comes with spring are but pale reminders and symbols of the life that is now ours in Jesus Christ. How joyous it is to recall that above all else, Easter, the festival of our Lord's resurrection, gives us the assurance of eternal life in Jesus Christ and the certainty of our own resurrection.

The apostle Paul says it so clearly: “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:17–22).

These Holy Spirit-inspired words emphasize with great power the miracle of life, even life after death.

In my limited understanding as a human being—having experienced the death of friends, acquaintances, and loved ones over the years—my human brain can't compute how a cold, lifeless body can experience life again. But God, who brought human life into the world through the creation of Adam and Eve and continues to bring life into being through procreation, also promises to restore life to human beings in a way that transcends our comprehension.

“For now we see in a mirror dimly,” as Paul puts it. But when Christ returns and we, too, are raised to eternal life, we will see God “face to face.” Paul continues, “Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12).

So, as you experience and enjoy all the new life in flora and fauna around you—symbols and reminders of the life that is ours in Jesus Christ—hold closely in your heart the promises of Jesus. He says, “Because I live, you also will live” (John 14:19) and “I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25–26).

Ascension Day Jesus is taken up into heaven (MAY 9th 2024)

We celebrate Ascension Day 40 days after [Easter](#) and 10 days before [Pentecost](#), always on a Thursday. We celebrate that Jesus was taken up into heaven 40 days after his resurrection from the dead. In the Creed we say that we believe in Jesus who “*ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty*”. Jesus' ascension marks the end of his life on earth. In the church we celebrate not only that God's Son was born into the world but also that he left it again. This may sound strange. However, God had to leave the earth as a human being to be able to return in the person of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the coming of God the Spirit at Pentecost 9 May 19th 2024)

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

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**

Contact a council member

Our Southtown Ministry

Will be Tuesday, April 16th at 4:30

Lynn Kaufman, Jodi Woessner &
Greg Kruse, leaders

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
lap & singles bed quilts.

MILLEDGEVILLE/COLETA FIREMANS BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 5TH 7 AM to1 PM

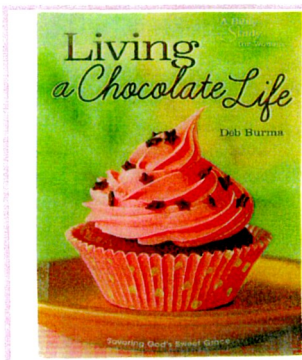
Trinity Lutheran Web Page & Facebook Service

The web page has the most current Newsletter plus the last
12 years of annual reports. Web Page is found at
www.trinitymville.com

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

CHADWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28th 7 AM to1 PM



Ladies . . . Ages 18 to 108

You are invited to the
Milledgeville Brethren Church
521 N. Main, Milledgeville, IL
to a 1-Day Ladies Retreat.
Saturday, April 20, 2024

Our theme for the day is:

"LIVING A CHOCOLATE LIFE:
SAVORING GOD'S SWEET GRACE"

Schedule: 9:30-10:00—Breakfast

Program: 10am to 1:30pm, which

includes salads & chocolaty desserts for Lunch.

COME AND ENJOY:

- Fun & Fellowship with other women.
- Making a craft together—to take home.
- Special Music and singing.
- 3 minute devotionals by our leaders: Susie, Nyla, Gini and Kim.
- Themes: *Savoring God's sweet Grace, Sharing, Starting from Scratch, being Satisfied with help from God and Sweet Surrender to God.*
- Lot's of chocolate!
- A Gift Box full of wonderful items to take home with you!

We ask that you register. Attached you will find a list to sign up and
include your \$5 (individual) registration fee.

EMMANUEL VOICES OF PRAISE
— AN EXCITING WORSHIP CELEBRATION —

*Back to the
Garden*

Friday | April 19 | 7 PM
Saturday | April 20 | 3 PM
Sunday | April 21 | 7 PM

202 E. Morris St., Morrison Il. 61270

No Tickets Needed
Handicap Accessible

March Daily Prayer

Apr 1st—God of courage, help us hear your call and say yes. Amen
Apr 2nd—Jesus, host of the feast, help us welcome all as you welcome all. Amen
Apr 3rd— Spirit-breath, help us share your story by telling our story. Amen
Apr 4th— Divine Love, thank ou for all you have given. Help us share it generously. Amen
Apr 5th— Spirit, blow through your creation, reminding us that we are one in your kin-dom. Amen
Apr 6th— Jesus, help us to be honest about our sins and to savor and share your grace. Amen
Apr 7th - Merciful God, remind and help me to be merciful. In Jesus's name. Amen
Apr 8th— Holy One, amaze and inspire us again today with your awesome love. Amen
Apr 9th— Holy God, father and mother of us all, transform us in your love. Amen
Apr 10th— Jesus, draw us into your way of life today. Amen
Apr 11th— Jesus, help me see all people as worthy of love. Amen
Apr 12th— Holy Spirit, may I rest in your presence and know peace. Amen
Apr 13th -God of refuge, blind us in love to your holy family. Amen.
Apr 14th—Remind us again today, risen Jesus, that you are our peace. Amen
Apr 15th— Creator, help us to love your creation as you do. Amen
Apr 16th— God of longing love, thank you for pursuing us tirelessly. Give us courage to receive your love. Amen
Apr 17th— God of wisdom, teach us to grow into maturity by feasting at your banquet table. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 18th—God of life and healing, we pray that we might remember what makes us as the church distinct. Amen.
Apr 19th - God of comfort, you join us in suffering and transform it. Thank you for being with us. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 20th—God of Love, make us fountains of grace, pouring out what you first poured into us through Christ. Amen.
Apr 21st— O Good Shepherd, thank you for saving us from ourselves when we have gone astray. Amen
Apr 22nd— Loving God, protect us from the vanity of our hearts teach us to see. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Apr 23rd— God of mercy, help us sing your praises at all times. In Jesus' name. Amen.
Apr 24th— God of peace, forgive our violence and glorification of power. Teach us that real power is mercy Amen
Apr 25th— God of good news, help us be witnesses of your gospel to our neighbors. In Jesus' name. Amen
Apr 26th—Holy spirit, direct us to the people you are preparing us to reach with the good news of Jesus. Amen.
Apr 27th— God, we love because you love us first. Make us conduits of your love in all we do. Amen
Apr 28th— O true Vine, abide in us so we may abide in you and bear the fruit of justice, mercy, and love. Amen
Apr 29th— God of judgement and mercy, forgive our neglect of the poor and indifference to those who are suffering. Amen
Apr 30th God of peace, give us courage to listen, to love to yield. In Jesus' name. Amen!



Daily Devotions





Apr 1st	Luke 1:26-38
Apr 2nd	Isaiah 25:6-9
Apr 3rd	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Apr 4th	Acts 4:32-35
Apr 5th	Psalm 133
Apr 6th	1John 1:1—2:2
Apr 7th	John 20:19-31
Apr 8th	Daniel 3:1-30
Apr 9th	1 John 2:12-17
Apr 10th	Mark 12:18-27
Apr 11th	Acts 3:12-19
Apr 12th	Psalm 4
Apr 13th	1 John 3:1-7
Apr 14th	Luke 24:36b-48
Apr 15th	Psalm 150
Apr 16th	Hosea 5:15—6:6
Apr 17th	Proverbs 9:1-6
Apr 18th	Acts 4:5-12
Apr 19th	Psalm 23
Apr 20th	1 John 3:16-24
Apr 21st	John 10:11-18
Apr 22nd	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Apr 23rd	Psalm 95
Apr 24th	Micah 7:8-20
Apr 25th	Mark 1:1-15
Apr 26th	Acts 8:26-40
Apr 27th	1 John 4:7-21
Apr 28th	John 15:1-8
Apr 29th	Isaiah 5:1-7
Apr 30th	James 3:17-18



hello April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1 Allen Chronister's birthday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Donald Janssen's birthday</p>	<p>5 Jenna Green's birthday</p>	<p>6 Kim Stewart's birthday Linda Peterson's birthday</p>	<p>Trinity Delivers Meals this week</p>
<p>7 Ken and Lynn Kaufman's anniversary Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Curt and Pam Eubanks's anniversary</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Mike and Tammy Miller's anniversary</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Jim Wetzell Birthday</p>
<p>14 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>15 Amy Strehlow's birthday Jarod Nye's birthday</p>	<p>16 Karter Livengood's birthday</p>	<p>17 Clayton Simpson's birthday Rick and Connie Brockhouse's anniversary</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Worship & Communion FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>22 Janet Barkley's birthday</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Dan Woessner Birthday</p>	<p>27 Caden VanDyke's birthday Duane Landers's birthday</p>
<p>28 Worship FWJ 8:30; Trinity 10:15</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>APRIL 24TH <i>Happy Administrative Professionals' Day</i></p>			

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan
20314 Hickory Hills Road
Sterling, IL 61081
815-225-7410
Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
717 Stover Ave,
Milledgeville, IL 61051
815-225-7410; telcsecretary@mediacombb.net
Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM
trinitymville.36ounite.com

““He has been raised; he is not here.” --Mark 16b

Fear, doubt, terror and questions filled the hearts and minds of those who went to the tomb on the Sunday after Jesus’ crucifixion. No one immediately rejoiced. Some did not even recognize Jesus when they did see his raised body. Some hid behind locked doors fearing they would be next.

Mark’s ending to the Gospel story gives no resolution, no answers, no key to the meaning of all this. A presenter at a worship conference I once attended said that the Gospel of Mark leaves us with a great big “huh?”

Mark’s ending tells of a young man at the tomb who says to Mary, “go, tell the disciples and Peter that [Jesus] is going ahead of you to **Galilee**; there you will see him, just as he told you.” But instead the women “fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.” End of story. Huh?

If we are captured in any way by this story, or perhaps just confused, we might turn back to the beginning of Mark’s Gospel, looking for clues. Did we miss something? And when we go back to the beginning of the story we read, “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to **Galilee**, proclaiming the good news of God . . .”

There he is! Jesus is right back at the beginning of the story, in **Galilee** [just as he said]!

And where do we hear these Biblical stories over and over? In the assembly of believers, in worship, in church! The whole Gospel account is a blueprint for what the church is to be about and for--worship!

We gather weekly [every worship is Easter worship!] to encounter the Biblical story and to meet our Lord. We praise God. We hear God’s Word. We respond by offering “ourselves, our time and our possessions.” We depart to love and to serve God, “to look for the risen Christ,” and then we return again at the beginning of the week and start it all over again!

We don’t have all the answers when we leave worship. We get confused by the world and in our daily life by all the pain and suffering and fear we may see or even experience. And so we return, again and again, for strength, for renewal, for hope.

The risen Christ is present every time we gather! The risen Christ is present in, with and under the Word and the Sacraments! The risen Christ goes ahead of you . . . tell the other disciples and meet Him there.

Peace,

Pastor Susan