

News

from the

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MAY 2023



Pastor's Page.....

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! May is always a very busy month, and this year is no exception. We have the National Day of Prayer. We have Confirmation Sunday. We have Mother's Day. And towards the end of the month, we have school graduations and Memorial Day weekend, which is the unofficial start of summer.

As usual, we are really busy this month. And everything that we mentioned this month are gifts to us from God. From national holidays to the National Day of Prayer, these days remind us of God's love for us in Christ Jesus. School graduations are an important life milestone that student and family alike should be very proud of. And Mother's Day and the Memorial Day holiday are more gifts from God, as Proverbs 31 reminds us of the blessings of a Godly mother, and holiday weekends are always needed.

And it's quite possible that this summer will be busy too. We may be able to have a safe summer spending lots of quality time with

those whom we love. But whatever the case, I pray that we all will not only be safe, but will remember the importance of keeping up with God's Word. Regular church attendance is extremely important for keeping your faith in Christ alive and strong. So, if you are in town, please visit us this summer regularly on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. And if you go out of town, be sure to catch us via live stream. Let's all stay connected to God's Word as we wind down another school year and head into summer. May God richly bless your month, and I'll see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

There is always,
always, always
something to be
thankful for.





Scheduled

Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

6:00 p.m. Mondays
In-person only

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



The school year is rapidly coming to an

end! And, even though it is coming to an end, there are still plenty of activities at Trinity. Students and staff will participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4. Students can make a prayer request that they can read aloud or have a teacher read it aloud. National Day of Prayer also happens to be May Fourth or Star Wars Day. We will wear Star Wars apparel to school on Thursday, May 4.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, **May 7**. Our three eighth-grade students will be making their affirmation of their baptism. Riley Baker, Alex Harris, and Ian Lesch have diligently worked with Pastor Steve to prepare for this momentous occasion. Congratulations and God's Blessings, Riley, Alex, and Ian!

The seventh and eighth-grade students will travel to Springfield, IL, on **Wednesday, May 10, and Thursday, May 11**, with Pastor Steve and me. Some of the sites that we will visit are the New State Capital, the Old State Capital, Lincoln's Home, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, Lincoln's Tomb, and more. One of the trip's highlights will be Lincoln's Ghost Walk and all the bonding that will take place. Be on the lookout for photos on Facebook while visiting Springfield.

Eighth-grade graduation will be held on Thursday, **May 25**, at 7 p.m. A "Clap Out" will be out for the students at 2:45 p.m. to wish them well in the future. This is a long-time tradition at Trinity and a rite of passage. All

We're getting back to Pre-COVID seating ~
PRAISE GOD!

>>> There are no designated seating areas or designated pews. Seating is totally Your choice.
>>> There will be NO offering basket at the back of church.

>>> Ushers will be handing out the Orders of Worship as you enter the sanctuary.

>>> There will be no changes in our order of the Sacrament of the Altar for now.

>>> Ushers will resume the practice of passing the offering plate pew by pew.

>>> Ushers will dismiss worshipers row by row alternating between pulpit and lectern sides.

"We are most thankful that the family of Trinity Lutheran Church has made every effort to adjust to the temporary changes we felt were needed during COVID. We thank God for His guidance and protection." Pastor Steve Wagner and The Board of Elders.

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 a.m.

students will line the halls to clap out the eighth-graders as they exit Trinity. God's Blessings, Riley Baker, Alexandra Harris, and Ian Lesch. I want to leave this thought with the graduates: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We will close out the school year on Friday, **May 26**, with our closing chapel service and field day. Honor Roll and other awards will be given to students at the end of chapel. We will head to the field to participate in Field Day. We will need volunteers to help make field day a success. Please consider volunteering to help with Field Day. If you have any questions, please ask Amy Pilny.

- May 7 – Confirmation, 9 a.m. service
- May 10 & 11 - 7th & 8th grade trip to Springfield, Illinois
- May 29 – NO SCHOOL/Memorial Day
- May 30 – 8th grade Graduation, 7 p.m.
- May 31 – Last day of school, closing chapel, 8:45 a.m., early dismissal, 11:30 a.m.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

Principal

7th & 8th Grade Teacher

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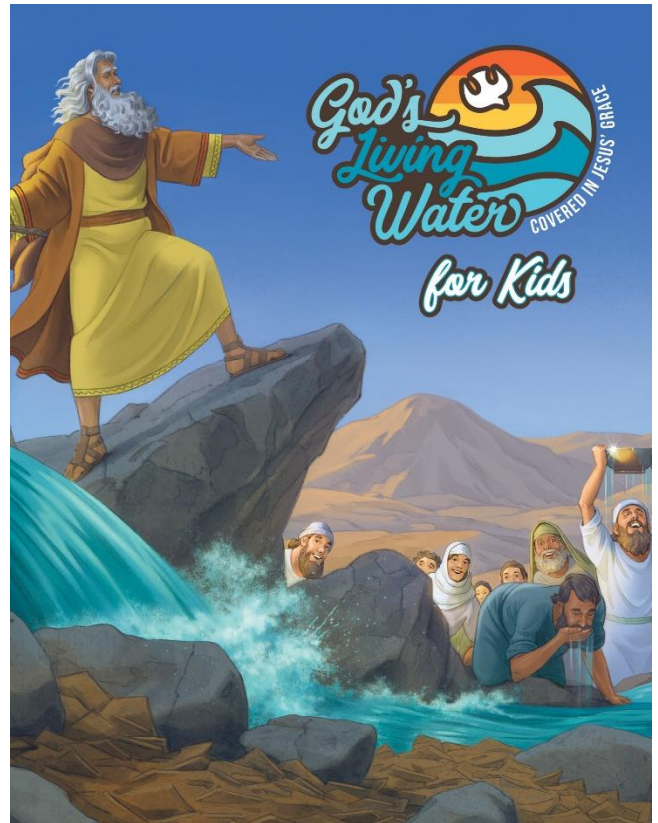
"Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



46 years of Teaching

Congratulations to Mrs. Patricia Perez on 46 years of teaching! Mrs. Perez is 'Trinity', and we were thrilled to celebrate her on

Sunday April 23, after the church service in which the students sang and Mrs. Perez's handbell choir played. We love you Mrs. Perez!



Vacation Bible School (VBS) theme for this year is God's Living Water.

Trinity's VBS program is open to children 3 years-old to students entering 5th grade. VBS begins Monday, June 5,

and runs through Friday, June 9. VBS starts daily at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. A form to register your child can be found online. See the notice sent to your email address on April 23 from the **Administrative Assistant** <secretary@trinitylombard.org

If you have any questions please contact the office at 630.629.8765 or at secretary@trinitylombard.org.

PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH STUDENT.

We will be looking for volunteers to help run the activities. Please consider volunteering; you can sign-up to help by contacting Julie Messina by calling the office or emailing jmessina@trinitylombard.org. Please share VBS with all of your neighbors, family, and friends. There is also a link for registration on our website, www.tslombard.org.



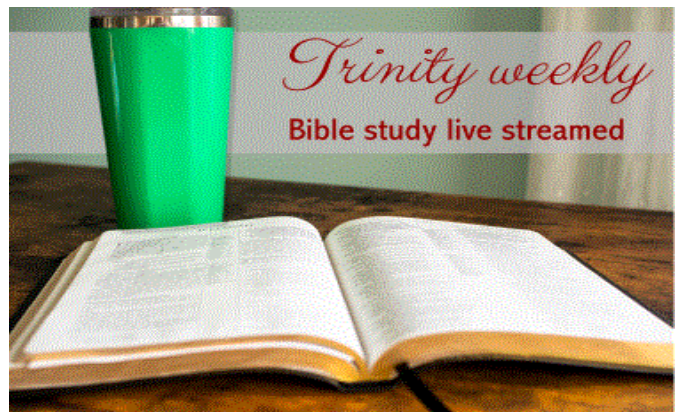
Trinity's Sunday School

Sunday School meets weekly in the parish hall following fellowship after the Sunday morning church services. Trinity's Sunday School will be wrapping up for the academic year with a final session after church on **May 21**. Sunday School will resume in the fall following the church service on September 10, the first day after Labor Day. As Sunday morning Adult Bible Class continues through the summer, Trinity will offer

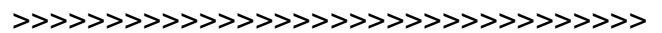
"quiet" unsupervised activities for children on a cart located at the back of the sanctuary during Bible class. If you would be willing to volunteer with Sunday



School on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Pastor Wagner or contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.



Studying God's Word together is important! **Wednesday morning informal Bible study for all.** Join in as we develop a special bond as Christians. We begin each week with coffee and conversation at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Pastor opens with prayer at about 9:30 and we conclude at 10:30 a.m. **Come and join in! You will be made to feel welcome!**



Pastor offers Online Bible Study, on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE on Facebook @trinitylombard.com . Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. *You can interact online as

the study is going on. You can also view it on the internet using

www.TrinityLombard.org

All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook

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He is risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Not only did Trinity open the church doors to celebrate our risen Lord... the kitchen doors were opened to serve a delicious brunch to all.



Teamwork and the spirit of serving the Lord prevailed.



So wonderful to witness the joy in it.



The tables were set and then the food was served after praising our risen Lord Jesus.

Thank you to Trinity's Giving Hands and Hearts A special shout out to those who helped set up, prepare, serve, and clean

up Trinity's first Easter breakfast since 2019:

- Carl Comer
- The Doolin-Murphy Family
- Carolina Ediza Marin
- Rich Eggert
- The Garcia Family
- Ed & Sandy Goss
- Sandra and Angelina Iverson
- Kris Johansen
- Dale Kosman
- Rachel LaMontagna
- The Lamphere Family
- Sue & Ron Niehaus
- Steve Rife
- Ann Roth
- Lori and Hannah Solyom
- Kevin Tully
- Katie Yahoudy



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

Mary Martha will be observing the National Day of Prayer, along with Trinity Church and Pastor Wagner, on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join in to pray along with your church family, for our nation,

**our schools, and our families.
Refreshments will be served.**

Projected events for Mary/Martha & LWML gatherings :

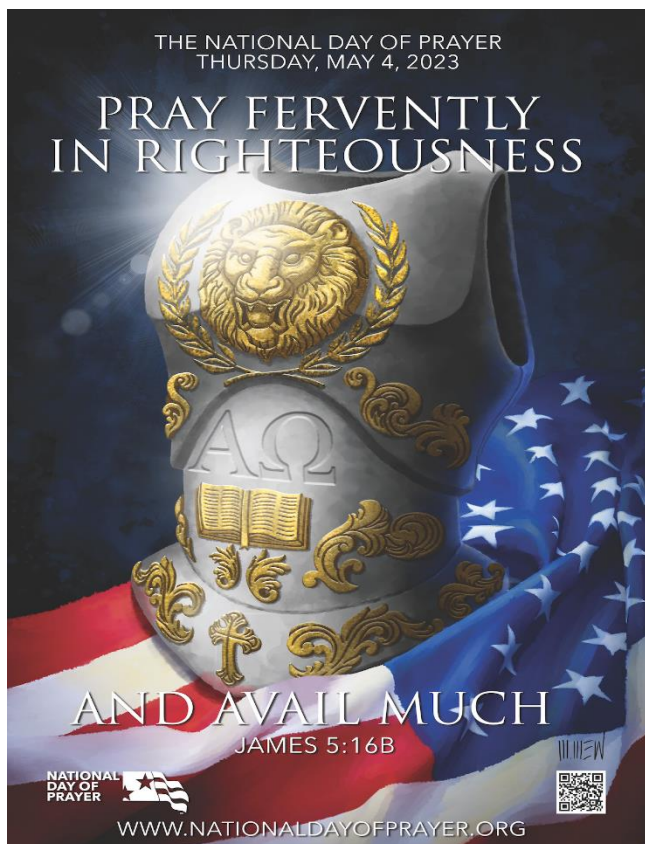
June 16..... Summer Supper Food & Fun

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.

Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom. Call or text: 630.715.7764.

Pray For Our Nation!

Trinity will be celebrating the National Day of Prayer. We will be praying for our Nation, our Families and more. You are invited to join your Trinity Family at 6:30 p.m. on May 4, in the Parish Hall.



found our "80"! The women of the LWML struggled to find their "80" with which to mark the 80 years of joy in Christian service and witness to God's unending love by the women of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

- We attempted to make 80 cross favors for the upcoming national convention in Milwaukee - we ended up with 63.
- We joined in our Zone 6 collection of 80 boxes of bandaids for the CLEF (Chicagoland Educational Foundation) school nurse.
- We tossed around many ideas, and finally...

We bagged 80 muffins! In a bridge



building effort to reach non-church member families at Trinity Lutheran School in Lombard,

LWML members handed out coffee, tea and hot chocolate, along with a large bakery muffin and a warmly worded invitation to join the Trinity family in worship during Easter and Holy Week.

The primary objective was to make non-church member school families

feel welcome and to know that Trinity Lutheran Church considers them "family." With the help of a Thrivent Action Team grant, ten LWML members - and one husband - met on the Monday evening of Holy Week and packed 80 muffins individually in brown lunch bags with napkins and a "You're Family" note. Early Tuesday morning, five of the women gathered to make hot coffee, chocolate, and tea. They loaded the hot carafes, lidded cups, and condiments onto carts, and set up serving stations at student drop off points to provide parents with a morning welcome as they delivered their students to school.

Of course, the crew bagged extra muffins, and ensured that there was bottled water and fruit on hand, for those who preferred it, all the teachers, staff, and volunteers were treated, and even the election day workers serving next door in the church building's polling location received refreshments. Before calling it a day, the LWML team made and served hot cocoa with marshmallows to the entire student body.

It took Trinity's LWML quite a while to figure out their "80," but finally, hitting upon the idea, all agreed that it was the perfect project. It's almost certain that those on the receiving end think so too. The "Curbside Coffee" project will likely continue at Trinity as an ongoing annual reminder to all school families that Trinity's church members consider them FAMILY.

A big **thank you** to Trinity church members who helped prepare and serve Curbside Coffee during Holy Week. Trinity school parents and guardians were greeted with muffins and a hot drink at student drop off time with a reminder that they are considered "family" at Trinity. The students were also treated to hot chocolate and muffins at morning snack time. The Bakery-Barista squad included:

- Judy Cuchetto
- Carolina Ediza Marin
- Rachel LaMontagna
- Deb Scott
- Arlene, Hannah & Lori Solyom
- Beata & Kevin Tully
- Lisa Zientara



"You will be my witnesses"

Jesus "showed up" for 40 days after His resurrection. He walked, He talked and ate with His disciples and spent time with many others. He was a "witness" to His resurrection. He was and is, Christ, the promised Messiah, the fulfillment of *all* the covenant promises God made in His Word. Jesus made known that the victory over death was not a future expectation, it was and is still, a reality. Our Savior did more than give His life on the cross to redeem us from sin; He is life, and all who believe in Him will have eternal life. Before He "left", He clearly commissioned His disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples

of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” Matt 28:1-20 He then ascended (rose up) into heaven. Ascension Day is celebrated on May 18 this year.



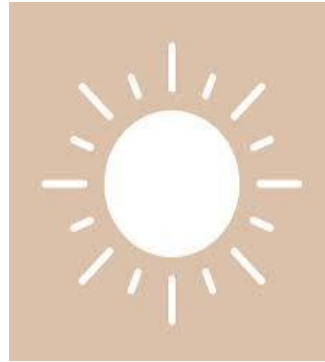
In the book of Acts in chapter 2, it states that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, His followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (which we call Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit “filled the whole house where they were sitting” Acts 2:2. “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” Acts 2:4.

This unusual event drew a large crowd, and Peter, no longer denying that he knew Jesus, stood up and spoke to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why we as believers still celebrate Pentecost... “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 Pentecost is May 23 this year.

The apostles were just like us. They were ordinary people, who enabled to speak boldly because of the Holy Spirit. We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help us to witness.

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



Recharging Trinity's Capital Campaign: Bringing Light to Our Community

It's 2023 and we are almost back to pre-covid normal operations. Trinity's Capital Campaign: Bringing Light to Our Community is gearing up to get things done. As we pull out all the stops in order to bring the Gospel light of Christ to Lombard and the surrounding area. Matthew 5:16 tells us to “let your light shine before others” that they may “give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Your campaign to Bring Light to Our Community focuses on three key goals:

1. **Trinity Lutheran School expansion and promotion.** As our largest evangelism opportunity, we recognize the value of increased focus on our Lutheran school. We seek to raise at least \$15,000 to increase marketing opportunities, plus develop and stock a STEAM (science-technology-engineering-arts-math) lab to integrate into Trinity's educational curriculum.
2. **Accessible bathrooms in church and school.** Trinity desires to be accessible to people of all abilities, for worship, fellowship, and education. In

an effort to be more welcoming, and aware of people's needs, we seek to match (and hopefully exceed) a \$30,000 bequest to Trinity that is earmarked as a matching gift for long overdue bathroom remodeling.

3. A new, modern LED sign at the intersection of Roosevelt and Meyers Rd. Trinity sits at a very busy intersection, passed by over 100 thousand vehicles daily. We seek to raise a minimum of \$20,000 to build and install a bright LED church monument sign at this high-volume intersection to promote the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School and continue proclaiming Christ to the community.

Giving quietly over the last three years, you have already raised almost \$37,000. With a base target of \$65,000, you can help make these goals a reality. Architectural designs for the bathrooms are complete and artist renderings in hand. The bathrooms have been bid out by contractors and a start date for remodeling will be set as soon as we can collectively raise the amount needed to begin the project.

Please share YOUR ideas for how we can be Bringing Light to Our Community. You will find a suggestion basket in the parish hall (on the table under pastor portraits) with our campaign progress chart over the pew to the right of it. You may also email your recommendations and your recommendations and thoughts to BringingLight@TrinityLombard.org.

We prayerfully request that you take this opportunity to heart, consider it before the Lord and with the others in your household, and act as the Holy Spirit directs. There are specially designated envelopes for in person giving on the table in the parish hall and on the pew below the progress chart. If you give online you may set up a recurring or one time gift to the campaign by choosing designated gift and typing Bringing Light into the description box.

Trinity welcomes YOUR input as we work together to Bring Light to our Community.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13



Redeeming Life Maternity Home & the LCMS Million Dollar Life Match

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Trinity-led project to raise \$5,000 for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries' new area maternity home. Trinity agreed to be the "named congregation" working in partnership with other churches from

Circuits 6 and 15 in applying for a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Million Dollar Life Match Grant.

Efforts began in November 2022, when Trinity and three other congregations gave Redeeming Life a complementary booth at their holiday craft shows to sell donated goods.

Trinity then hosted a fundraising brunch on April 15, which welcomed women from 10 different congregations who tied

fleece baby blankets and put together



“pamper” kits for new and expectant moms, complete with hand colored LWML

(Lutheran Women in Mission) notecards. This project was also part of the Northern Illinois District district-wide SHINE service project. Finally, on April 23, Trinity collected a

door offering to support the maternity home. A total of \$5,350



was raised for Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries’ Northern Illinois maternity home, and if matched by synod – that number will grow to \$10,530. What a blessing! Thanks for making it happen.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” James 1:17

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:13

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR

SCHOOL

You can help our school by saving things you would ordinarily throw in the trash. This year we’re starting a new fundraiser called Coke Rewards, that is quite generous. We are asking you to save the following COKE PRODUCTS: ~ Coca Cola ~ Diet Coke ~ Coca Cola Zero ~ Sprite ~ Fanta ~ Powerade ~ Mello Yello ~ Dasani ~ AHA ~ Barg’s ~ Fresca ~ Smart Water ~ Fuze ~ Pibb Xtra ~ Seagram’s ~ Honest ~ Surge ~ Peace Tea ~ Coke with Coffee ~ Coke Energy. There is a tote bin on the wall in the parish hall that is labeled for collection of codes from these products. Sometimes it’s on the inside of the bottle cap, or inside the cardboard case; whatever shows the code for the product you used is what we need. You can also sign up at coke.com under rewards and start entering them yourself, but make sure to put in Trinity Lutheran School, Lombard. Thank you for keeping us in mind.



Proverbs 22:9. 9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.



There is an ongoing need for food. It's not new. However, it is more costly for families and even individuals to purchase food with today's prices.

Help provide food for local families and individuals in need via the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Lombard, the York Township Food Pantry, and First Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago. **PLEASE BRING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND/OR PAPER GOODS TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES.**

Something thoughtful to do for the food pantry. Families may not be able to purchase a store bought cake for a birthday celebration, but they can still



have a birthday cake if they have an oven.

May 20: Free Electronic Recycling & Shredding at Trinity in the front parking lot at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard (northeast corner at Roosevelt Rd). Bring your papers to be shredded and disposed of as well as your electronics (and other recyclable items) for recycling,

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING & RECYCLING

please bring food pantry donations

EVENT
MAY 20
9 a.m. - noon



*recyclables accepted: **ELECTRONICS***
glass - metal - plastic - paper
medical sharps in appropriate containers*

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
Roosevelt & Meyers Rd - Lombard, IL

**state mandated charges for some items including TVs, microwaves and CRT monitors*

Recyclable materials accepted include electronics, glass jars, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and containers, paper, cardboard, and scrap metal. NOTE: The following electronics are among those accepted at no charge - monitors, printers, desktops, laptops, servers, UPS batteries, networking equipment, routers, switches, and WIFI access points. However, the State of Illinois requires charges for:

microwaves (\$15), TVs - flat screened or tube (\$37), old CRT tube monitors (\$37), large upright copy machines (\$75). If you require a certificate of destruction, that can be provided within 7 days of the pick-up. Medical sharps in appropriate containers will also be accepted.

Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

WHY YOUR STUDENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO SIT AT A DESK IN TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, a History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock Arkansas, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom.

When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

'Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?'

She replied, *'You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk.'*

They thought, *'Well, maybe it's our grades'* *'No,'* she said.

'Maybe it's our behavior.' She told them, *'No, it's not even your behavior.'*

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. Still no desks in the classroom. Kids called their parents to tell them what was happening and by early

afternoon television news crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room.

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, 'Throughout the day, no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom

'Now I am going to tell you.'



At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. **Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans**, all in uniform, walked into that classroom,

each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then they would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, *'You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn, to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it.'*

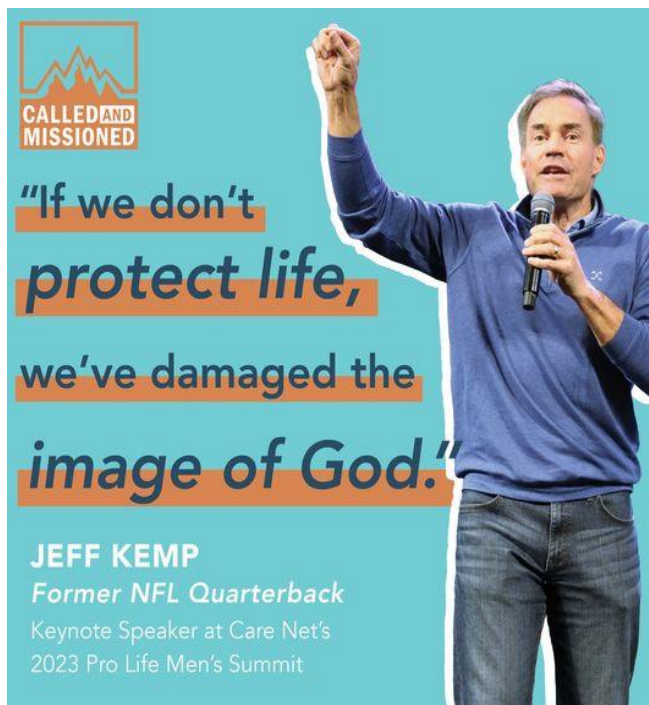
By the way, this is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a

WWII POW.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and the rights they have won for us.

Editor's note: We are especially thankful that Trinity Lutheran School, being a Christian school, is able to educate students in the freedom given us to do so by their bravery.

Memorial Day is an **American** holiday, observed this year on May 29, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868.



"If we don't protect life, we've damaged the image of God. Men are meant to be strong for others, not for themselves. Don't be

intimidated by how to be a great husband, how to be a great dad, how to be a better man, how to be a great Christian, how to be a great in the pro-life movement. Instead, the focus should be on "humility and dependence upon the Father." —Jeff Kemp

Read the newest post at the Abundant Life Blog: Former NFL QB Speaks at Called and Missioned Pro-Life Men's Summit

<https://hubs.ly/Q01McxVP0>

Jeff Kemp recently spoke at the Called and Missioned Pro-Life Men's Summit, sharing his powerful testimony on the value of every human life. Kemp's words are a great reminder of the importance of standing up for the most vulnerable among us, and the role that men play in supporting both mothers and their unborn children. If you're looking for inspiration to continue your pro-life work, check out this post that shares more about Kemp's speech.

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Recipes
Passed Down

Air Fryer Roasted Mini Potatoes



Ingredients

- 1 lb. baby (mini) potatoes
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- black pepper to taste

Directions:

Cut all mini potatoes in half – no need to peel or cook.

Put olive oil in small bowl along with the garlic salt, Italian seasoning, black pepper. Add potatoes to the bowl and mix around until all the potatoes are coated with oil and seasonings.

Add all of the potatoes to the air fryer using a large, slotted spoon to keep seasoning on and not add extra oil to the air fryer. It's okay if there is more than one layer. Cut-side up is best.

Set the temp to 400 and timer for 15 minutes. Check potatoes with a fork for tenderness and add more time if needed.



Know the Red Flags for Scams

The most common types of scams will target you through fake emails, text messages, voice calls, letters or even someone who shows up at your front door unexpectedly. No matter which technique the scammer uses, you may be:

- Contacted unexpectedly by phone, email, text, direct message or pop-up with a request for personal information or money. Never click a link or download an attachment from someone you don't know.
- Pressured to act immediately with an alarming phone call, email or text that plays with your emotions. Scammers may pose as an employee from a familiar organization. Do not act unless you have verified the person

who has contacted you and the story or request is legitimate.

- Asked to pay in an unusual way, like gift cards, bitcoin, prepaid debit cards or digital currency.
- Asked to provide personal or account information, such as an account verification code, bank account number or PIN.
- Offered a free product or 'get rich quick' opportunity that seems too good to be true? If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Never cash a check for someone you don't know.



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 to

vinjud60@yahoo.com

Questions ... call or text - Judy

Cuchetto 630.698.2208 at any time.