



News from the Pews

December 2022

*“The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome
sing,
In strains of holy joy.”*

In this Christmas season, which is a very special time of the year for all of us as believers, we have traditions which are passed down through our families, and that's wonderful. However, as creatures of habit wanting to fit everything in, we can get pulled into the rush, rush of everything around us. And if we let it, this season meant for joy, becomes overwhelming. So, since we are about to experience a very Holy season of joy, I wanted to point out a couple of things to think about this Christmas season to keep from getting distracted.

- Yes, there is a reason for the season! Ask yourself, what defines this time of year for you? We do know that the one simple but exciting message for us is that we celebrate the Creator and Savior of the world who came in the flesh! The fact that Jesus came into the world, has profound implications on our life.

But today we live in a world that has experienced many extreme changes, and it's very, easy to have the best of intentions to

maintain a Christ centered approach, but it's also difficult sometimes to resist the worldly distractions. Do we let our days get defined by shopping, or party preparations, or the excitement of travel, or the anticipation of the arrival of out of town loved ones, or decorating, or scheduling which social gatherings we will be attending ... it can go on and on. It is a VERY busy time of year. And to be sure, none of this is wrong at all. These things are blessings to us that God wants us to enjoy. The struggle comes when we allow those things to *replace* Jesus the Messiah, as number one on our priority list. Yes, there is a reason for the season... the advent of our King. Please remember to pray that the Holy Spirit will see to it that the Advent/Christmas message is kept at the forefront all of our minds and hearts during the holiday chaos.

- Then again, the Christmas season is not joy filled for everyone. Are you making plans to spend time with loved ones? What a blessing!!

In the past several years as a nation that experienced health challenges, many have lost family members, and the reality is that not everyone is "feeling happy" at this time of year. In fact, many are hurting, and the season meant to be shared with loved ones brings pain. Those grieving a death, or a

broken relationship can often be very down in the dumps this season. For them it is a very lonely time. So, the encouragement given today, right now, is to remember those who are all around us but may be feeling a little invisible. Try not to get so busy and distracted that you don't take the time to reach out to those who are hurting. A simple phone call or visit to someone at this time of year can be very powerful to those in need of comfort. Remember them. Pray for them. Pray WITH them. Reach out to them. And most importantly – don't get too busy to love them.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas season and see you in church!

In Christ,
Rev. Wagner



*“All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever One,
Through all eternity.”*

Hymn # 68 Lutheran Hymnal



Scheduled services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

7 p.m. In-person
only

Bible Study on Sundays is at 10:30 in the Sanctuary – Enjoy Coffee & after church services and prior to Bible Study.

Holiday Services:

ADVENT SERVICES - Wednesdays, December 7 & 14 - 11 a.m. - IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

ADVENT SERVICES -Wednesdays, Dec 7 & 14th at 6 p.m. in-person & livestreamed

CHRISTMAS EVE -Saturday, Dec 24 - 3 p.m. - IN PERSON

CHRISTMAS EVE -Saturday, Dec24 - 10 p.m. - IN PERSON & LIVESTREAMED

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, Dec 25 - 10 a.m. - IN PERSON

DECEMBER 10 – LIVING NATIVITY, 4 to 6pm

DECEMBER 18 – Sunday School Program 10 am

Guidelines are still in place for in person worship:

...Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into church if you are unvaccinated

...No mask is required while seated on the left side

... Please leave masks in place if seated on the right (Pulpit) side of the sanctuary.

... Sit in alternating pews as marked on the pulpit side, not required on the lectern side.

... Help yourself to the Order of Worship

... Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

The 9 a.m. service is livestreamed on

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

Facebook:

Find the orders of worship, 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/>. Worship is online each Sunday morning at 9 am Online.

allowing M/M to serve Him in this manner. That's what M/M does...serve the church. And, thank you also to all in the church, who contributed food and help. To God be the glory.

Mary/Martha will gather on January 7th, to celebrate the season at the home of Lisa Zientara, 68 Adams Court, Unit A, Streamwood. Call or text Arlene Solyom (630)715-7764 with any questions. Bring a treat to pass and your laughter.

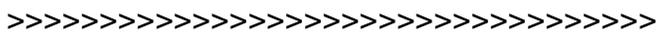
Projected events for Mary/Martha & LWML gatherings :

- January**.....Seasonal Souper Bowl & game day
- February**.....Mission Outreach
- March**.....Easter Project
- April**.....Curbside Coffee Project
- May**.....National Day of Prayer
- June**.....Summer Supper

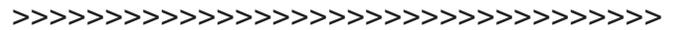
All women of Trinity are considered a part of Mary/Martha and LWML. There is no membership, just an invitation to gather together as sisters in Christ's name.

You are personally invited to come and enjoy a time of friendship.

For more information, or any questions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764



- **Wednesday, December 7th & 14th ADVENT SERVICES**, 11 a.m. – IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM Following the service, LUNCH is served in the parish hall
- **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SUPPERS**, 6 p.m. in the parish hall – IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM study begins at 6:30 p.m.



*How have
You
Witnessed
Your Faith?*

Josiah Johnson, was born without legs. He made the eighth-grade basketball team at Moore Middle School in Louisville, Kentucky this year showing how special he is. Johnson has been "playing basketball" since he was in kindergarten. This is his first year on a team.

His teammates said this of him... "He makes me have confidence as a player and a nicer person, off and on this court. No matter what just because Josiah don't care what nobody else says," Malakei Loveless said.

"He makes other people do better because he says God helps him. Don't think just because you don't have something, you can't do something," Dexter McAtee said. "I have to do good because Josiah don't give up."



(Josiah was born without legs),

Reading this can bring tears. Not sad tears, but touched in the heart, tears. If you consider the original sin of Adam and Eve that brought all of the bad things into this world, like Josiah being born without legs, it makes you sad.

