

July Mission Focus: Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
August Mission Focus: Lutheran World Relief School Kits

**July: Lutheran Social Services of Illinois** has gone through a major restructuring of services it provides due to the lack of a state budget in Illinois. Now more than ever, our donations are important to help keep vital services being provided to all of LSSI’s clients

**August: Lutheran World Relief School Kits.** What is a school kit? It is a backpack with 4 notebooks, 1 ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 scissors, 5 pencils, 5 pens, 1 box of crayons, and 1 eraser. A complete list with instructions will be in our August bulletins. As you prepare for school with your children and grandchildren, you can take time to provide school supplies for a child who really needs it. All school kits will be blessed on August 21st. Any cash donations will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

TRINTY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM



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**Galatians 5:1 The Message (MSG)**

THE LIFE OF FREEDOM

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!  
Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.



July is a month we in the United States talk a lot about freedom. It is the month we celebrate our nation’s independence from Britain and the monarchy and the taxation without representation system that was very unfair.

In the church, we talk about freedom a lot. It isn’t even limited to just July, or just when we read St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, or even around Easter when Christ died and rose again for us. We talk about being free all the time. In fact, being free is a core understanding of being Christian.

We are free from sin. We are free from death. We are free from being judged for not living according to God’s law. We are free from the punishment that comes with not living according to God’s law. We are free from quite a lot.

It sounds so simple and in many ways it is. Of course, when given such freedom, we are naturally inclined to think that means we can live however we want and it doesn’t matter. St. Paul responded to that natural question by saying “Of Course NOT!” Though in the ancient Greek Paul wrote in, his response was a bit more emphatic, and might even have included some much stronger language not suitable for a family publication. (No, really, ask me sometime about it, I will tell you what language Paul uses that gets softened a bit in our English translations.) Back to our conversation about being set free.

But while most of the attention when we talk about being “Free” is centered on what we are “free FROM”, St. Paul changes that preposition “from”. St. Paul tells us we are “free TO”. Did you catch that little preposition change. We are FREE TO . . . Serve our neighbor, love our enemy, feed the hungry, shed our bad habits, welcome the stranger and foreigner, clothe the naked, seek justice for those who are denied justice, and this is just the beginning of what we are “FREE TO” do.

This is a momentous shift in thinking. We are still absolutely free FROM sin, death, being judged and punished. So when we do NOT do those things that we are FREE TO do, we are forgiven, loved by God, hugged by God, nudged by God, given new life by God. And all that freedom is given to us each and every day so we can go about living the FREE TO do list. Yep, it’s a vicious circle. We sometimes get it right. We sometimes miss the mark. When we get it right, we have discovered the joy of our God-Given Freedom. When we miss the mark, we discover the joy of our God-Given Freedom as we start all over with the new life God gives us so freely.

Today, this month, and always—celebrate your freedom—your freedom “FROM” and your freedom “TO” !

Pastor Jamie Gallagher

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**Joint Worship in 2016**  
  
Upcoming Joint Worship services.  
Mark your Calendars  
  
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

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

Sunday, July 25th—we will have normal 8:30 am worship at First; and we will have 11:15 AM worship at Trinity. The worship at Trinity will be one hour late so we can host a VBS celebration worship and picnic.


**August Grace Meal**  
**Tuesday, August 16 @ 11:30 am**

**God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday**  
**Sunday, September 11th**  
  
Mark your Calendars for September 11th—God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday.  
  
We are looking for work projects to help members around their homes. After worship, we will begin with a light lunch and devotions, then divide into groups to accomplish the assigned projects.  
  
We will begin seeking project ideas in August, so begin thinking about work you may need done now, so we can gather them together in August and make our plans to reach as many projects we can.


**5th Quarter Youth Events return**  
  
The Milledgeville-Chadwick Ministerium will host 5th Quarter Youth Events after home football games. The events will happen at the Milledgeville Brethren Church on Main Street and will be open from the end of the game until midnight.  
  
All Jr High and High School Youth are welcome. Free Food, Games, and Friends—and a place to hang out until midnight. What an amazing deal for our Youth.  
  
The first Milledgeville High School home game is Friday, August 26. Let’s Go Missiles!

**Summer Picnic at Southtown**  
  
Saturday, July 23rd at 12:00 noon until 2 pm.  
We will provide a picnic for the residents of Southtown. The entire Milledgeville community will be invited to join in to have hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, and cookies.  
  
We will play games as well.  
  
Cooking begins at 11 am, and serving the picnic will begin at noon.  
  
To help, please call Lynn Kaufman.

**A Noisy Offering**  
will be taken on Sunday, July 17 and Sunday, August 21.  
  
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” buckets 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.



**Tuesday, August 2nd**  
**7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting**  
  
The Worship Committee will meet to not only plan hymns for our fall worship services, but also to discuss a new Lectionary for worship.  
  
The Narrative Lectionary is a set of readings prepared by Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. These readings follow a linear path through the Old Testament, beginning in Genesis, and picking up the Gospel of Luke in December, and finishing with the Book of Acts after Easter.  
  
We will talk about why we are making the switch, and look at the way this new lectionary will help grow our understanding of scripture and God’s story with our ancestors in faith.  
  
For more information about the Narrative Lectionary, please join us on August 2nd at 7PM



July 18 to July 22  
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

VBS is hosted at Trinity, this year.  
Join us as we go Surfing and learn about God!

To register, call the church office.  
To offer help, contact Becky Anderson.

Sunday, July 24th, we will have a community worship at 11:15 AM at Trinity to celebrate VBS, and a celebration picnic will follow after worship.

**First West Jordan News**  
  
An Ice Cream Social is being planned for the month of August.  
  
This Ice Cream social will be a part of our 145th Anniversary Celebration Events.  
  
Special Ice Cream scoops have been ordered and will be available for sale to help raise funds as we celebrate our 145th Anniversary.  
  
Details for this event are being finalized and more information will be announced in worship.

**Worship Helpers**  
  
**July 3 & 10**  
Ushers/Greeters: Carole Adolph & Mellissa Woessner  
Lector: Melissa Woessner  
  
**July 17 & 24**  
Ushers, Greeters: Trina & Meghan O’Brien  
Lector: Trina O’Brien\  
  
**August 7 & 14**  
Ushers, Greeters: Tom & Trudy Landheer  
Lector: Trudy Landheer  
  
**August 21 & 28**  
Ushers, Greeters: Brian & Paula Beveroth  
Lector: Brian Beveroth

**Church Leaders Directory**  

Trinity Lutheran Church		First Lutheran West Jordan	
President	Kevin Anderson (625-3403)	President	Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Vice-President	Harlan Meinsma	Secretary	Jodi Woessner
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		

2016 Trinity General Fund Summary					
	May Budg-et	May Actual		YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,839	7,969		49,209	44,118
Expenses	9,034	9,957		50,534	45,872

August 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>2</b> 7p-8:30p Worship Committee (Trinity Lutheran Church)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>5</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Time after Pentecost	<b>8</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>9</b> 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	<b>10</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>11</b> 7p-9p Dorcas Circle	<b>12</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>13</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>14</b> Time after Pentecost	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools First day of Classes	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	2:25p-3:25p Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools Early Dismissal (			
<b>21</b> Time after Pentecost	<b>22</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>27</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ					5:30p-9:30p Milledgeville High School Home Football Game	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					9:30p-12a 5th Quarter Youth Event (Milledgeville Brethren Church)	
<b>28</b> Time after Pentecost	<b>29</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Notes:		
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

July 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Pastor's Day Off	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Joint Parish Worship: 8:30 am at First, WJ	Pastor on Vacation					
Time after Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet			6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement		
8:30a-9:30a Joint Wor- ship @ FWJ						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pastor on Vacation						
Time after Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	You're Not Alone Camp, 9th-12th graders			
You're Not Alone Camp 4th-8th graders		2p-3p Good Samaritan, Mt. Carol	7p-9p Dorcas Circle			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Time after Pentecost	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					11a-2p Southtown Com- munity Picnic (Southtown Home\, Milledgeville)
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	5:30p-8p VBS (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)	5:30p-8p VBS (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)	5:30p-8p VBS (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity	5:30p-8p VBS (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)	5:30p-8p VBS (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Time after Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet				Pastor's Day Off	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
11:15a-12:15p Worship @ Trinity						
12:30p-1:30p VBS Com- munity Picnic (Trinity Lutheran\, Milledgeville)						
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Celebrations for July and August



- 7/2 Gavin Schildgen

7/2 William Schmidt

7/3 Margaret Puckett

7/8 Keagan Murray

7/8 Kaitlin Murray

7/8 Kassie Murray

7/9 Mark Dettman

7/11 Nathaniel Gallagher

7/13 Steven Blake

7/17 Christian Barkley

7/18 Linda Folkers

7/18 Jennifer Dettman

7/26 Teresa Wagenknecht

7/29 Nathan Puckett

8/4 James Gallagher

8/10 Alec Schmidt

8/11 Brenda Harris

8/11 Jamie Doyle

8/24 Jaidon Doyle

8/25 Alyvia Woodard

8/26 Justin Peterson, Justin

8/29 Duane Landers

8/30 Marlys Carpenter

8/31 Karter Livengood

8/31 Joan Massengill
- 7/4 Brenda Harris

7/6 Jocelyn Green

7/7 Ruth Bryson

7/8 Steve Buckman

7/10 Stan Franks

7/10 Beth Dettman

7/10 Amy Eye

7/13 Carol Frederick

7/15 James Gallagher

7/18 Lou Adolph

7/23 Ardree Fogel

7/24 Randi Marie Kleckler

8/6 Carl Bauling

8/6 Lynn Kaufman

8/8 Hunter Strehlow

8/11 Steven Barkley

8/14 Betty Dettman

8/17 Robert Carpenter

8/17 Andrew Barkley

8/17 Mark A. Byvick

8/19 Gary Sibley

8/19 Florence Miller

8/19 Ruth Borth

8/21 Sally Ann Caudillo

8/22 Barbara Brubaker

8/24 Kay Chronister

8/27 Stacy Mickelson

8/27 Cole VanDyke

8/28 Stanley Meinsma

8/31 Dorothy Wagenknecht

8/31 Nancy Maxwell

- 7/1 Robert & Shirley Woessner

7/6 Andy & Lisa Hinrichs

7/12 Brad & Angelina Koch

7/15 Joseph & Rebecca Green

7/20 Heath & Karla Merlak

7/24 George & Martha 'Nena' Solorzano

7/31 Philip & Wanda Estrada

8/1 Donna & Ken Fields

8/5 Ivan & Barbara Miller

8/5 William & Nicole Shores

8/9 Lou & Carole Adolph

8/9 Mark & Bessie Ahrens

8/14 Cindy & Kevin Brandt

8/18 Jim & Tami Wolak

8/25 Bridget & John Newcomer

8/26 James & Barbara Brubaker

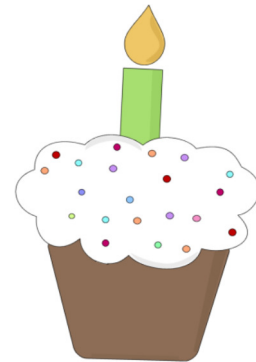
8/30 Jason & Michelle O'Neal

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, Scotty Powell, 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, Tammy Hinrichs, Bob Kerschke,  
Janet Koett, Stephen McCormick,  
Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Shirley Nye  
Corinne Ohlwine, Jerry Pilgrim, JD Trader

The family and friends of Larry Albers



We are updating our Shepherd's Staff data base. Please notify the church office with any corrections to our baptismal anniversary, birthday, or wedding anniversary lists. Thank you.



The Prayer Chain is being updated. Members on the Prayer chain will receive a new brochure that includes scripture readings and prayers, much like these. Anyone can use these prayers. And these are only samples; you are welcome to pray to God using your own words. But if you need a place to start, when you pray for those on our prayer list, or those on your own prayer list, you may begin with these prayers included here.

Prayers for the sick

Read one of the following passages:

Psalm 91, Psalm 27, Psalm 42:1-3, Luke 4:38-44  
Jeremiah 14:9b, Matthew 11:28-30, John 14:27  
Romans 8:38-39, 1 Peter 5:6-9a

Pray one of these prayers:

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servant (name) the help of your power, that his/her sickness may be turned into health and our anxiety into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God of power and love, be present with (name), that his/her weakness may be overcome and his/her strength restored; and that, his/her health being renewed, he/she ay bless your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servant (name) and give your power of healing to those who minister to his/her needs, that he/she may be strengthened in his/her weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, look upon your servant, (name). Touch him/her with your healing hand and let your life-giving power flow into every cell of his/her body and into the depths of his/her soul, restoring him/her to wholeness and strength for service in your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the dying

Read Psalm 143 or John 14:1-6

Pray one of these prayers:

O Merciful Father, you teach us in your holy Word that you do not willingly afflict or grieve your children. Look with compassion on (name), your servant, for whom we pray. Remember him/her, O Lord, in mercy. Strengthen him/her in patience, comfort him/her with the memory of your goodness, let your presence shine on him/her, and give him/her your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your Word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of darkness into the light and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers before/after surgery

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously protect (name) in his/her surgery. Fill his/her heart with confidence that, though he/she may be anxious, he/she may put his/her trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Loving God, hold (name) in your care. Give wisdom and skill to his/her doctors and nurses, and enable them to serve your purpose of love and healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks that you have protected (name) during surgery. Enable him/her to trust your goodness, to find comfort in your abiding presence and to praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.