

News

from the Pews

February 2025



Pastor's Page

What does it mean to be a Christian? Well, Christ of course! But what about Christ? Are we free to believe anything we want about Him? Does our confession of what Christ is actually matter? Being a Christian is about believing in Christ, but what we believe does matter.

After asking the apostles about what the people were saying about who Jesus was, I often think of Jesus' question to Peter: "What about YOU? Who do YOU say that I am?" Just like today, people had different views on who Jesus is. Today, there are lots of popular views of Jesus, such as "Jesus is my friend", or "Jesus is my inspiration", or "Jesus is a great teacher", and even "Jesus is a great example to follow".

Now, the truth is that all of these things are true. Jesus is most certainly your friend. He is a great source of inspiration, He is a wonderful teacher, and He is the best example that there is to follow. However, He is much more than just these things. The problem with seeing Jesus in only these ways is that Jesus the friend, Jesus the inspiration, Jesus the teacher, and Jesus the example will do you absolutely no good whatsoever on Judgment Day. They will be of no help at all.

Only Jesus the sin sacrificial Savior can and does save you. You will be declared innocent

on Judgment Day because of Jesus the Savior. Jesus died on the cross to be the final, all sufficient, complete, and total sacrifice for all of your sins forever and ever. His Good Friday death was His offering to the Father for you, and Easter is the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice as all sufficient. Christ's rising on Easter gave Him final victory over sin, death, and the devil, and the entire point of Christianity is that His victory is your victory, received by faith.

Jesus the Savior is the reason you are going to heaven. His death and resurrection are why Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus is your Savior, and that is what makes you a Christian. Look forward with great joy to hearing the Word of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Have a blessed February, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

¹⁴ "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." John 1:14



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

MONDAY NIGHT weekly services are at **6pm** unless otherwise designated.

Enjoy Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays.

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Class follows fellowship, in the sanctuary. Resumes on Feb. 9th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, following the service & fellowship time in the Parish Hall resumes on Feb 9th.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will resume on Feb 5th with 9:15 coffee in the Parish Hall, Study to begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING in person, resumes on Feb 5th **ONLINE live Bible Study** at 6 pm.

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

We continue to livestream at Facebook @TrinityLombard and on Trinity's website at TrinityLombard.org.

Keep up with Trinity news from church and school on Facebook @TrinityLombard and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>.

You will find church and school newsletters, preschool news, chapel services, and details about Trinity's extracurricular happenings at TrinityLombard.org. Trinity's recent services, sermons, Bible studies and devotions are archived at TrinityLombard.org/sermons.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

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Principal's Page

Trinity students just finished their MAP tests. The schedule has rewarded them with a two week roller-skating unit in PE.

Our new P.E. teacher. Ms. Lexi Gibson will be skating with them as they learn the ins and outs of roller-skating. Skates and safety equipment are delivered to us from *Skatetime* for a two week rental.

The student body was treated to a chapel message from a missionary to Nigeria. He also happens to be the father of the Trinity's own Camiola family, whose son attends Trinity. We learned just how much of a struggle and blessing being a missionary can be. This months offerening are being collected for his Hope Garden mission outreach.

Students will also be treated to a day off on the third Monday in honor of Presidents' Day.

Dates To Remember:

- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day**
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 2 through FRIDAY, MARCH 7, LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

Yours in Christ,

James C. Baerenklau
Principal

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Save the date!

Saturday, April 26, Zone 6
LWML Spring Rally
Immanuel, Downers Grove,

This Rally is right in our backyard!

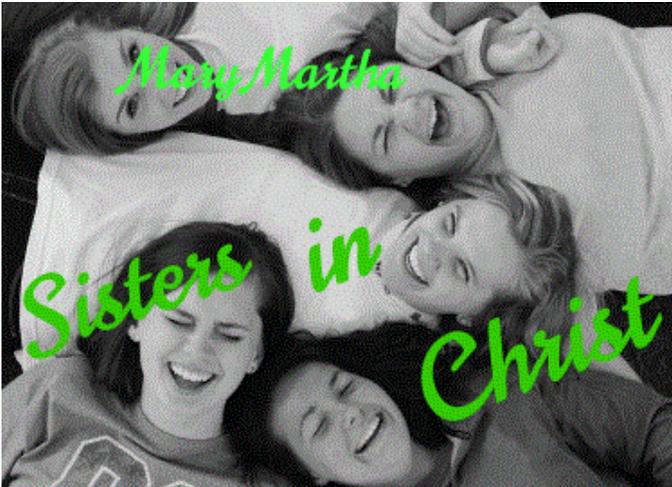
Pastor Wagner will be there as our zone's pastoral counselor. The program will highlight the Food Pantry at the Fort Wayne seminary which is a grant we are funding through LWML Northern Illinois District.

I can tell you from my daughter Amy's experience, when her husband Steve was studying there to be a Pastor, that the food pantry was a real blessing in their family's life.

And as always, it is a wonderful experience to be gathered with the woman from other churches in our zone. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us. We can carpool to the rally.

Look for more information on what/or how we can contribute to the Ft Wayne food pantry.

More information will be forthcoming. If interested in learning more about attending, call or text: Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764.



Mary/Martha is not exclusive to a few, it's for all women of Trinity to engage in friendship and service together at our Trinity Church "home".

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

February 6th

**Trinity women will be
Gathering in the Parish Hall
at 6:30 p.m.**

**We will do a Bible Study
"God Sees Our Story"**

The bible study will be from the Winter LWML Quarterly. Bring yours if you have one or ask Arlene. There will be some printed out if you need one. Come and join in! Bring a treat to share, your bible, your laughter and a smile.

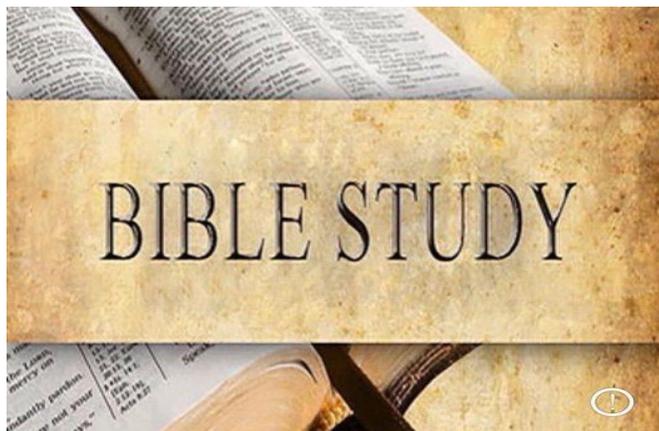
Call Arlene Solyom for more info at: 630-715-7764.



News from the Board of Ed:

Our 2025-2026 tuition rates have been sent to our current families and registration for Summer Camp and the next school year will be available soon.

We are searching for a middle school teacher (starting August 1st). We are also looking for Summer Camp and after school care help, which are paid positions. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested please have them contact our school office ~ 630-629-8765.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS offers a mid-week break from the “Hurry-Scurry” of our daily lives and focuses on the peace that only Christ can bring to our lives. We have been studying His limitless love for us since the beginning of time. We begin with coffee and conversation at 9:15 a.m., class begins at 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday morning Bible Class will resume on February 5th.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

meets with 9:15 coffee in the Parish Hall., Study to begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONLINE LIVE BIBLE STUDY on Facebook 6PM

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These volunteers give of their time and talents to help our church accomplish its God-given mission. Please pray for them and remember to thank them.

All families of preschool students

are invited to visit Trinity Lutheran School for a Spotlight on Kindergarten. It's February 4 from 3 to 5:30 PM. Drop in after school or stop by before dinner meet kindergarten teacher Mrs. Deb Scott, enjoy some snacks, and find out about Trinity's full day kindergarten program. Please rsvp to secretary@trinitylombard.org. Downloadable flyer with details available at <https://tinyurl.com/TLS-KINDERGARTEN>.



God Will Use Whom He Chooses, to be His Witness

Every day is an opportunity to witness our Savior's mercy and love to someone that the Holy Spirit puts in your path.

How many times have you witnessed today, this week or this month?

"To witness your faith" means to actively demonstrate your Christian beliefs through your words, actions, and attitude, essentially showing others what your faith looks like by living it out in your daily life, often by sharing your personal experiences and testimonies with others about how your faith impacts you.

Would you like to share how God has used you to witness of your faith as an encouragement to others, please contact an Evangelism Board member (see list of Board Members) and let them know, or text or call this editor.

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

OPEN to the COMMUNITY
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
 open from 3 to 5:30 p.m.
 Stop in after school or swing by before dinner!

Families of preschoolers are invited to stop in for a visit afterschool. Enjoy a snack, meet Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Debra Scott, and learn about Trinity Lutheran School's full day Kindergarten program.

RSVP:
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 or 630.627.5601

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“God, all I'm asking you to do is pull the weeds of worry and plant the seeds of hope for all of our children's futures”. Amen.





Caring Network Baby Bottle Drive

Caring Network provides spiritual, emotional and material support to women

dealing with unplanned pregnancies, enabling them to choose life for their babies. You can help Caring Network be a hope center for families in our community by participating in Caring Network's baby bottle drive. There are still baby bottles available at the display located in the parish hall, fill it with spare change or checks and return it to church by **February 16/17**. You can also use their QR code on the poster or insert if you prefer. Your gift can truly make a difference.

THANKS TO A GREAT AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEER TIME by some very dedicated members, our S.T.E.A.M. LAB is ready to be furnished. There is a "Wish List" available for those who would like to be a part of this exciting project that can be accessed directly, <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/A5BA4UPLBKDE> or pick up a card

from the table in the back of church from which you can scan the QR code. PRAISE GOD! The gifts have been pouring in. Trinity Lutheran Church is an amazingly generous group of Christians!



Our Trinity family generously provides for it's neighbors in need. **God provides the means to provide food for those who are not able to do so through their own means. By bringing non-perishables (rice, pasta, mac-n-cheese...) canned goods, breakfast cereals, granola bars etc. along with you when you come to worship services, you are helping to provide nourishment and kindness to those in need.**

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

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

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

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 via text or email to vinjud60@yahoo.com Questions ... call or text - Editor, Judy Cuchetto (630) 698-2208 at any time.
