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ember 22nd at 6:30 PM, the Chadwick-Milledgeville area Churches
for a Thanksgiving Celebration at Hope UMC, Chadwick.

is an opportunity for our entire community to gather for Thanksgiv-
anks to God for the blessings our entire community has received
this year.


Join us at Hope, UMC for worship and bring your neighbors and friends, tell
them why it is so important to gather for worship and to Give Thanks!



November Mission Focus

This November, at Trinity, we will continue our tradition of collecting for Samaritan's
Purse: Operation Shoebox Ministry. Shoeboxes will be folded and stacked in the nar-
thex. Please take one and fill it with age appropriate gifts for a child. Suggestions are
on the handout, also available in the Narthex.

These shoeboxes will be sent to children in developing countries. For many of these
children, this will be the only gift they receive all year long. It may be their only toy,
pair of socks, coloring book. You have the chance to be a real life Santa Claus. Support
the Shoebox ministry today.
Cash donations for shipping costs are also needed and appreciated.



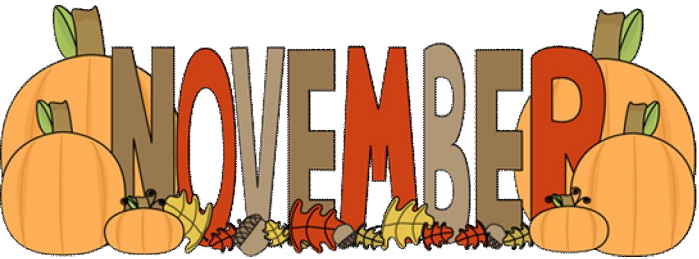
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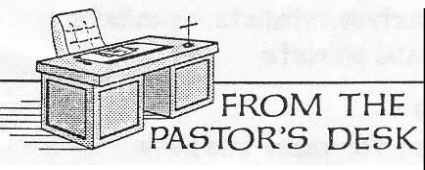
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Glad Tidings
Sound the Good News





FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

O Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to
the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of
praise.
Psalm 95:1-2

We have officially entered the holiday season; our end of year celebrations of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. This is most certainly a festive time of year, so it is natural to want to hear God's Word fill the festivities. Psalm 95 is one psalm our Hebrew ancestors would have sung during their festive seasons, when their holy days were celebrations of God's amazing works.

Over the next two months, we will have moments of joyous singing and thanksgiving. We will also have moments of great distraction, such as all the preparations that are necessary for our holidays, schedules full of activities meant to make our festivities festive, but which require a lot of preparations, which we can't get done because our schedules are full of festive festivities. It's a vicious circle.


The psalmist encourages us:
O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today, you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness

This psalm recalls the time when the ancient Hebrews had become bitter by their circumstances, and that bitterness led them to turn their hearts against the joyous presence of God in their midst. Today, our vicious circle of preparing, but not having enough time to prepare, of being at festivities, only to be worried about what we haven't prepared for the next well, this vicious circle can be much like our Hebrew ancestors at Meribah, a trap of bitterness leading us away from the joy that is God's presence in the midst of this Holy-Day time.

How do we avoid the trap of bitterness? How do we avoid making a pit-stop at Meribah? Our psalmist encourages us to remember the most important thing, our Holy Days are a time for worship and praise, a time to sing and make a joyful noise, a time for praise.


Will we still have too much to do and not enough time to prepare for it all, sure. But in the midst of all that fills our Holy Days is the promise that the LORD, our Maker, the rock of our salvation, is here in our midst. For that, let us always give thanks!

Peace, 



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ber 6th—Jesus and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Manger

ick-Milledgeville Community Christmas Worship will feature mu-
hurches, community hymn sing, and the debut of a wonderful new
tten by our own Pastor Jamie.

It begins at 6:30 pm, right here, we are the hosts at Trinity. A Christmas-dessert re-
ception follows.



COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study

Who do you think you are?

Our Wednesday Bible study continues on Wednesdays at 7 PM.


Learn about your ancestors in faith:

Nov 4 ô Moses
Nov 11 ô Rahab
Nov 18 ô Deborah
Nov 25ô no class, happy Thanksgiving

Advent Decorating and Family Fun Afternoon!

Join us after worship on Sun-
day, November 29th as we
decorate our sanctuary for
Christmas.

Sunday School and Youth
Group activities will be hap-
pening at the same time.
Lunch is included!



**December Grace Meal
December 15th @ 11:30**



Christmas Wreaths are on
sale by our Youth Group.

Wreaths will be delivered on
Saturday, November 14

**Plan Your Christmas Eve Worship
Time now!**

4:00 PM at First, West Jordan
9:00 PM at Trinity, Milledgeville
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*This is a new time this year for
Trinity!


Christmas poinsettias will be on
sale again this year. Help
beautify our sanctuaries
for the Christmas Holiday.



Trinity has two older micro-
waves that we no longer need.
A new one has been purchased
and set up in the kitchen.

If you have a need for a micro-
wave at a cabin, boat, camper,
tent, tepee, igloo, ice-fishing
shack, you are welcome to have
one of these!
Just see Lynn Kaufman.






Thank you, thank you, thank you! Your financial contributions, com-
bined with the prayers of the faithful, make so much ministry possible at
Trinity and First. Thank you, thank you, Thank you!

In the coming weeks, new contribution envelopes will be available to be
picked up in our church narthex. Please take a moment of prayer to give
thanks for the ministry of this congregation, your contributions to it, and
to ask God how you are being led to give going forward. Stewardship is a
matter of our response to God, for all that we have received first from
God. Each time you prepare another envelope, pray and ask God to bless
your gift, and multiply that gift with all the others, so that all may know
God's love through our ministry.

First West Jordan News

We are collecting items for Mia Beveroth's first grade class again this year. The wish list
includes: toothbrushes, tooth paste, body wash, wash cloths, small stuffed animals, puzzles,
books, crayons, coloring books, hot chocolate mix, gloves, hats, small socks (size 4-6), and
snack items (cereal, pretzels, crackers, etc).



Helpers

Week 1 & 2
Ushers/Greeters: Allen and Kim Vickers
Lector: Janet Koett

Week 3, 4 & 5
Ushers/Greeters: Trina and Meghan O'Brien
Lector: Trina O'Brien

Hospice of the Rock River Valley's Festival of Trees Country Store has
asked us for a donation of home-baked cookies. The baked goods are to
be delivered to the Country Store at the mall on Friday, Nov 20 from
7:30ô 9:00 am or to Carol Woessner by 8:00 am. Carol will also take
cookies on Sunday, Nov 15 and freeze them until delivery time.

Happy Birthday!

Amy Landheer (11/2); Elnora Hinrichs (11/3); LaVerne Woessner (11/6)
and Jake Wetzell (11/21)

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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

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

December 2015

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 World AIDS Day	2 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	3 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	4 Pastor's Day Off 5
6 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	7		8 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle 7p-8:30p Trinity Council Meeting	9 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	10 Human Rights Day 7p-9p Dorcas Circle	11 Pastor's Day Off 12
6:30p-8p Milledgeville - Chadwick Community Christmas Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)						
13 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	14		15 11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church) 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	16 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	17 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	18 Pastor's Day Off 19
20 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	21		22 Winter Solstice	23	24 4p-5p Christmas Eve Worship (First\, West Jordan) 9p-10p Christmas Eve Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	25 Christmas Pastor's Day Off 26
27 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	28		29	30	31 office closed	Notes: Notes:

November 2015

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day/Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Sunday 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ 10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	2		3 Election Day	4 9a-1p Life Line Screenings	5 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
				1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
				7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)			
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				9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting			
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				1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
				7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)			
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		24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	28
				Office Closed Thanksgiving Day			
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		Notes:				



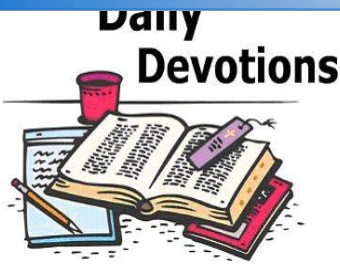
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Additional Readings and Prayer Calendar

[Psalm 119:105](#)

to my feet and a light to my path.



November is a month we traditionally associate with giving thanks. Maybe it's the fall leaves we are raking up, or the pumpkin pie we eat after massive quantities of turkey, or maybe it is the many football games we watch.

Or perhaps it is the most awesome season the Chicago Cubs have ever hadô EVER!

While there are many things we associate with November and giving thanks, perhaps the most important thing we need to associate with giving thanks is God's Word.

Scripture is filled with stories of giving thanks, people thankful for healing, people thankful for forgiveness, people thankful for being fed. What is your favorite Bible story associated with giving thanks? Is it one of these?

Take a moment to reflect on God's Word each day, and give thanks for all God's many blessings.

Nov 1 1 Chronicles 16:8-24	Nov 11 Psalm 7:17	Nov 21 Psalm 28
Nov 2 Psalm 30	Nov 12 Jeremiah 33:10-11	Nov 22 Genesis 22:1-14
Nov 3 Isaiah 12:1	Nov 13 2 Samuel 7:18-29	Nov 23 1 Kings 17:8-24
Nov 4 Daniel 2:23	Nov 14 Genesis 8:13-22	Nov 24 Deuteronomy 15:22-29
Nov 5 Luke 22:14-23	Nov 15 Psalm 97	Nov 25 Psalm 118
Nov 6 Psalm 145:1-7	Nov 16 1 Corinthians 11:23-25	Nov 26 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Nov 7 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22	Nov 17 Hebrews 12:28	Nov 27 John 6:1-13
Nov 8 Luke 7:36-50	Nov 18 Matthew 16:32-38	Nov 28 Mark 5:1-20
Nov 9 Luke 15:11-32	Nov 19 Matthew 20:29-34	Nov 29 Mark 7:31-37
Nov 10 Luke 17:11-19	Nov 20 Matthew 9:1-7	Nov 30 Mark 12:41-44

		
11/1 Harriet Dambman	11/1 Randy Landis	
11/3 Erin Dettman	11/5 Margaret Puckett	11/2 Mark A. & Laurie Byvick
11/4 Hillary Hartman	11/5 Lori Oncken	
11/13 Laurie R. Byvick	11/10 Randy Kleckler	11/17 Michael & Kaye Strehlow
11/14 Violet Ohlwine	11/17 Kevin Judas	11/20 John & Patty Murray
11/16 Jordan Harris	11/17 Ross Paul Hartman	11/21 Steve & Laura Buckman
11/16 Shane Harris	11/18 Tyler Wagenknecht	11/25 Courtney & Kelly
11/17 Heather Schmidt	11/18 Carol Lee Bushman	11/26 William & Ruth Borth
11/22 Cole VanDyke	11/19 Bonnie Queckboerner	11/27 Kyla & Dana Eastabrooks
11/24 June Franks	11/20 Ken Kaufman	
11/24 Steven Barkley	11/25 Lois Nye	
11/29 Paul Cheeseman	11/28 Connor Eubanks	
11/30 Donna Fields	11/29 Curtis Murphy	
	11/30 Christian Barkley	
	11/30 Harlen Meinsma	

November Prayer

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



If you have a prayer request for our prayer chain or for our Sunday prayer list, please contact Pastor Jamie

November 1-7

This Week in prayer our homebound members: Myron and Linda Deets, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward, Elnora Hinrichs, Bill and Ruth Borth, Joan Massengil, Ardree Fogel; Pray also for the residents of South-town Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

November 8-14

Pray for those who are hungry, and are served by our local Helping Hands Food Pantry, and for all food pantries in our state and nation. Pray for those who are hungry around the world, that the plenty on our table is shared in ways we can never fully understand. Pray for organizations like Lutheran World Relief and Church Worldwide Services, whose primary mission is to serve people who have nothing but the charity of others to live by.

Turn your prayers into action this month, as you support our mission focus and think of others this holiday season.

November 15-21

This week in keep in prayer those from our prayer lists in worship:

From First: Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda and Myron Deets, John Ethridge, Anita and Leonard Gilbert, Linda Habben, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Jon Ryner, Daniel and Ryan Sauer, Gary and Carole Sibley

From Trinity: Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Joyce Blair, Ruth & Bill Borth, Bob Brandt,,Leland Bryson, Nancy Dittmar, Brad "Gus" Frederick, Elsie Heward, Alfred Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Stephen McCormick, Ivan Miller, Corinne Ohlwine, June Stewart

November 22-30

Pray for our ministry partners: Northwest and Central Conferences of the Northern Illinois Synod, the Northern Illinois Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bishop Gary Wollersheim of the NIS and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the ELCA.

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.