



Sunday, October 25th at 10:15 am, we will have a joint worship service at First, West Jordan.

This Special Worship service will celebrate the Reformation and feature a “guest” preacher of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther.

Everyone is encouraged to wear Red in celebration of the Reformation. A potluck dinner is planned for after the service. Please bring a dish to pass or a desert to share. Table service will be provided.



October Mission Focus

October is Helping Hands Food Pantry month at Trinity.

Bring in canned or boxed food items, cash donations welcome as well. Helping Hands Food Pantry serves the people of the Chadwick-Milledgeville school district. It is open the first Tuesday of the month and distributes according to the number of people in a household. Lyle Gregory is the director. He is responsible for making sure we have sufficient items to serve the 50 families the pantry serves on average each month. Lyle spends several days a month shopping for milk, eggs and bread and other items the pantry needs in order to serve clients the best way possible. All donations, both food and cash, are greatly appreciated.

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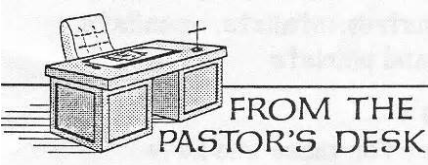
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Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”





Romans 1:17 New Living Translation (NLT)

¹⁷ This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”^[a]

Footnotes:

a. [1:17](#) Or “*The righteous will live by faith.*” [Hab 2:4](#).

In 2017, the world will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Reformation is a period in history that began with a number of theologians who challenged the teachings of the church, including Martin Luther. It was on October 31, 1517, legend tells us, that Martin Luther, a priest and theology teacher in Wittenberg, Germany, posted 95 Theses on the church door hoping for debate. The 95 Theses centered on the selling of indulgences, but also questioned other elements of the church hierarchy and teachings that Luther felt contradicted the Bible’s teaching of justification by grace through faith.

The Reformation did not simply end with Martin Luther’s 95 Theses in 1517. It was in 1521 that Luther was officially excommunicated from the church. And his work at translating the Bible into German, writing the Large and Small Catechisms, teaching on everything related to the Bible and God, would continue until Luther’s death in 1546. Luther was also not alone in his work as a reformer. Many others took advantage of this era to challenge the teaching of the church, including Calvin, Zwingli, Melanchthon. As a result, today there are many denominations that are called “Protestant” - the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Anglicans, the Moravians, the Baptists, and many others.

This is Reformation history in a nutshell. It is of course more greatly complex than can truly be covered in a newsletter article such as this. But, the Reformation is also more than history. We continue to live the Reformation Era today. The central teaching to Martin Luther, that we are justified by grace through faith, is just as important today as it was 500 years ago.

On Sunday, October 25th, our two congregations will come together for a joint worship service at First, West Jordan to celebrate the Reformation. We will sing A Mighty Fortress is Our God, a hymn written by Martin Luther. And we will hear from the great reformer himself. Yes, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther will make a guest appearance and share God’s amazing good news with us that morning.

Join us, October 25th at 10:15 AM at First, West Jordan, for this amazing celebration of our past, present and future as the Reformation continues to live on through our ministry.

Peace,



5th Quarter Youth Nights

5th Quarter Nights Continue being hosted at the Milledgeville Brethren Church. Jr. High and High School youth are invited after home football games for food and fun. We typically wrap up around 11:30 pm.

Our church will help out with serving the food and have chaperones on the night of October 2nd. The final 5th Quarter nights are October 16th and October 23rd. Support your Missiles! And have fun!



Who do you think you are?

Our Wednesday Bible study continues on Wednesdays at 7 PM.

Learn about your ancestors in faith:

Oct 7 Abraham and Sarah
Oct 14 Jacob
Oct 21 Joseph
Oct 28 Moses



Sunday, October 25th at 3 pm, we will have our Family Halloween Party.

Everyone is welcome. Wear your costumes.

Even Pastor Jamie has his costume all prepared! Last year, he was a mummy—what will he be this year? You have to come to find out.



CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday, October 17th from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Coffee Hour is 8:30 to 10:30

Lunch served from 11:00—1:00.

Lunch is \$7 for BBQ sandwich, salad bar, desert and drink

Craft items include fall and Christmas décor, American Girl doll clothes, quilted items. Huge Bake sale includes homemade noodles, cakes, rolls, pies

Raffle prizes are: 1st: Quilt; 2nd: Wood lawn flowers; 3rd: pierced tote bag



Trinity will have Sunday school at 9 am on Sunday, October 4th and Sunday, October 18th.

To help with Sunday school, please contact Amy Strehlow

Crop Walk

October 4 at 1:00 pm starting at Trinity Lutheran Church. The CROP Walk is an annual event to raise awareness and money for global and local hunger ministries. The money raised will support international hunger agency Church World Service and also our own Milledgeville Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Groups interested in walking should register with Pastor Jamie. A friendly competition between groups will result in prizes handed out to the group with the most participants, the group with the most creative theme, and the group with the largest donation of cash, and the group with the largest donation of boxed or canned goods for Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Due to the construction detours in the area, a route through town will be planned for this year's walk.



First West Jordan News

Helpers

Week 1 & 2

Ushers/Greeters: Jake and Katie Wetzell
Lector: Jake Wetzell

Week 3 & 4

Ushers/Greeters: Dan and Tammy Hinrichs
Lector: Tammy Hinrichs



If any information is incorrect or we have missed something, please let the office know.

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



October Grace Meal Oct 13th @ 11:30



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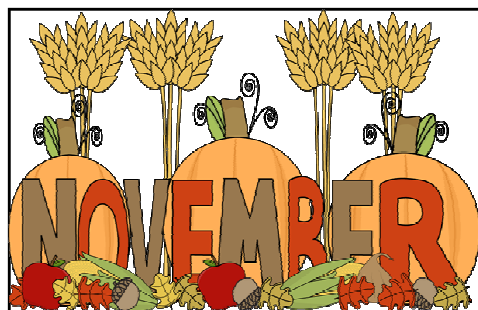
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Looking ahead to November:

Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Sunday, we will light candles in worship to honor the saints who we have loved who have entered God's eternal, promised Kingdom.

Wednesday, November 4th, Trinity will host Life Line Screenings once again. Anyone interested in medical screenings is welcome to take advantage of this service. A fee does apply to the screenings. Call the Trinity Church office for more information.

Sunday, November 22nd is Christ the King Sunday, we bring to a close the church calendar, and prepare to begin a new Church year as we celebrate Jesus' rightful spot as our King.

Sunday, November 22nd will be our annual Milledgeville-Chadwick community Thanksgiving Worship service. More information will come out soon.

Sunday, November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent. We begin a new year of telling the story of Jesus with the season of Advent, a time of preparation for Jesus' return.

Sunday, November 29th, Trinity will have our Church decorating and Family Advent Party. More information will come out soon about this as well.

November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day/Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday	2 11a-3p Sewers Meet	3 Election Day	4 9a-1p Life Line Screenings 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	5 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
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15 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	16 11a-3p Sewers Meet	17 11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church) 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)	18 9:30a-12p Chadwick-Milledgeville Ministerium 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	19 out Great American Smoke-out 1p-3p Milledgeville - Chadwick Ministerium 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
22 Christ the King Sunday 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 6:30p-8p Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Thanksgiving Worship	23 11a-3p Sewers Meet	24	25 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	26 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Day	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 Advent begins 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 11:30a-2p Advent Family Party and Church Decorating	30 11a-3p Sewers Meet	Notes:				

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11 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 11:15a-12p Confirmation Class reception	12 Columbus Day 11a-3p Sewers Meet	13 1p-3p Naomi Circle 7p-9p Trinity Church Council	14 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	15 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	16 Pastor's Vacation 7p-9:30p Milledgeville HS Home Football 9:30p-11:30p Milledgeville Youth 5th Quarter (Milledgeville Brethren Church)	17
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25 Reformation Sunday 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ First, West Jordan 11:30a-1p Reformation Sunday Luncheon at West Jordan 3p-5p Family Halloween Party (Trinity Lutheran Church)	26 11a-3p Sewers Meet	27	28 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	29 6:30p-8p Synod Fall Discipleship Gathering	30 Pastor's Day Off	31 Halloween

Lift up our local partners here in the Chadwick-Milledgeville community: Faith on Forty Ministry, Church of the Brethren on Main Street, Dutchtown Brethren, Milledgeville United Methodist, and Community Baptist Church, First Lutheran Church, Chadwick, Evangelical Free Church, Chadwick, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, Hope Methodist Church; and the Helping Hands Food Pantry.