

February Mission Focus: PADS



This month, we will raise funds to help our Sterling/Rock Falls area PADS Shelter.

PADS is an acronym that stands for Public Action to Deliver Shelter. This center provides emergency shelter to clients and then connects those clients with other agencies in the area that are able to meet the client’s other needs.

Our donations will help provide shelter and bedding, food, clothing and other emergency needs. On Sunday, February 19th we will collect a noisy offering for PADS. Donations at any time during the month are accepted, simply write on your envelop “PADS” and the amount you want directed to this agency.

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“Sound the Good News”



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*And while he was praying, the appearance of his face  
changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.*

*Luke 9:29*

The season of Epiphany comes to a close on February 26 with the celebration of Jesus’ transfiguration. This mountaintop experience has three disciples see Jesus become his heavenly glory and have a conversation with Moses and Elijah. It is an experience which helps the disciples see Jesus most clearly, even as they still do not fully understand him.

Epiphany is a season of seeing Jesus more clearly. And what have we seen this season? We have seen a teacher, a healer, and a religious rebel challenging religious authority. We have seen a political dissident stirring the muddled political waters of his day. We have seen the Son of God set into motion the very events that will ultimately lead to his death on a cross and resurrection from the tomb.

What Jesus was doing so many years ago, Jesus is still actively doing in the world around us today. And we do not need to climb a mountain to see it, we simply need to let our faith guide our eyes to see what Jesus is doing.

Jesus is teaching, right here in our midst—as grandparents and parents and children gather around tables and eat lunch and crafting Sunday school crafts and reading the Bible together.

Jesus is healing, right here in our midst—restoring peace, mending broken hearts, ending grudges, and healing colds, fixing broken hips, calming uncontrollable muscle spasms, and yes, even raising the dead.

Jesus is challenging religious authorities, calling us to question our moral foundations, calling us to not be the Pharisees with judgmental restrictions, but instead to be the liberated children of God, ready to “sin boldly” in the name of loving all the more boldly.

Jesus is stirring the political landscape, challenging our political decision-making processes, calling us to stand for social justice and equality, for access to more rights for all people, that all can truly live in God’s kingdom of care for all human life.

Do you see Jesus more clearly today? The disciples weren’t too sure what they were seeing on the mountain-top. It took a journey back down to the valley, a journey to Jerusalem and to the cross before they fully understood. For us, our next destination is that same cross, the place where Jesus fully reveals himself as God’s love embodied for all.

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Upcoming EPIC Sunday School

Sunday, February 19—EPIC Faith Event  
Focus—The Creed

The Apostles’ Creed and The Nicene Creed  
Two powerful statements of faith. We usually say  
one or the other in worship.

But what does it mean when we say “I believe”?  
Join us for a light lunch and a time to explore these  
two critical words, “I Believe.”

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

Luther 500

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the  
Reformation by Martin Luther and his fellow theo-  
logians who challenged the Church and its teach-  
ings.

This February, we will dive into these 500 years  
and learn what it means for us today.

Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 pm at Trinity

We will watch a video presentation by Rick  
Steves who will introduce us to the places in Ger-  
many that are forever linked with Martin Luther  
and the Reformation.

Tues, February 14th at 7:00 PM at West Jordan

We will explore the key teachings that set  
Luther and the Reformers apart from Rome

Tues, February 21st at 7:00 PM at West Jordan

We will learn about Luther’s important  
writings and how they are still important today.

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. And we pray  
together.

All are welcome!

Bold Women’s Sunday

February 26th, immediately after worship  
All women are invited. Lunch is included with the pro-  
gram.

Please RSVP to Kim Stewart (225-5514)  
Or, Carol Bushman (225-7757)  
Or Carol Frederick (225-7890)

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday (known as Mardi Gras in French) is the  
last day before Lent begins. It is the day we eat up all  
the fats and lards and goodies so we can prepare for a  
season of fasting.

So join us, Tuesday, February 28th for an evening of  
pancakes and sausage.

Tammy Miller and Connie Brockhouse are leading this  
dinner and will post ways you can help and donate and  
times for our dinner soon.

Milledgeville High School Jazz Choir

Will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday,  
February 12th at the beginning of worship.

Director Margo Webber has said she enjoys bringing  
the Jazz Choir to churches where her students are mem-  
bers. This year, she has a member of our church and  
the Methodist Church as part of our choir.

The choir will perform at 10:15 AM and then head over  
to the Methodist church to perform there as well.

Be here to support our local high school!

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 read-  
ings, 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.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

LBW Hymn #448, verse 1

These words, “I once was lost, but now am  
found” are some of the most repeated words  
of the Christian faith. It is a confession and a  
word of thanksgiving all wrapped up into one.

The theme of being lost and found will be a  
key theme as we enter into the season of Lent  
in March.

Sunday, March 5th — Luke 10:25-42

The parable of the Good Samaritan  
One man is lost searching for his neighbor

Sunday, March 12th—Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Jesus laments over Jerusalem  
The center of faith is lost, and the Messiah is  
the only one who can find it again.

Sunday, March 19th—Luke 15:1-32

The parables of the lost sheep, coin and son  
What was lost is celebrated when it is found  
again

Sunday, March 26th—Luke 16:19-31

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus  
A man is lost to eternity, and hopes to save his  
family from the same fate

Sunday, April 2nd—Luke 18:31-19:10

Jesus encounters Zaccheaus  
A man is lost in the crowd, but for the Savior  
who see him.

Are you feeling lost? Join us in worship, let  
the Messiah find you where you are and re-  
store you to God’s Kingdom.

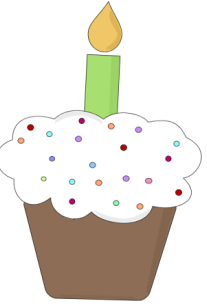
Celebrating 145 Years of  
First, West Jordan

Worship Helpers

February 5 & 12      Brian and Paula Beveroth  
Lector:                Brian Beveroth

February 19 & 26      Dan and Tammy Hinrichs  
Lector:                Tammy Hinrichs

Happy Birthday in February



1—Donna Lenhardt

12—Tom Landheer

25—Amanda Beveroth

Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting

Wednesday, February 15th  
7:00 PM

Grace meals returns  
Tuesday, February 21st

11:30 AM at Trinity

Attention Snowbirds

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

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  
Custodian      Lynn Kaufman  
Musician      Nancy Janssen  
Financial Secretary Ken Peterson

**First Lutheran West Jordan**  
President      Jan Wetzel (631-9353)  
Secretary      Jodi Woessner



March 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> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>3</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>4</b>
			7p-8p Ash Wednesday Worship			
<b>5</b> First Sunday in Lent (Lent)	<b>6</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions	<b>9</b> 7p-9p Dorcas Circle at Barb Brubaker's	<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> Second Sunday in Lent (Lent)	<b>13</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>14</b> 1:30p-3:30p Naomi Circle	<b>15</b> 12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions	<b>16</b> 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	<b>17</b> Milledgeville High School hosts Conference Music Festival (Trinity Lutheran Church)	<b>18</b>
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10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity					9a-4p M'ville HS reserves Church for music festival	
<b>19</b> Third Sunday in Lent (Lent)	<b>20</b> Trinity Delivers Golden Meals	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ	11a-3p Sewers Meet	11:30a-12:30p Grace Meals (Trinity Lutheran Church)	12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions		Pastor's Day Off	
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity		4:30p-5p Southtown Ministry (Southtown home\, Milledgeville)	1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)			
<b>26</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lent)	<b>27</b> 11a-3p Sewers Meet	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12p-1p Lent Lunch and Devotions	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Pastor's Day Off	Notes:
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			1 1p-2:30p Elementary School Tutoring (Milledgeville Elementary School\, 100 E 8th St\, Milledgeville\, I)	2 6p-7:15p Girl Scouts - Basement	3 Pastor's Day Off	4
5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	6 11a-3p Sewers Meet	7 7p-8p Luther 500 study at Trinity	8 9a-12p Pastor at Conference Meeting	9 7p-9p Dorcas Circle at Carol Bushman's	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
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		7p-8p Luther 500 Study at West Jordan				
26 Transfiguration of our Lord	27 11a-3p Sewers Meet	28 5p-7p Pancake Supper	Notes:			
8:30a-9:30a Worship @ FWJ						
10:15a-11:15a Worship @ Trinity						
11:30a-1p Bold Women's Sunday Lunch and Program						





Celebrations for February



2/1 Lynn Queckboerner  
2/2 Greg Schildgen  
2/4 Lydia Faulkner  
2/7 Lucas Koett  
2/7 Marissa Eye  
2/9 Margaret Bauling  
2/10 Thomas Barkley  
2/11 David Wagenknecht  
2/12 Alyvia Woodard  
2/15 Kathy Bogott  
2/15 Troy Wagenknecht  
2/16 Kali Livengood  
2/16 Susan Lorke  
2/18 Karen Landers  
2/21 Brandi VanDyke  
2/26 Ron Judd  
2/27 Michael Strehlow  
2/28 Kassie Murray

2/7 Otto & Dorothy Wagenknecht  
2/9 Keith & DeAnn Wagenknecht  
2/17 Robert & Lori Oncken  
2/21 Gary & Le-Anne Nye

2/7 Ava Schluter  
2/7 Trevor Schluter  
2/7 Freeman Schluter  
2/8 Laura Buckman  
2/14 Kurt Landis  
2/14 John Byvick  
2/25 Janis Bowers  
2/25 Cody VanDyke

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

As you prepare to celebrate Valentines Day, ask yourself, if your definition of love matches God's word:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

O Lord, may my love for my dear ones match your definition. May my love for my friends and neighbors match your definition. May my love for my adversaries and enemies match your definition. And when I am challenged in how I love all you call me to love, may you remind me how much you love me. 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,

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, Tammy Hinrichs, Janet Koett, Lawrence Maxwell, Barb and Ivan Miller, Dan Nye, Shirley Nye, Corinne Ohlwine

The Family and Friends of Bob Gilbert

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 February 5 to February 11

Pray for those who need the services of places like PADS in Sterling/Rock Falls. For the homeless, for those who are on welfare, because their wages do not provide enough; for those who are forced to choose between medications and utility bills; for those who are living on the edge of financial stability.

Week of February 12 to February 18

Pray for those who are in love and recently engaged; pray for those who have lost a loved one, and for whom the Valentine's holiday is a bad memory; pray for those seeking a love; pray for the person you love the most; pray for the person you love the least.

Week of February 19 to February 25

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 February 26 to March 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

February 14 is Valentines Day, a day to celebrate love for one another. Use this month's Bible devotion readings to discover God's love for you.

Survey: Strength in Times of Testing

Feb5 Psalm 67:1-7  
Feb 6 Isaiah 26:1-13  
Feb 7 Isaiah 30:19-26  
Feb 8 Isaiah 38:1-20  
Feb 9 James 4:1-10  
Feb 10 1 Peter 2:1-12  
Feb 11 1 Peter 4:1-11

Survey: Living in Love

Feb 12 2 Peter 1:1-21  
Feb 13 1 John 2:1-17  
Feb 14 1 John 4:7-21  
Feb 15 Colossians 1:9-23  
Feb 16 Colossians 3:5-4:5  
Feb 17 1 Corinthians 12:4-26  
Feb 18 John 15:12-21

Survey: The Call to Loyalty

Feb 19 2 John  
Feb 20 Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Feb 21 Jeremiah 3:12-18  
Feb 22 Jeremiah 7:1-11  
Feb 23 Jeremiah 11:1-14  
Feb 24 Luke 15:11-31  
Feb 25 Hebrews 12:1-13

Survey: God's Living Covenant

Feb 26 Jeremiah 31:1-4  
Feb 27 Jeremiah 31:31-35  
Feb 28 Hebrews 8:1-13  
Mar 1 Galatians 3:15-26  
Mar 2 1 Corinthians 11:23-32  
Mar 3 Acts 3:1-26  
Mar 4 Romans 12:1-21