

News from the Pews

July 2021



In early July, our nation celebrates Independence Day. And like most holidays, it is easy to lose sight of what the holiday is truly about. On national, or even religious, holidays, we have a tendency to focus in on the fact that we get extra time off of work, which gives us an opportunity to take a short vacation, or perhaps to spend some quality time with friends and family.

But Independence Day is a special day, and we should not lose sight of its meaning. On July 4, 1776, the greatest nation in the history of civilization was born. Our country was different from its beginning. The idea of a democratic republic was a new one, and the American Experiment has worked out marvelously. America had a new approach to everything; from governmental structure, to economic policy, to foreign relationship attitudes, and to the place of religion in life. For all of the problems America has, it is still the greatest nation in the world to live in, and we are blessed to have an opportunity to do so.

But something else should be said, and this is about the American idea of freedom. Freedom also is a blessing, within its proper perspective. Freedom from oppressive, tyrannical governments is truly a wonderful thing. But freedom to do anything and everything we want with absolutely no boundaries is not a

good thing at all. Allowing our sinful nature to run rampant and to govern our lives unchecked in the name of freedom will always lead to destruction. Sin by its very nature destroys. That is the end game goal of Satan – to work through your sinful nature to bring about as much pain, destruction, and death to us and our world as he possibly can. At this extreme, freedom is not good.

However, this Independence Day season, the freedom we can all truly celebrate and give thanks for is the freedom won for us on the cross. Christ. Jesus' death and resurrection set us free from the bondage of sin. He set us free from a destiny that would have been defined by death. He has given us the certain hope of salvation from sin, pain, and death. We/you have been set free from the bonds of hate and selfishness, so now you can experience love, service, and selflessness, which brings you joy, peace, and true contentment. So, as you enjoy your holiday this year, remember that true freedom is not found in the world, it is found only in Christ. Have a great July and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. John 17: 15



Worshipping together

In person services

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

- Newest guidelines for in person worship:
- .. Please wear face masks upon entry and exiting if you are unvaccinated
 - .. You may remove your mask if seated on the Lectern side if vaccinated.
 - .. Please leave your mask in place on the Pulpit side
 - .. 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](#).

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 a.m. and Bible studies air each Thursday evening at 6 p.m. .

Our purpose in life is to glorify God. All were created for the same purpose.



From the Principal's desk

Even though school is out for summer, there are still many things going on in the school. There is summer camp going on in the preschool wing of the school.

They are learning about insects & bugs, places around the world, frogs & toads, real & pretend, and the Olympics. The teachers have prepared a wide variety of activities for all of the students to participate in during camp.



Everybody likes lightning bugs...And a lightning bug jar is a needed accessory as these Trinity Lutheran Summer Camp students know!

There is the cleaning and preparing of the classrooms for the upcoming school year. There is work going on in the office as well. The principal's office has been painted, and a new floor is going in too. There will be new floors going into the main office as well. We can't wait to welcome back students in the fall.

VBS will be available online again this summer. Look out for the details on the church website and in emails!

Do you know of anyone looking for a caring loving school? We are enrolling age 3 through 8th grade with full and half days for preschool. We also offer extended care from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We have room for new students.

We have small classes, experienced, accredited teachers, traditional values and a family environment. There are tuition reduction opportunities through Scrip program. A tour may be scheduled or more information requested by calling 630.627.5601. Help us share the Word and Love of Jesus with family, friends and neighbors!

Julie Messina

Principal, 7th & 8th Grade Teacher

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THE BLESSING OF OFFERINGS



2021-2022 Trinity envelopes. Your new envelopes are available on the table along the east wall of the Parish Hall next to the wooden Dart Ball cabinet. Fewer sets are needed this year, due primarily to the increase in

online electronic giving. Therefore, some member envelope numbers have changed and we ask that you not use any current envelopes you may have after June 30. Your number is a quick link in recording contributions into the computer system. If you cannot locate your envelopes, or if you are still not yet able to attend services at Trinity and need your envelopes delivered, you may also let us know

at 630.629.8765 or email edgoss@comcast.net and we will help you get your envelopes.



Mary Martha meets one evening a month, usually the first Thursday unless otherwise designated. An open invitation is extended for all women of Trinity to come and experience the joy of gathering with your sisters in spirit. There are normally no monthly meetings after the June get together until we meet again in the fall.

We look forward to getting together again on September 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a delicious Salad Super.

The LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission)



Each district of the LWML from across the United States sends two delegates from each of its zones. The Northern Illinois District LWML has 19 zones and Arlene was one of the delegates sent to vote on behalf of Zone 6, which is made up of 10 churches including Trinity.

With delegates and alternates, host committee volunteers from three districts, general Lutheran Women in Mission, presenters,

exhibitors, pastors, missionaries, spouses, children, around 3,000 Lutheran women and men convened at Lexington's Rupp Arena, for the city's first big gathering in the wake of COVID closures.

One of the exciting parts of attending the LWML national convention is the opportunity to learn about the work being done across the globe - financed by the "mites" contributed by Lutheran women. Like the widow's mite (or small coin) from the Gospel account in Mark 12 and Luke 21, God uses this money in mighty ways. The LWML has set a goal of raising \$2,150,000 over the next two years to support 28 selected missions, including three based in our Northern Illinois District.

The grants awarded this year that affect Illinois out of this convention were very generous and will be paid out over the next two years.

Hope for Cancer Patients - Phil's Friends	\$70,000
Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion - Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries	\$100,000

*Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus -
Belize Mission Campus
\$100,000

*The Belize mission receiving the grant has recently been adopted as the international mission of the Northern Illinois District and originated out of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere, Illinois.

Trinity's attendees, which included Arlene Solyom and Roberta Koehler and Lori Solyom, found many things at the convention to be impactful. Arlene mentioned the parade of flags, in which national flags from the hundreds of countries in which LWML has supported mission work were processed through the

arena. She also recounted the entire crowd singing happy birthday to one woman who has been participating in LWML since 1947 and celebrated her 100th birthday while at the convention. Bobbi was inspired by the insights and experiences of several missionaries and as a first time participant, Bobbi relished the time she got to spend in reunion with a dear friend and fellow LWML member from Florida. Lori spent most of her time as an exhibitor, sharing the mission of Voice of Care - which equips churches to reach and disciple people with disabilities, she really enjoyed the presentation by KFUE radio, and interacting with hosts of the Lutheran Ladies Lounge, as well as representatives of LCMS Life Ministry and Lutherans for Life.

On the way to the convention, a real treat was stopping at the Ark Encounter.



**Arlene Solyom,
Lori Solyom,
Roberta Koehler**

Seen here at the
Ark Encounter in
Lexington, KY.

The Ark Encounter is a life-sized recreation of Noah's Ark, that explores the Biblical history surrounding the events in Genesis telling the story of the Great Flood with world class exhibits, scientific research, and dramatic reimagining of what life must have been like for Noah, his sons, and the wives - the eight people that God preserved when the world was destroyed. In addition to the Ark itself, Trinity's travelers got to attend live action shows, film features, and virtual reality experiences.

The next LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) National Convention will be June 22-25, 2023, in nearby Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The women

of the Northern Illinois District will be helping to host this event, so mark your calendars and plan of being part of this dynamic event! Learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, both nationally and in the Northern Illinois District, at lwml.org and lwmlnid.org.

If you are in need...



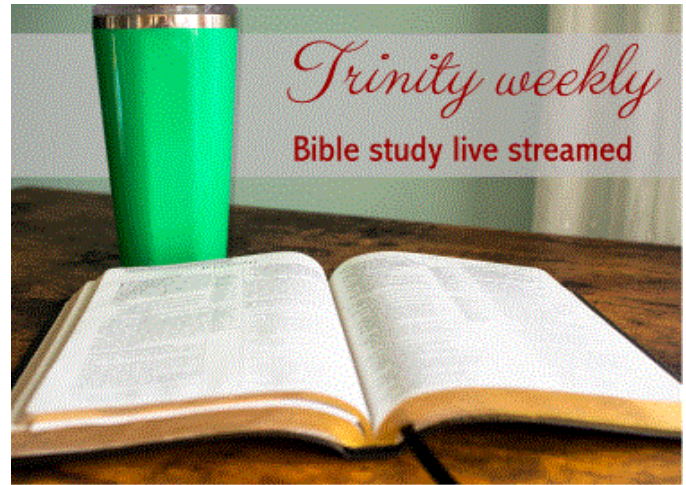
Trinity continues to partner with nearby St. Pius Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in their Food

Pantries.. Please note that you can bring in food donations to our food pantry any time you come for worship services. Ron and Dawn Tyler take the food from our pantry to St Pius, once a month for the St Vincent DePaul food pantry The donated food will be available to all needy Trinity members and Villa Park/Lombard residents. If you know of someone who might benefit from this service, please pass on this information. An individual or family can go to the Food Pantry located at St. Pius X Church, Madison and Meyers Roads any Monday morning from 9:30-11:30 am for pre-packaged food. Drive up on the north side for non-contact service only. Food can be received only twice per month. You will need an I.D. and wear a face mask Please stay in your car and call 630.300.4353 when you arrive in the Madison Street parking lot of St. Pius X if no one is there outside. If you cannot drive there yourself, Call Ron Tyler at 630.696.6183.



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

"With liberty and justice for all."



Studying God's Word together is important! Pastor offers **Online Bible Study, Thursdays 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 www.TrinityLombard.org

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



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.

SEEKING SHELTER TOGETHER IN THE LORDS HOUSE

Trinity has been blessed over the many years to have a house of worship where we gather as a family to praise God, and to be encouraged to go out and serve in His name. Maintaining a church is like maintaining your own home, they both need upkeep and repair. A new roof has been put on the church so that we can continue to meet together and praise our God!



Sherron Schiewe said:

YAY!!! Thanks to the many members, some no longer with us, whose generosity made this possible.

News coming from the Pews – Recipes or suggestions 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.



**Recipes
Passed Down**

The Ramen noodles aren't even cooked - they just add a lovely crunch to this dish. If you don't have original flavored Ramen noodles, feel free to use the chicken or beef flavored noodles instead.

Ramen Noodle Coleslaw

Prep: 15 mins
Cook: 0 mins
Total: 15 mins

Servings: 4 to 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- 1 3 oz. package original flavored Ramen noodles
- 16 oz. package cole slaw mix (cabbage, carrots) or 1 large head cabbage, shredded

Steps to Make It

1. In a large salad bowl, whisk together canola oil, vinegar and honey. Whisk in the seasoning packet from the Ramen noodles.
2. Place Ramen noodles in a sealed plastic bag, and crush with your fingers or a rolling pin. Pour into the dressing in the salad bowl.
3. Pour cole slaw mix over top. Toss to coat well with the dressing.

Updates & FYI's:

FYI, Sosana Moy 's mother went to her heavenly home on June 22. Sosana asked me to pass the message along. It is not known when Sosana will be returning to her position as office administrator at Trinity. She is helping her father during this time.

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted by the 20th of the month. Send to vinjud60@yahoo.com

Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions. Enjoy and be blessed!

Questions? Call or text - Judy Cuchetto at 630.698.2208 at any time.