

March Mission Focus: Home of Hope



When you and your family are faced with a diagnosis of cancer, it can be an uncertain and confusing time. You may feel overwhelmed with information, decisions and emotions but you are not alone. Home of Hope can help.

Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Centers is a not-for profit organization that offers support, wellness, educational and referral services at no cost to cancer patients, survivors and caregivers.

Home of Hope is a warm, welcoming environment with a professional and caring staff. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with cancer, we invite you to take a look around our website. Then, call or stop in to speak with our staff to find out how Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Centers can help.

Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center (in Dixon) is a local non-profit, that is not associated with, nor does it receive funding from, the American Cancer Society or any other national cancer organization. Home of Hope Cancer Wellness Center operates exclusively on private foundations, grants, and the generous donations from our local communities.

To learn more, go to [www.homeofhopeonline.org](http://www.homeofhopeonline.org)

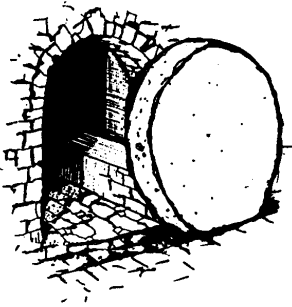
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20314 Hickory Hills Road  
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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Easter approaches quickly this year. It is March 27th. But we cannot arrive at Easter without first encountering Good Friday. The resurrection of Christ necessarily means Christ has died. And Christ did not die in any ordinary fashion. He was betrayed, accused of treason against the empire and blasphemy against God, and put to death as a traitor against the Empire by crucifixion. Jesus died. He was buried. And then, only after Jesus died and was buried, Jesus experienced resurrection.

Resurrection is something that can only be experienced after the experience of death. Newness comes when something dies. A seed dies when we plant it in the ground, so that it may become the new fruit of this year's harvest. Jesus died on a cross and awoke by resurrection to new life. In baptism, we were buried with Jesus—we have already, in faith, experienced the death that is to come. And, in baptism, we were raised to new life with Jesus, a new life we will know in fullness in a day yet to come, yet by faith we experience today.

In order to experience newness of life, we must first experience death. In both of our congregations, there is a death experience happening right now. At Trinity, our old way of doing faith education, what was called Sunday school, has died. And there is a lot of grief about that death. And that is natural and normal. Grief is a part of death. At First, the old ways of a filled church and packed basement on Sundays, has died. And again, there is much grief. We can allow ourselves time to grieve what has died.

But in faith, death is not the end. Death Is Not The End. We must emphasize that over and over again. Death Is Not The End. Death only leads to resurrection. And since Jesus has been raised to newness of life, so too are we raised to new life, so to is the ministry of our congregations raised to new life. What does this new life look like? We are still discovering it. It is like we are standing right now in the doorway of the empty tomb of Easter morning. The stone has been rolled away. The women and disciples are running to the tomb to discover it is empty and they are crying. And we are standing with Jesus, looking out on the world as the resurrected ones. A whole new life awaits our stepping out of this empty tomb doorway. Let us not be afraid to take the first step. The first step is to let go of our sadness and put on the hope and joy of newness of life. And then we walk with Jesus. We walk with Jesus out of the empty tomb and into the newness of life. We are in Christ. We are a new creation. Yes, everything old has indeed passed away. It was necessary. See everything has become new!

*Pastor Jamie Gallagher*

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Easter Community Musical

Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 20th, 6:30 PM  
Milledgeville Brethren

This exciting production is directed by Susie Black and will involve members from all Milledgeville and Chadwick churches.

Experience the life and ministry of Jesus, see the events of his Passion unfold before you in story and song.

This is a one night only production. So let’s pack the church and be awed by God’s love for the world.

Pastor Jamie will be on vacation time from 3/28 to 4/3. For emergencies, please call Pastor Rick Koch at 815-499-3012.



March Grace Meal  
March 15th @ 11:30 am



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.

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, March 15th  
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.



Weekly Lunch and Devotions continue Wednesdays, at noon.

This year’s theme is “Praying with the Saints”

March 2nd—A prayer of Julian of Norwich  
March 9th—A prayer of Martin Luther  
March 16th—A prayer of Mother Theresa of Calcutta

The family of Terry Pilgrim extends a gracious thank you to the entire church for all the out-pouring of prayers and support after Terry’s sudden passing.


Thank you so very much.

A Noisy Offering will be taken on Sunday, March 20th.

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 March Mission Focus, Home of Hope.

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



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

Holy Week

Sunday, March 20th - Palm Sunday regular worship times  
6:30 PM Community Easter Musical at M’ville Brethren

Thursday, March 24th - Maundy Thursday 12:00 noon Lunch and worship at Trinity  
7:00 PM Worship at First  
7:00 PM Worship at M’ville UMC

Friday, March 25th - Good Friday 7:00 AM at First  
Sunday, March 27th Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM at First  
Easter Worship 10:15 AM at Trinity

First West Jordan News

Discovering Hope: A Time for Visioning

The entire congregation is invited to participate in a 6 session Time for Visioning. Discovering Hope is based on an Augsburg Fortress Resource by that name. We will explore 6 areas of congregational life and in study and prayer discover the exciting things God is doing in our congregation. The series begins Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 PM. Join us for this exciting opportunity to Discover Hope for First Lutheran of West Jordan!

WELCA Circle Meeting—March 2nd  
At Carol Woessner’s home

Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped during the renovations to our church, the re-carpeting and painting. Your help made it go smooth.

Worship Helpers

Mar 6 & 13  
Ushers/Greeters: Carole Adolph & Melissa Woessner  
Lector: Melissa Woessner

Mar 20 & 27  
Tom & Trudy Landheer  
Trudy Landheer

March Birthdays

14—Linda Habben  
31—Andrew Beveroth

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.

2016 Trinity General Fund Summary

	January Budget	January Actual		YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,903	8,950		9,903	8,950
Expenses	11,446	8,735		11,446	8,735

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

April 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					◀ From Mar 29 Pastor on vacation	
					Pastor's Day Off	10a-6p American Passion Play Trip (Bloomington, IL)
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
◀ From Mar 29 Pastor on vacation	11a-3p Sewers Meet		1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First!, West Jordan)			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	7p-9p Dorcas Circle	Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
6:30p-9p Youth Movie and Popcorn			6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First!, West Jordan)			
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	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	
		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home!, Milledgeville)	6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First!, West Jordan)	6p-8p Northwest Conference Assembly (Christ!, Stockton)		
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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		1	2	3	4	5
			12p-1p Lunch and Devotion (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	9a-12p Northwest Conference WELCA Spring Assembly (Trinity\, Milledgeville)
			1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
			1p-3p Sewers Meet			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	12p-1p Lunch and Devotion (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	7p-9p Dorcas Circle (At Barb Brubaker's home)	Pastor's Day Off	9a-3p Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Resource Event (Community College\, Malta\, IL)
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		3p-5p Worship Committee Meeting (Trinity)	1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)			
			1p-3p Sewers Meet 6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First\, West Jordan)			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					3p-4p Beveroth - Miller Wedding (First\, West Jordan)
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	12p-1p Lunch and Devotion (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	1p-3p Milledgeville-Chadwick Ministerium Meeting	Pastor's Day Off	
6:30p-9p Youth Movie and Popcorn		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	1p-2:30p Milledgeville School Mentoring (Milledgeville Elementary School)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	5p-6p Wedding Rehearsal (First\, West Jordan)	
			1p-3p Sewers Meet 6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First\, West Jordan)			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	Chadwick - Milledgeville School District Spring Break					
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	11a-3p Sewers Meet		6:30p-8p Discovering Hope (First\, West Jordan)	12p-1p Maundy Thursday Lunch and Worship (Trinity\, Milledgeville)	7p-8p Community Good Friday Worship (Milledgeville Methodist)	
6:30p-7:30p Community Easter Pageant (Milledgeville Brethren Church)				7p-8p Maundy Thursday Worship (First\, West Jordan)		
27	28	29	30	31	Notes:	
7a-8a Easter Breakfast (First\, West Jordan)	Chadwick - Milledgeville School District Spring Break	Pastor on vacation to Apr 3 ►				
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March 2016 Devotional Readings and Prayer Calendar

James 5:16b

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



With our Lenten Lunch and Devotion theme still focused on Prayer, here is a continuing list of Psalms that address prayer.

Prayer can be very spontaneous, prayer can be very regimented. You can pray off the cuff, you can pray prayers written by others.

Prayers seek God’s will, prayer seeks change within us. Prayer yearns for newness in the world, prayer sends us as the bearers of new things for the world.

How you pray will be different from how I pray, and yet it is the same God to whom our prayers are lifted.

Mar 1 — Psalm 69:16	Mar 11—Psalm 102:1	Mar 21 — Psalm 122:6
Mar 2 — Psalm 72:15	Mar 12 — Psalm 102:17	Mar 22—Psalm 130:2
Mar 3 —Psalm 72:20	Mar 13 — Psalm 109:4	Mar 23 — Psalm 138:3
Mar 4 —Psalm 77:2	Mar 14 — Psalm 116:1	Mar 24 — Psalm 141:5
Mar 5 — Psalm 77:4	Mar 15 — Psalm 116:2	Mar 25 — Psalm 142:5
Mar 6 — Psalm 80:4	Mar 16 — Psalm 118:5	Mar 26 — Psalm 143:1
Mar 7 — Psalm 84:8	Mar 17 — Psalm 118:21	Mar 27 — Psalm 143:6]
Mar 8 — Psalm 86:1	Mar 18 — Psalm 119:145	Mar 28 — Proverbs 15:8
Mar 9 — Psalm 88:2	Mar 19 — Psalm 119:170	Mar 29 — Proverbs 15:29
Mar 10 — Psalm 90:1	Mar 20 — Psalm 120:1	Mar 30 — Proverbs 28:9
		Mar 31 — Hosea 14:8



3/1 Carol Sibley  
3/1 Marissa Eye  
3/6 Kevin Judas  
3/9 Ross Paul Hartman  
3/14 Collin Eubanks  
3/16 Ruth Borth  
3/18 Shirley Cheeseman  
3/19 Robert Carpenter  
3/21 Russ Gilroy  
3/21 Tyler Wagenknecht  
3/25 Joseph Green  
3/25 Hunter Strehlow  
3/26 Michael Hartman  
3/26 Lydia Faulkner  
3/27 Lucas Koett  
3/27 Lucas Koett  
3/28 Kathy Bogott  
3/31 Stan Franks



3/1 Shirley Nye  
3/2 Shirley Cheeseman  
3/4 Sharon Judd  
3/4 Cherrie Simpson  
3/7 Haley Miller  
3/9 Lawrence Maxwell  
3/15 Joseph Green  
3/15 Tammy Miller  
3/16 Gary Nye  
3/17 Kaye Strehlow  
3/18 Taylor Anderson  
3/19 Sharon Woodard  
3/20 Molly Anderson  
3/21 Connor Bryson  
3/21 Lindsay Buckman  
3/22 Lois Simmons  
3/26 Cody Buckman  
3/27 Kara Landis  
3/28 Freeman Schluter  
3/29 Kyla Eastabrooks  
3/29 Alec Schmidt  
3/30 Laurie R. Byvick  
3/30 Doug Strehlow



3/4 Duane & Karen Landers

March Prayer—a poem by Robert Frost

Oh give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
And give us not to think so far away  
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh give us pleasure in the orchard white  
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night,  
And make us happy in the happy bees,  
the swarm dilating round the perfect trees

And make us happy in the darting bird  
That suddenly above the bees is heard,  
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.



For this is love and nothing else is love,  
The which it is reserved for God above  
To sanctify to what for ends He will,  
But which it only needs that we fulfil.

March1-7

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, Nancy Dittmar, Ardree Fogel, Joan Massengil,

Pray also for the residents of Southtown Terrace, a home here in Milledgeville for adults with mental and physical challenges.

March 8-14

Pray for farmers, beginning to till the earth. Pray for the soil and the seed, that a bountiful harvest may come and the world may have more than enough for all. Pray for those who struggle to make ends meet, for those who must make decisions of what to purchase: food or medicines or to pay bills.

March 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

The families and friends of those who passed away: Terry Pilgrim

March 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.