

October Mission Focus: Helping Hands Food Pantry

Twice a year, our congregation supports the food pantry right here in our own town. October is our month to bring together donations and volunteers to help the pantry. Tuesday, October 4th, the pantry is open in both the morning and the evening for clients to receive food assistance. If you wish to volunteer, please let Pastor Jamie know.

Our CROP Walk on Sunday, Oct 2nd will raise funds and 25% of those funds will be given to the Food Pantry. Our Noisy Offering on Sunday, October 16 will go to the Food Pantry. You may also mark on your weekly giving envelop any funds you wish to dedicate to the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry also accepts donations of dry or canned foods. The Food Pantry also accepts donations of personal care items, such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste and toothbrushes and so on. In fact many personal items are harder for the pantry to get, as they are not available at local food banks. At local food banks, the pantry is often able to buy dry and canned goods at really low prices. But the personal care items are not available.

What donations do you have to bring in? Money? Dry or canned goods? Personal care items? How ever you are able, please consider donating and supporting the families in need here in our community.

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM



For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



The words are spoken, the bread is broken and the chalice is filled. You come forward with your hands outstretched, empty. Your eyes look to the cross above the altar, your heart is heavy with all your griefs and stresses, your soul aches for something you can’t quite describe. Then the piece of bread is placed in your hands “Given For You.” Then the taste of wine, “Shed For You.”

For a moment, your hands are no longer empty, your eyes are awed by the empty tomb, your heart is relieved, and your soul sighs for words alone cannot express the bond with Christ you experience as you receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Martin Luther writes in his Small Catechism (1529) this: The words “given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin” show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

This month our EPIC Faith Learning Event on Sunday, October 9th, will draw us into these words “given for you” and “shed for you.” The mystery of Christ’s presence in, with, and under the bread and wine will come to life as we bake bread, taste and sample the elements we share, and as we share our own stories of being at the table.


One day, sitting in my home office years ago, I hear my then 2 year old daughter crunchy on something nearby. I call to her and ask what it is. She hurries in to show me, “It’s Jesus chips” and then rushes back to bring me the little bottle from my take home communion kit, “Now I need Jesus juice, Daddy.” As I set it aside for that moment, and took a moment to laugh that my daughter was playing church, I learned that day the power of these words that I speak each time we celebrate communion.

There is power in the bread we share. There is power in the wine that we share. The power is the name of Jesus. And when a 2 year old can discover this power, the power of Jesus in bread and wine that we share, that is just awesome.

So join us on Oct 9. Share the stories of how you have come to discover the power of Jesus in this bread and wine. Discover the joy of watching the younger generation have their eyes opened to Jesus. Feel the dough of bread kneading in your fingers—the very dough that will one day be infused with the power of Jesus - the power that brings forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

In Peace,

Pastor Jamie Gallagher



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Joint Worship in 2016

Upcoming Joint Worship services.
Mark your Calendars

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

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7PM at Trinity until Nov 2nd

Join us as we study God’s word, listen to each other’s experiences, discover what the Church teaches about human sexuality and marriage.

Our work together will help us in formulating a policy for each congregation regarding same-sex marriage that will be in accordance with our Church and faith, and which will serve our community.

Upcoming Community Celebrations

Sunday, November 20: the Thanksgiving Community Worship will be in Chadwick

Sunday, December 4: the Christmas Community Worship will be at the Milledgeville Brethren Church

EPIC Faith Sheets for Families

For Families wishing to practice the Faith Five at home, Pastor Jamie has developed EPIC Faith Sheets based on each Sunday’s worship lesson.

These sheets help families “Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless” and grow in faith together.

These sheets are hanging in an envelop on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Pick yours up today!

Noisy Offering

Sunday, October 16 we will take up a Noisy Offering during the Children’s Message.

This Offering will go to support the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

So far in 2016, we have raised over \$628 in our noisy offerings. That is an average of almost \$70 a month so far. Thank you for all your generosity. It is amazing how a few coins can add up so quickly!

EPIC FAITH EVENT

Join us on Sunday, October 9th, after worship—
from 11:30 am to 1:00 PM
For an EPIC Learning Event: Holy Communion Style

We will begin with a light lunch followed by family and small group activities designed to help us learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We will bake bread. We will taste bread and wine and grape juice. We will learn what Martin Luther said about Communion. We will read the Bible stories that tell us how Jesus gave us Communion as an unbreakable covenant between God and God’s people.

All are welcome to join us. If you have children who have not yet started receiving communion, this is an opportunity for them to learn and be prepared to receive communion. We will celebrate 1st communion on Sunday, October 30th.

What makes this EPIC learning is having all generations working together at the table, hearing God’s word, working together on baking bread, sharing stories of your own faith and hearing how others see God in the world around us.

Every Person In Christ: Sunday, October 9th. Join us. Make your Faith be EPIC!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, October 15th
8:30 am—1:00 PM

Coffee Hour: 8:30 am –10:30 am;
Lunch (\$7): 11 am – 1 pm
(BBQ sandwich, salad bar, drink & dessert)

Crafts—fall and Christmas décor, quilted items,
American Girl doll clothing and more

Baked Goods—homemade noodles, angel food cake,
cinnamon rolls and more

Raffle
1st Prize: Quilted Throw
2nd Prize: Wooden Pallet Flag
3rd Prize: Table Runner

First West Jordan News

145th Anniversary Tidbits

In 1907, new carpet was installed in the church sanctuary. Each member was asked to pay 25 cents to cover the cost of papering the church.

In 1977, our first woman was elected to serve on church council: Arlene Wetzell. She served a three year term.

Mark your Calendars

First Lutheran Church of Jordan Celebrates
145 Years of Ministry

Sunday, November 6th
Worship at 10:15 AM
A Catered Celebration Meal will be held
after worship.

Please RSVP by signing up in the narthex or by calling Pastor Jamie at 815-225-7410.

Our Special Preacher for the Celebration is the
Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger.

Pastor Boerger serves as the Secretary of the ELCA. His office is in Chicago. He has served as pastor to congregations in Washington State as well as Bishop to the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod.

Worship Helpers

Oct 2 & 9 Mia and John Meyer
Mia Meyer is Lector

Oct 16, 23 and 30 Dan and Tammy Hinrichs
Tammy Hinrichs is Lector

Happy Birthday in September to:

Carol Woessner, Oct 3
Leona Ward, Oct 8
Luann Gvodzdjak, Oct 8
Trina O’Brien, Oct 9
Jan Wetzell, Oct 11
Kim Vickers, Oct 19
Carol Sibley, Oct 19
Linda Deets, Oct 29
Adam Landheer, Oct 31

Joint Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th at 7PM
At Trinity, Milledgeville

October Grace Meal

Tuesday, October 18
11:30 am

Church Leaders Directory

Trinity Lutheran Church

President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)
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Secretary Collin Eubanks
Treasurer Connie Brockhouse
At-Large Karen Landers,
Tammy Miller
Sharon Woodard,
Ken Kaufman
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Musician Nancy Janssen
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

First Lutheran West Jordan

President Jan Wetzel (631-9353)
Secretary Jodi Woessner

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

November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I) 7p-8:30p Bible Study (Trinity)	3 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	4 Pastor's Day Off	5
6 All Saints Sunday	7 11a-3p Sewers Meet	8 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	10 7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Lynn Kaufman's home)	11 Pastor's Day Off	12
Joint Parish Worship: 10:15 AM at FIRST, WJ 10:15a-11:15a Joint Worship @ First, WJ 11:15a-1:15p First, WJ 145th Anniversary Luncheon	2:25p-3:25p Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools - Early Dismissal (
13 Time after Pentecost	14 11a-3p Sewers Meet	15 11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	16 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	17 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	18 Pastor's Day Off	19
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)				
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20 Christ the King Sunday	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					26
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			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		Pastor's Day Off	
6:30p-7:30p Community Thanksgiving Worship (Chadwick)						
27 First Sunday of Advent	28 11a-3p Sewers Meet	29	30 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I) 6:30p-7:30p EPIC Advent Fun Night	Notes:		
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8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			7p-8:30p Bible Study (Trinity)		5:30p-9:30p Milledgeville High School Home Football Game 9:30p-12a 5th Quarter Youth Event (Milledgeville Brethren Church)	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
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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		7p-8:30p Joint Council Meeting (Trinity)				
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30 Reformation Sunday	31 11a-3p Sewers Meet	Notes:				
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Celebrations for October



10/7 Debra Judas	10/1 Curt & Wendy Gilbert
10/8 Lauren Schmidt	10/1 Jim & Sheila Gabler
10/11 Jordan Harris	10/2 Amanda & Craig Schildgen
10/14 Corrine Ohlwine	10/4 Richard & Carol Lee Bushman
10/14 Paul Cheeseman	10/5 Jeff & Stacy Jacobson
10/15 Cinda Heeren	10/6 Sarah & Curtis Coyle
10/15 Brian Simpson	10/7 Steven & Karen Bazzell
10/15 Nichlaus Strehlow	10/8 Stacy & Eric Mickelson
10/16 Melissa Emmons	10/8 Ramon & Melissa Woessner
10/19 Carol Sibley	10/11 Leland & Ruth Bryson
10/23 Mark Dettman	10/11 Jamie & Katie Gallagher
10/30 Kevin Anderson	10/12 Dan & Lois Nye
10/30 Dan Schmidt	10/14 Tom & Michelle Neubauer
10/31 Connie Brockhouse	10/20 John & Marlene Fogel
	10/23 Ben & Lisa McAuliffe
	10/24 Jerry & Cinda Heeren
	10/26 Sally Ann & Jason Caudillo

10/5 Ardree Fogel
10/8 Janet Barkley
10/12 Lynn Kaufman
10/13 Rebecca Green
10/20 Jenna Green
10/21 Cody Buckman
10/26 Stanley Meinsma
10/30 Allen Chronister

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.



October 30 is Reformation Sunday

Here is the morning prayer written by Martin Luther in his Small Catechism (1529)

In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the cross and say:
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.

Then kneeling or standing, say the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you wish, you may recite this little prayer as well:

I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

After singing a hymn, or whatever else your devotion may be, you are to go to your work joyfully.

In our prayers:

From First:

Leora Beveroth, Ruth Borth, Sandy Bushman, Linda & Myron Deets, Kyla Eastabrooks, Anita & Leonard Gilbert, Linda Habben, Elnora Hinrichs, Roger Hinrichs, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Roger Koett, Scotty Powell, Jon Ryner

The family and friends of Adeline Sheehan

From Trinity:

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

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 October 2 to October 8

Pray for farmers working in the fields; for the unemployed, for the underemployed, for those who work 2 or 3 jobs and still barely make ends meet, for families struggling with stress in many forms.

Include those on our prayer list from the previous month

Week of October 9 to October 15

Pray for our Monthly Mission Focus—the Helping Hands Food Pantry, for its coordinator Lyle Gregory, for the volunteers and for the clients who are in need. Pray for CWS and CROP Walks taking place around our country this fall. Pray for the Lutheran Hunger Appeal, and its work to bring an end to the world hunger crisis.

Week of October 16 to October 22

Pray for peace, for Syria and Israel and Iraq, and all places around the globe where violence is a daily occurrence. Pray for our own cities like Chicago, Charlotte, Milwaukee and all cities where violence has become the norm. Pray for peace to enter the hearts of any who consider taking up a weapon against another.

Week of October 23 to October 29

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

Have you begun your Bible Reading Adventure? 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: Calls and Conversions

Oct 2	Ruth 1:1-18
Oct 3	Acts 9:1-9
Oct 4	Acts 10:34-48
Oct 5	Matthew 18:1-6
Oct 6	Isaiah 55:6-89
Oct 7	Romans 1:16-17
Oct 8	Ephesians 4:22-5:2

Survey: Sharing the Good News

Oct 9	Isaiah 52:7-10
Oct 10	Matthew 28:16-20
Oct 11	Acts 1:6-11
Oct 12	Acts 17:16-34
Oct 13	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Oct 14	John 21:15-17
Oct 15	Ephesians 4:11-16

Survey: Life to Come

Oct 16	John 14:1-11
Oct 17	Matthew 25:31-46
Oct 18	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Oct 19	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Oct 20	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Oct 21	2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
Oct 22	Revelation 21:1-14

Survey: God the Creator

Oct 23	Genesis 1:1-3
Oct 24	Genesis 1:26-31
Oct 25	Psalm 8:3-9
Oct 26	John 1:1-5
Oct 27	Proverbs 3:19-24
Oct 28	Ephesians 2:8-10
Oct 29	Romans 11:33-36

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.