

September Mission Focus: Lutheran Campus Ministry: Northern Illinois University

This month, we will raise funds for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. Campus Ministry is a vital outreach to the college campus and a specialized ministry. At Northern, the ELCA and the Episcopal Church have teamed up to provide a ministry center called Grace Place. This is a place for college students and faculty to meet, eat, worship, eat, study, eat, and just in case they are hungry, they can gather to eat. (Okay, so eating is a big part of campus ministry :)

Pastor Amy Fallon is the current pastor at Grace Place. She provides spiritual nurturing and guidance for all the students and faculty who venture into their program. Financial support for Campus Ministry has gone through drastic changes, over the recent years. Instead of having a large amount from the national church, campus ministry now relies more heavily on funding from local synods and churches.

Our donations this month, while may not seem that much, will go a long way in helping provide ministry and quite possibly food! to a campus ministry program that impacts so many students in DeKalb. Thank you for all your generosity throughout the month, and especially in the noisy offering on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM



²⁰ But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God; look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.
Jude verses 20 and 21

These verses may sound familiar. That is because when we use the With One Voice (Blue) hymnal setting of word and prayer, these verses are a part of the opening dialogue. The New Testament letter of Jude is rather short, in fact it is only 25 verses long. That is shorter than my opening newsletter article. Go ahead, take a moment to read the whole letter. It’s towards the back of the New Testament.

This fall, we are going to be builders. We are going to build ourselves up on our most holy faith. To build ourselves up on our most holy faith is not going to look like it used to look. It used to look like a typical Sunday school program. Children would be gathered by their grades and have an hour to sing songs and learn from an eager, well-prepared faith mentor (Sunday school teacher), eat a snack and come out of class having memorized entire sections of the Bible and knowing everything Martin Luther ever said about it. Okay, so I have idealized our memory quite a bit there. It wasn’t quite that perfect, ever. But the idea of building our faith has in the past focused on what we did for the children.

Today, the focus is no longer solely on children. Building our faith is a lifelong experience. Building our faith is a never ending project. This isn’t a building project that you know you started with the first digging of the foundation, and finished with the final shingle on the roof. Building our faith is a never-ending project. It certainly has a beginning—our baptism, our welcome into the Church. But it does not have an ending.

On the next couple pages you will read about our new emphasis for building our faith. It is called EPIC Faith. EPIC is an acronym for Every Person In Christ. Building our faith means Every Person In Christ is building their faith. Whether we are serving Christ on God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday (Sept 11) or gathered around the tables in our fellowship hall for our EPIC Faith Events once a month (first one is Sept 18), EPIC Faith is here to help everyone build up his or her most holy faith.

Will it look like our idealized memories of Sunday school long ago? Maybe in some ways, may not in others. Will it be a lot of fun as young and old hear stories from God’s Word, build crafts together, pray together, eat together, grow in faith together, come closer as God’s family, and build the energy and Spirit of our congregation to new heights? Absolutely!

EPIC Faith, We continue to build because the creator and savior continues to dwell within us, not completing his work in us. Join us this fall, be a part of building your and others most holy faith.

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

Elementary School Tutoring

Resumes on Wednesdays throughout the school year.
For more information contact Mrs. Diane Bracken at
225-7022.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Annual Fall Meeting: Thursday, Sept 1
At the Methodist Church

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 un-
til midnight. What an amazing deal for our Youth.

The September home games and 5th Quarters will be
Friday, Sept 9 and 23.

Summer Picnic at Southtown

Thank you to everyone who made the Southtown picnic
in July a huge success. We enjoyed meeting with the
family and friends of the residents. This picnic made
THEIR day special.

Thanks again,
Social Ministry Committee

EPIC Faith Event

Check out our next page for the definition of EPIC Faith!

Join us on Sunday, September 18th, after worship—
from 11:30 am to 1:00 PM

Connecting faith in the church to faith in the home is not
always as easy as it sounds. Teaching our children how
to pray and how to talk with one another about prayer
concerns doesn’t come with a instruction manual. So
how do we do this?

Our new EPIC Faith Ministry will be an opportunity for
families to learn how to connect the faith in our church
with our faith in our home.

Pastor Jamie has developed EPIC Faith sheets that help
talk about each week’s lesson in worship, and builds on
five faith practices that can be done in family devotion
time.

In our first EPIC Faith Event, we will talk about sharing
our highs/lows (or as Pastor Jamie calls them Yeah
God’s and Hey God’s), reading God’s Word, talking
about God’s Word, praying with one another and bless-
ing one another.

EPIC Faith is for everyone. If you have young kids, teen
kids, college kids, empty nesters, or have grand kids—
this is for you. If you are married, single—this is for
you. If you have faith in Jesus Christ, if you hear Jesus’
call to witness your faith—this is for you.

EPIC Faith will include a simple lunch, it will include
simple activities and it will engage us all in talking about
our faith in meaningful ways with our loved ones.

Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in faith!



September Grace Meal
Tuesday, September 20 @ 11:30 am

EPIC Faith

Every Person In Christ! EPIC Faith! What does this mean? It means our approach to faith formation
(formerly Sunday School) is shifting focus. Instead of Sunday school simply for the little ones, EPIC (Every
Person In Christ) Faith will be inclusive of all people and all ages.

EPIC Faith will begin before worship on Sunday, Sept 11 at 9:45 with EPIC Faith Shorts—a half-hour time
of story and prayer. Snacks that are appropriate to bring into worship will be offered. EPIC Faith Sheets will
be able to go home to help families connect the story read in worship with family devotion time at home.

Once a month we will have an EPIC Faith Event after worship. This will include lunch and activities around
a theme. Check out the announcement on the other page for our September EPIC Faith Event!

First West Jordan News

A 145th Anniversary Tidbit

In July 1877, the congregation received a com-
plaint from John Wolfersperger regarding the lan-
guage being used in the church. The complaint
indicates that English had not been used for some
time, and Mr. Wolfersperger was reminding the
church that his land was donated under the condi-
tion that services were to be held in both English
and German. If the church does not comply, John
has asked them to forfeit the right as an organiza-
tion to the land.

No word is mentioned if he sent a bar of soap to
wash their mouths out if they didn’t clean up their
language.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! To every one who made our Hot Dog Luncheon and Ice Cream So-
cial so Special. It was great seeing all the people gather here to celebrate our anniversary and have a good
time.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 6th. We will celebrate our anniversary at 10:15 am with worship,
including a special guest preacher, Rev. Chris Boerger, the Secretary of the ELCA, and with a luncheon after
worship.

Worship Helpers

Sept 4—no helpers, worship is at Trinity

Sept 11 Gary and Carole Sibley, Carole is lector

Sept 18 & 25 LaVerne and Carol Woessner,
LaVerne is lector

Happy Birthday in September to:

Larry Lenhart, Sept 11
Mitch O’Brien, Sept 16
Kathy Hinrichs, Sept 19
Brian Beveroth, Sept 22
Melissa Woessner, Sept 22

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

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner

2016 Trinity General Fund Summary

	July Budget	July Actual		YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,988	8,344		68,960	61,902
Expenses	9,119	8,453		69,045	63,173

Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

October 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Time after Pentecost	3 11a-3p Sewers Meet	4 7p-9p Worship Committee (Trinity Lutheran)	5 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School, 100 E 8th St, Milledgeville, I)	6 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	7 Pastor's Day Off	8
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			7p-8:30p Bible Study (Trinity)		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)	
1p-3:30p CROP WALK (Trinity Lutheran, Milledgeville)						
9 Time after Pentecost	10 Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools No School	11 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	12 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	13 7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Kay Chronister's Home)	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 8a-1p WELCA Bazaar
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16 Time after Pentecost	17 Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	18	19	20	21	22
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		7p-8:30p Joint Council Meeting (Trinity)				
23 Time after Pentecost	24 11a-3p Sewers Meet	25	26 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School, 100 E 8th St, Milledgeville, I)	27 11:30a-12:30p Milledgeville -Chadwick Schools Early Dismissal (28 Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools - No School	29
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30 Reformation Sunday	31 11a-3p Sewers Meet	Notes:				
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4 Joint Parish Worship: 10:15am at Trinity, M'ville	5 Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools No School	6	7	8 9a-12p First, West Jordan hosts Central Conference meeting (First, West Jordan)	9 Pastor's Day Off	10
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18 Time after Pentecost	19 Professional Leader's Conference	20	21	22 6:15p-7:15p Milledgeville High School Homecoming Parade	23 Pastor's Day Off	24 10a-12p Bishop Clements Installation Service (Rockford)
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Celebrations for September



9/1 Heide Gallagher
9/5 Caden VanDyke
9/10 Barbara Brubaker
9/17 Kaitlin Dettman
9/20 Beth Dettman
9/21 Kara Wade
9/27 Ruth Bryson
9/29 Barbara Miller
9/30 Kathleen Burkheimer

9/2 Rebecca Green
9/9 Hillary Hartman
9/12 Keagan Murray
9/17 Kathy Nye
9/18 Korey VanDyke
9/23 Heather Schmidt
9/29 Harriet Dambman
9/30 Krista Wagenknecht

9/1 Steven & Jessica Barkley
9/6 Shawn & Kimberly Von Holten
9/7 David & Teresa Wagenknecht
9/8 Craig & Lucinda Bauling
9/8 Sheldon & Julie Ebersole
9/8 Randy & Donna Landis
9/8 Brian & Florence Miller
9/13 Brad & Kathy Grenoble
9/15 Shane & Brenda Harris
9/20 David & Chris Folk
9/20 Roger & Ramona Koett
9/21 Nathan & Cami Hartman
9/21 Lucas & RyAnn Koett
9/27 Korey & Brandi VanDyke
9/30 Todd & Jennifer Brubaker

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.



Prayer of the Month

A prayer for Labor Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labor by sharing our toil. Guide us with your justice in the workplace, so that we may never value things above people, or surrender honor to love of gain or lust for power. Prosper all efforts to put an end to work that brings no joy, and teach us how to govern the ways of business for the sake of the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In our prayers:

From First:
Leora Beveroth, Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Anita & Leonard Gilbert, Linda Habben, Elnora Hinrichs, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Roger Koett, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner, Adeline Sheehan

From Trinity:
Lori Anderson, Therol Anderson, Adlee Barajas, Carl & Peg Bauling, Ruth & Bill Borth, Jim Brubaker, Leland Bryson, Linda Estabrooks, Ardree Fogel, Barb Gerdes, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Shirley Nye Corinne Ohlwine, Jerry Pilgrim, JD Trader

The family and friends of Carley Harrielle

Weekly Prayer Supplement

Each day when you take your quiet time to pray, here are some concerns
—local and global—
for you to include in your daily prayers

Week of September 4 to September 10

Pray for the ministry of our local hospitals and doctor offices; for the Rock Valley Hospice network and hospice providers everywhere; for dentists; eye doctors; and veterinarians.

Include those on our prayer list from the previous month

Week of September 11 to September 17

Pray for our Monthly Mission Focus—Lutheran Campus Ministry at Northern Illinois University; for LCM centers around the country, for students and faculty growing in faith together; for LCM pastors and staff members. Especially Grace Place at NIU and Pastor Amy Fallon.

Week of September 18 to September 24

Pray for the harvest season that is beginning, for farmers who work long hours bringing in the crops, for fair market prices around the globe, for the plenty God provides to be shared in a way that all may have enough. Pray for the ELCA Hunger Appeal ministry which sends aid and supplies to impoverished communities around the globe.

Week of September 25 to October 1

Pray for our partner ministries in Milledgeville—Chadwick: Chadwick Evangelical Free Church, Pastor Terry Komrska; First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chadwick, Pastor Chris Shoon; Fairhaven UMC/Hope UMC/ Hickory Grove UMC, Pastor Mary Bohall; Milledgeville Brethren Church, Pastor Jim Black; Dutchtown Brethren Church, Pastor Rick Koch; Milledgeville UMC, Pastor Andrew Pittman

For our Partner Congregations in the Faith on Forty Parish, for the Northern Illinois Synod and Bishop Jeff Clements, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

Daily Devotion Bible Book Mark

Here is a Bible challenge to start the new school year off well. Clip this out and use this as your daily Bible book mark. The Lutheran Study Bible (Augsburg Fortress © 2009) includes 3 different Bible reading plans. I am including here the “Survey” tract. This offers short Bible passages to read each day.

Survey: God with Us
Sept 4 Luke 1:26-38
Sept 5 Luke 2:1-20
Sept 6 Luke 4:1-13
Sept 7 Luke 5:1-11
Sept 8 Luke 5:12-26
Sept 9 Luke 6:12-38
Sept 10 Luke 9:10-27

Survey: Paying Attention to Jesus
Sept 11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Sept 12 Luke 9:57-62
Sept 13 Luke 11:1-13
Sept 14 Luke 13:18-30
Sept 15 Luke 15:11-32
Sept 16 Luke 17:1-4
Sept 17 Luke 18:18-27

Survey: Christ’s Gifts to Us
Sept 18 Luke 18:35-43
Sept 19 Luke 19:1-10
Sept 20 Luke 19:28-39
Sept 21 Luke 21:1-4
Sept 22 Luke 22:14-23
Sept 23 Luke 23:26-56
Sept 24 Luke 24:1-12

Survey: Led by the Spirit
Sept 25 Proverbs 3:5-8 and chapters 11-14
Sept 26 Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-21
Sept 27 Acts 2:43-47
Sept 28 Acts 4:32-37
Sept 29 Acts 6:1-7
Sept 30 Acts 6:8-15; 7:58-8:3
Oct 1 Acts 8:26-40

Mark your Bible Book Mark each day you read the passages listed. Bring in your monthly Bible Book Mark to Pastor Jamie and share with him one meaningful passage you read this month.