

November Mission Focus: Operation Christmas Child

Each year, we wonder what can a shoe box really do? And each Christmas, we surprise ourselves with what 50 or 60 or more shoe boxes are able to do. Operation Christmas Child uses a shoe-box size container to bring Christmas joy to children in developing countries around the world.

Inside each shoe box is what you are able to fit—a small stuffed animal, a match box car, a pair of sox, a toothbrush, pencils, pens, hair bows, a Christmas ornament, a toy doll, a bouncing ball. What can you fit into a shoe box? Imagine opening that box on Christmas morning and finding a treasure that will inspire you for a lifetime.

This is our November mission focus—filling with love 65 shoe boxes or more, as a congregation and sending them to a child. We get to be Santa Claus. Sending a bit of love to a child this year. All boxes are due back to the narthex by Sunday, November 13th. Please pick up your box if you haven’t done so already.

Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas

Sunday, November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent. Immediately after worship, we will decorate the sanctuary. Please join us and help make our worship space festive for the Christmas season!

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 AM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Worship: Sundays 10:15 AM



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Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son.

*From the hymn “Give Thanks”*



Give Thanks is a wonderful short reflective hymn found in a hymnal resource called “Worship and Praise” published by Augsburg Fortress. At West Jordan, the short reflective tune Kathy plays at the end of every worship service is the tune for Give Thanks.

To give thanks means we are acknowledging we have received something, and we desire to express our gratitude for what we have received. This sounds pretty self-explanatory. It sounds like something we have been taught from a young age—receive a gift, send a written thank you note, or call personally to say “Thank you,” or say the words immediately as you receive the gift. Giving thanks should be an automatic response built into our psyche from the beginning of our days.

So it is with our faith. Giving thanks is not simply for receiving birthday gifts, presents at holidays, or other times gifts are appropriate. Giving thanks is at the heart of our faith. For our faith teaches us that we have received everything from God the Father, through Jesus Christ his Son. Yes, our faith teaches us that our house, our family, our work and the talents we use at work, even the very breath we breathe each day—all is a gift from God. It is a hard shift in thinking, since our culture teaches us that we have to earn everything we get, that our hard effort puts food on our table, that our self-determination to get a job provides for us. Conversely, our culture teaches that if you do not earn it, or merit it, or work hard for it, you do not deserve it. Our faith is so opposite the culture of the world. Our faith really teaches us that everything is a gift of God. When we pray, “Give us our daily bread” we are acknowledging that everything is a gift.

This November, we will begin a short stewardship emphasis called “I Give Thanks”. This stewardship emphasis is designed to help us make the shift in our minds from thinking as culture would want us to think to thinking as our faith would have us think. Why do you give thanks to God by giving offering each week? How do you recognize that “everything” you have is a gift from God? What is the appropriate response? Can your faith grow as you respond more to the generosity that God has first given to you?

This stewardship emphasis will end with a pledge card. This is your opportunity to make a pledge to God, to say, I want to give thanks to you God for everything—and this token of my appreciation is the beginning of how I will give thanks. And this pledge card is a prayer as well, “Lord, help me to always give thanks to you, not just on Sunday mornings in worship, but each and everyday.” Join us this November as we grow in faith, and learn to give thanks for everything is a gift from God.

*Pastor Jamie Gallagher*



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Nancy Janssen

### 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

### EPIC ADVENT

The season of Advent is coming quickly, and how do you make such an amazing season even more EPIC?

By being a part of our EPIC Advent Learning Events.

Wednesdays, Nov 30, Dec 7 and Dec 14  
From 6:30 to 7:30

We will gather to learn more about the Christmas season. We will make advent wreath crafts, bake Christmas cookies, and go Christmas caroling.

Pastor Jamie is looking for help in planning the Christmas cookie baking—please talk with him to help plan that exciting night.

We are looking for people who would appreciate their door bell rung by some Christmas carolers. Please let Pastor Jamie know if you or your neighbor would appreciate this kind of visit.

Tis the Season to be Jolly—Let's Be Fa La La La La Jolly EPIC in our faith!

### Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias



Christmas Wreaths are now on sale in the Trinity Narthex.

This sale will support the Trinity Youth Fund. Orders due by Sun, November 6th. Wreaths will be delivered by Monday, November 14th.

Christmas Poinsettias will be for sale once again this year to support the Choir Fund.

Information will be posted in the narthex soon. Kim Stewart is coordinating the Poinsettias.



### EPIC FAITH EVENT

Join us on Sunday, November 20th, after worship—  
from 11:30 am to 1:00 PM  
For an EPIC Learning Event: The Ten Commandments

The original Top Ten List was issued on tablets of stone. And unlike the technologically advanced tablets we have today that are replaced every couple of years by newer ones, these original tablets are still with us.

The stone tablets contained God's law. And while the Original Top Ten is not the end of God's law, it is the beginning. So let's take some time and talk about the Laws we should know the most.

Our EPIC Faith event will begin with a light lunch. We will have a variety of activities to help us learn the Ten Commandments and talk about the way God's law still impacts us today.

EPIC Faith Events are for everyone. All ages. We learn about faith, we grow in relationship, we have fun.

Join us, Sunday, November 20th after worship. And let your faith be EPIC!

### 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

### CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Our church musician, Nancy Janssen, has volunteered to help our choir prepare and perform for this Christmas season.

Practices will begin Tuesday, November 8th at 7pm.

Practices will continue weekly on Tuesday throughout November.

The Choir will perform at the Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Christmas service on Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 pm at the Milledgeville Brethren Church.

The choir will also sing on Sunday, December 11 during Trinity's 10:15 am worship service.

All members are welcome to join the choir!

## First, West Jordan Celebrates 145 Years of Ministry

**Sunday, November 6th Worship at 10:15 AM**  
**Our Worship will feature The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger as our special preacher.**  
**A Catered Celebration Meal will be held after worship.**



### About The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger

The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger was elected Aug. 16, 2013, to a six-year term as secretary of the ELCA at the Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh.

Ordained June 18, 1978, Secretary Boerger served as lay mission developer/pastor at Lutheran Church of the San Juans in Friday Harbor, Wash., from 1975 to 1980; pastor of Central Lutheran Church in Everett, Wash., from 1980 to 1990; and pastor at Northlake Lutheran Church in Kenmore, Wash., from 1990 to 2001. He was elected bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod based in Seattle in 2001 and served two six-year terms.

Secretary Boerger earned a Master of Divinity degree at Christ Seminary SEMINEX, St. Louis in 1975, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication arts at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., in 1971.

Secretary Boerger served on a variety of boards and committees, including: Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Regents; liaison bishop to the ELCA Church Council (2011-2013); ELCA Northwest Washington Synod Council; interim Ministry Association Advisory Bishop; Washington Association of Churches Board; Lutheran Advocates for Maritime Ministry Advisory Board; and Synodical and Churchwide Relations Committee..

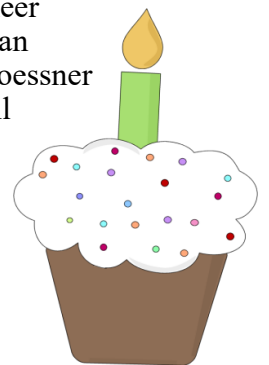
### Worship Helpers

November 6 & 13 Roger Hinrichs & June Purvis  
Lector: June Purvis

November 20 & 27 Trina & Meghan O'Brien  
Lector: Trina O'Brien

### Happy Birthday in November to:

Nov 2 Amy Landheer  
Nov 4 First Lutheran  
Nov 6 LaVerne Woessner  
Nov 21 Jake Wetzell



### Noisy Offering

Sunday, November 20 we will take up a Noisy Offering during the Children's Message.

This Offering will go to help the mailing costs of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.



### November Grace Meal

**Tuesday, November 15**  
**11:30 am**

### 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

### 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

### 2016 Trinity General Fund Summary

	September Budget	September Actual		YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Income	9,768	7,190		89,052	77,722
Expenses	9,612	8,662		88,883	82,846

December 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Second Sunday of Advent	11a-3p Sewers Meet		1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	7p-9p Dorcas Circle	Pastor's Day Off	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	2:25p-3:25p Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools Early Dismissal (		6:30p-7:30p EPIC Advent Fun Night			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
6:30p-7:30p Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Christmas (Milledgeville Brethren Church)						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Third Sunday of Advent	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			6:30p-7:30p EPIC Advent Fun Night			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					4p-5p Christmas Eve Worship at First, WJ (First\, West Jordan)
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		Pastor's Day Off	9p-10p Christmas Eve Worship at Trinity (Trinity\, Milledgeville)
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	11a-3p Sewers Meet		1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		Pastor's Day Off	
Joint Parish Worship: 8:30 AM at First, WJ						
8:30a-9:30a Joint Worship @ FWJ						

November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
			7p-8:30p Bible Study (Trinity)			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
All Saints Sunday	11a-3p Sewers Meet	1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	7p-9p Dorcas Circle (Lynn Kaufman's home)	Pastor's Day Off	
Joint Parish Worship: 10:15 AM at FIRST, WJ	2:25p-3:25p Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools - Early Dismissal (	7p-8p Choir Rehearsal	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
10:15a-11:15a Joint Worship @ First, WJ						
11:15a-1:15p First, WJ						
145th Anniversary Luncheon						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Time after Pentecost	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	Pastor's Day Off	
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10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		7p-8p Choir Rehearsal				
11:30a-12:30p Woodard Family Event (Trinity Basement)						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Christ the King Sunday	Trinity Delivers Golden Meals					
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	7p-8p Choir Rehearsal	Milledgeville-Chadwick Schools - No School			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)		Pastor's Day Off	
11:30a-1p EPIC Faith Learning Event						
6:30p-7:30p Community Thanksgiving Worship (First Lutheran\, Chadwick)						
27	28	29	30	Notes:		
First Sunday of Advent	11a-3p Sewers Meet	7p-8p Choir Rehearsal	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			6:30p-7:30p EPIC Advent Fun Night			
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						





Celebrations for October



11/1 Randy Landis	11/2 Mark A. & Laurie Byvick
11/5 Lori Oncken	11/13 Rich & Jackie Short
11/10 Randy Kleckler	11/17 Michael & Kaye Strehlow
11/17 Ross Paul Hartman	11/20 John & Patty Murray
11/17 Kevin Judas	11/21 Steve & Laura Buckman
11/18 Carol Lee Bushman	11/25 Courtney & Kelly Forth
11/18 Tyler Wagenknecht	11/26 William & Ruth Borth
11/19 Bonnie Queckboerner	11/27 Kyla & Dana Eastabrooks
11/20 Ken Kaufman	
11/25 Lois Nye	
11/28 Connor Eubanks	
11/29 Curtis Murphy	
11/30 Christian Barkley	
11/30 Harlen Meinsma	

11/1 Harriet Dambman
11/3 Erin Dettman
11/4 Hillary Hartman
11/13 Laurie R. Byvick
11/14 Florence Miller
11/14 Violet Ohlwine
11/14 Ronald Lartz
11/16 Jordan Harris
11/16 Shane Harris
11/17 Heather Schmidt
11/22 Cole VanDyke
11/24 Kathy Nye
11/24 June Franks
11/24 Steven Barkley
11/24 Keagan Livengood
11/28 Kennedy Livengood
11/29 Paul Cheeseman
11/30 Donna Fields

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.



November 6 is All Saints Sunday

On this Sunday, we remember all who have died and have entered the promise of Eternal Life with our Savior Jesus Christ.

As you remember your faithfully departed loved ones, here is a prayer to offer in their memory:

Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servants (names) may persevere in the course that is set before us and, at the last share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

In our prayers:

From First:

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

The family and friends of Elnora Hinrichs  
The family and friends of Doug Ricklefs  
The family and friends of Leonard Gilbert

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 30 to November 5

Pray for our Mission Focus—Samaritan's Purse, and the children who receive the shoe-boxes filled with love. Pray that God's abundance may truly be shared justly around the world.

Week of November 6 to November 12

Pray for our election day, for local, state-wide, and national elections. Pray for candidates who are being elected as well as those not being re-elected. Pray that God's justice and freedom be lived out by all elected officials.

Week of November 13 to November 19

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 November 20 to November 26

Pray for those included on our prayer list for the previous month. While you pray for them, consider sending a get-well card or making a visit to check in with your neighbor or friend. Prayer can be lived out through personal contact.

Week of November 27 to December 3

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: Abraham—God's Chosen

Oct 30	Genesis 12:1-3
Oct 31	Genesis 17:1-8
Nov 1	Genesis 21:1-7
Nov 2	Genesis 22:1-14
Nov 3	Hebrews 11:8-12
Nov 4	Galatians 3:6-9
Nov 5	John 8:52-59

Survey: Jacob becomes Israel

Nov 6	Genesis 25:19-26
Nov 7	Genesis 25:27-34
Nov 8	Genesis 27:1-29
Nov 9	Genesis 32:22-30
Nov 10	Genesis 33:1-11
Nov 11	Psalm 105:1-11
Nov 12	Romans 9:6-16

Survey: Joseph's story

Nov 13	Genesis 37:1-11
Nov 14	Genesis 37:12-36
Nov 15	Genesis 39:1-23
Nov 16	Genesis 41:9-24
Nov 17	Genesis 41:25-43
Nov 18	Genesis 42:6-28
Nov 19	Genesis 43:1-34

Survey: Good News, Bad News

Nov 20	Galatians 3:21-29
Nov 21	Genesis 45:4-28
Nov 22	Genesis 47:13-26
Nov 23	Genesis 50:1-16
Nov 24	Romans 2:1-16
Nov 25	Romans 3:21-31
Nov 26	Romans 5:1-21

Survey: Living with Christ

Nov 27	Romans 6:1-11
Nov 28	Romans 7:14-25
Nov 29	Romans 8:28-39
Nov 30	Romans 10:1-13
Dec 1	Romans 12:1-8
Dec 2	Romans 12:9-21
Dec 3	Romans 15:1-13