

# Pews



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Easter has come upon us! The weather is starting to turn for the better, baseball season has begun, and spring is breaking out everywhere. On Easter, we all will make a big deal about the Resurrection of Christ and celebrate it to the fullest. There will have been two church services on Easter Sunday instead of one. And all of you will then spend the day with family doing whatever it is that you do when you and your family gets together.

And then it will over. It will seem as if it came and went by too quickly, just like at Christmas. There will be a great build up and anticipation over Easter, but when it is over, it is over. But is it really ever over? Well, in our church year calendar, you may notice that there is an Easter **season**, not just a one day Easter festival. And why is that? Because it is *not over!* Easter is the basis for your forgiveness because, in spite of His dying with all of your sin, Christ was raised from the dead. The grave could not hold Him, and now it can't hold you. Easter is about life. It's about rebirth. It's about second chances. It's about Jesus and His life, that He willingly gave for you.

And the reason it's not over is because the implications of Easter are yours every single day. You are a redeemed child of Christ every day, not just at Easter. You have the certainty,

and the promise of eternal life, every single day – not just **on** Easter, but **because of** Easter. The entire basis of your faith is God's unbreakable promise of everlasting life. You now have access to the Father that you wouldn't have had, and it is because of Easter. And that is true every day, not just on Easter Sunday.

The truth is that there really is no such thing as an Easter "season", because Easter never ends. Christ's victory is your victory, no matter what your circumstances may be. In good times or in times of trial and pain, you have the Easter victory in Christ – every day of the year! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

Blessings In Christ,  
Rev. Wagner

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You can view any of the worship experiences at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons> where you will find sermons, services, and Bible studies available to watch or listen to at any time.

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*We are those disciples on the road to Emmaus, living our lives in the real world, walking along with Jesus who is always there accompanying us on the road, whether we recognize Him or not. He listens to us and understands us.*



## Church Services

### In person services

#### Trinity's in-person services continue

Sundays at 9 a.m.  
Mondays at 7 p.m.

### Holy week/ Easter Schedule:

**Maundy Thursday - 4/1** - Divine service at 1 and 7 p.m.

Livestreamed at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday - 4/2** - Service of darkness at 1 and 7 p.m.

Livestreamed at 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday - 4/4** - Divine service at 7 and 9 a.m.

Livestreamed at 7 a.m. – rebroadcast at 9 a.m.

#### Important Notes –

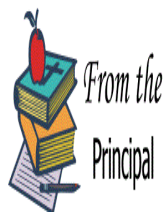
\* **Reservations are required for Easter Sunday attendance.**

**Church and School Office will be closed through Monday, April 5, for Spring Break. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 6.**

*ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE MASKS ARE still REQUIRED along with social distancing..*

**Unable to attend in person on Sunday? The 9 a.m. service is livestreamed on**

[Facebook@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](http://Trinitylombard.org). A downloadable order of worship will be attached, and the bulletin blurbs are emailed weekly prior to the Sunday services.



Parents and students alike have enjoyed knowing that their education has continued throughout the pandemic and

that they are in a safe environment. We have been blessed to provide great teachers and

facilities that comply with all regulations. The students are excited to see the sunnier days. Besides their studies, last month, they participated in a service project in which they were to collect non-perishable food for food pantries in Lombard and Chicago (at our linkage church). Miss Kraegel led students in aftercare as they sorted and packed boxes for distribution. Trinity teachers and students know how to serve.



In the student produced, News & Views letter, Miss Rachel was featured with a picture of her as a child. Today she teaches preschool here at our school. When

the teachers look at the children in the classrooms here at Trinity, they see them for their future possibilities. We have graduated students who travel the world, holding seminars for large companies, those who own businesses, as well as teachers. Our students graduate, equipped to take on high school and future education.

As Easter fast approaches, we will be taking our annual **Spring Break**. Trinity Lutheran Church and School Office will be closed for Spring Break through Monday, April 5. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 6. See you then.

Blessings,

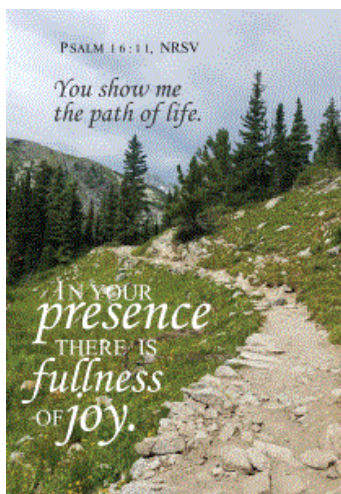
Julie Messina

Principal – 7th & 8th Grade Teacher

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

630.627.5601 ext. 205





## Gathering together

April 8,  
6:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

Mary/Martha women (includes all women and young ladies) will

meet in the Parish Hall to go thru a bible study entitled, "Joy in His Presence". Please bring your Quarterly if you have one, or your bible. There are always snacks and dessert will be served. You're welcome to bring a snack.

RSVP by texting or call Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764 if you would like to know more about the event. Park in the rear for easy access.

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Trinity will have a prayer service for:

NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER

May 6

6:30 p.m.

LORD, POUR  
OUT YOUR  
LOVE, LIFE,  
AND *Liberty*

Let's begin praying together now, please join together in prayer. Jesus we come now

professing that You are our Lord, the One and only Son of God who came to take away the sin of the world and that whosoever believes in You will not perish but have everlasting life. As our Lord we are clay in Your hands, vessels of Your plans and love. Fill us we pray, to be overflowing vessels and examples of Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. We thank you for loving us and we commit to showing and sharing Your love. We thank you for our life and commit to serving You in the awe and respect You deserve, knowing You have put Your image in all of us, and that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made. We thank you for forgiving our sins; for the LIBERTY you have given us, and the mercy You have shown us. You suffered in agony on the cross and took on the wrath that should have been ours, so that we might be found "Not guilty" through Your shed blood. Help us to show compassion and respect to others so that they may hear the gospel and come to know You as Lord and know the release of being no longer a slave to sin. Pour out Lord, and pour through Your Church across America we pray, in Jesus Name. Amen!

By: Kathy Branzell, President  
National Day of Prayer Task Force

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It's not time yet to get together for Sunday morning Bible Study. BUT Wednesday evening classes are available and waiting just for you.



Interactive  
Live Study  
Online

*Studying  
God's Word  
together is  
important!*

**Wednesdays** – Pastor's Wednesday

evening Bible classes are interactive if you participate on Facebook. They begin at **6 p.m. on Wednesdays LIVE ...**

[@trinitylombard](#) and [TrinityLombard.org](#)

Each one is unique so you can join in at any time. Pastor welcomes any of the Bible related questions you submit right online.

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It has been a long season of working thru a pandemic that hit our nation as well as the whole world. Perhaps you have lost a loved one or a friend to sickness, and your sorrow could only be shared with a few in person. Perhaps you have lost your job or suffered in other ways. You may have asked the same questions being asked by Michael Newman, who himself has been challenged to ask ....

### *Where is God in our suffering?*



Who is this God who allows suffering, loss, and pain? Why did He let you be tossed into the miry pit of misery anyway? If that is how God works, why would you want to have anything to do with Him? For one important reason: in this hurting and broken world, there is no one else who can lift you out and bring you through.

In our own imaginations, it could be wonderful if a supreme being prevented every injustice, every tragedy, every illness, and everything that causes sadness. You may wish for a deity who would eradicate all hunger, poverty, abuse, and division—right now. But imagining a god like that or saying that God should be like that doesn't make that kind of god a reality.

Why doesn't God act the way we think He should act? Why doesn't He operate on our

timetable or do what we honestly believe seems best?

I don't know. All I know is that there is a way God reveals Himself to us in this flawed and failure-filled world. He chooses to be with us, to walk with us through the pain, and to promise that one day, every tear will be wiped away and all things will be made new. You may earnestly desire a different kind of god, but there is only one God who has really shown up in the flesh and made Himself known. This true God entered human history—our real and brutal world. We know Him by His name: Jesus.

Instead of making you comfortable, Jesus joins you in your discomfort. He died for you and broke the hopelessness of death by rising from the dead. He promised that complete restoration and relief will arrive. It's just not here yet. In your raw reality, Jesus is the one who can help you, save you, and bring you through your pain. The apostle Peter said about Jesus, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). There isn't anyone else out there who brings genuine healing and peace to your dark places of hurt and heartbreak. But that is what we need. We need to be saved.

Knowing that God is with us through it all, and seeing Jesus shoulder your pain demonstrates decisively that the God of the universe isn't ignoring you. He hasn't forgotten about you. He cares about you. He loves you and hurts with you. He provides real help and hope.

That is why the writer of the Book of Hebrews urges you today, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (10:23).

Who is God? "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

This adapted post is from Getting through Grief: Eight Biblical Gifts for Living with Loss . If you

want to read more, it is written by Michael W. Newman. Published by CPH

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## Daily Devotions

### Lutheran Church Charities

*'Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need' (Hebrews 4:16). 'If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him' (1 John 3:21-22). 'This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him' (1 John 5:14-15). 'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory...forever and ever' (Ephesians 3:20-21). 'If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!' (Matthew 7:11).*

Tim Hetzner, CEO of Lutheran Church Charities and author of WORD Bible Studies, makes devotions on line that you **can listen to as well as read**. Follow the link below. LCC Daily Devotion [devotion@lutheranchurchcharities.org](mailto:devotion@lutheranchurchcharities.org)



Check out the Mustard Seed Daily Devotions, available thru the LWML web page. There is an abundance of free material available, from Devotions to Bible Studies.



*All women of Trinity Lombard are automatically members of the LWML and women in mission, thru the church.*

**As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 79 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.

You too, can support the mission field without going out of the country physically. "Mites" are



collected in these little boxes and are applied toward mission efforts.

**Districts** still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. And yet, **National** mites fund well over \$1 million

in mission grants.

### **Mite Report for global missions:**

**The 2019–2021 fiscal period is April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2021. \$2,100,000.00**

### **Mite Offerings Received**

**Amounts as of February 28, 2021.....  
\$2,137,742.34**

[Mite Report — February 2021](#) posted 3/11/2021

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national [mission grants](#) and implement the LWML program.

Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

There are 34 Mission Grant Proposals Selected for the upcoming 2021 LWML Convention. See convention detail below:

## 2021 Convention



**Date:** June 24–27, 2021

**Location:** Lexington, Kentucky

**Theme:** Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

**Scripture Verse:** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

**Goal Statement:** Looking to Jesus, we run the race set before us and proclaim the joy of the Lord.

**Objectives:** Convention attendees will:

- Focus on Jesus through God's Word and Sacrament.
  - Joyfully celebrate our salvation with song and prayer.
  - Serve our neighbors through witness and mission.
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### Two Grants from NID will appear on the National LWML Ballot .....

1. **Phil's Friends**

2. **Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus**

3. Another grant on the ballot which will benefit Northern Illinois was submitted by **Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries** in Florida to locate a maternity home in the Northern Illinois District.

4. A fourth grant on the ballot will provide 50% of the funds for **LINC Chicago**.

Voting delegate and alternate for Zone 6 will be Arlene Solyom from Trinity Lombard and Marilyn Hess, Zone 6 President. Please keep all those traveling, in your prayers.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 - 2 TO 4 P.M.\*



AN ONLINE EVENT SUPPORTING <sup>the</sup>Voice of Care  
register at [voiceofcare.org](http://voiceofcare.org)

# Commitment Drive



Members and regular attendees at Trinity Lutheran Church are requested to participate in a 2021 Commitment Drive.

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Your gifts are the blessing that allows Trinity to serve members and the community. It is your financial commitment that enables our staff to minister and teach, our lights to be on, and the Gospel to be lived out within our pews and beyond Trinity’s doors.

To help Trinity establish a reasonable budget and anticipate church income for the coming Fiscal Year (July 2021 – June 2022), you are asked to please estimate your expected weekly gift to Trinity and confidentially share that information via email or postal mail no later than April 30.

This is in lieu of Trinity’s traditional Commitment Sunday, providing a “no touch” way to submit financial commitments to Trinity.

If Trinity has your email address, you should receive an email from Trinity shortly after Easter that will ask...

- What is your weekly gift commitment to Trinity for the year running from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022?
- Would you like to receive a boxed set of offering envelopes?
- Would you like help in becoming an online giver to Trinity?

You may respond to that email, email [mycommitment@trinitylombard.org](mailto:mycommitment@trinitylombard.org) or mail My Commitment, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148.

Members for whom we have no email address on file will be mailed a letter.

As always, your commitments will be confidentially processed by one or two Board of Stewardship members with anonymous totals used for budget purposes.

Trinity Lutheran Church

**Board of Stewardship**

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## *Updates & FNI's .....*

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

**Bianca Rosalie Tira**, who was born on May 29, 2020, and was baptized into the Lord on March 14, 2021. Bianca is the daughter of Bogdnan Vlad and Kristan (Schweik). Her sponsors are Caitlin and Ofelia Pod. Please keep all in prayer and welcome them into the family.

*News about Trinity family members...*

**Norm Iverson** was called home to the Lord on March 5th. Please keep his wife, Arlene and his son Jim's family in prayer. You may direct cards to Arlene, 400 W Butterfield #343, Elmhurst, IL 60126

**Dorothy Bezold** was given heavens rest on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep Dorothy's family in prayer. A Memorial Service was held at St Luke Lutheran Church in Itasca on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

*Asking for continued prayer....*

**Bob Gehrt** is still in hospice. Lord we continue to lift him up to Your throne, we trust Your timing Lord. Pray for Bob's family as well. Any cards for Bob may be directed to Bob's son Steve, at 438 Keepataw Dr, Lemont, IL 60439

**Wayne Hoepner** Lord we lift up Wayne as he is struggling physically. Pray for Barb and give her strength as she encourages Wayne. Any cards may be sent to 1636 Pearl Court, Naperville, IL 60563



*Recipes from the Pews:* Recipes or suggestions from our “church family” are welcome. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your recipes to the editor.



**Recipes  
Passed Down**

**Easy Peezy Snack**

*Strawberries on  
.... a Raft*

This recipe has been passed around for years

- 1 pint Strawberries – washed and cut in half
- 8 oz pkg softened cream cheese
- Triscuit Crackers
- ¼ cup brown sugar (add more if needed)

Roll the softened cream cheese into a log shape and then roll the log in the brown sugar to cover it. Cut the log into ¼ in slices (or a little thicker if you like) and place each coin-shaped slice onto a Triscuit cracker and top it with a strawberry half.



**Food  
Pantry**

*CARING IS SHARING*  
**FEEDING OUR  
NEIGHBORS**

Trinity has partnered with St. Pius X Church and the St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry in an effort to better accomplish this work of love. 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. Questions?? Call Ron.

**News from Trinity** is distributed via email and Trinity’s Facebook page [www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and Trinity’s website – [www.TrinityLombard.org](http://www.TrinityLombard.org), and social media sites – on Instagram [www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard](http://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard).

School families keep up to date with the JupiterEd app.

***(do we have your current email address?)***

Next month’s info for NFTP may be submitted to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com) or call or text Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208, hopefully by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endured through every circumstance. 1 Corinthians 13:7

Dear Lord, Your Word is so powerful and true. I won’t give up because I know I am not alone. I will keep hoping because Your Holy Spirit strengthens me to stand against the enemy in all of his forms. My faith is alive in You. Amen