

January Mission Focus: Milledgeville school kids

At the December council meeting, we heard there are still students at our Milledgeville school who do not have mittens, hats and boots. So, in January, we are going to collect items for these children. More information will be published in our January bulletins, especially for sizes of boots.

Boots, hats and mittens that are brought to church will be taken to the school each Monday in January. Thank you for all you do in supporting the children of our community.

A Noisy Offering will be collected on January 15th during the Children’s message to help purchase mittens, hats and boots.

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*“Are you the one who is to come  
or are we to wait for another?”*

*Luke 7:19*

Epiphany, a moment of sudden revelation or insight. Epiphany, a manifestation of the divine. Epiphany, an a-ha moment, when you say, “I get it. I know who you are.” Epiphany, the Feast Day Christians celebrate on January 6th marking the day the Magi came and revealed the Christ child to the gentiles. These are the many definitions of the word Epiphany. Epiphany is also a season of the Church year. It is the season that bridges the gap between the stories of Christmas, Jesus’ birth, and Lent and Holy Week, the stories of Jesus’ betrayal and death.

The season of Epiphany is a season of discovery of who Jesus is. It begins with Jesus’ baptism, and a voice from heaven saying, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” The season ends at the transfiguration, when the voice from heaven once again declares, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”


In between is a season of discovery highlighted by the question of John’s disciples, —”Are you the one?” Yes, the very one who baptized Jesus still has questions about who Jesus is. The people of Nazareth wonder who is this who speaks with such authority. Demons seem to know who Jesus is, but those he encounters in his ministry—from beggars to Pharisees, from hometown neighbors, to fishermen called to leave their boats, all wonder who is this Jesus.

This season of Epiphany, we open the Gospel of Luke and we will follow it from Jesus’ baptism to his Passion. Who will you discover as we open our hearts to these stories?

Will you discover a radical leader of a dissident group of people looking to overthrow Rome? Will you discover a faith healer, whose magic surpasses all doctors and other medicine men? Will you discover a rebel who openly mocks the religious authorities? Will you discover the Son of God, who frees and liberates you from the grip of sin and sets you onto a path of service and humility?

Who will you discover this Epiphany season? Jesus invites you to enter his Word and join in the discovery and to experience your own Epiphany this season.

*Pastor Jamie Gallagher*



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Upcoming EPIC Faith Learning and Planning

Sunday, January 15—EPIC Faith Event  
Focus—Baptism

Join us after worship for a light lunch and some great activities to help us remember our baptism. Hear the story of Jesus’ baptism. Play with water and light.

EVERY PERSON IN CHRIST is welcome to join in the EPIC learning.

Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM

Pastor Jamie invites any who are interest in helping plan our EPIC events.

Help select stories and themes, plan the light lunch, plan service events and more. All ideas are welcome, all ages are invited to help plan.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, January 19th at 7 PM

Congregation Annual meeting

Sunday, January 29th  
immediately following worship

All reports are due to the office by January 8th.  
Please submit them electronically to  
telcsecretary@mediacombb.net

Worship Meeting

Join us on Tuesday, January 17th at 1:00 PM  
For our next worship and music planning meeting

We select hymns and worship settings. It is a lot of fun. Join us!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

My heartfelt thanks to all who brought Christmas gifts to me and my family this holiday season. Your love and appreciation are a kindness I am very thankful for.  
Pastor Jamie

Junior High/Senior High School  
Ski Trip

The Annual Synod Ski Trip to Mt. Chestnut is  
Monday, January 16th  
(Martin Luther King, Jr Day)

Cost is \$47 for the lift ticket, lesson, and rental of skis or snowshoe

There is a \$8 cost for a meal voucher

We can ski from 9 am to 9 pm if we want to.

If you are interested in going,  
please let Pastor Jamie know.

Southtown Ministry

The Third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 PM

Join Pastor Jamie, Lynn and Roger  
For the best half hour of your month.

We meet over at Southtown Home  
(corner of W. 3rd St. and N. Cochran Ave.)

We read a Bible story, usually have a related craft. We sing some of their favorite songs. We pray together.

They join us for worship a couple times each month. We have other special ways we get together. But this is a great relationship we have. Join us and be touched by this amazing ministry.

Mark your calendars now for Lent

Ash Wednesday is March 1st.  
Worship is at 7PM at Trinity.

Our Lenten Midweek Lunch and Devotion will begin  
Wednesday, March 8 at noon.

This year’s theme will be the Easter Vigil readings. The Easter Vigil is typically held on Holy Saturday (between Good Friday and Easter) and it is a dramatic experience of lighting a new candle and hearing God’s promise of salvation through 12 Old Testament readings, and then culminating with the pronouncement of Jesus’ resurrection. In Lent, we will spread it out over the 5 weeks and experience it a little a time, but it will be just as powerful.



The Church Season after Epiphany and the Church Season after Pentecost are sometimes called “Ordinary Time”.

In this instance, Ordinary does not refer to “un-special, regular, or normal”. It comes from the fact the weeks are numbered in a series, and the word comes from the Latin “ordinalis” from which we get our English word “order”. These weeks are set to a particular order, that is to say they are numbered.

Just a fun fact I thought I’d share, since I had this much space to fill. Enjoy. Peace.

Taking down Christmas

Join us at Trinity after worship on Sunday, January 8th to put away our Christmas decorations.

There will be no Grace meal in January. Join us again in February



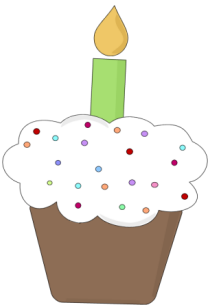
Attention Snowbirds

Please let the office know when you leave and return, so we can make sure we send the newsletter to the correct address.  
Thanks

Celebrating 145 Years of  
First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

January 1	worship at Trinity
January 8 & 15	Dan and Jodi Woessner
Lector:	Dan Woessner
January 22 & 29	Lee and Kathy Hinrichs
Lector:	Jodi Woessner



Happy Birthday in December

January 12—Ray Ricklefs

January 21—Meghan O’Brien

January 22—Myron Deets

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, January 29th, immediately following worship

Church Leaders Directory

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
President Kevin Anderson (625-3403)  
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Tammy Miller  
Sharon Woodard,  
Ken Kaufman  
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Musician Nancy Janssen  
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

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Secretary Jodi Woessner



February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>2</b> Groundhog Day 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>3</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Super Bowl Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>6</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>9</b> 7p-9p Dorcas Circle	<b>10</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>11</b>
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						
<b>12</b> Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>13</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	<b>15</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>16</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>17</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>18</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>19</b> Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	<b>20</b> Presidents' Day 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>21</b> 11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	<b>22</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>25</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)				
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>26</b> Transfiguration of our Lord	<b>27</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>28</b> Mardi Gras	Notes:			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> New Year's Day 1st Sunday of Christmas	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>5</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>6</b> Epiphany Pastor's Day Off	<b>7</b>
Joint Parish Worship: 10:15 am at Trinity					The Day of Epiphany	
New Year's Day						
10:15a-11:15a Joint Worship @ Trinity						
			Human Trafficking Awareness			
<b>8</b> The Baptism of our Lord	<b>9</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>10</b> 6:30p-8p EPIC Planning Team	<b>11</b> 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	<b>12</b> 6p-7p Girl Scout Meeting (church basement)	<b>13</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>14</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ			1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	7p-9p Dorcas Circle		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>15</b> Second Sunday after Epiphany	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King LYO Ski Trip (Chestnut Mountain Resort\, 8700 W Chestnut Mountain Rd\, Galena\,)	<b>17</b> 1p-2:30p Worship Team meeting	<b>18</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>19</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>20</b> Inauguration Day Pastor's Day Off	<b>21</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)		7p-8p Church Council		
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-1p Epic Faith Learning: Focus - Baptism						
<b>22</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany	<b>23</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>28</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
<b>29</b> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>30</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>31</b>	Notes:			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-12p Trinity Annual Meeting						





Celebrations for January



1/1 Trevor Schluter  
1/6 Ty Wolfe  
1/8 Laura Buckman  
1/9 Kenneth Peterson  
1/10 Emily Kleckler  
1/10 Leland Bryson  
1/10 Chad Wolfe  
1/14 Kaitlin Murray  
1/16 Roger Koett  
1/17 Richard Bushman  
1/17 Therol Anderson  
1/18 Charles Faulkner  
1/22 Bennett Mickelson  
1/27 Kara Koett  
1/31 Jackson Strehlow  
1/31 Amanda Miller

1/4 Carl & Margaret Bauling  
1/7 Ed & Kali Landis  
1/20 Kenneth & Linda Peterson  
1/23 Ron & Sharon Judd  
1/23 Randy & Opal Kleckler

1/1 Margaret Bauling  
1/1 Robert Woessner  
1/1 Shirley Woessner  
1/1 Nichlaus Strehlow  
1/1 Steve Buckman  
1/1 William Borth  
1/1 Mike Miller  
1/1 Amy Eye  
1/1 Brandon Eye  
1/9 Carol Frederick  
1/11 Patty Murray  
1/21 John Murray  
1/23 Connie Brockhouse  
1/24 Josh Nye  
1/28 Keasha Kelley  
1/29 Bridget Newcomer

A Prayer for our nation as we prepare for the inauguration of the next President of the United States

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honesty in the workplace, truth in education, and honor in daily life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Dan Woessner

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

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 January 1 to January 7

Pray for those seeking new life in this new year— especially for those in abusive situations, and for the shelters that provide refuge.

Week of January 8 to January 14

Pray for those who are homeless, those who seek more adequate shelter, those who do not have proper heating. Pray for those who provide shelters and warming centers.

Week of January 15 to January 21

Pray for those who are imprisoned—those who are guilty of crimes, that forgiveness create a new heart with in them, and for those wrongly imprisoned that a champion of freedom help restore them to life.

Week of Week of January 22 to January 28

Pray for those who are homebound, who live in nursing homes and care centers, who do not get many visitors, who are lost from their families. Pray for those who are sick and those who have been on our prayer list.

Week of January 29 to February 4

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 Sophia Hyon

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

Make a New Year’s Resolution to learn more about the Bible, our primary language of faith.

Let the Word of God soak itself into you with these great readings:

Survey: Into the Promised Land

Jan 1 Psalm 23  
Jan 2 Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Jan 3 Joshua 1:1-9  
Jan 4 Joshua 6:1-20  
Jan 5 Joshua 8:30-35  
Jan 6 Joshua 24:1-15  
Jan 7 Judges 2:16-23

Survey: Challenge of Faith

Jan 8 1 Peter 4:7-11  
Jan 9 Judges 4:1-24  
Jan 10 Judges 6:33-7:22  
Jan 11 Judges 16:4-30  
Jan 12 1 Corinthians 3:18-23  
Jan 13 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Jan 14 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Survey: Living in Community

Jan 15 1 Corinthians 11:23-32  
Jan 16 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Jan 17 1 Corinthians 15:12-28  
Jan 18 2 Corinthians 3:1-6  
Jan 19 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
Jan 20 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Jan 21 2 Corinthians 13:4-14

Survey: Judgment and Forgiveness

Jan 22 John 12:44-50  
Jan 23 Romans 2:1-11  
Jan 24 Hosea 11:1-11  
Jan 25 Amos 5:21-24  
Jan 26 Amos 9:13-15  
Jan 27 Joel 2:12-19  
Jan 28 Psalm 51:1-13

Survey: Warnings and Promises

Jan 29 Psalm 63:1-8  
Jan 30 Micah 4:1-5  
Jan 31 Micah 7:18-20  
Feb 1 Isaiah 1:11-20  
Feb 2 Isaiah 7:1-25  
Feb 3 Isaiah 9:1-7  
Feb 4 Isaiah 11:1-10