

March Mission Focus: Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center



We have an amazing Camp Ministry right here in our backyard. There are summer camps for all ages, confirmation retreats, high school retreats, day events for small groups of all ages. There is this amazing zip line, the longest in the state of Illinois. Even Pastor Jamie, with his fear of heights, went on the zip line and had a blast. He says, “I will definitely do the zip line again!”

Join us in supporting this amazing center for year-round ministry.

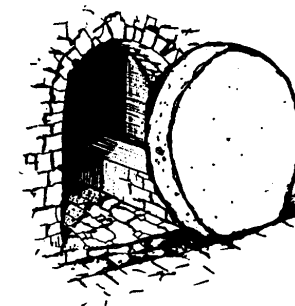
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Of West Jordan  
20314 Hickory Hills Road  
Sterling, IL 61081  
815-625-5407  
Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
717 Stover Ave, PO Box 637  
Milledgeville, IL 61051  
815-225-7410  
www.trinitymville.com  
Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM

Glad Tidings  
“Sound the Good News”



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If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14

“Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
“Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!”

LBW #131 Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

We sang out on Easter morning. We sang out our Alleluias! We were loud and proud about the central core to our faith. Jesus is risen from the dead. This is not a fable. This is not religious myth. This is the tenet of our faith that makes everything else make sense.

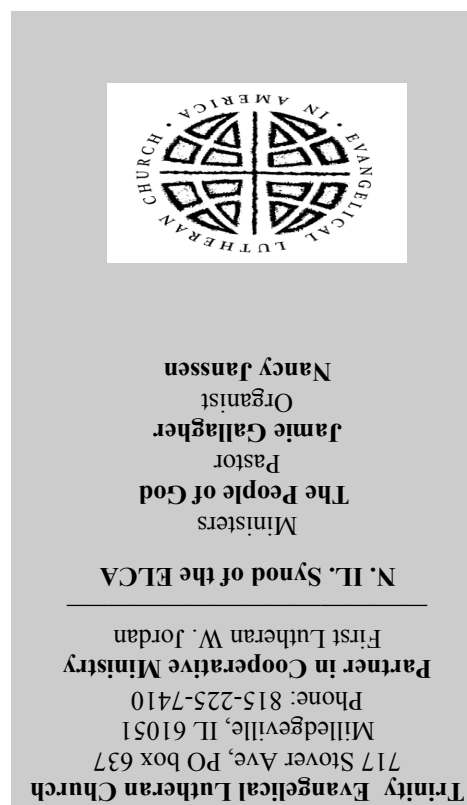
Without the resurrection, it does not matter if Jesus was born in Bethlehem under a mysterious star, with foreigners visiting bringing gifts. Without the resurrection, it does not matter that Jesus healed, fed, or taught the masses. Without the resurrection, Jesus would be just another rabble rouser, would-be-revolutionary, crucified by Rome’s machine for dealing with insurrection. Without the resurrection, we would not even know the name Jesus.

The resurrection changes all things. The resurrection is the confirmation that everything said about Jesus is true. He is the Son of God! He is the Messiah! He is the one who came into the world that we may have life, and have it abundantly. How do we proclaim this? Let’s begin with verse four of hymn #131:

“Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall;  
“Be we Christ’s, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
“All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
“Hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.”

May our Alleluias never cease. May we continue to sing loud and proud. May the resurrection of Jesus give us the hope we need each day, to not only look forward to our own resurrection one day, but to live the abundant new life here and now.

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



**Cross-Gen Training with Rich Melheim**  
**Saturday, April 16th 8am to 4:30 pm**  
**At LOMC, Oregon, IL**

Cross-Generational Ministry is the philosophy that brings parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, baptismal sponsors, mentors, learners, in other words: EVERYONE together in the faith growing process.

As we reinvent our own Sunday school, this opportunity will be critical for us to attend and learn more about.

Rich Melheim will lead the day. Rich is a leader in the Lutheran church on faith development. His resources have transformed confirmation, Sunday school, and high school ministries across the country

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

**Come Meet the new Librarian**

The Milledgeville Library has a new librarian. Come meet Jennifer Garden on April 18th, 4pm to 7pm during a Library Open House.



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.

When we all participate, young and old grow in faith together. God smiles when He sees all His children, from newborn to 99, gathering around His Word.

Tuesday, April 19th  
4:30 PM  
Southtown Ministry

Share in story, craft, song and prayer with the residents of Southtown. It is the most amazing half-hour of the entire month.

**Cross-Gen Training with Rich Melheim**  
**Saturday, April 16th 8am to 4:30 pm**  
**At LOMC, Oregon, IL**

The day begins at 8 am with breakfast, and includes lunch at noon.

The morning session focuses on the Faith 5, a devotion practice for families to use at home.

The afternoon session focuses on Cross + Gen ministries in the congregation, with step-by-step strategies and more.

The cost is \$15 per person.

Talk with Pastor Jamie if you are interested in attending.

**The Helping Hands Food Pantry**  
**Will have a Spring Board Meeting.**

Trinity needs 2 volunteers to attend this meeting on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 (at UMC, M'ville)



**April Grace Meal**  
**April 19 @ 11:30 am**

A Noisy Offering will be taken on Sunday, April 17.

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.

The offering collected will be dedicated to our April Mission Focus: LOMC

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



**Emmanuel Voices of Praise Choir**

Please come and enjoy the Easter Concerts put on by the Emmanuel Voices of Praise Choir.

Dates: April 7, 8 and 10  
Time: 7 PM  
At: Emmanuel Reformed Church  
202 E Morris Street, Morrison



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**

**Discovering Hope: A Time for Visioning**

Our Discovering Hope series continues Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.  
Our series has already opened the door to many possibilities.

It is amazing what happens when we let the Holy Spirit loose through our prayer and study.

**April Birthdays**

April 4—Anita Gilbert

April 13—Jim Wetzell

April 26—Dan Woessner

**Worship Helpers**

**Apr 3 & 10**

Ushers/Greeters: Mia and Jon Meyer  
Lector: Mia Meyer

**Apr 17 & 24**

Jim and Jan Wetzell  
Jan Wetzell

**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

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

May 2016							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ  10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>2</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)  7p-10p High School Scholarship Award night (Trinity)	<b>5</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>6</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>7</b>	
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		3p-5p Worship Committee					
<b>15</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ  10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>16</b> Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Milledgeville High School Graduation	
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		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home), Milledgeville)	7p-8p High School Baccalaureate Service (Dutchtown Brethren Church)	7p-8p Chadwick 8th Grade Graduation			
<b>22</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ  10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	<b>23</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>28</b>	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> ◀ From Mar 29 Pastor on vacation	<b>2</b> 10a-6p American Passion Play Trip (Bloomington), IL)
					Pastor's Day Off	
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8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ  10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity 2p-4p Central Conference Spring Assembly (St. Mark's Lutheran Church), 201 N Division Ave), Polo, IL 61064)						
<b>10</b> 8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	<b>11</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>12</b> 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	<b>13</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>14</b> 7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Carol Frederick Home)	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>16</b> 8a-4:30p Cross Generational Ministry Training Event (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, 1834 IL-21, Oregon), IL 61061)
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		6:30p-8:30p Joint Council Meeting (First, West Jordan)				
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April 2016 Devotional Readings and Prayer Calendar

James 5:16b

The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.



Daily Devotions

Hope springs eternal in the human breast; Man never is, but always to be blessed: The soul, uneasy and confined from home, Rests and expatiates in a life to come.

Alexander Pope, *An Essay on Man* 1733-1734

It is spring, it is the Season of Easter. It is time for hope. Hear each day what God’s word says about HOPE. May it spring eternally in you.

April 1—Psalm 33:22	April 11—Psalm 39:7	April 21—Psalm 22:5
April 2—Psalm 62:5	April 12—Psalm 71:5	April 22—Psalm 119:81
April 3—Psalm 130:5	April 13—Psalm 131:3	April 23—Psalm 146:5
April 4—Acts 24:15	April 14—Acts 26:6	April 24—Romans 8:24-25
April 5—Romans 5:1-2	April 15—Romans 5:3-5	April 25—Romans 12:12
April 6—1 Corinthians 13:4-7	April 16—1 Corinthians 13:13	April 26—1 Corinthians 15:19
April 7—Ephesians 1:11-12	April 17—Ephesians 1:17-19	April 27—Ephesians 4:4-6
April 8—Colossians 1:4-6	April 18—1 Thessalonians 1:2-3	April 28—1 Thessalonians 4:13
April 9—1 Thessalonians 5:8-9	April 19—2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	April 29—1 Timothy 4:10
April 10—Titus 3:4-7	April 20—Hebrews 6:19-20	April 30—Hebrews 11:1

4/2 Lawrence Maxwell

4/3 Tyler Miller

4/3 Haley Miller

4/4 Tammy Miller

4/4 Lou Adolph

4/5 Cherrie Simpson

4/7 Charleese Faulkner

4/8 Susan Lorde

4/9 Korey VanDyke

4/9 Brandi VanDyke

4/10 Kim Stewart

4/18 Kay Chronister

4/18 Dan Schmidt

4/18 Lauren Schmidt

4/21 Kenneth Peterson

4/21 Charles Faulkner

4/21 Opal Kleckler

4/25 Elizabeth Wolf

4/27 Emily Kleckler

4/27 Becky Anderson

4/1 Allen Chronister

4/2 Linda Folkers

4/4 Donald Janssen

4/5 Ivan Miller

4/5 Jenna Green

4/6 Kim Stewart

4/6 Linda Peterson

4/10 Trace Gallagher

4/15 Amy Strehlow

4/15 Jarod Nye

4/16 Karter Livengood

4/16 Nathaniel Gallagher

4/17 Clayton Simpson

4/18 Ronald Lartz

4/22 Janet Barkley

4/23 Russ Gilroy

4/27 Duane Landers

4/27 Caden VanDyke

April Prayer



O my God,  
Relying on Your infinite power and  
Infinite goodness and promises,  
I hope to obtain pardon for my sin,  
The help of Your grace,  
And life everlasting,  
Through the merit of Jesus Christ,  
My Lord and Redeemer.  
Amen

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

April 1-7

This Week in prayer our homebound members: [First:] Myron and Linda Deets, Leonard and Anita Gilbert, Elnora Hinrichs, Lucille H ook, Adeline Sheehan, Frank and Leona Ward. [Trinity:] Carl and Peg Bauling, Bill and Ruth Borth, Ardree Fogel, Joan Massengil, Pray also for the residents of Southtown Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

April 8-14

Spring is a season of new beginnings and dangerous weather patterns. Pray for those who live in areas prone to dangerous weather, and those recovering from a tornado or flood. Pray for those who are facing their electricity or other utilities being cut-off. Pray for those who are unemployed, or under-employed (to be under-employed means you are working, but not earning enough to sustain you or your family at or above the poverty line, it can also refer to those who have lost higher wage positions and now can only work for wages far below what they are accustomed to).

April 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, Bob Kerschke, Janet Koett, Jon Ryner, Allen Vickers

**From Trinity:** Lori Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl and Peg Bauling, Ruth & Bill Borth, Bob Brandt, Leland Bryson, Dee Gerdes, Alfred Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Kevin Judas, Bob Kerschke, Janet Koett, Stephen McCormick, Ivan Miller, Corinne Ohlwine, June Stewart

April 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.