

# News

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April 2024



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Easter has come upon us! The weather is starting to turn for the better, baseball season is starting, and spring is breaking out everywhere. On Easter, we believers made a big deal about the Resurrection of Christ and celebrated to the fullest. We had 2 church services on Sunday instead of one. And we spent the day with family doing whatever it is that you do when you and your family get together.

And then it was over. It seemed as if it came and went by so quickly. Just like Christmas, there was great build up and anticipation over Easter, but when it was over, it was over. But is it really over? Well, in our church year calendar, you may notice that there is an Easter **season**, not just a one day Easter festival. And why is that? Because it's not over! *Easter is the basis for your forgiveness* because, in spite of dying with all of your sin, Christ was raised from the dead. The grave couldn't hold Him, and now it can't hold you. Easter is about life. It's about rebirth. It's about second chances. It's about Jesus and His life that He gives to you. And the reason it's not over is because the

implications of Easter are yours every single day. You are a redeemed child of Christ every day, not just on Easter. You have the certainty and promise of eternal life every single day – not just **on** Easter, but **because of** Easter. The entire basis of your faith is God's unbreakable promise of everlasting life. You now have access to the Father, that you wouldn't have had because of Easter and that is true every day, not just on Easter Sunday.

The truth is that there is really no such thing as an Easter “season”, because Easter never ends. Christ's victory is your victory, no matter what your circumstances may be. In good times or in times of trial and pain, you have Easter victory in Christ – every day of the year! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

In Christ,  
Rev. Wagner

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*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen!”* Luke 24:5-6

## Scheduled Services



**April**  
Worship Schedule

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and  
livestreamed

6 p.m. Mondays

In-person only  
*(no service April 1)*

Enjoy "Coffee &"  
fellowship after  
church services on  
Sundays.

Sunday Morning Bible Class will meet in  
the Sanctuary following fellowship.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**, IN-PERSON, in the  
parish hall following post service  
fellowship.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS:**

Resuming April 10, we are seeing the infinite  
patience of God with His chosen people, as  
recorded in the Book of Exodus ~ Wednesday  
mornings ~ 9:15 a.m. for coffee and  
conversation, 9:30 a.m. study.

### **LIVE ONLINE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS, 6 p.m.**

We continue to livestream on Facebook  
[@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and on Trinity's website  
at [TrinityLombard.org](https://www.trinitylombard.org).

**Facebook:** Additionally: keep up with  
Trinity news from church and school on  
Facebook [@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and  
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>.

Find orders of worship for livestreamed  
services, along with easy to share video and  
audio versions of the sermons at  
<https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>.

**Services and Bible classes air live on  
Facebook @TrinityLombard**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>)  
and can also be viewed live at  
<https://www.trinitylombard.org/>.



*Connected: "I  
am and vine;  
you are the  
branches."  
John 15*

We look forward to:

- April 4: **Hands On Family Fun Night**, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

**Hands-On  
Family Fun Night**  
for preschool - kindergarten  
**FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024**  
**5:30 - 7 p.m.**  
includes **COMPLIMENTARY** pizza, salad & fruit dinner  
at **Trinity Lutheran School**  
(located on the northeast corner of  
Roosevelt & Westmore-Meyers Rd in Lombard)

At 6 p.m. enjoy exploring spring surprises  
through a variety of hands-on creative  
activities led by Trinity's  
Early Childhood  
Education teaching staff.

Please RSVP by April 2, 2024:  
[secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org)  
630.627.5601

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
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[trinitylombard.org](https://www.trinitylombard.org)  
[@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard)

- April 23: **Trinity Lutheran School Fine Arts Fair**
- April 28: **Students sing in church service**, 9 a.m.

Blessings,

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**THANK YOU!  
FOR  
YOUR SERVICE**

**April 14**

A recognition and “Coffee &” to THANK those who have or are serving in our Military.



*Studying God's Word together is important!* **Wednesday morning informal Bible Study . IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS, 9:15 a.m.,** coffee, treats, and fellowship in the parish hall, with study beginning at 9:30 a.m..

During the regular weekly Wednesday evening Bible Study classes, Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. \*You can interact online as the study is going on. All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook.

You can also view it on the internet using [www.TrinityLombard.org](http://www.TrinityLombard.org)



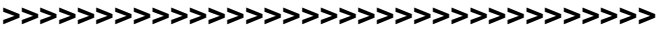
Mary/Martha extends an invitation to all women to gather together to engage in either a Bible study, a project or simply fellowship.

Looking ahead:

April 4 – 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

A Bible Study will be offered. Easy and relaxed sharing.

Bring your Bible and a snack to share.



Looking Ahead:

All are welcome to join together:

**Saturday, May 4**

9 a.m. in the Parish Hall

**A TIME TO PRAY**

**We will be praying for our Nation**

**And for the salvation of loved ones.**

“Coffee &” will be served

Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764 or Judy Cuchetto at 630.698.2208. Call or text.

*Rachel LaMontagna says:*

Need diapers? For your own little ones or perhaps for a baby shower? Or to donate to a pregnancy help center?

I am proud to announce I am an ambassador for EveryLife - high quality diapers that support life affirming work and does not support abortion (which, shockingly, most major diaper companies do support.)



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If you would like to learn more about EveryLife - or if you just want to purchase premium high-quality diapers and wipes - message or click the link

<https://everylife.com/discount/RACHELL10>

Use code "RACHELL10" for 10% off your first order at [EveryLife.com](https://everylife.com)

**You're invited to Trinity's  
Lifetime Plan for Giving  
Workshop  
April 13 – 12 to 2 p.m.  
with **FREE** lunch**



**ALL TRINITY  
LOMBARD  
WOMEN ARE  
INVITED TO AN  
LWML  
SPONSORED  
EVENT**

**REMINDER!!!**

**St John's Lutheran LWML is hosting  
the Spring Rally on:**

**Saturday, April 13**

**9 to 11:30 a.m.**

**215 S Lincoln St, Lombard, IL  
Lower level in the church**

**Doors open for coffee at 8:30 a.m.**

**Learn about this LCMS NID-supported  
ministry work in Belize.**

**Please bring new or gently used  
backpacks for elementary school  
children served by the Belize Mission  
Society.**

**For questions or to carpool contact Arlene  
Solyom at 630.715.7764.**

**April is full of ways to serve:**



**Spiritual  
Respite  
Companion  
Workshop -  
Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Lisle**

- **April 20, 2024  
12:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
- **FREE** Spiritual Respite Companion  
Workshop

- Trinity Lutheran Church, Lisle  
1101 Kimberly Way  
Lisle, Illinois 60532

**For the first time ever, Voice of Care is thrilled to present Spiritual Respite Companion Care Workshops across the NID.**

**Why engage in Spiritual Respite Companion Care Training?**

In our LCMS churches and across the nation, there is a growing need for Spiritual Respite Companion Care. Consider the life-long members of your congregations who, due to illness or life-changing conditions, are no longer able to actively participate in worship. Despite these challenges, they still possess a deep desire and need for Christian Fellowship. As we are all called to establish a culture of belonging within the Body of Christ within our congregations, members embracing each other in fellowship lifts the burden of the pastor as shepherd of the flock. Spiritual Respite Companion Care focuses on these needs rather than the needs of medical health care. Other agencies are available to do that work. We seek to lift high the cross of Jesus in practical daily living experiences. Serving Him

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**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

*Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life*

Most of us who will read this book have already lived a life filled with experiences, and since we are seasoned parents, we are generally confident about how to raise a child.

Most of us can give advice about the ins and outs of basic parenting, even if there are new generational things to explore and learn.

For example, we may find ourselves in debate over cloth or disposable diapers, but we are confident that some type of diaper is needed.

But now we are entering uncharted waters. We have a new occupation; we are grandparents! We no longer make the decisions or have the final say for the

child that may or may not share our name; we are the support staff for a family we love.

Info and Order Link: [Psalm 23 for Grandparents](#)





## 2024 Illinois March for Life in Springfield

April 17, 2024  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The 2024 Illinois March for Life is Wednesday, April 17, in Springfield.

Join the LCMS for a Matins Prayer Service at 10 a.m. prior to the march, at Trinity Lutheran Church. Trinity is located at 2nd and Monroe, across the street from the state capitol. LCMS Southern Illinois District President Rev. Tim Scharr will preach.

The rally then begins at 12 p.m. and the march kicks off at 1 p.m. We look forward to seeing you as we witness to the sanctity of life.

If you cannot attend, pray for those who are marching. Pray also that eyes, ears and hearts will be opened to life.



## Trinity's Summer Camp FOR KIDS

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

Trinity's Summer Camp program for this summer. The program will be open to students from preschool through those who have completed fourth grade. We will start the week of June 3 and the final week of the program will be July 22. The camp hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Drop off may be any time between 7:30 and 9 a.m.) We will remain open for aftercare until 5:30 p.m. For more information and to request an enrollment form, contact the church office (630.629.8765). Electronic copies of information and enrollment forms will be sent to all Trinity members.



**Summer Camp is Fun!**



*God Will Use  
Whom He  
Chooses, to be  
His Witness*

The following email is from a young man who sent this to his in-laws.

Thursday, April 8, 2004 12:05 p.m.

Mom,

Things are busy here. We are losing guys every day, but the enemy is losing more.

This war has galvanized my faith in GOD and I no longer have doubt. We are in the fight of our generation, and like the generations before us, we have risen to the challenge. I am comfortable with my fate whatever it may be. I have spoken to Jamie in detail about my wishes if I should be killed, but I want you to know this: I have loved your daughter for almost my entire life and I will always love her. She and that beautiful little girl of ours made me a better man and the man I am today. They are the reason I fight. You and Dad accepted me for all my faults, and understood that underneath it all, I truly loved your daughter. You two became the parents I never really had, caring and forgiving. Through you I came to understand what family was and is. Through your example I also understand that GOD really is the

centerpiece of our lives, and with His help and guidance through faith, we will prevail.

This war we fight is just. Our Commander in Chief was correct in his decision, and I gladly support it. The world we leave behind for those beautiful grandchildren of yours will be a safer place because of this event.

I am writing this because I know first-hand how fleeting life is and how quickly death can come. If anything should happen to me, know that Jamie and Kayla were my light, GOD is my anchor, and you made me feel like a son.

Your Son,

Jeff

\*Editor's note: I personally know Jeff. Jamie's mom shared this with the Couple's Bible Study group they were part of. Jeff made it back alive. He is 59 years old as of today. He and his family live in Virginia. Jamie's parents lived their faith every day. Their witness became Jeff's strength.

*Remember...we ourselves witness every day, knowingly or unknowingly, how we witness, is how others see our trust in the Savior. How have you witnessed this past month?*

Rest in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,

Board of Evangelism

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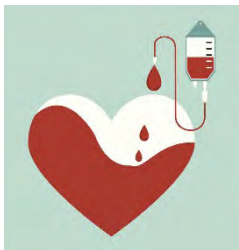
*"Fear not, for I am with  
you."* Isaiah 41:10



Trinity's Board of Evangelism has an initiative to pray for family members who need Jesus. All YOU need to do to get involved is to write the first name (even the name "anonymous") of your family member and turn it in to Trinity. The focus is to pray for the salvation of our families, but if a friend or neighbor's name sneaks in, we don't think the Lord Jesus will mind.

*I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Romans 15:30*

Contact us: [prayerconnection@trinitylombard.org](mailto:prayerconnection@trinitylombard.org)  
[630.629.8765](tel:630.629.8765) or message us on Facebook  
- [@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard)



### THE VILLAGE OF LOMBARD BLOOD DRIVE

The Village will be hosting its Spring Blood Drive on **Tuesday, April 16**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at **Yorktown Center**, and at the **First Church of Lombard**, 220 S. Main St. from 1:30 until 7 p.m. All donors will be entered into a drawing to win a pontoon boat. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Carol Bauer at 630.620.5712 or email Carol at [bauerc@villageoflombard.org](mailto:bauerc@villageoflombard.org). Be a blood donor. Save a life.

## Always a Need!



With fifty two weeks in a year, the pantry would never be bare... If everyone brought one food item a week, it would always be ready to share.

God provides the means to provide food for those who are not able to do so through their own means. By bringing non-perishables (such as rice, pasta, mac 'n' cheese, canned goods, breakfast cereals or granola bars) along with you when you come to worship services, you are helping to provide nourishment and kindness to those in need.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to the local food pantries St. Vincent de Paul (at St. Pius Catholic Church) and York Township. Questions? Contact Ron or Dawn Tyler via Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).

"Eating is not an optional 'habit,' it is a necessity."

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted **if possible by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to get proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.** Thank you. Send ,via text or email to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com) Questions ... call or text Editor Judy Cuchetto at 630.698.2208 at any time.