

News

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September 2024



Whether we are ready or not, another school year has begun! Another year for parents of dropping students off for school, helping with their homework, parent-teacher meetings, fundraisers, extracurricular activities. I remember those days well as a parent and I can get tired just thinking about it! But then why, if this is so exhausting, do we do it?

Of course, we take our kids to school because getting an education is a very important part of growing up. Schooling is meant to teach our children all of the skills needed to be a healthy thinking and productive adult. A good school helps to develop those gifts and talents that God has given to each child. We at Trinity are truly blessed to have a *great* school!

Learning doesn't end when we become adults. As adults single or married, we need to keep growing our minds as well. And of course, we do learn every day. We are constantly learning about our jobs, our loved ones, and our world as we continue to grow into well rounded adults who serve God as we serve our families, our employer, our society and our country.

But do we sometimes forget that schooling and learning involves more than the basics of an education that includes reading, writing and

math ... and that is, being an example to our children and those around us. We adults also need to keep growing in knowledge and understanding of the Lord and in His Word. God's Word is the very anchor for all of our lives. It gives us the guidance and the purpose that we need. It tells us how to live in a God pleasing way, and it tells us how and why we are saved by God's grace in Christ Jesus.

This is exactly why going to church is so very important. It reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. Martha was so busy trying to manage life's demands that she forgot about the one thing most important (Luke 10:42) which is hearing the Word of God. Getting caught up in life and putting God last can be very easily done. But at the end of the day, there is only one thing necessary, and that is a relationship with Jesus – and you find Him in church in Word and Sacrament.

Jesus is your Savior. Jesus paid the price for all of your sins. Jesus gives you eternal life, and Jesus leads you through the joys and pitfalls of this life. The world would swallow us up without Jesus, but He is here for us in Word and Sacrament. So, this school year, please remember the one thing necessary for families or singles alike – hearing God's Word preached and receiving His body and blood. Have a blessed September and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42



Scheduled Services 9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and
livestreamed

MONDAY NIGHT weekly services begin again on September 9th at **6pm**.

Enjoying Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays.

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Class will resume on **Sept 29th**, following fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, resumes **IN-PERSON**, **September 8** Following the service & Fellowship time

VOTER'S MEETING Sept 22nd there will be a movie in place of Sunday School.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS has taken a break for the summer. We will begin again after Labor Day, TBA.

TRINITY'S OFFICE HOURS have resumed: **8 am to 3:30 pm**. Questions? Call 630.629.8765 or email secretary@trinitylombard.org

Pastor's vacation extends from Aug 28th thru Sept 18th. In the event of an emergency please contact your Elder.

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 the 9 a.m. orders of worship, at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>.
Services and Bible classes air live on Facebook @TrinityLombard (<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>) or live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/>

News From the Interim Principal's Desk



Looking for the right school for YOUR family?
Consider **Trinity Lutheran School** in Lombard



Openings for students in kindergarten through 8th grade, with limited preschool availability. Schedule your tour today at 630.627.5601 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Learn more at **TLSLombard.org**

Ms. Kraegel (Pre School 3's) and **Mrs. LaMontagna** (Pre School 4's), **Mrs. Scott** (Kindergarten), **Miss Robertson**, (1st and 2nd grade) **Mrs. Perez** (3rd and 4th grade), teachers **Mr. James Baerenklau** (7th and 8th grade teacher) who has agreed to be our interim principal for the coming year.

We are also happy to announce that **Mrs. Sue Niehaus** is stepping in to be our interim 5th and 6th grade classroom teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

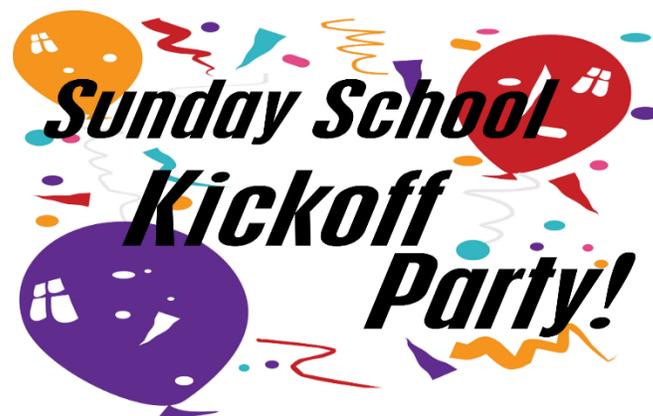
Trinity Lutheran School's 164th year

We thank God for allowing us to start the 164th year of sharing the Gospel.

James Baerenklau
Interim Principal
7 & 8th grade teacher



and church members. Thanks to current teachers and Board of Education for putting on a wonderful event.



September 8

Not Just for Kids! Sunday School starts on Sunday, September 8, and the special time following the post service fellowship is for everyone. As the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class takes a hiatus, ALL are invited for this Sunday School Kick Off Party. After a quick introduction to this year's Sunday School plans, all will engage in a special service project and some fun and games. **September 22, there will be no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School. Both are set to resume on September 29.** If you'd like to play a part, big or small, in helping present Sunday School this year, please contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.



What You May Have Missed!

If you missed church on Sunday, August 19th, you missed a lot! Trinity welcomed

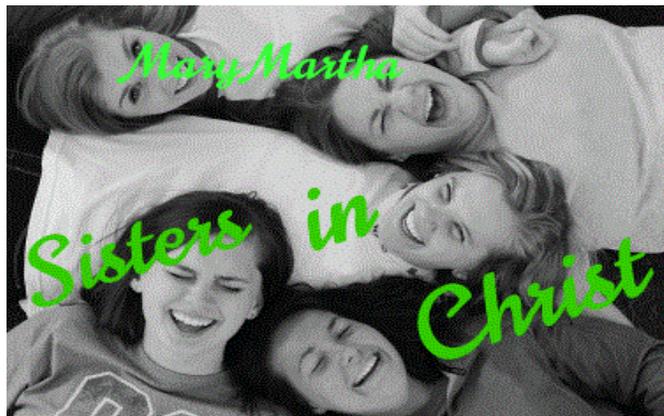
the Rev. John Donkoh, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana, as guest preacher. Trinity Lutheran School teachers were dedicated, third grade students at Trinity received their very own Bibles, Pastor Wagner welcome all children for a special children's sermon, a Trinity Lutheran School hosted an Open House welcoming current students and families, alumni, former teachers,

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

Trinity Students Featured in Creative Writing Journal

Caesura is a publication of Concordia University Chicago that celebrates the creative writing of young Lutherans. Students from Trinity's Journalism class submitted work last spring.

Congratulations to Trinity students Abigail Pilny, Addison Meredith, Angelina Iverson, Arian Gomez, Ariana Mehrazar, Ava Harrison, Sophia Garcia, and Class of 2024 Trinity alumni Aidan Harrison and Tyler Zita, each of whom had creative pieces selected to be included in Caesura. You can view or download the issue in a printable booklet form here: <https://tinyurl.com/Caesura2024> or request a printed copy via Trinity's office.



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

Please Join Mary Martha

Salad Supper



For:

Sept 5th Salad Supper
6:30 pm
Parish Hall

All women invited.

Bring a salad to pass,

Beverages will be provided along with dessert, friendship and laughter.

Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630-698-2208. Call or text.



IMPORTANT REMINDER!

The 77th NID Convention will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, IL 6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL on September 20, 21.

Women from Trinity Lombard who will be attending this year, include Linda Johansen, Lori Solyom, Deb Scott, Sue Neihaus, Rachel LaMontagna, Hanna Solyom, and Arlene Solyom. Linda and Sue will be our voting delegates, with Rachel and Hannah as alternatives.

Our own LWML from our church, has submitted a \$16,000 Grant request for Trinity School to help fulfill some of the needs for the STEM lab multi-learning area here at Trinity.

We pray for the women attending and also, if it glorifies God, that Trinity will be chosen to receive one of the grants.



SAVE THE DATE ~
September 28th ~
60th Celebration.
Fall Festival and an evening under the

stars. Walcamp has been providing outdoor ministry since it officially opened in 1963, where Creation is Explored, Christ is Exalted, and Christians are Equipped to glorify God. Our school takes advantage of this beautiful camp in nearby Kingston, Illinois for a week of Outdoor Education and many of our young people enjoy a week of themed summer camp there as well. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful place available to “get away” for a short time.

It's great for camping with family or friends.



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



**Olympic medalist
 dedicates gold to
 God**

By [Anugrah Kumar](#), Christian Post Contributor Saturday, August 24, 2024

Nigerian-born German athlete Yemisi Ogunleye, who clinched gold in the women’s shot put at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, during a worship service in her church upon her return, attributed her success to divine intervention and shared her victory with church members.

During a church service at the Christ Gospel City church in Karlsruhe, Germany, Ogunleye invited members and elders to wear her gold medal, indicating that her achievement was not just personal but a collective victory for her faith community. It’s the church that has built her up, she said, talking about the foundational role her early church attendance played in her life.

She explained that when her mother first brought her to church early in her life, she didn’t understand the necessity of attending. However, she added, today, she is profoundly grateful to her mother because those early experiences laid the foundation for her faith, which also helped her in athletics.

The 25-year-old athlete’s journey to gold was marked by a dramatic moment during the event when she nearly lost her balance due to the rainy conditions but managed to secure a winning put distance of 20 meters, edging out New Zealand’s Maddi Wesche by .14 meters.

During a press conference, Ogunleye, who once sang in a gospel choir, said singing to God in praise and worship has helped her focus on the Lord during difficult times, including her performance at the Olympics. She said she leaned on God during the Olympics by singing the gospel song "I Almost Let Go." By Kurt Karr.

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Ogunleye's performance of the song, which describes overcoming hardships through faith, resonated widely, garnering over 1 million views on social media. The song's original artist, Kurt Carr, and evangelist Franklin Graham praised her for using her platform to express her faith.

**editor's note: She sang the song a cappella so beautifully during the interview, it truly did express her faith. And 1 million people heard her praise God.

To God be the glory.

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



Summer time is enjoyable with enough food to eat. There are those who don't have that luxury.

If everyone brought 1 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 (rice, pasta, mac-n-cheese...) canned goods, breakfast cereals, granola bars etc. along with you when you come to worship services, you are helping to provide nourishment and kindness to those in need.

To contact Ron or Dawn Tyler or if you have questions, please call the church office..

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to the local food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul, York Center. Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

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

Praying for America



People worldwide watch the United States of America when the election takes place. Many cannot imagine what it's like to live in a nation where a transition of power isn't preceded by a civil war. They have no idea what it's like to live in a land that allows the freedom of speech, freedom to choose your career path, and freedom to own a car and a home.

In other cases, they wonder what it's like living in a country where people can assemble to worship God freely and pray openly. These are only a few reasons why more people are trying to get into America than people are trying to leave and live elsewhere.

Ronald Reagan Called America's Peaceful Transfer of Power 'a Miracle'

America has been a very blessed nation. On January 20th, 1981, Ronald Reagan spoke of America's peaceful transfer of power as "a miracle" during his inaugural address. He also pointed out that a peaceful transfer of power had been such a commonplace event over the past two centuries that Americans rarely thought about it. It would be truly tragic if this peaceful transfer ever collapsed into anything less.

Many would argue that America was founded as a Christian nation. There's even some evidence that in 1892, the Supreme Court declared that America's history demonstrated it to be a Christian nation. That said, America's history could be why God has preserved it as a nation.

The Bible Tells Christians to Pray for Everyone, Even Leaders

While Christians may not always see eye to eye on political issues and candidates, our Bible tells us to pray for our leaders. More specifically, in 1 Timothy 2, verses 1-6, we're instructed to pray for all people, even those in leadership who have authority over us. If we don't like those currently in leadership over us, that's even more reason to pray for them. This will help us to avoid the personal turmoil of bitterness and hardheartedness, allowing us to be more intentional about walking in the fruit of the Spirit rather than the works of the flesh (Galatians 5).

Another reason to pray for our leaders is so "...we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truthfulness" (1 Tim. 2:3-4, ESV).

That peaceful transition of power, perhaps taken for granted, has allowed America to be a country in which its citizens can enjoy a "peaceful and quiet life" overall. Certainly, this

country has never been perfect. The top concerns of most people right now are the economy and inflation. More specifically, there are indications that 91 percent of likely voters see this as an important issue. A chaotic transfer of power would make that or any other present challenges far worse.

Elizabeth Delaney (Taken from Godtube)



All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted if possible by the 20th of the month in order to get proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1st of the month. Thank you. Send

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