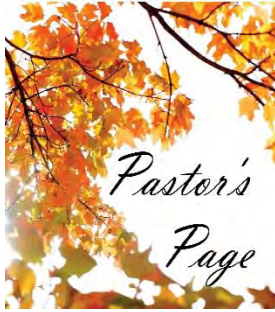


News

from the

Pews

September 2023



Well, ready or not, school has begun again! Another year of dropping the kids off for school, helping with homework, parent-teacher meetings, fundraisers, extra-curricular activities. I'm

getting tired just thinking about it! But, if this is so exhausting, why do we do this?

Of course, we take our kids to school because getting an education is a very important part of growing up. School teaches our children all of the skills needed as an adult. School helps to develop those gifts and talents that God has given each of us. We at Trinity are truly blessed to have a great school here!

But what about us ...the adults? Do we need to learn as well? Of course! We adults learn every day just as we did as children. We constantly learn about our jobs, our loved ones, and our world as we continue to grow into well rounded adults, serving God as we serve our family, our employer, and our society and country.

But we sometimes forget that schooling and learning involves more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It involves more than learning adult stuff. We also need to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Lord and in His Word. God's Word is the very anchor for all our lives. It gives our lives the guidance and the purpose that we need. It tells us how to live in a God pleasing way, and it tells us

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Once again, this is why our church is so important. It reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. Martha is running herself crazy trying to manage life's demands, but Mary chose the one thing necessary (Luke 10:42) – hearing the Word of God. Getting caught up in life's rat race is very easy, but at the end of the day, there is only one thing necessary, and that is Jesus – and you find Him in church in Word and Sacrament.

Jesus is your Savior. Jesus paid the price for all your sin. Jesus gives you eternal life, and Jesus leads you through the joys and pitfalls of this life. The world would swallow us up without Jesus, but He is here for you in Word and Sacrament. So, this school year, please remember the one thing necessary for families or singles alike – hearing God's Word preached and receiving His body and blood. Have a blessed September and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

6 p.m. Mondays
In-person



Connected: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

Bible Study on Sundays will meet again beginning September 17

Enjoy Coffee & after church services.

Office hours M-F 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- **First Divine Service of the month September 10**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF on September 10**
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS (returns in fall - date tba)**

With your help, we have stayed healthy. Praise God for being with us in this journey:

- There is no longer designated seating. Seating is at your choice
- Ushers will pass the offering plates.
- There will be no offering plate in the back of the church.
- Ushers will hand out Order of Worship upon entering the sanctuary.
- Ushers will again dismiss by alternate rows at the end of the service.

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.

This Lutheran Schools' theme for the school year, based on John 15, reminds us Jesus connected Himself to us in Baptism and the Holy Spirit keeps the bond secure through Word and Sacrament. Although Satan works to sever us from the True Vine and make us into deadwood, Christ's attachment to His children is strong and unyielding. By grace, may we remain plugged in unto life everlasting.

Teacher Installation and Rededication took place August 13. We thank Mary/Martha for hosting the fine reception afterward. Food kept appearing, and it was delicious! Decorations, provided by Sue Niehaus, took on the theme of teachers as superheroes, mirroring the faculty's professional development activity. This year, teachers will be reading and discussing *Superhero Educator*, a book written by a Concordia professor, which reviews best practices in teaching. Considering our wonderful staff, this will be merely fine tuning, as God has blessed our school with a group of gifted teachers, servants bringing excellence to the children every single day.



As we begin our year, our first Chapel project is for Joe Boway in Liberia, West Africa, where he has started Lutheran schools in rural areas. For the next few weeks, we are asking students and friends to support Mr. Boway by

donating school supplies or making a financial gift. We are collecting #2 pencils, 40 or 70-page spiral notebooks, and new or gently used backpacks. Any monetary offering will help provide clean drinking water for students. All are welcome to participate in the project. School supplies may be placed in the marked containers near the school office, and special offering envelopes are also available in the office.

Blessings,

Virginia (Ginny) Terrell
Interim Principal
5th & 6th grade teacher
principal@tislombard.org

Dates to remember:

- **Picture Day Sept. 14**
- **Family Movie Time "Pilgrim's Progress" - Sept. 16, 2 p.m.**
- **Charger Challenge (TLS Fun Run) - Sept 23, 9 a.m. start**
- **Dining for Dollars @ The Patio (tba)**
- **Fall Fest - Trunk or Treat - Oct 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

You will find school newsletters, preschool news, chapel services, at TrinityLombard.org.



BACK TO
SCHOOL:
IN
LOMBARD
AND
LIBERIA...

We're back in school! And that means students have gathered all their school supplies for the



Joe Boway
visiting
Liberian
Children's
Mission

new academic year. In our country, basic school supplies are inexpensive and readily available, but in Liberia school supplies are hard to come by - a luxury that is treasured and used carefully. Trinity will once again support missionary Joe Boway in his work of sharing the Good News of Jesus along with a good education to children in Africa. Joe began this ministry with one school in Liberia, a country where children would have had little opportunity to learn to read, much less learn about Jesus. Liberian Children's Ministry now operates Lutheran schools serving over 3,000 Liberian children.

Trinity is collecting the following school supplies for Liberian Children's Ministry between now and **October 4**.

- Pencils
- Spiral bound notebooks
- new or gently used backpacks
- monetary gifts to help cover shipping costs (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church or enveloped cash should be clearly **labeled LIBERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** and place in offering plate or delivered to Trinity's office - please submit by **Oct 1**.)

Donated supplies may be placed in marked boxes located in the church parish hall and school entryway.



Stewardship: Not Just About Money

If we look at the Bible's Old Testament examples of faithful stewards, we see how...

- Noah was called to steward the animals and his family to preserve them in the Great Flood.
- Abraham was a steward of the promise to create a great nation of a wandering people, who would become God's people - Israel.
- Moses faithfully stewarded the children of Israel, leading them out of Egyptian bondage, through forty years wandering the wilderness, to God's promised land.
- Ezra served as a steward to the people of Jerusalem, teaching them God's law after their return from 70 years of captivity in Babylonian.
- Joseph was a steward in Potiphar's household, as a leader in prison, and under Pharaoh caring for the needs of the Egyptians and his family.

And in the New Testament, we observe the disciples serving as faithful stewards teaching the Word of God and spreading the gospel throughout the world.

So when it comes to being a good steward - not only do we want to dedicate our money to increase God's kingdom, but our time, efforts, skills, and intentions. Ask yourself, "How might

I be a steward of God's creation or His people?" From these ancient people of faith we can learn how to answer when God places that task before you.

Trinity Board of Stewardship



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

**Thursday, September 7:
Women's Salad Supper, 6:30 p.m.** in parish hall. ALL WOMEN & GIRLS INVITED. BRING A SALAD TO SHARE. Call or text 630.715.7764 or 630.698.2208 if you have questions.

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 at 630.715.7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208. Call or text.

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him." John 4:9-10.



God provides the means to provide food for those who are not able to provide 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.

transformative message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“Being Pro Abundant Life means providing compassion, hope, and help to those facing pregnancy decisions so they are empowered abundant life for their families,” Warren said.

As Care Net celebrates over 1 million lives saved from 2008 through 2022, we are also thankful for the support of donors who are making an incredible impact on life. With this vital support, Care Net reaches out to abortion-determined women and men with truth and hope, empowering many to choose life.



Care Net affiliated centers minister care and compassion long after a child is born, supporting men and women with the resources and information they need to raise children in an environment where they can thrive. Since 2008, our centers have provided more than 1.5 million women and men with parenting support and education and more than two million with material resources like diapers, clothing, and new car seats.

Additionally, more than 2.1 million people heard the Gospel through the work of our pregnancy centers. This is at the heart of our Pro Abundant life movement. Being Pro Abundant life requires embracing and promoting marriage, encouraging responsible fatherhood, and consistently sharing the



Family Gathers For Reunion Year After Year For 125 Years So Their Kids Will Know Their Heritage

By Adam Staten, On August 23, 2023



One family has been meeting in Indiana, holding a reunion in the Hoosier State for more than 120 years.

There are many ways in which the Lord blesses the lives of those who trust in Him. This family acknowledged that God has been with them from good health, and a steady source of income to His daily protection and

Guidance. They all agree that God has shown his love, mercy and goodness, through rough times and good times. "Through sickness and healing, God has been there in the journey with us." They want others to know that He will be there for them, too.

The senior male member of the family said that one of the biggest ways the Lord blesses believers, is through the gift of family. These are the people who will remain by our side through thick and thin. The Beck family is well aware of the importance of family, which is why they have held an annual reunion every year since 1899.

The longstanding tradition was first established in 1899 in early July. The gathering began moving around and was held at different Beck family households. Eventually, around 1925, the reunion moved to Province Park in Franklin, Indiana. It has been there ever since. The family held their most recent reunion on July 2, 2023.

They said that their faith in God has kept them together. This has been their lifelong witness to His mercies.

** No, we don't know this family, but they are a part of our large family of believers.

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



REMINDER: LWML

Our LWML (which includes every woman and young girl in our church) here in Lombard, will host the FALL GATHERING



2023 Fall Gathering

September 29 & 30

This year we are gathering to learn about Scripture journaling and creating illustrated encouragement cards. Virtual Faith Ministry, featured in the Fall 2022 Quarterly, will guide us through Bible Study, a presentation about their ministry, and two unique workshops to teach us how using visual illustrations of Scripture verses can enhance our own spiritual faith walk and encourage others. Even if you don't think you are "creative", this workshop will have something for you! More details to come!

**Trinity Lutheran Church
1165 S Westmore Ave
Lombard IL 60148**

Friday, September 29, 2023 7-9 p.m.
Scripture Journaling Workshop
Includes Fellowship and Dessert

**Saturday, September 30, 2023 8:30 a.m. to
2:30 p.m.**

Bible Study, Presentation
and hands on workshop to create illustrated
encouragement cards

Includes light breakfast and lunch.

Registrations for one or both events must be confirmed by September 11.

RSVP to Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

GIFTS FROM THE HEART Fall Gathering 2023 Note: **All items must be new and package sizes appropriate for an individual Household**

Items: Toilet paper	Paper towels/Kleenex
Laundry detergent	Dish soap
Lysol toilet cleaner	Cleaning cloths
Kitchen towels/	Dish cloths
Bath towels/	Washcloths
Queen or Full Sheets	Set of basic pots/pans
Set of plates	Coffee mugs/glasses
Silverware	Shampoo/Conditioner
Personal Needs:	Hairbrush/comb
Toothpaste/brush	Disposable razors
Shaving Cream	Deodorant Lotion

Gift cards for Walmart, Walgreens, or Jewel-Osco
Any or all would be a blessing.

2023 Lutherans for Life National Conference • October 11-13



**The 2023 L4L National Conference
taking place just outside Cincinnati, in
Erlanger, Kentucky,**

October 11-13.

After a morning of devotions and learning with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions at the Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, we will head out for a scheduled visit to:

Answers in Genesis attractions—the Creation Museum on October 11 and the Ark Experience on October 12.

Dinner will offer time for fellowship back at the hotel and is included in your conference rate. Breakfast is included with the hotel stay. Lunches will be on your own, with options available at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

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.

Look for more information coming.

Updates &

Welcome to the Lord's family.....

Luke 18:15-16 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.”

BAPTISMS on August 13th:

Kassy Mackenzie Heckinger, born March 5, 1997, the daughter of Keith and Kelly (Swiderski) Heckinger

Kenzie Marissa Heckinger, born October 4, 2015, the daughter of Keith and Kelly (Swiderski) Heckinger

Kallem Michael Joseph Hagloch, born April 6, 2023, the son of Daniel Hagloch and Kassy Heckinger.

Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208 at any time.

Please keep these precious souls in your prayers and welcome them into the Trinity family.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR...Trinity's
Holiday Craft Show

November 11

**Think
Craft Fair**

If you are interested in a sales booth at this busy, high traffic event, email, events@trinitylombard.org or contact Trinity's office, 630.629.9765. Priority is given to Trinity families and/or individuals, but if you wish to participate, please let us now ... right away.

And if you are not planning on showcasing your wares at this holiday extravaganza, plan on volunteering AND holiday shopping.

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