



Sunday, December 6th—Jesus and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Manger

This year’s Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Christmas Worship will feature music from our area churches, community hymn sing, and the debut of a wonderful new Christmas play written by our own Pastor Jamie.

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

December Mission Focus



The Chadwick-Milledgeville Ministerial Association’s Annual Christmas Gift program is the mission focus for Trinity. Each year, members of our community who are struggling financially are invited to submit gift requests for their children age birth through 18.

Trinity will once again receive names and gift requests. The gift requests will be posted, anonymously, in our narthex. Please take a gift tag and return the gift to the office by December 20th.

These families are in our community, and it is our opportunity to help them celebrate a wonderful Christmas. For questions about the gifts, or our program, please see Pastor Jamie.

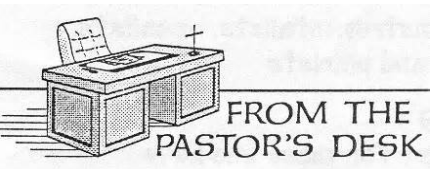
Thank you for your generosity.

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Glad Tidings
“Sound the Good News”





The angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said.
“I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.
” The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born to-
day in Bethlehem, the city of David!

Luke 2:10-11

We open our social media and we hope for pictures of cats and cute babies doing what cats and cute babies do. We open our email are relieved by spam, for at least it isn’t bad news. The phone rings and we are jittery because we fear what news is coming our way next. We turn the TV on and are thankful the game show isn’t interrupted yet again by a special news report of another tragedy in our world.

We have become a people scared of news because so often it is bad news. The loss of another loved one, another natural disaster rips apart another third world country, the war bombs fall again, the bad guy escaped the police again, these are all bad news we hear on such a regular basis that we have become jaded and cynical and afraid of any news whatsoever.

I can only imagine what was going through the mind of the shepherds in the fields on the night Jesus was born. They would have been afraid of the news that one of their bosses sheep was hurt or stolen. They would have been afraid of the news that Roman soldiers were roughing up the town and disrupting their families. They would have been scared of a family member being kidnapped by soldiers. Unexpected news would not have been welcome to these poor, third-shift-working class men.

And yet in the midst of their night shift, unexpected news is what they receive. And it is a shock—for it is Good News. A baby is born. That’s good news, alright. But this is no ordinary baby, this is the Son of God, the Messiah. This is Good News!

Are we so lost and afraid of news because it is what we have become accustomed to hearing? Are we afraid to open ourselves up to the unexpected announcement of the Good News? This Christmas season—turn off the TV “entertainment news”, scoff at the weary “war on Christmas”, open your heart to this Good News—Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah—God in flesh—has been born to be our savior. This Good News has the final say in our life.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel Has Come To You O Israel . . . O Milledgeville . . . O Jordan Township . . . To You!

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Please mark your calendars: our next meeting is Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM

Annual Report

All reports for the Annual report are due in the office on December 20th.



Who do you think you are?

Only two Bible Studies in December:

Dec 9—Ruth

Dec 16—David

Have you updated your email address contact list for Trinity? Our new office email is:

telcsecretary@mediacombb.net



And don't forget to Friend us on Facebook:

Trinity Lutheran Church Milledgeville



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

More information will be posted in our bulletins and announced in worship.

Christmas Caroling

Tuesday, Dec 8th,
6 pm at
Morningside (Good Neighbor) Home in Sterling.

Anyone who loves Christmas Carols is welcome, no previous choir experience necessary.

Even Scrooge is welcome to come and sing with us!



Trinity will have Sunday school at 9 am on Sunday, Dec 6 and 13

To help with Sunday school, please contact Amy Strehlow



Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 PM at First, West Jordan
9:00 PM at Trinity, Milledgeville *

*This is a new time this year for Trinity!



December Grace Meal
December 15th @ 11:30

The Advent Wreath

Our annual tradition of lighting another candle each week as we lead up to Christmas begins on November 29th.



If your family would like to help read the short prayer and light the candle, please let Pastor Jamie know. If a family is needed, one will be recruited each week.

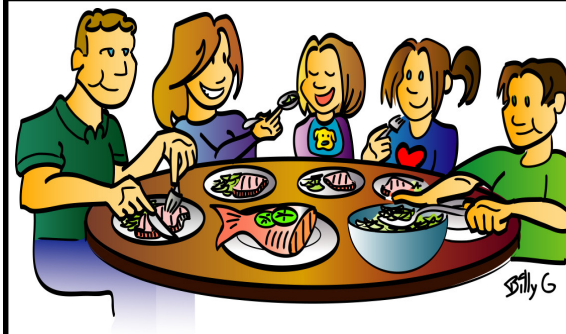


After the Home Basketball games on Friday, December 4th and Friday, December 11th.

All Jr High and High School youth are welcome to gather at the Milledgeville Brethren Church for games, food and just hanging out.

Wii, ping-pong, foos-ball are all available too.

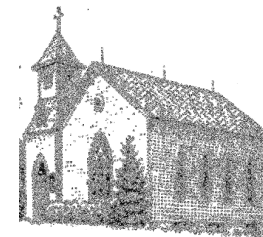
Adults interested in helping as servers are asked to call Pastor Jamie



Introducing: Zaccheaus' Feast
Wednesday, January 13, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Here at Trinity Lutheran

We are beginning the new year with a new community meal. This meal is open to the entire Milledgeville-Chadwick Community. Our aim will be to provide a free, family style meal to anyone who wishes to be part of the meal. We will advertize in the community and at the local food pantry.

A planning meeting for the January meal will be held on Wed. Dec 2nd at 6 pm (before the Christmas program rehearsal). More information will follow the planning meal



First West Jordan News

Happy Birthday!

December 15th: Lucille Hook

On Sunday, December 13th, we will include a Christmas Program during worship called "The Christmas Toys". Santa Claus will even make an appearance. Join us, and bring a friend for this wonderful celebration of Christmas

Donations for PADS will be accepted in December. They are in need of coffee, coffee creamer, kool-aid/powdered drink mixes, lemonade, sugar, deodorant, laundry detergent, paper towels, serving gloves, disposable containers, zip lock bags (1-gallon), trash bags (13-gallon), gloves, scarves, stocking hats, socks, underwear, and stamps.

Helpers

Week 1 & 2

Ushers/Greeters: Lee and Kathy Hinrichs
Lector: Kathy Hinrichs

Week 3, 4

Ushers/Greeters: Jim and Jan Wetzell
Lector: Jan Wetzell

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

Council President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)
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Deacon (Custodian) Lynn Kaufman
Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan

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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 something, please let the office know.

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day Pastor's Day Off	2
3 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	4 11a-3p Sewers Meet	5	6 Epiphany 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Men- toring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	7 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	8 Pastor's Day Off	9
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
10 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11 mess Human Trafficking Aware- ness 11a-3p Sewers Meet	12 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	13 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meet- ing 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Men- toring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 5:30p-7p Zaccheus Feast (Trinity)	14 7p-9p Dorcas Circle	15 Pastor's Day Off	16
9a-10a Sunday School (Trinity)						
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17 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	18 Martin Luther King Trinity delivers Golden Meals	19	20	21	22	23
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	9a-9p NIS LYO Ski Trip at Chestnut Mountain (Chestnut Mountain)	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Men- toring (Milledgeville Elementary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lutheran)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
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December 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 World AIDS Day	2 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elemen- tary School) 6p-7p Planning meeting: Zac- cheaus Feast (Trinity) 7p-8:30p Community Choir re- hearsal (Trinity)	3 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	7	8 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle 6p-8p Christmas Caroling (Morningside Home), Sterling)	9 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elemen- tary School) 7p-8p Bible Study (Trinity Lu- theran)	10 Human Rights Day 7p-9p Dorcas Circle	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
9a-10a Sunday School (Trinity)					9p-11p 5th Quarter after basket- ball (Milledgeville Brethren Church)	
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6:30p-8p Milledgeville - Chadwick Community Christmas Worship (Trinity), Milledgeville)						
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20 Annual Reports due	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
10:15a-11:15a Joint Parish Wor- ship @ Trinity						
27 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	28	29	30	31 office closed	Notes:	
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Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

One of sights we will see everywhere this month is a Christmas Tree. The Bible makes no mention of a tree connected to Jesus' birth. Yet it has become a main symbol of our towns at Christmas, and in each of our homes we spend hours trimming the perfect holiday tree.

Martin Luther gets credit for first lighting candles on an evergreen tree at Christmas time, and the tradition's popularity grew in Germany throughout the 16th century. Certainly before Luther, there were many nationalities that had end of year customs. Today, they are a huge industry with ornaments from traditional symbols, to our toes, and our heart-felt hand-made family ornaments.

Well, the Christmas tree does not come from the Bible. But trees are very important in the Bible. From the creation stories in Genesis to the new creation stories in Revelation, trees are important as gathering places, a place of punishment, a place of security, as symbols of strength, and sources of food. Enjoy learning more about trees in the Bible.

Dec 1	Genesis 1:11	Dec 11	Deuteronomy 8:7-10	Dec 21	Song of Solomon 2:3
Dec 2	Genesis 2:9	Dec 12	Deuteronomy 21:22-23	Dec 22	Matthew 7:15-20
Dec 3	Genesis 2:16-17	Dec 13	Deuteronomy 24:20	Dec 23	Matthew 13:31-32
Dec 4	Genesis 3:12	Dec 14	Joshua 8:29	Dec 24	Matthew 21:8
Dec 5	Genesis 18:1-10	Dec 15	Judges 9:8-15	Dec 25	Matthew 21:18-22
Dec 6	Genesis 23:33	Dec 16	2 Samuel 5:23-24	Dec 26	Luke 13:6-9
Dec 7	Exodus 15:17	Dec 17	1 Kings 19:1-10	Dec 27	Luke 19:1-10
Dec 8	Exodus 21:39-43	Dec 18	Psalms 92:12	Dec 28	John 1:47-49
Dec 9	Exodus 27:30	Dec 19	Proverbs 11:30	Dec 29	Acts 5:30
Dec 10	Numbers 24:3-6	Dec 20	Proverbs 15:4	Dec 30	Galatians 3:13
				Dec 31	Revelation 21:1-7



12/1 Gavin Schildgen
12/2 Bridget Newcomer
12/5 Robert Oncken
12/6 Josh Nye
12/9 Joan Massengill
12/9 Colton Simpson
12/12 Becky Anderson
12/12 John Byvick
12/16 Cheryl Lartz
12/20 Tyler Miller
12/20 Elizabeth Wolf
12/21 Shane Harris
12/21 Amanda Smith
12/21 William Schmidt
12/24 William Borth
12/25 Alfred Hinrichs
12/26 Collin Eubanks
12/27 Brandon Eye
12/27 John Murray
12/31 Keasha Kelley

12/4 Jocelyn Green
12/5 Connor Bryson
12/11 Randi Marie Kleckler
12/14 Ken Kaufman
12/15 Kevin Anderson
12/21 Amanda Smith
12/27 Krista Wagenknecht



12/6 Gary & Carol Sibley
12/9 William & Ruth Wolf
12/26 Kevin & Becky Anderson

December Prayer

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming with glowing hearts by
His cradle we stand. So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
here come the wise men from Orient land. The King of Kings lay
thus in lowly manger in all our trials born to be our friend!

Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother. And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy Name.



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

December 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 Southtown Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

December 8-14

Pray for the children who are receiving our shoebox ministry gifts. Pray for the families in our own community that are in need of help in providing a Christmas for their families. Pray for our soldiers and all service personnel who are stationed overseas, especially those serving in combat situation.

December 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, Anita and Leonard Gilbert, Linda Habben, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Jon Ryner

From Trinity: Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Joyce Blair, Ruth & Bill Borth, Bob Brandt, Leland Bryson, Nancy Dittmar, Cody Druce, Dee Gerdes, Alfred Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Stephen McCormick, Ivan Miller, Corinne Ohlwine, June Stewart, Isabel Willhite

December 22-31

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.