

# Pews



A little over 500 years ago, a truly historic event happened. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, who was a Roman Catholic priest, nailed 95 theses to the wall of the church in Wittenberg, starting what would come to be known as The Reformation. The church needed reforming. It had lost its way. The church's focus had become power, money, and man-made laws, but it wasn't on God's Word.

Luther just wanted the church to reform itself. He wanted it to reexamine what it believed and taught. Luther began to question his own salvation based on the church's teachings. So, he became a staunch student of the Bible. He read it extensively in its original languages (Hebrew and Greek). He discovered that lots of the church's teachings of the day weren't in line with what the Bible actually said.

He also discovered that he had no reason to be concerned about His salvation. God's Word taught him that he was saved, not based on what he does for God, but on what God did for Him. He was saved because he was baptized into Christ Jesus. God didn't just want Luther's good deeds, because his deeds would never be good enough to save him. He found that it wasn't about him...Luther, being good enough. But it was and is about Christ's death being *the* all sufficient payment on the cross for salvation. It's the same way for you. You are

loved by God. You didn't earn His love. You and I don't deserve His love. God loves you anyways – because Jesus redeemed you from the cross. You are saved by grace alone. God saved you. That is the message of The Reformation. That is why The Reformation is so important. It tells you the truth – you are a sinner, but you are saved in Christ. Treasure your salvation just as Luther did, and treasure God's Word, which revealed this truth to you. Happy Reformation Sunday, have a great October, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

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*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." (Romans 5:8-11)*

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Worshipping together

***In person services***

**9 a.m. Sunday  
7 p.m. Monday**

Guidelines still in place for in person worship:

- **Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into 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.
- Please sit in alternating pews as marked
- 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](#).

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/>) a <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons> and can also be viewed live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/>.

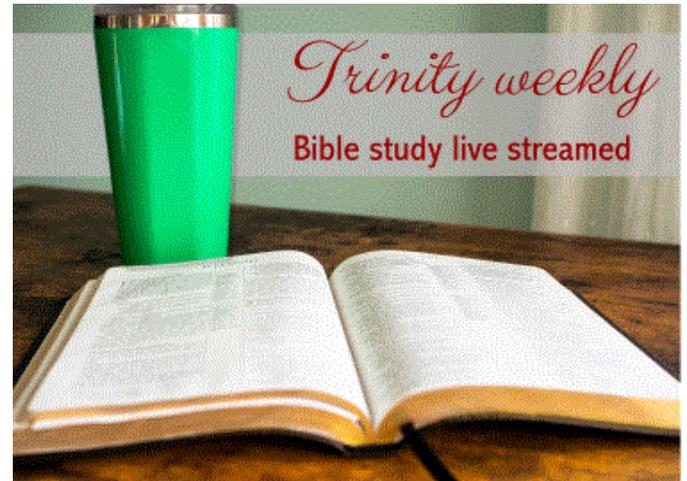
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**IN-PERSON SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS RESUMES: OCTOBER 10 - following church, in the Sanctuary.**

**Wednesday morning in-person classes have resumed at 9:15 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

PLEASE NOTE: FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON CLASSES.

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*Studying God's Word together is important!* Pastor offers **Online Bible Study, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. LIVE** on [Facebook @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 [www.TrinityLombard.org](http://www.TrinityLombard.org)

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

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*From the Principal's desk*



Sunshine, a warm breeze, and a bunch of amazing humans gathering for a run — God is Good!

Lots of helping hands prepping for the 5k Fun Run! We cannot stress enough how grateful we are for all the fundraising

efforts and participants who could make it to run/walk. Trinity Lutheran's 5k Fun Run was a huge success! The success was not only for



the amazing fundraising efforts of our families, but also because the Trinity community gathered together for a common goal (early on a Saturday too 😎)! There was plenty of fruit and water offered to participants thanks to Trinity members generosity.



The enthusiasm was contagious.

Funds raised will go for a variety of school activities.

**Note:** There will be no school October 11 to celebrate Columbus Day.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

Principal, 7th & 8th Grade Teacher

[JMessina@trinitylombard.org](mailto:JMessina@trinitylombard.org)

630-627-5601 ext. 205



**Make a difference in a child's life!  
Invite a child to Sunday school at  
Trinity!**

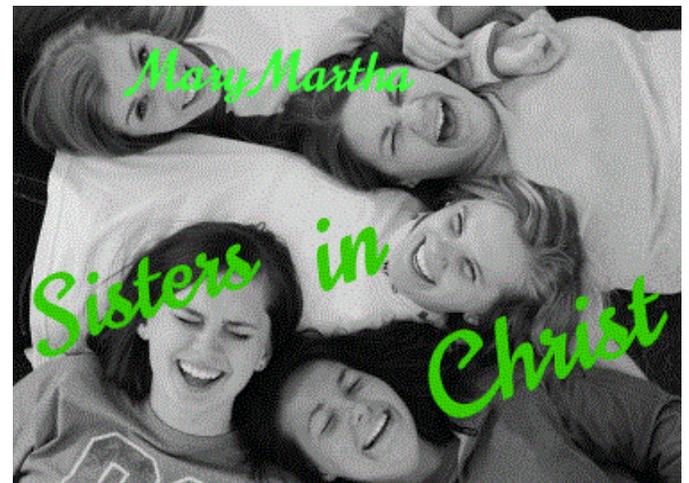
Trinity Lutheran Sunday School makes three promises about each child's time in Sunday School:

1. Each child that shows up will be welcomed and included.

2. Each child that attends will be exposed to a Bible story or Biblical theme, will have the opportunity to participate in an activity or project that reinforces the Bible lesson, and will be invited to have an individually wrapped snack.

3. Each child that attends will be told and shown every Sunday that God loves him or her as His own dear child.

Sunday school for ages 3 through 8th grade meets on Sunday mornings right after church in the parish hall.



Mary Martha will meet Thursday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be doing a short bible study from the LWML Quarterly, entitled "Love Abounding".

**All women are personally invited to come and enjoy an evening of friendship.**

**We look forward to getting together on October 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**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.**

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



## Lutheran Women in Mission

**All Lutheran Women are invited to participate in mission work by collecting "Mites." You too, can support great mission work all over the world and in our own backyard thru this simple thoughtful way of giving.** Mite boxes are filled as each woman puts in their "mite"...which is what they are able to contribute. It can be coins, dollars or a check. A box to hold the Mite Boxes is at the back of the church. The mites are then sent to LWML to be used for mission projects here and around the world. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.



- *As Christian Women — We live as redeemed children of the Triune God.*
- *In God's Word — We live in joyful response to the Holy Scriptures.*
- *Mission-Focused — We answer God's call to share His Gospel at home and abroad.*
- *Embrace Diversity — We are sisters in Christ who value and benefit from each other.*
- *Servant Leaders — We are called and equipped by God to serve others.*

## COMING UP: LWML Zone 6 Rally

October 30, 2021, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Trinity Lutheran Church in West Chicago

At the upcoming LWML Zone 6 Rally, Arlene Solyom, Trinity's voting delegate at the National Convention this past June, will give a report on the wonderful convention. If you would like to attend the please text Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764.

Recently, Trinity women were represented at the Northern Illinois District Lutheran Church Missouri Synod LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) Fall Gathering at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elgin on



September 26, to support the Northern Illinois District's maternity home project through Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries and make cheer cards for Phil's Friends ministry to cancer patients. [www.lwmlnid.org](http://www.lwmlnid.org) [www.rlom.org](http://www.rlom.org) [www.philsfriends.org](http://www.philsfriends.org) #lwml #lcms #rlom #philsfriends



## "Praying For Our Loved Ones"

The Board of Evangelism is beginning an initiative to pray for our family members who

need Jesus. All YOU need do to get involved is to write the first name (even the name “anonymous”) of your family member(s) and turn it into the BOE.

The first responsibility of the Board of Evangelism is to: Encourage Prayer in church and home for sincere evangelistic concern toward all people inside and outside of the church. [quoting Trinity’s Constitution]

The plan is to hold a *Concert of Prayer* for the Salvation for our loved ones at a future date.

PS. The focus is to pray for the salvation of our families, but if a friend or neighbor’s name sneaks in, I don’t think the Lord Jesus will mind.”

Blessings,  
Board of Evangelism

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## *Trinity’s Holiday Craft Show is set for Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*



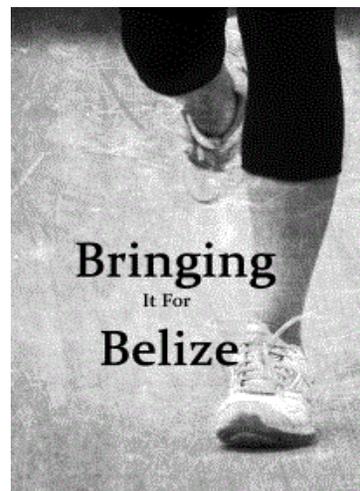
The Craft Show will feature a large assortment of purveyors of handmade, homemade or one-of-a-kind items, as well as a Vendor Village

and pet adoption station. The festive event will feature an on-site lunch, free Kids Korner supervised activity tables, baked goods, and a popular resale area, Aunt Teak’s Beautiful Junque Emporium. Donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, or objects for the rummage sale will be accepted in Trinity’s gymnasium, via the back parking lot, Thursday, November 11, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 12, between noon and 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event support the service work of Trinity’s Mary Martha Guild. To sign up for a craft or vendor space, email [events@trinitylombard.org](mailto:events@trinitylombard.org). *Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with set-up or on the day of the craft show, contact Arlene Solyom at 630.620.0599.* promotional flyer at <https://tinyurl.com/5vd7b9dm>.

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**Northern Illinois District**  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



***Bringing It For Belize*** is a **FREE** Northern Illinois District-wide wellness event, October 17-23, 2021. You don't need to go anywhere, you don't need to buy anything. What you can do is track the

number of minutes you exercise during that week, no matter what kind of exercise you prefer. You can exercise alone, with family, or friends. PLEASE register online at <https://www.nidlcms.org/bringing-it-for->

[belize/](#), where you will find more information, including downloadable exercise trackers and pledge sheets.

You are encouraged to collect pledges to support the Belize Sports Camp held alongside Vacation Bible



School and other ministries of the Belize Mission Society, an LCMS International Mission supported by the Northern Illinois District. All those who register to participate will receive a wristband.

discusses Children's Rights in the Role of the Family. Cost is \$25 per person and registration is required. Lunch is provided by Thrivent. To register or get details, contact Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491 or [kbwrk123@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrk123@gmail.com)



Thanks to a generous matching funds bequest from our late member Robert Retel, Trinity's bathrooms will be getting a remodel. Trinity still needs to raise \$30,000 to help pay for the "matched" portion of this project - which is one of three prongs in Trinity's Capital Campaign, *Bringing Light to Our Community*, which will launch on October 10 (after a 19-month covid delay). To designate a financial gift to this initiative, just indicate that it is for "Bringing Light." Questions may be addressed to [bringinglight@trinitylombard.org](mailto:bringinglight@trinitylombard.org).

The LCMS Northern Illinois District  
Life Task Force presents

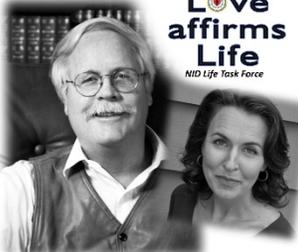
**LIFE & LIBERTY**

A Look at Family through the Lens of  
Faith and Liberty

Featuring  
**Dr. Allan Carlson  
& Katy Faust**

**October 30, 2021**

**Love affirms Life**  
NID Life Task Force



**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
1550 Modaff Road - Naperville, IL 60565

Cost \$25  
**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
[kbwrk123@gmail.com](mailto:kbwrk123@gmail.com)

**The LCMS Northern Illinois District  
Life Task Force presents Life &  
Liberty: A Look at Family through the  
Lens of Faith and Liberty, Saturday,  
October 30, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 3  
p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church,  
1550 Modaff Road, in Naperville.**

Dr. Allan C. Carlson, historian, author, and renowned Lutheran conservative social thinker, speaks about Life, Family & The Real Meaning of Liberty [It's Not What You Might Think] and Katy Faust, founder of Them Before Us,



### **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](mailto:duke3579@comcast.net). Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.



## WHY DO WE GIVE?

give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6)

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did. Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ

Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to

through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

### ***Give us this day our daily bread.***

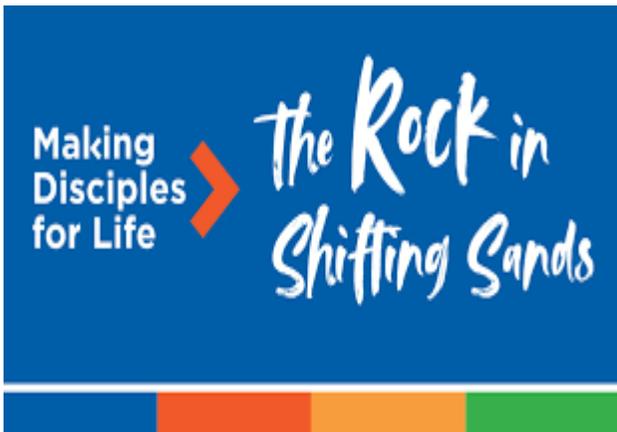
*What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.*

*What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.*

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

*Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Stewardship*



## The LCMS Making Disciples for Life Conference

The LCMS Making Disciples for Life Conference has been rescheduled for January 10 - 12, 2022, in St. Louis and online. "The Rock in Shifting Sands" was originally scheduled for October 2021. The conference will address what it takes to be a faithful church amid a turbulent culture and will feature three tracks focusing on:

- Church and state, Christian citizenship, religious liberty
- Critical theory, its manifestations and how the church should respond
- Discipleship, Christian education, lifelong catechesis

The conference's plenary sessions, break-out sessions, roundtable discussions, focus groups, and LCMS Office of National Mission exhibits will be offered in a mix of virtual and in-person formats to accommodate as many attendees as possible.

More info is available at: <https://calendar.lcms.org/event/making-disciples-for-life-conference/>



## Rummage for Redeeming Life!

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carol Stream is having a

rummage sale, Friday, October 22 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Saturday, October 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) to benefit the Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries Maternity Home Expansion Project. Learn more about the Lutheran maternity home coming to Northern Illinois at

<https://www.rlom.org/expansion>. For questions about the rummage sale, call or text Lois at 630.935.2744.



MIDWEST CENTER  
FOR  
HOPE & HEALING

## 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 <https://mchhcounseling.com>.

*Recipes coming from the Pews* – Recipes or suggestions about food from our “church family” are welcome. If you have anything you’d like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your ideas or your requests.

## Slow Cooker Stuffed Peppers

Try this easy recipe .It’s easy to put together right before you spend the day with the family, and it will be ready for supper.

Ingredients:



Recipes  
Passed Down

- 1 pound ground beef
- 4 bell peppers
- 1 large can tomato sauce
- 1 large can diced tomatoes

Mix ground beef and season with your favorite seasonings such as pepper, garlic salt, etc. Cut out core of the peppers, rinse to clean out seeds and stuff with ground beef. Place standing up in the slow cooker and pour the tomato sauce over the top of the peppers and around the sides. Drain half of the liquid from the diced tomatoes and pour them over in the same manner. Set slow cooker for 8 hours.  
\*note: if you buy seasoned tomato sauce and diced tomatoes there will be more flavor added. You may substitute ground turkey for the ground beef.



God doesn't care if  
you pray fancy words,  
He just wants you to  
talk to Him.

## Jazz It Up November 5

Voice of Care invites all to **Jazz It Up** on Friday,

**November 5, 2021,**

with a benefit concert

featuring *Andy Tecson*

and the ChurchJazz Ensemble at Grace Lutheran Church, in River Forest, Illinois. A VIP Ticket (\$50) admits one PLUS allows a Very Important Person with special needs to attend the event. General Admission tickets are \$40. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the concert begins at 7 p.m., and a reception follows. All proceeds benefit the ministry of Voice of Care, equipping churches to embrace, empower and engage people who experience disabilities in inclusive Christian discipleship. Tickets on sale at [VoiceofCare.org](http://VoiceofCare.org).



## Good information

**Roe v. Wade was ruled before  
ultrasounds reached America.**

**We now know children in the  
womb:**

- Suck their thumbs
- Feel pain
- Feel joy
- Respond to light
- Develop food preferences
- Recognize their mother's voice.

**It's time for our laws to reflect  
modern science.**

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com) Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions. Questions...call or text Judy Cuchetto, 630.698.2208 at any time.