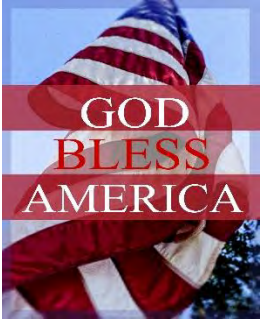


News

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July 2023



In early July, our nation once again celebrates Independence Day. And as with 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 on the fact that we can get extra time off 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 inception. 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 current 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 is a blessing, within its proper perspective. Freedom from oppressive, tyrannical

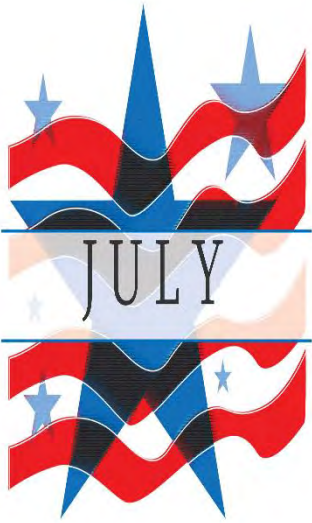
governments, is truly a wonderful thing. But freedom to do anything and everything we want to do with absolutely no boundaries is not a good thing at all. Allowing our sinful nature to run rampant and to govern our lives unchecked in the name of freedom will always lead to destruction. Sin by its nature destroys. That is the end game goal of Satan – to work through our sinful nature to bring about as much pain, destruction, and death to each of us and our world as he possibly can. At this extreme, freedom is not good.

However, on this Independence Day, the freedom we should give thanks for is the freedom won on the cross of Christ Jesus. His death and resurrection set us free from the bondage of sin. He set us, as believers, free from a destiny that would have been defined by death. He has given you and me the certain hope of salvation from sin, pain, and death. Believing in Jesus as Savior, we have been set free from the bonds of hate and selfishness, so now each of us 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 our world, but it is only found in Christ. Have a great July and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

6 p.m. Mondays
on Communion
Sundays In-person
only

Bible Study on
Sundays will
continue through the
summer months.

Enjoy "Coffee &" after
church services.

Trinity's summer office hours are in effect. The office is open from Tuesdays to Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until August. The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays during the summer.

Monday evening services will be at 6 p.m. on July 3, 17, 31, August 7 and 21 - weekly Monday services resume on August 21.

Resuming in the fall...

- **First Day of School for the 2023-2024 academic year at Trinity Lutheran School is August 16**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes on September 10**
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS resumes in the fall**

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 am.



*Changes
For the
upcoming
school year*

The school year concluded Friday, May 26.



A "FAREWELL" AND "GOD BLESS" Trinity has been blessed with our Principal, Mrs. Julie Messina, for five years. During those

five years she fully dedicated her God-given energy, talents and devotion to the students here at Trinity Lutheran School. We could not have asked for more. God has opened new doors for her as she answers the Call to become Principal of St. Peter Lutheran School in Schaumburg. She leaves with our heartfelt gratitude and prayers. Trinity Lutheran School is blessed to have had her with us. The church had a "Farewell" for Mrs. Messina after the Worship Service on Sunday, June 11. We wish her well in her role as Principal.

Pleased to introduce:

The Trinity Board of Education is pleased to share the news that Mrs. Virginia (Ginny) Terrell will be joining our staff as our interim principal and 5th and 6th grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Ginny comes to us with degrees from Concordia University in Nebraska and Roosevelt University in Chicago, beginning her teaching career here at Trinity, Lombard, and serving our Lord also at St. Peter, Arlington Heights, St. Andrews in Park Ridge, and Gloria Dei in Chicago. She is excited to be reconnecting with Trinity, "...to continue with what God has already accomplished here and to look to the future." Ginny also wants to emphasize that she takes

the education and safety of our children quite seriously and values your input and point of view. Communication is essential, and she plans to publish a weekly newsletter. Ginny is deeply interested in church music, regularly playing the organ at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in West Dundee.

Mrs. Terrell will be teaching our 5th and 6th graders. Mr. James Baerenklau will take over responsibilities in 7th and 8th grade, and joining our staff will be Mr. Justin Allegretti as our Physical Education teacher. Justin is a student at Elmhurst University studying to be a physical education teacher.

God has blessed and strengthened the ministry at Trinity for more than 150 years! Please continue to pray for our school, the teachers, the staff, the children, and their families as we continue to make exciting preparations for the school year ahead.

Board of Education



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL YARD SIGNS We have a treasure here at Trinity, and we need to let the world know about it. Placing a

Trinity Lutheran School yard sign in your front yard will let all who pass your home know that you are proud of our school and want you to know about it. Reaching out to passersby can help spread the word—literally! Call the church office and let us know you will be stopping by to get one.



Parents, Don't Panic!



Parents of Sunday School aged children are invited to participate in Trinity's pastor-led Bible study following the Sunday service. Pastor Wagner continues this class throughout the summer.

Parents find it easy during the school year to send their children to Sunday School in the parish hall, while they themselves attend Bible study in the sanctuary.

During the summer, Trinity has you covered. At the back of the sanctuary, following post-church fellowship time, you will find a cart full of quiet self directed activities for children. The cart features books to look at and read while you are at Bible study, coloring activities, and a rotating selection of mess-less crafts and activities. There are trays that make working in the pews easier, and bags to take home creations. Also find small bottles of water, a few relatively crumb free snacks, and wipes, just in case.

We welcome you to take advantage of this opportunity to allow your child some creativity time, while you journey in God's Word with Pastor Wagner and fellow Trinity families.

Sunday School resumes in the fall, on September 10, for children aged three through those in 8th grade. Adult volunteers are welcome and needed. If interested in helping, speak with Pastor Wagner or contact Trinity's office, 630.629.8765

or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

did it to me.” Matthew 25:40 WOW! Next time you place that bag of food on the table in the parish hall, picture Jesus Himself standing there with open arms, thanking you for sharing His love! Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Redeeming Life Maternity Home

UPDATE: Renovations are in progress!! The season of wading through municipal requirements and waiting through permit delays is over. Work can resume to renovate the house into the 5 bedroom maternity home to minister to single, pregnant women. Plumbing and electrical inside and water and sewer tie-ins outside are first on the list. Follow our progress on FB and IG or at rlom.org!



Care Net

“Pregnancy resource centers provide free and continued support to women, their babies born and unborn, and their families. Most importantly, they save lives.” Kris Kobach (Attorney General, Kansas)

Read the full story:

Dobbs Donation Drive for Pregnancy Centers Celebrates Landmark Decision

<https://hubs.ly/Q01W3JQ00>



We are not a nation of victims!



Dr. Ben Carson

The recent opinion out of the Supreme Court ruling affirmative action as unconstitutional is a massive win for achieving real equality in this country.

Are we a perfect nation? No. But your skin color, sex, and religion do not determine your outcomes in life - hard work and determination do. We are not a nation of victims we are a nation of opportunity. This opinion ensures that everyone will have equal access to those opportunities.

We have made tremendous steps in the right direction in terms of racial equality in this country and today's opinion both acknowledges and furthers that progress. There should always be equal rights, not extra rights.



Voice of Care



Lori Solyom spent the last weekend in June, on behalf of Voice Of Care, in Milwaukee at the LWML national convention, where many new friends were made, and sponsored the wheelchair station. Executive Director Melvin Faulkner was on hand to meet and greet visitors at the booth. Director of Ministry Facilitators Dennis Pieper and Ministry Facilitators Reverend Chris Browne and Karen Young spent time meeting with visitors at the booth and manning the wheelchair station. Thanks to LWML friends Ann, Hannah, Lori K., Marge, Christine, and Darlene for helping staff the wheelchair station. Thanks to Mobility Plus of Milwaukee, for being such a great partner to work with. And many thanks to Voice of Care, Director of Development Lori Solyom, who coordinated. Voice Of Care's participation in the convention.



He isn't a judge because he is a Christian. He's a Christian who is a judge!

A judge paid a man's fines after he walked five miles to court with no money to his name. It could have been easy for Daniel Murray to blame his problems on life circumstances. Instead, he took responsibility for his own actions, and in his humility, he was given a gift.

Daniel was no stranger to parking fines. In fact, he had seven of them. He showed up to his court date a little out of breath and visibly sweating through his shirt. He was respectful to the judge

and accepted the consequences that led to all of his parking fines. The total cost of his fines was \$250, which Daniel didn't have. Then Daniel asked a question, "Is there any way that this can be deferred for a little bit? I'm in a little bit of a financial situation," he said to the judge.

The judge then asked Daniel what he could pay today. That's when he learned Daniel had 92 cents to his name and walked five miles to make it to court on time. The judge realized Daniel could use a blessing. The judge then said, "I got a letter this morning from a man named Frank J. Demacio. It said, "Now I am on unemployment due to a conflict, but I am enclosing this to add to your fund." The judge then went on to explain he started the Filomena Fund, which was named after his mother. He explained that the funds were used to help people in dire financial situations like Daniel's.

Frank had sent in \$25.00 in cash, and the judge wanted Daniel to use it for an Uber. Daniel was blessed and humbled. At first, he felt like he didn't deserve it, but the judge insisted on blessing Daniel with a small gift. On top of that, the judge abundantly blessed Daniel. He used the Filomena Fund to cover all of Daniel's fines and to get his car back too!

The look on Daniel's face and his demeanor said that he felt it was undeserved but he was grateful. Before Daniel departed from the court, the

judge asked him to pay it forward and show kindness to someone else in need. Kindness is like that. When we show mercy, kindness, and compassion to someone, it is then abundantly multiplied and creates a ripple effect in our community. Let this judge's kindness be a compass that points us to someone in need of help. What an inspiring story!

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you," [Ephesians 4:32](#).

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



We invite you to memorize Colossians 3:12 with us this week.



Memorizing Scripture is a valuable practice for Christians, even in a digital age. Join us each week as we hide God's Word in our hearts. Learn more at [#memoryverse](https://lcms.org/memoryverse)



Lutheran Women's Missionary League Northern Illinois District



The Northern Illinois Lutheran Women's Missionary League was represented well at the recently held Convention. Five women from Trinity Lombard were among those who were blessed by all of the events, bible studies and worship services.



Ann, Hannah, Lori, Arlene and Rachel

The LWML Mission Goal for the 2021–2023 biennium was \$2,150,000. We have great news! We are filled with gratitude and joy as we announce that God has worked through the generosity and stewardship of the LWML

women to surpass this goal. The Mite offerings that were shared totaled \$2,154,511!

Let's break this BIG praise report down into small but mighty details: Each time you choose to give to LWML Mission Grants, you are directly pouring God's mercy and message into the lives of others – some you may know and others you may never meet. The people you are helping range in age from little children to the elderly, and their homes are located across the globe. Some recipients may be right in your neighborhood, others are men, women, and children living abroad. No matter their age, or how near or far, God knows the needs of every single person. And our God will supply every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

This years mission goal for 2023-2025....



More news will follow on the grants chosen for the new mission goal.

Updates & FYIs...

“Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded. Our petitions heav’nward soar; May our hearts’ desires be

heeded! Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven.”

THANKS BE TO GOD Last week we were blessed to welcome into Communicant membership our Catechuman, **Robert Potempa**. Having completed his instructions in Luther's Small Catechism and in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, he will be accepted into full membership of Trinity Lutheran Church. Please keep this precious soul in your prayers and welcome him into our Trinity family.

“Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord, Let me forsake Thee never, Nor wander from Thy Word. Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness, and for such grace forever Thy Holy Name I'll bless.”

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.**

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Questions ... call or text - Judy

Cuchetto (630)698-2208 at any time.