

Pews

So, I was cleaning out some old files in the office, and I came across something that warmed my heart with great joy. It was a letter written by our old, dear friend Caroline Norderud. Caroline was a decades' long member of Trinity who went to be with the Lord in January 2021. She was a kind, sweet, loving lady who had an insatiable hunger for God's Word.

Caroline's husband passed away about a dozen years ago, and she would often speak of her memories of him to me, right up to the time of her passing. And I found a letter in a file folder that was written by Caroline in the aftermath of her husband's passing. It is a wonderful message on how a Christian can deal with grief and mourning over the loss of a loved one. I have saved a copy of the letter in her writing, but I typed out her words on a Word document because they could be very encouraging and uplifting to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Please enjoy Caroline's letter from years ago, have a great August, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

Caroline's letter:

"Faith in Action at Time of Grief"

By Caroline Norderud

How do we respond to grief? My husband died a few months ago and I put this together to help me in my grief. Studying the Bible, worshiping in God's house, fellow believers sharing their love for Jesus, that's where my comfort is, and of course my wonderful family. Plus, music.

Here's what the Scriptures say about grief:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – We do not grieve as one who has no hope.
- Isaiah 40:31 – They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
- Proverbs 10:22 – A person of understanding has wisdom – that's the blessing of the Lord.
- Isaiah 58:11 – We look for strength from the Lord. The Lord shall guide you continually and satisfy your soul.
- Revelation 21:3-4 – God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death, mourning, and pain have passed away.

The reality of death comes closer to home at this time. A favorite Bible passage is when Jesus raised Lazarus and said "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he dies, shall never die" (John 11:25).

What is the logic in grieving? Let the Lord's Word help you reason it out; it shows a better course. If we believe the Lord is truly our Shepherd, we have to let Him lead us after the death of a loved one. God always answers our prayers.

- Ecclesiastes 3:11 – God has set eternity in our hearts.

God has blessed us with time. We can't bring the past back, but we do have a future in the Lord. As a Christian, we should not act as if we will not see our loved ones again.

- Romans 8:37 – In grief we don't have to be separated from the love of Christ – we can be conquerors – we do not lose heart.
- Romans 8:18 – For I consider the suffering for this time are not worth to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us.
- 1 Corinthians 16:13 – Be alert and firm in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Our loved ones never really leave us. It's a love that lasts a lifetime. Talk about the wonderful times you had together and the things they did. It feels like part of you is gone, but – cherish the memories of yesterday. I am so thankful that through Christ my husband and I were always able to forgive each other. Remember the gift and treasure of memories. The song "Precious Memories" says – "Precious memories, how they linger, how they fill my soul." Make a list of memories and read it often.

Now let us savor the joy of today. Nurture the promise of tomorrow. When you're sad, Jesus comforts us. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." I know I will see Vic again.

Caroline Norderud

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,"

1 Peter 3:15

Scheduled Services



Welcome

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and
livestreamed

7 p.m. In-person
only

Bible Study on Sundays is at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Enjoy Coffee & after church services and prior to Bible Study. We are studying the book of Acts.

NOTE: Beginning August 8, Trinity's office hours will return to:

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

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 (lectern) of the sanctuary.
- ...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 continues to be livestreamed on [Facebook](#)

[@TrinityLombard](#) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](#).

Facebook:

If you missed joining Trinity online for church this (or any) weekend, you can still take part. Relive the Sunday morning services, find the orders of worship, along with easy to share video and audio versions of the sermons at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>. You'll find recent online Bible study videos there too. 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.



Summer camp has come to an end. There was a lot of fun had by the students and the staff. The students discovered dinosaurs, America, construction,

and sports during summer camp. There were lots of new friendships developed and old ones renewed. We were fortunate to have Mrs. LaMontagna and Miss Kraegel leading the troops with the assistance of Stephanie Sturino (our former P.E. teacher), Jess Morrow, and Amelia "Molly" Williams.



The school building has been cleaned and waxed for the upcoming school year. I want to thank everyone who has helped move furniture in and out of classrooms so the floors could be waxed. Thank you to Kevin Tully, Dan Woods, Amber Woods, James Baerenklau, Carl Rezek, Al Rodenbostel, and Ken Grebasch. I apologize if I forgot any names; I appreciate all the help from everyone at Trinity. I want to thank Joel and Stephanie Garcia for steam cleaning carpets in the school. It takes a group of dedicated friends and family to ensure that the school year starts on a high note. Thank you to everyone for helping to ensure Trinity has a great start!

The start of school is right around the corner! Registration Night is Wednesday, August 3, from 5-7 p.m. Parents and students please bring in this year's paperwork and say "Hi" to friends that you have not seen over the summer. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 17, with early dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Chapel will start at 8:45 a.m. we welcome parents to attend chapel this school year.



Inside and outside, the children enjoyed summer camp, which wrapped up at the end of July.

PwtL (Parenting with the Lord) has a lot of activities planned for this school year. If you are able to help with any of the programs, please sign-up at the PwtL table at registration. The first activity is hosting a tent at **Lombard Cruise Nights on Saturday, August 27**. This year we will have the **Chargers Challenge in place of the Fun Run on Saturday, September 17**.

Do not forget to **sign up for the All Trinity Picnic** to welcome everyone back to school. Church will be at 10 a.m. with the picnic starting at 11:30 a.m. Hot dogs and brats will be provided. The 5th through 8th grade students will be selling water and pop to help fund their Walcamp trip. Please bring a dish to share (side, salad, or dessert). Sign up on Jupiter or visit <https://tinyurl.com/PICNIC1860>.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

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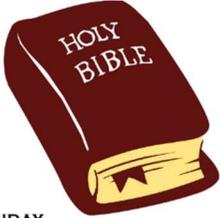
Trinity's "Coffee and..." fellowship time is between church and Bible class. Enjoy the treats, and feel free to contribute your own favorite on occasion. Just drop off in the parish hall kitchen on Sunday morning. If dropped off or delivered at another time, items may be



labelled "Sunday" and placed in the refrigerator.

Remember Sunday Morning Bible Class After Church!

Sunday morning Adult Bible class continues through the summer even though Sunday school is on hiatus. Don't despair - you can still come to Bible class after church - and your children can stay with you. Quiet, self-directed activities for Sunday school aged children are available on a rolling cart in the back of the sanctuary



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

during Bible class. Your child can find books to read and look at while you engage in Bible class, along with coloring and word search activities, and even simple mess-less craft projects.

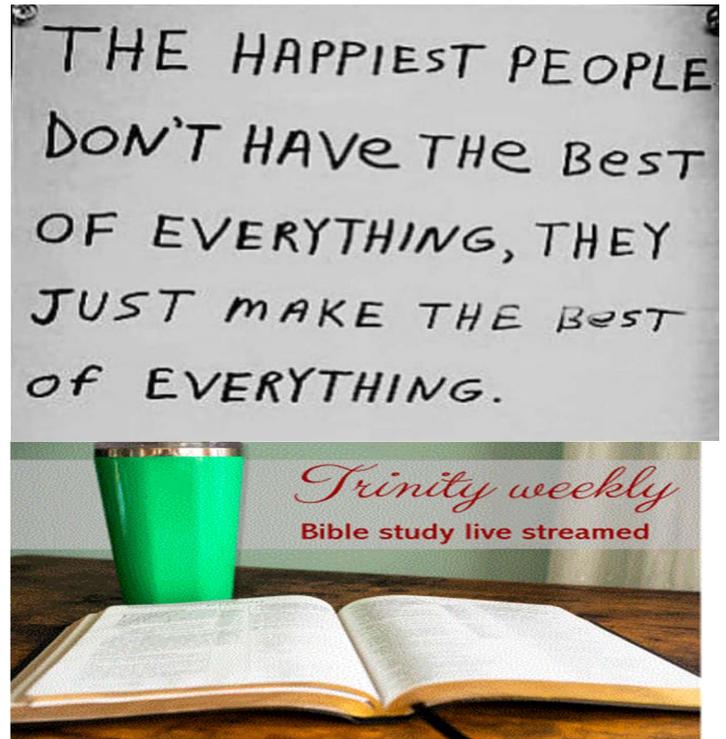
For the younger set, during church and Bible class, there is a rack of toddler "busy bags" at the back of the sanctuary to keep your child occupied when needed.

Sunday school resumes after Labor Day for children aged 3 through 8th grade. Regular volunteers and occasional helping hands are needed. If you're available and interested, let Pastor Wagner know or contact Trinity's office at secretary@trinitylombard.org or 630.629.8765.

HELP WANTED

Sunday mornings, after church. Benefits include instant fan club, unlimited goldfish crackers, plenty of joyful noise, an opportunity to exercise your sense of humor, complimentary training in patience development, and free crayons. Regular volunteers and occasional helping hands are needed.

If you are interested in volunteering with Sunday school, talk to Pastor Wagner or contact Trinity's office at 630.62.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.



Studying God's Word together is important!

Wednesday morning bible study is on a summer break and will resume after Labor Day.

Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE on Facebook [@trinitylombard](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylombard)

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 TrinityLombard.org

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





A podcast by Dr Seltz on August 7, 2022

How should we react after Roe v. Wade has been overturned? Listen to Dr. Seltz's podcast, "LIFE, LIBERTY, DUTY, HONOR IN LIFE AFTER ROE"! <https://lcrifreedom.org/>

WELCOME BACK TO THE GOOD, OLD DAYS

Trinity is going to have a good old-fashioned church/school picnic on



picnic on **Sunday, August 21**, beginning with an outdoor worship service (weather

permitting) at 10 a.m. and the picnic following at 11:30 a.m. **The meat and buns are be provided.** Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

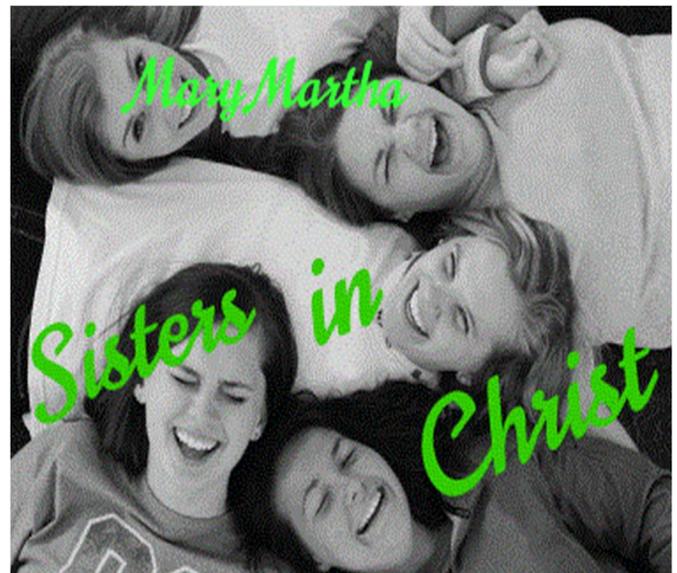
There will be games and activities for all. Drinks (water and soft drinks) will be for sale by our 5th through 8th grade students to help fund their Walcamp trip. It's going to be a fun day for all!

Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/PICNIC1860> or call Trinity's office to let us know you're coming.



YOU CAN BE IN THE MOVIES -
or at least

help produce live videos! Willing souls are sought for the expansion of Trinity's livestreaming team. No experience necessary. On the job training is provided. Talk to Pastor Wagner to learn how you can be involved.



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

TRINITY'S MARY MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY continues to host BIBLE STUDY/CRAFT NIGHTS for all women on Mondays August 8 and 22. Plan to attend all when you can. We are making small cross favors for the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) 2023 convention in Milwaukee (up to 7,000 women are expected to attend.) In our Bible study we are be looking at "God's purpose for our lives." It's at the home of Judy Cuchetto at 7 p.m., 118 South Ardmore, Villa Park.

**Mark your calendar for THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1**

All Trinity women and girls are invited to join in the start of another season of an evening of fun and fellowship as sisters in Christ. Bring a salad to share. Dessert and refreshments will be provided. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Bring your smile.

The first person to resolve the phrase for the letters...

BBSOCYK

will win a prize. *Hint: It is a way to say "goodbye"*

All women of Trinity are considered a part of Mary Martha and LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission). 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.

To RSVP or for more information, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764.



Blessed For Life

"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2

**2022 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE –
BLESSED FOR LIFE**

- Blessed with the gift of life.
- Blessed by God for one's entire life.
- Blessed to be a blessing to others.

Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

SAVE THE DATE!

**2022 Lutherans for Life
National Conference**

October 21-22

**all day Friday until Saturday at noon
Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities)**

Speakers include:

Melissa Ohden | Jeanne Mancini | Steve Deace

Conference Registration

LFL Members: \$125 | Non-Members: \$150
Students: \$25 | Children 12 and under: FREE
[Registration online – go to Lutheransforlife.org](https://www.lutheransforlife.org)



SATURDAY, August 6 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
7621 S Dorchester Ave, Chicago, IL 60619
VOICEOF CARE.ORG

Celebrate people of all abilities at **Voice of CareFEST!** This **FREE**, inclusive fun fest takes place **THIS Saturday, August 6**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at **St. Paul Lutheran Church on Dorchester in Chicago (IL)**. This **FREE** family-friendly celebration features a complimentary Chick-Fil-A picnic lunch, an inclusive fun walk, games, crafts, and music, to engage people of all ages and abilities in fun, inclusive, interactive, relationship building activities. It's all **FREE**, but please register online at **VoiceOfCare.org**. Questions? Email office@voiceofcare.org.

Focus: NID GRANT Leadership Training for Women in Ghana

**Saturday, August 13
9 to 11:30 a.m.**
on our doorstep – here
at Trinity Lutheran
Church in the Parish
Hall

**Meet Rev. John Donkoh
President of the Lutheran
Church of Ghana**

The LWML NID selected DORCAS PROJECT – LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN GHANA \$17,000 and has paid this grant in full – This project helps educate women in Ghana so that they can share the Gospel with people in their communities and mentor other young women of the church in how to handle their finances.

Rev. Donkoh cannot join us for the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) Northern Illinois District convention in September but would love to thank us personally for helping the women of his church body.

Please join us on August 13 at Trinity to hear all the great things our mite money has accomplished in Ghana and to share what we are doing with the women in our NID congregations.

A light breakfast will be served so RSVP Kris Blackwell 630.234.1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com or Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764

But the path of the righteous is like the bright morning light, growing brighter and brighter until full day. Proverbs 4:18



PRAYER PARTNERS

If you have a prayer request or would like to give an update on someone we have been praying for, please contact Pastor Wagner. Or you can also submit your request directly to Nadine Anderson at 630.629.2197, or email duke3579@comcast.net. **Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.**

BASED ON A SEASON.

- **One** season **David** was a shepherd, the **next** season he was a king!
- **One** season **Ruth** was working in the field, the **next** season she was owning the same field!
- **One** season **Mordecai** was sitting outside the king's palace, the **next** season he was inside the palace!

We serve a **God** who **turns** things around, the **God** of unmerited favor!



The Gifts That You Have Been Given

"All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills" (1 Cor. 12:11)

If only I had gifts like other people! If I had what they had, I know that I would be a much better steward of the Gospel. It would make logical sense that if we had more to steward, there would be more stewardship. But know that this is actually the devil talking! He has been getting human beings to think that God is holding out on them since the Garden of Eden! What a liar! When we listen to him, we too buy into the lie that we don't have the gifts we need.

You have the simple gifts which the Lord wills you to have. We may not have the gifts we WANT, but we most certainly have the gifts we need! After all, they are His gifts. He gives them freely. Jesus is one of those gifts. Your life is a gift. All that you have to support this body and life are gifts! All you use to support the Gospel of Jesus Christ are these gifts! His gifts used for the sake of the neighbor for the glory of God! One Spirit. One Church. Varied gifts all coming together to do amazing things for the world!

If you think you don't have gifts, consider the timeless hymn, *"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"* ...

"Let none hear you idly saying, 'There is nothing I can do,'

While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you.

Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;

Answer quickly when He calleth, 'Here am I, send me, send me!'"

(Lutheran Service Book #826, verse 4)

Prayer

Father in Heaven, You give every one of us unique and varied gifts. These gifts are to be used for Your kingdom. Grant me the grace today to confess that I have the gifts You desire me to have for the sake of my neighbor and extension of the kingdom of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lead me by faith to say, "Here am I, send me," to use those gifts! Amen.

- from *Simple Gifts: A series of devotions on stewardship* [LCMS.org]

Appreciation Baskets

You are not alone. That's what we want the First Responders in Lombard and surrounding communities to know when we drop off Appreciation Baskets. These men and women of our Police and Fire Departments are providing support to the communities they serve. Our desire is to let them know that we keep them in prayer. Pastor includes a letter in every basket.

The Board of Evangelism is requesting donations to keep this outreach going. Store bought items such as granola bars, crackers and fresh fruit are welcome. The K-9 dogs like treats as well.

Thank you for your service. God bless you.



You can place items in the Parish Hall kitchen and mark them for First Responders. Blessings on your generosity and for sharing God's love.

Board of Evangelism

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5



Thank you and God Bless you for Supporting the Food Pantry

We CONTINUE TO ASK, BECAUSE THE NEED IS ONGOING. We hope to keep helping to fill the food pantry shelves. By meeting that need we are witnessing our love and gratitude to our risen Savior. Trinity members have always answered the call to help our neighbors. We continue to ask, once again, that you help re-stock the shelves for the food pantries at Lombard's St. Pius X Catholic Church (St. Vincent DePaul), York Township and First Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Any questions about donations or use of the food pantry can be directed to Ron and Dawn Tyler.

Hours for the food pantry at St Pius are:

Monday and Friday 9 a.m. to noon
Wednesday 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Ron and Dawn Tyler continue as faithful caretakers of our food pantry and will be more than happy to pick up your donations if bringing them to church is a problem for you.

“And they'll know we are Christians by our love.”



You are a witness to God's Mercy and His gift of Salvation every day.

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
Hebrews 6:19



Lord, You are the anchor for my soul, all my hope is in You. I trust in You alone to get me through whatever storms I may face because I know that You are in control. Thank You for being the anchor that keeps me firm and secure. Amen

If you are going to fulfill the purposes of God in your life, you will have to choose to ignore the voice of the Enemy, who comes only to steal, kill and destroy. He is called the ACCUSER of the brethren because it's what he does. He will remind you of your failures, heap shame upon you, and make you feel like you want to quit. He will tell you it's not worth it, it's too hard, you're the wrong person for the assignment and a hundred other lies. He is relentless. Lying is his native tongue. Make a decision you will give him no ground in your mind. You can do what God has called you to do. You can be who God has called you to be. Jesus is for you and with you. Trust Him.

*Taken from Woman of God

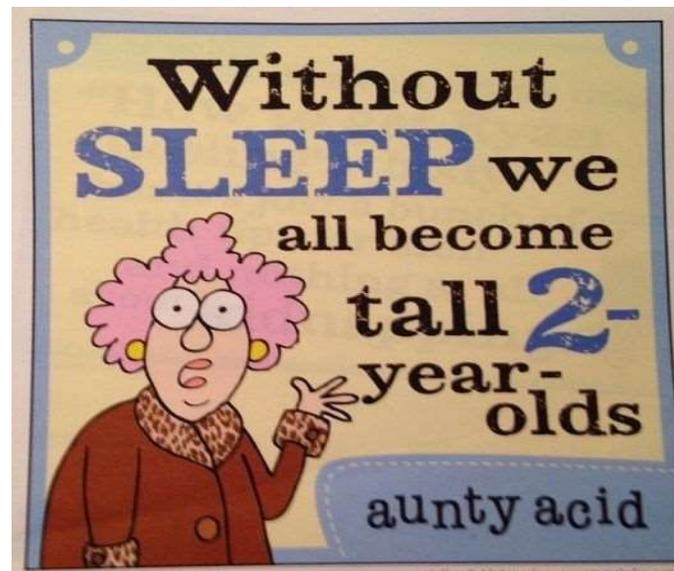
The enemy of God, who is the enemy of all believers, works hard to convince us every day that we are not worthy to witness our faith. He will sometimes whisper that because of our tears when we have lost a loved one, or we cry out in anger when we see injustice being done, that we have lost our faith. But Jesus says, *“²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* Matt. 11:28-30

This is an invitation by the one and only Jesus. If you're tired and struggling, He can give you rest. This also describes the path to God the Father, but it is not one of labor and hard work. Following Jesus frees us from carrying the burden alone because He has triumphed over loss and sin.

Telling others that you prayed to Jesus and trust in Him to hear your prayers about your pain or struggle, is a perfect witness.

Rest in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,
Board of Evangelism



JUST SAYING...

Updates &...

Welcome to the Lord's family...

¹⁵ “Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:15-16

KAYLI and KARLO GOMEZ born June 11, 2017, the children of Christina Soto, were baptized at Trinity on June 11, 2022. Their sponsors are Jose and Michael Soto and Rachel LaMontagna. The children will be in kindergarten at Trinity this fall. Please keep these precious children, their parents and sponsors in your prayers as you welcome them into the Trinity family. Welcome Kayli and Karlo.

INGRID GRACE HEREDIA, born on October 28, 2021, the daughter of Angelo and Brittini (Westergren) Heredia, was baptized here at Trinity on July 9, 2022. Her sponsors are Victoria Victorenko-Schwalback and Aaron Heredia. Ingrid's grandma Leslie Westergren and her great grandma, Marge Peterson, are extremely happy to welcome Ingrid into the Lord's family. Please keep this precious child, her parents and sponsors in your prayers. Welcome to our Trinity family, Ingrid Grace.

Updates &

The Lord receives His own!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Wayne Hoepner
8.1.1936 - 7.25.2022

Wayne was baptized here at Trinity York Center (as it was called then), where he has been a lifelong member. He served as a Trustee of Trinity and was a volunteer for many years. Wayne was an active Elmhurst



Volunteer Fire Fighter in his younger years. His wife Barb is still a member of Trinity, on our Homebound list. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. A funeral for Wayne was held at Trinity on Friday, July 29.

Directory of Info:

WALCAMP SUMMER 2022:

Our Lutheran camp in nearby Kingston, Illinois, is offering options for day camp and sleep-away camp. Some of the choices include baseball, cheerleading, horse riding, owl night, paintball, tree and houses. Walcamp's wooded acreage and rustic lodge have been giving children a great camp experience for generations. Call 815.784.5141 or visit walcamp.org for more information.

Midwest Center for Hope & Healing: Christian Counseling - a few steps away

Would you or your family benefit from Christian counseling? Whether you struggle with stress and anxiety, are trying to overcome depression or substance abuse, or think you might need support while coping with the loss of a loved one, or if you are dealing with financial strains, infidelity, or communication issues in relationships, you do not have to feel alone.

Midwest Center for Hope & Healing offers a full range of in-person and teletherapy counseling services. Trained and experienced licensed counselors are available with offices at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard, Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, and in Oak Brook. Call 630.560.1100 or visit mchhcounseling.com.

Dislike Paying State Taxes?

If you dislike paying state taxes a financial gift to Trinity Lutheran School can get you a 75 percent credit on your state taxes - IF YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT AS AN INDIVIDUAL THROUGH EMPOWER ILLINOIS. It's simple math - if you are going to owe at least \$750 in state taxes in 2022, and you are willing to give Trinity Lutheran School \$250 in 2022, giving a gift of \$1000 through Empower Illinois gets you a \$750 Illinois tax credit AND Trinity receives the entire \$1000! It's not magic, it's not manipulative, and it's not hinky accounting. It is an opportunity to make your gift to Trinity go farther, and it's even better than a 1:1 match. And it works for gifts of any amount from \$100 to \$20,000. Contact Trinity's office to be connected to someone who can walk you through the process or learn more at empowerillinois.org.

OTHER ONGOING GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES:

God's blessings to benefit the kingdom work of Trinity Lutheran Church and School...

- **Amazon Smile** – Select Trinity as your designated charity and a small percentage of everything you buy comes back to Trinity. Get started at smile.amazon.com/charity.
- **Raise Right (formerly Shop with Scrip)** – Gift cards purchased physically or online return varying percentages to Trinity, while you get the full face value of what you spend. Order forms are available in Trinity's office or sign up online at raiserright.com.
- **Planned Giving** – Could you continue supporting Trinity after you've gone to Heaven? It's not as hard as it may seem. LCMS Foundation Planned Giving Counselors can show you how.

If you have questions or need assistance in making charitable gifts to Trinity, please reach out to Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org and the Board of Stewardship can connect you with a variety of helpful giving resources.



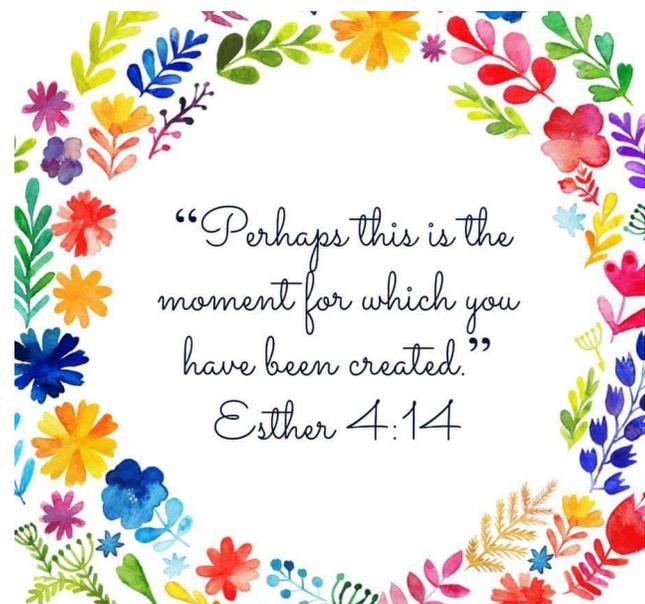
1200 Roosevelt Rd #114, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
[630.493.1340](tel:630.493.1340)

Caring Network has been used by God to save many thousands of lives!

Their goal: We work to honor and glorify Jesus Christ, the author and creator of life, by bringing His love and compassion to abortion minded women and equipping them to choose life – both physical and spiritual.

“For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”
John 3:17

You can give directly at caringnetwork.com or by designating an offering envelope as “Caring Network.”



THERE IS HOPE...

If time alone leaves you struggling with feelings of depression, guilt, grief, anger or regret and there's an abortion in your past, **Word of Hope** can help. Word of Hope offers confidential counseling, support, resources and referrals for anyone dealing with the after-effects of an abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief over an abortion, call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org. It's caring and completely confidential.

Trinity Lutheran School provides an excellent Christ-centered education. We rely on the prayers, help, and financial support of the entire Trinity family. *If you would like to know how you might better use your gifts in serving Trinity Lutheran School*, please feel free to contact me directly. Principal Julie Messina, JMessina@trinitylombard.org or 630.627.5601, ext. 205

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted, if possible, **by the 20th of the month** in order to allow time for proofreading, and approval by Pastor Wagner, to print by the 1st of the month. Thank you. Send submissions to vinjud60@yahoo.com. Articles of interest are welcome, as are suggestions. Questions? Call or text Judy Cuchetto, 630.698.2208. at any time.

Sign up for the ALL-TRINITY PICNIC at <https://tinyurl.com/PICNIC1860> or call Trinity's office at 630.629.8765.