

May Mission Focus: Sauk Valley YMCA Domestic Violence Program
June Mission Focus: Helping Hands Food Pantry

May: The Sauk Valley YMCA Domestic Violence Program assists survivors of domestic violence through the following comprehensive services:

24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, medical advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling/support groups, and children's services.

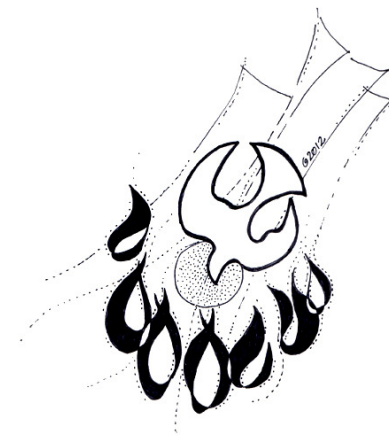
Our donations help the most vulnerable who have often escaped violent situations with only the clothes they are wearing. For more information on how this agency makes differences in the lives of those who it helps, go to www.ymca.org/saukvalley. Click on the Programs link and then the Anti-Violence link.

June: Trinity is scheduled to assist the Helping Hands Food Pantry. 3 volunteers are needed for June 7th to assist the Food Pantry in serving its clients. The Food Pantry is available to anyone in the Chadwick/Milledgeville school district. Clients are assigned a set-amount of food items based on the size of their family. Throughout June, we will collect food items and cash donations to assist the Food Pantry in its work.

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On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

Acts 2:1-3, New Living Translation

It is springtime. In our homes, our windows are open. As we bounce from room to room with our spring cleaning, the fresh spring air fills our homes with the sweet aroma of blooming flowers and lilac bushes and budding trees. The sounds of returning birds and children once again playing outside make us smile and give thanks for another winter gone by.

At Trinity, we too have opened our windows during worship. The fresh air fills the sanctuary with cool breezes. We are even interrupted more now by the occasional passing train or motorcycle. These sounds thunder in as if on cue to interrupt something important being said. And we grumble at the interrupting sounds, and we sneeze as the sweet air brings with it the small particles that annoy any with allergies. But it is spring. And the fresh air is just feels too good to close our windows.


Imagine these scents and sounds as you read the Pentecost story in Acts. Early Christian disciples have gathered for worship. Their windows are open too. The gentle breezes carry the blossoms of early spring Jerusalem into their sanctuary. But then suddenly the wind picks up. It is not so gentle. It is loud, quite like a train or a motorcycle gang riding by.

Initially, there is confusion. Then came fear as what appears to be tongues of flame land on each person. But out of the chaos comes peace, calm, then excitement and a new energy. A new rush of wind blows but not from outside, this time from inside as the disciples began speaking the Good News in many languages. The church roared to new life so much so that those outside the church were interrupted. Their lives paused by the sound coming out of the church.

Our windows are open. The Holy Spirit is blowing into our sanctuaries, interrupting our lives, our lives of chaotic schedules, our lives of stress and joys and losses and gains. In the midst of this chaos the Spirit fills us with peace and calmness; and then the Spirit fills us with excitement and newness and an energy that should have us proclaiming the Good News louder than the passing train, interrupting the motorcyclist on his Sunday drive. The Spirit can do this. The Spirit yearns to do this. The Spirit is excited to see our windows are open again, so our lives may be interrupted that we may become interruptions for our community.

It is spring. Let the Spirit blow through our open windows!

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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Joint Worship in 2016


At the April Joint Council meeting, we agreed to the following joint worship services:

Mark your calendars now for these dates, times and places

May 29—First, 8:30 am
June 12—Trinity, 10:15 am with spring picnic
July 3—First, 8:30 am
Sept 4—Trinity, 10:15 am
Nov 6—First 10:15 am with 145th anniversary Luncheon to follow the service
Dec 25—First, 8:30 am
Jan 1, 2017—Trinity, 10:15 am

The Milledgeville High School Senior Recognition and Scholarship Night will be hosted at Trinity on Wednesday, May 4th at 7pm.

Pray for our Synod Assembly Representatives: Kim Stewart and Carol Lee Bushman. Synod Assembly is Thursday, June 16 to Saturday, June 18. This year, our Synod will be electing a new bishop.



See you in Sunday School!

Trinity is reinventing Sunday School.

Every Sunday. Every One. All Ages. 9:15 Story, music, snack

Tammy Miller has taken the lead, and has a sign up sheet for helpers.

This Continues until May 22.

Spring Joint Worship and Picnic

Sunday, June 12th!
10:15 am Joint Worship—at Trinity, Outside on the lawn

Join us as Pastor Jamie creatively weaves another “Story-Telling Worship” service

11:15 Spring Picnic
Trinity will provide the Meats, and Lemonade
Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share

You’re Not Alone Camp

This summer a special opportunity is available for kids in grades 4-12. A Church camp held right here at the County Fairgrounds. And it is FREE!

You read that right. This camp is FREE!

A sign up form is available in the office. It is open to all kids entering 4-12 grade. It is during the week of July 10-15.

This camp will have fun, and help kids grow in faith in a way that helps them feel really great about their faith and their relationship with God.

For more information, talk with Pastor Jamie

There will only be one newsletter for May/June and only one newsletter for July/August. Our Worship Bulletin Inserts will keep you up to date.




May Grace Meal / June Grace Meal
May 17 @ 11:30 am / June 21 @ 11:30 am

A Noisy Offering will be taken on Sunday, May 15th and Sunday, June 19.

This will be taken during the Children’s Sermon. Children can bring coins to worship for this offering, and the Children will pass their “Noisy Offering” cans through the congregation.

These offerings will be dedicated to our Mission Focus for each month.

This is also an opportunity to talk with your children about our Mission Focus. More information in on the back page of the newsletter.




Carroll County Relay for Life

This year, Relay for Life is Saturday, June 18th from 5pm to 11 pm at the Milledgeville High School track.

Fundraising opportunities abound between now and this annual event. Come out and support those who are survivors, those whose are remembering, and those who are still fighting.

Prayer Chain



The Prayer Chain is being updated. If you would like to be included in the new Prayer Chain, please call Pastor Jamie at the church office—815-225-7410.

The Prayer Chain is a caring ministry open to all members of First Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran. Members on the Prayer Chain will receive a small flyer with information about how a prayer chain works. The flyer will also include sample prayers. This invitation to be on the prayer chain does not require previous experience! Just a caring heart.

First West Jordan News

Mission Project for May:
We are collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Let’s Feed Our Children summer program.
A box will be located in the Narthex for collecting donations.

145th Anniversary Trivia
In 1897, an addition was built on the north side of the sanctuary for use as a Sunday school room. A new entrance was also built to join this new room and the sanctuary. The original spire and steeple were moved atop this new entrance. It was also at this time that all of the windows were fitted with stained glass. The large gothic style window, still at the back of the sanctuary today, was installed where the previous entrance was. Above the entrance the name of the church was spelled out in stained glass.

Worship Helpers
May 1&8
Ushers/Greeters: Dan & Jodi Woessner
Lector: Dan Woessner
May 15, 22, 29
Ushers, Greeters: Gary & Carol Sibley
Lector: Carol Sibley
June 5
Ushers, Greeters: LaVerne & Carol Woessner
Lector: LaVerne Woessner
June 19 & 26
Ushers, Greeters: Roger Hinrichs, June Purvis
Lector: June Purvis

May and June Birthdays
May 4—Al Vickers
May 15—Mia Meyer
May 24—Dan Hinrichs
June 1—June Purvis
June 2—Carol Adolph
June 6—Lee Hinrichs
June 7—Leora Beveroth
June 9—Frank Ward
June 25—Trudy Landheer

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church
President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)
Vice-President Harlan Meinsma
Secretary Collin Eubanks
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
At-Large Karen Landers, Tammy Miller, Sharon Woodard, Ken Kaufman
Custodian Lynn Kaufman
Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan
President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner

2016 Trinity General Fund Summary

	March Budget	March Actual		YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,818	9,688		29,540	27,513
Expenses	9,051	8,649		30,395	27,405

June 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	3 Pastor's Day Off	4
5 Time after Pentecost	6 11a-3p Sewers Meet	7 9a-11a Helping Hands Food Pantry Service Day	8	9 7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Barb Brubaker's house)	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
12 Joint Worship and Picnic: 10:15 AM at Trinity, M'ville	13 Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	14	15	16	17	18 5p-11p Carroll County Relay for Life (Milledgeville High School)
Time after Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle		Northern Illinois Synod Assembly (Augustana College, Rock Island, IL)		
10:15a-11:15a Joint Worship @ Trinity				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		
11:30a-12:30p Spring Parish Picnic (Trinity, Milledgeville)						
19 Father's Day	20 11a-3p Sewers Meet	21 11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	22	23	24 Pastor's Day Off	25
Time after Pentecost		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)				
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		7p-8p Trinity Council Meeting (Trinity, Milledgeville)				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
26 Time after Pentecost	27 Pastor on Vacation	28	29	30	Notes:	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

May 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sixth Sunday of Easter	2 11a-3p Sewers Meet	3	4 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)	5 Ascension of Our Lord	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		6:30 p First Lutheran Discovering Hope night	7p-10p High School Scholarship Award night (Trinity)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
8 Mother's Day	9 11a-3p Sewers Meet	10 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	11 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	12 7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Jodi Woessner's house)	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
Seventh Sunday of Easter		3p-5p Worship Committee	1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
15 Day of Pentecost	16 Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	17	18	19	20	21 Milledgeville High School Graduation
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			7p-8p High School Baccalaureate Service (Dutchtown Brethren Church)	7p-8p Chadwick 8th Grade Graduation		
22 Holy Trinity Sunday	23 11a-3p Sewers Meet	24 4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)	25	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
29 Joint Worship Sunday: 8:30 AM at First, WJ	30 Memorial Day 11a-3p Sewers Meet	31	Notes:			
Time after Pentecost						
8:30a-9:30a Joint Worship @ FWJ						

Celebrations for May and June



5/7 Lindsay Buckman
5/8 Molly Anderson
5/12 Taylor Anderson
5/13 Stacy Mickelson
5/15 Kali Livengood
5/16 Sharon Woodard
5/17 Michael Strehlow
5/17 Jarod Nye
5/17 Alayna Woodard
5/21 Kristine Faulkner
5/24 Amy Strehlow
5/24 Trace Gallagher
5/26 Doug Strehlow
5/27 Thomas Barkley

6/1 Carol Lee Bushman
6/1 Le-Anne Nye
6/1 Melissa Emmons
6/3 David Wagenknecht
6/6 Richard Bushman
6/6 Colton Simpson
6/6 Nancy Maxwell
6/12 Kyla Eastabrooks
6/12 Lois Nye
6/13 Curtis Murphy
6/13 Clayton Simpson
6/13 Shirley Nye
6/14 Lois Simmons
6/16 Connor Eubanks
6/18 Troy Wagenknecht
6/20 Andrew Barkley
6/24 Carole Adolph
6/26 Payton Harris
6/27 Karen Landers
6/28 Pam Eubanks
6/29 Amanda Schildgen
6/30 Gary Nye



5/1 Robert Woessner
5/4 Barbara Miller
5/5 Payton Harris
5/6 Curt Eubanks
5/6 Paige Bauling
5/8 James Brubaker
5/9 Pam Eubanks
5/9 Jamie Doyle
5/9 Keagan Livengood
5/11 Shirley Woessner
5/11 Patty Murray
5/12 Kaitlin Dettman
5/13 Opal Kleckler
5/14 Bryn Bauling
5/14 Le-Anne Nye
5/16 Amanda Schildgen
5/18 Donna Landis
5/20 Ramona Koett
5/21 Alayna Woodard
5/25 Jaidon Doyle
5/25 Heide Gallagher
5/27 Kennedy Livengood
5/27 Teresa Wagenknecht
5/27 Violet Ohlwine
5/31 Otto Wagenknecht

6/1 Steven Blake
6/1 Kristine Faulkner
6/1 Dan Nye
6/2 Carole Adolph
6/9 Kurt Landis

6/13 Ava Schluter
6/13 Charleese Faulkner
6/19 Marlys Carpenter
6/22 Justin Peterson, Justin
6/23 June Franks
6/25 Jerry Heeren
6/26 Jennifer Dettman
6/28 Donna Fields
6/30 Erin Dettman
6/30 Mike Miller

5/6 Ronald & Cheryl Lartz
5/8 Antoinette & Korey Fossett
5/9 Steven & Phyllis Jewell
5/19 Frank & Joan Massengill
5/25 Darin & Tanya Frederick
5/28 Craig & Kaye Dusing
6/5 Charles & Kristine Adolph
6/7 Cassie & Matt Folk
6/7 Dan & Heather Oncken
6/10 Vaughn & Robin Palmer
6/11 Robert & Marlys Carpenter
6/17 Eric & Kim Riley
6/18 David & Lynette Kent
6/21 Thomas & Stephanie
6/23 Kevin & Tanya Janssen
6/26 Andrew & Janet Barkley
6/26 Barry L. & Ronda Imel
6/27 Lyle & Marcia Printz
6/28 Deborah & Cruz Colon, Sr.
6/28 Mark & Jennifer Dettman

In our prayers:

From First:

Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman,
Linda & Myron Deets,
Anita & Leonard Gilbert,
Linda Habben, Roger Hinrichs,
Tammy Hinrichs, Bob Kerschke, Janet Koett,
Roger Koett, Jon Ryner,

From Trinity:

Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas,
Carl & Peg Bauling, Ruth & Bill Borth,
Leland Bryson, Linda Estabrooks,
Ed Eubanks, Renea Flowers, Ardree Fogel,
Barb Gerdes, Alfred Hinrichs,
Tammy Hinrichs, Bob Kerschke, Janet Koett,
Stephen McCormick, Ivan Miller, Corinne
Ohlwine, Jerry Pilgrim, JD Trader

The families and friends of Alfred Hinrichs
and Renea Flowers

Timely Prayers for the Months of May and June

A Prayer for Mothers

Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 8th.



Thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love. Amen

For the end of the academic year

High School Graduation is Saturday, May 21st:

O God, source of all that we have and have become, as this year comes to an end, we stand at time’s door, preparing to enter more deeply into the life that you have given us to live. Guard yesterday as the source of precious and profound memories. Fill our hearts today with joy as you bring us to the close of our time in this place. Bless our tomorrows and let them be times of new beginnings, filled with signs of hope and opportunity. Continue to lead us with your vision and unite us as your people. Send us forth more boldly to run the race set before us. Empower us in our witness and strengthen us in our serving. We go now in Christ’s name. Amen

For Bishops

Bishop Gary Wollersheim, who has served the Northern Illinois Synod as Bishop for 18 years is retiring and a new bishop will be elected at our Assembly June 16-18. Use this prayer during the week leading up to and after the Assembly:

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain pastors and bishops, especially retiring Bishop Gary Wollersheim and the incoming bishop who will be elected at the Synod Assembly, that with patience and understanding they may love and care for all your people. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

For Fathers

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 19th.

Loving God, We thank you for the gift of good dads, and everything that they do for us. Help them to have patience when we're difficult, wisdom when we can't see the way, strength when we need comforting, and love at all times, so that, though them, we get a little glimpse of how you feel about us, our heavenly Father. Amen.

For Healing

For those on our prayer list, here is a prayer to use:

By your healing, Great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen