

# News from the Pews

February 2021



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 who our confession of Christ is, actually matter? Being a Christian is about believing in Christ, but what we believe about *who* He is matters more.

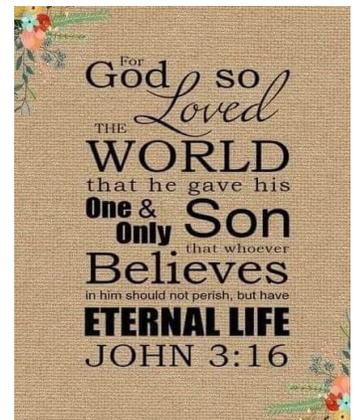
After asking the apostles about what the people were saying about who Jesus was, I often think of Jesus' question to Peter: "What about YOU? Who do YOU say that I am?" Just like today, people have different views on who Jesus is. Today, there are lots of popular views of Jesus, such as "Jesus is my friend", 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. And this is what gives the season of Easter its true meaning. 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 the final victory over sin, death, and the devil, and the entire point of Christianity is that His victory is your victory, received by faith.

Easter is the reason you are going to heaven. Easter is why Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Easter is why Jesus is your Savior, and that is what makes you a Christian. Looking forward with great joy to the coming celebration of Easter! Have a blessed February and see you in church!

Blessings In Christ,  
Rev. Wagner



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You can view any of Trinity's online church experiences by visiting <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons> where you will find sermons, services, and Bible studies available to watch or listen to at any time.



### *In person services*

Trinity's in-person services continue with set guidelines on ... Sundays at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ...Beginning **February 21** we will go back to one service on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 7 p.m.

### **Lenten Schedule:**

**Ash Wednesday - 2/17** - Divine service at 1 and 7 p.m.

w/ communion and ashes

**Wednesday's during Lent - 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24** - worship service at 1 p.m. online Bible study at 6 p.m.

**Palm Sunday - 3/28** - Divine service at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

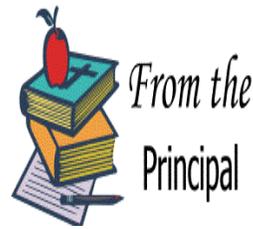
### **Important Notes -**

- Sunday morning in person worship will be at **9 a.m. only beginning on Sunday, February 21**
- **Reservations will be required for Easter Sunday attendance. Reservations will begin on or about March 1**
- Livestreaming for Lenten services will be announced when confirmed

*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](https://www.trinitylombard.org). Each week a downloadable order of worship is available online and the bulletin inserts are emailed weekly prior to services. (In-person attendees receive printed



The students had a snow day on January 26.

There will be no school on February 15 to honor President's Day.



Congratulations to all of Trinity Lutheran School's first semester honor roll students! It is to the glory of God that Trinity has been able to remain open to serve our students. The students in turn are doing their best.



In February we will learn about Black History month. An article about two Martin's appears in the January, "Student News".

<https://tinyurl.com/y3k7g4qo>

**Note:** Continuing to use caution, we are discouraging in-person visits to Trinity's office. Please call 630.627.5601 or email [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) if you have something to pick up or drop off or if you need information. Our central desk is manned on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Blessings,  
Julie Messina  
Principal  
7th & 8th Grade Teacher  
Trinity Lutheran School, Lombard, IL  
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630.627.5601 ext. 205

Missing Sunday morning Bible Studies? Try out the Wednesday evening classes and grow in the Word together.



Interactive  
Live Study  
Online

*Studying  
God's Word  
together is  
important!*

**Wednesdays** - Pastor continues with the evening Bible classes. They begin at 6 pm on Wednesdays ... LIVE and are interactive on Facebook [@trinitylombard](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylombard) and [TrinityLombard.org](https://www.TrinityLombard.org) – see the latest Bible class here: <https://youtu.be/1MsBJblrTrs> Each one is unique so you can join in at any time. Pastor welcomes any of the Bible related questions you submit right online.

### Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Weekday Devotions

Weekdays at 10 a.m. (Central) you can participate in chapel, live from the LCMS International Center in St. Louis, Missouri, as Lutherans from around the world join in at <https://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/>.



### PRAYER PARTNERS Bulletin

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](mailto:duke3579@comcast.net). Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.

Thank you Lord for letting us talk to You, knowing that You hear us. Thank You that we can sit down with You daily for a talk or walk along-side You as we go about our day and just talk to You about a friend or a need, and You always listen.

### Board of Evangelism

A good way to stay connected to your church family is thru the PRAYER CONNECTION; between you, God, and another Trinity member. With a lot of limitations still in effect in our lives, the scripture from Matt 18:20, "**For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**" brings about a new meaning to being connected to each other. We are instructed by scripture to meet together and encourage one another. When we pray together, we remain together as the song says; "one in the Spirit, one in the Lord." Connecting via text, phone or email, gives us a safe way to stay in touch. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you about it, please email your name and phone number to [prayerconnection@trinitylombard.org](mailto:prayerconnection@trinitylombard.org), or alternatively, contact the church office at 630.629.8765 and a Board member will contact you promptly.

Jeremiah 29:12 "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."

Board of Evangelism

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and obtain grace to help in time of need."

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*"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2

In the book *Gentle Persuasion*, Joseph Aldrich, former president of Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon, tells this story:

"I recently met a fascinating, radiant Christian from India. His ministry to international students is leading scores of Hindus and Moslems to Christ. What accounts for his effectiveness in reaching members of these radically different cultural and religious traditions?"

"Each Sunday, he told me, he and his wife host somewhere between 30 and 50 students for dinner. That's a key part of his strategy. Food and camaraderie break down barriers. There's something about eating a meal with someone that accelerates friendship.

"So you talk about Christ at these meals?" I asked.

"No," he said. "It is impossible to talk openly of Jesus Christ."

"So how," I asked him, "are you able to see so many find Christ?"

"I love them," he replied, "until they ask me why."

"Through loving them," he continued, "they meet Jesus Christ, even though they don't know who they've met. Once they've sensed the reality of his love through me, they're open to discuss the

reason for the love and acceptance they've experienced."

"I love them until they ask me why." What a great motto for the Christian witness! No one could possibly be accused of being pushy, obnoxious or insensitive with that modus operandi.

Evangelism is a subject that makes many Christians feel uncomfortable. Consider "doing" evangelism by practicing hospitality. Some people are frightened at the thought of talking about Jesus Christ with someone who is not Christian. They wonder what to say, when to say it and how to broach the subject. Start by doing what the Christian from India did: Love them until they ask you why.

Source: [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

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*Thinking of you!*

**Gathering together**

**February 4,**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Parish Hall**

*Happy Valentine's Day*

Mary/Martha women (includes all women and young ladies) will meet in the Parish Hall to create Valentine Greetings for those who have been homebound. Bring a snack to share and your artistic flair, we will have the "goods" to create and send all of your caring thoughts.

RSVP by text 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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**SPREAD  
VALENTINE'S  
CHEER**



**HELP REPLENISH OUR "WELFARE FUND"**

Our Trinity Welfare Fund is in the red! Can you help rebuild it by sharing a cheerful Valentine's greeting?

When you make a special financial gift to Trinity's Welfare Fund of any amount between now and February 20, two things will happen:

- 1. Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar** - up to \$500 (thanks to a generous donor)
- 2. A special Valentine's Care Package will be sent from Trinity to an individual of your choice.**

**Here's how...**

- Make a gift to Trinity (outside of your regular offering please)
- *If you give your gift via check*, please write WELFARE FUND in the memo and attach a piece of paper marked "VALENTINE" and include the name and address of the person you would like to receive a Valentine's Care Package from Trinity (if you do not wish to designate a particular person, write "homebound member")
- *If you give your gift online*, please choose the DESIGNATED GIFT category and type WELFARE FUND in the form to the right of the amount, then email [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) with

the subject line "valentine" and include the name and address of the person you would like to receive a Valentine's Care Package from Trinity (if you do not wish to designate a particular person, write "homebound member")

The Welfare Fund is designated by the Board of Elders for discretionary distribution by the Pastor to those in need.

Thank you in advance for helping to replenish Trinity's Welfare Fund and spread Valentine's cheer!

Submitted by,

Board of Stewardship

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***Thrivent Choice Dollars***

*Eligible Thrivent Financial members earn Choice Dollars which may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church and/or Trinity Lutheran School. These must be directed each year prior to March 31. Don't miss this easy opportunity to benefit Trinity. To learn more or direct your Choice Dollars, go online to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.*



*We honor history and the office of the President*

**Abraham Lincoln: Servant of God**

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President of the United State, from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. Lincoln led the nation through the American Civil War, the country's greatest moral, constitutional, and political crisis. Rising to national importance from his role as an Illinois legislator, the man referred to as "Honest Abe" was born on February 12, 1809, in Hodgenville, Kentucky. On the 211th anniversary of his birth, we can reflect on the

fact that this great statesman was a Christian man who revered God above all things.

The following moment of faith with America's favorite president is from *Abraham Lincoln's Daily Treasure* (edited by Thomas Freiling):

**Worship God**

*"God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."* Psalm 73:26

*His boundless grace shall all my need supply,  
When streams of creature-comfort cease to flow:  
And should He some inferior good deny,  
'Tis but a greater blessing to bestow.*

Abraham Lincoln gained legendary status in America, becoming almost a godlike figure even before his assassination. While he was walking the streets of Richmond on April 4, 1865, a group of African-American citizens, ran to him, knelt at his feet, and thanked him for their newfound freedom. "Don't kneel to me," he said. "Kneel to God. I am but his humble instrument." Lincoln knew that it was only by God's grace and mercy that he was able to free the slaves. While other people looked to Lincoln, Lincoln looked to God. The Civil War was long and hard, and many times it was only through prayer that Lincoln gained the strength to continue. So, when people attributed justice and freedom to him, he simply gave God the credit.

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**Board of Trustees Report**

Being good stewards of the church and school property is one of the responsibilities of the

Board of Trustees. A report at the voters meeting was given on January 24.

- 1) A furnace for the administrative offices and the school was replaced.
- 2) A water pipe that was connected to the school sprinkling system burst and was repaired. The leak collapsed a small area of the back parking lot. That area has been cordoned off awaiting repair in the spring.

A quick status on our heating systems: Two furnaces, one in the parsonage and one in the school, have been replaced. We have 3 boilers 2 are in their prime age and should be fine. The 3rd is 28 years old and we will monitor and maintain all as we do each year.

Submitted by:  
Rick Steben, Board of Trustees

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*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**

*What to bring to a Superbowl watch party? How about this warm Queso Dip! This dip recipe gets passed around with ingredients being added or changed according to taste.*

**Sausage Queso**

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 15 min.

**Ingredients**

- 1 lb. Velveeta cheese cubed
- 1 – 10oz can Ro-Tel tomatoes & green chilies
- 1 lb. pork sausage browned, crumbled & drained

**Directions:**

Brown the pork sausage, drain and put aside. Cube the Velveeta cheese and put in a microwave safe bowl, along with the drained can of Ro-tel tomatoes & chilies. Heat for 5 min on high, stirring after 3 min to blend. When melted, stir in the pork sausage. Keep warm in mini crock pot or in a glass bowl on a warmer. Serve it with chips. Enjoy!

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*Updates & FN's .....*

*News about Trinity family members.....*

- **Caroline Norderud** – the Lord has heard the prayers for mercy on behalf of Caroline and called her home on January 9, 2021. She was a faithful believer. If you would like to send a card to Caroline’s daughter Carrie and her husband Kari Paulsen, the address is 225 N Lombard St. Lombard 60148.
- **Chuck Novak**, former principal of Trinity School passed away on January 13. We celebrate that he is now with his Father in heaven. Mr. Novak served as Trinity Lutheran School principal from the Fall of 2017 to Spring 2018. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers as they mourn his passing and await their heavenly reunion.
- **Lorraine Boehm** – Lorraine, a longtime member of Trinity, joined her husband Al in heaven when she was called home on Jan 22, 2021. Lorraine’s sister, Dorothy Bezold, and her husband, who is deceased, were also long-time members of Trinity. Keep Dorothy in prayer as she has dementia.
- **Jeanette Smok** – was called home on December 6, 2020. During her life she had a career as a nurse and was a loving mother and grandmother as well as an avid gardener.

*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. Miraculously Bob’s voice was strong on 1/22 as he spoke on the phone. Bob said he is getting ready to praise God in a strong voice when he receives his call. He just had his birthday in late January. .

**Marge and Steve Klein** thank all of you for your prayers. Hopefully, they will soon be able to come in person to worship. Thank the Lord for their progress.

*God’s blessings abound*

**Baptism:** Anthony Joseph Moscatello, born 9/18/20 was baptized on 1/31/21. Anthony’s parents are Samuel and Lindsey (Ladik) Moscatello. Godparents are, Beth Moscatello and Paul & Linda Abbot. God bless this child as his name is written in the Book of Life.



*Other info and updates.....*

**Are you asking yourself if you should get a vaccine shot?.....**

*Pastor Matthew C. Harrison*  
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

January 21, 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
In recent weeks, I have received a number of inquiries from concerned members of the Synod about the COVID-19 vaccines, as they seek to maintain their support for the sanctity of life and for religious freedom. These questions have come not in the interests of politicizing the matter, but out of sincere Christian moral convictions. Having consulted with our district presidents and other agencies of the Synod, I requested that the staff of the Commission on Theology and Church

Relations, in collaboration with the Office of National Mission's Life Ministry, draft "The LCMS and COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts and Considerations." On the basis of this counsel, let me address a few of your most pressing questions.

*1) Are COVID-19 vaccines related to abortion?*

The science regarding this is complex. The two vaccines currently approved by the FDA — Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna — were not designed, developed or produced using cell lines derived from aborted human fetal tissue. Other vaccine candidates — including the UK-approved Oxford/AstraZeneca — did use human fetal tissue, however. The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines did perform laboratory tests using cells derived from abortions (one from 1972 and another from 1985) to confirm the final vaccine quality (as, surprisingly, do many other commonly used medications and vaccines). For more information on how the COVID-19 vaccines relate to abortion, I encourage you to consult the website of the pro-life bioethicists at the Charlotte Lozier Institute and the list they maintain there: [lozierinstitute.org/an-ethics-assessment-of-covid-19-vaccine-programs/](https://lozierinstitute.org/an-ethics-assessment-of-covid-19-vaccine-programs/). According to their assessment, neither the Pfizer/BioNTech nor Moderna vaccines contain any substance derived from aborted human fetal cells.

*2) Does the Synod have a position on the reception of vaccines using human fetal tissue?* The Synod does not have an official position on such vaccines at this time. Official decisions of this nature come through the Synod acting in convention, and no convention action has yet been taken. However, our church body remains firmly committed to the sanctify of life, and we continually seek to advocate for pro-life positions in the public square.

*3) Can I obtain a religious exemption for the COVID-19 vaccine?* Religious or personal belief exemptions are based on conscientious objection and do not require official support from the denomination. The absence of an

official Synod stance does not impact your ability to seek an exemption. Please consult your local lawmakers or public health officials for more information on how to proceed should the need arise.

*4) Should I take the COVID-19 vaccine?* This is a question only you can answer. Some may choose not to take the vaccine because of concerns over its relation to abortion or fear of possible health complications. Others may take it in spite of such reservations out of concern for their own health or that of their neighbor. Since neither Scripture nor the Synod has explicitly addressed this issue, it remains a matter of Christian freedom where you must choose according to your individual conscience.

*5) How should I talk about the vaccine with others who disagree with my view of it?* In a sensitive issue of this nature, we remember the words of St. James: "Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19). Listen carefully and openly to the points of others. Consider them. Share your positions patiently and objectively. Reflect upon your own penchant for error. Forgive others where they sin against you and ask for forgiveness where you wrong them.

In this contentious issue, we must respect the consciences of fellow believers who share our same commitment to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, as well as our life together as a Synod. As St. Paul urges us regarding matters of conscience, "let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor" (1 Cor. 10:24), and "let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother" (Rom. 14:13). At a time of cultural upheaval, I would encourage you not to allow disagreement even over undoubtedly important matters such as this to take precedence over the faith that unites us in Christ. In all things, we should heed the call to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

Please study the document mentioned above. It provides a summary of what we know about the COVID-19 vaccines, their relation to the issue of abortion, and what we can (and cannot) say about these matters from the Synod's perspective. I hope it proves useful to you as you wrestle with how to bear Christian witness in this world through your love of both God and neighbor. "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:20-21).

PS: "The LCMS and COVID-19 Vaccines: Facts and Considerations" document is available online at [lcms.org/doc/covid19-vaccines-fact-sheet](https://lcms.org/doc/covid19-vaccines-fact-sheet).



**This year's March for Life Chicago 2021** was a little different than usual. Due to COVID concerns the annual

gathering of thousands in the Chicago Loop was replaced by smaller events in six Midwestern cities throughout January. On January 23, dozens of Lutheran individuals and organized groups from at least seven different LCMS congregations participated in the almost 600-car procession that moved from the near north side through downtown Chicago along a 20-mile route that ended with a massive diaper drop at Southwest Women's Center in Evergreen Park. In addition to carloads of life advocates there were groups waving and holding pro-life signs along the route.

Trinity member Arlene Solyom shared. "It was very encouraging to see the positive responses from people along the way." Arlene attended

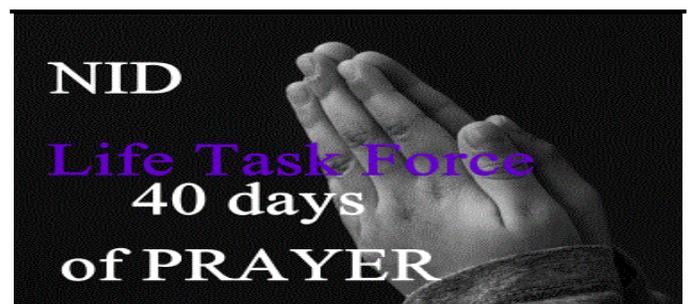
the March for Life Chicago along with family members, Lori and Rachel Solyom, and a friend.

Renee Schremser, who joined the three generations of Solyom women, has attended previous marches. "I believe that even though we weren't allowed to be out in Chicago marching on foot as we usually do, we may have shared the message of the day to MORE people overall," she observed. "So, to me that was a plus. I'm not sure that when we place ourselves in one space we reach as many people."

The Chicago car procession was the last of the six stops on the March for Life Chicago Moving the Movement Tour which traversed Wisconsin, Nebraska, Indiana, and Illinois. The Fort Wayne, Indiana, car rally on January 16 launched at the entrance to Concordia Theological Seminary, was sponsored by the LCMS, and featured LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. In total, the 2021 March for Life Chicago events drew 8,000+ participants and collected 156,518 donated diapers (surpassing by over 25,000 the 130,094 goal set to represent the number of babies aborted annually in the Midwest).

March for Life Chicago 2022 is scheduled to return to downtown Chicago, along with an event convention at the Hilton Chicago on Michigan Avenue, on January 8, 2022. Keep up to date at [MarchForLifeChicago.org](https://MarchForLifeChicago.org).

Best Regards,  
Lori E. Solyom



**Illinois is the Midwest destination for abortion. Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker promised to make his state the most**

**"abortion-friendly" in the nation. Two federal executive actions were just signed on January 28, that are designed to expand access to reproductive health care (abortion) and health insurance through the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid.**

The NID Life Task Force urges you to join thousands worldwide in the prayer vigil of 40 Days for Life which this year corresponds to the season of Lent. 40 Days for Life spring vigil will run from **Feb 17 - Mar 28**. We encourage you to use the LCMS resources found at <https://www.lcms.org/life-ministry/life-sunday-resources> to aid you in your personal time of prayer and worship. If you wish to participate in person at the vigil sites please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/> and click on locations to find the nearest vigil to you.

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### Love for a Broken Heart

Are you grieving the loss of a child through abortion? Are you struggling with guilt, sorrow, or anger? Do you know that God wants to heal you and bind up your sorrows? He can free you from the hurt and pain. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) There IS hope for your future – a Word of Hope that can begin to heal your broken heart. If you or someone you know is hurting because of an abortion, call Word of Hope at 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org). It's caring and completely confidential.



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

**As long as there is a need...Trinity is** paring with St Pius Church & St Vincent DePaul pantry, to meet the need. The Food Pantry is located at St. Pius x church on Madison and Westmore/Meyers Rd, in Lombard. Individuals and families who live in the Villa Park and Lombard areas are able to come to the St Vincent DePaul food pantry for pre-packaged food on Mondays, from 9:30 – 11:30am. An individual or families may come twice a month. No appointment is necessary. For no contact services only, you may drive up. Stay in your car, wear a face mask and provide ID. Please stay in your car and call 630-300-4353 when you arrive in the Madison St parking lot of St Pius X. For Questions, call Ron Tyler at 630-696-6183. If you are unable to drive or unable to go to St Pius church on Mondays for distribution, you may call Ron and arrange for delivery to your home.

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### It's closer... to start thinking about taxes. GIFTS THAT CAN SAVE YOU TAXES...

Even if you don't itemize – you can deduct a \$300.00 given to Trinity.

Gifts to Trinity Lutheran Church and School are always tax deductible, but when Congress recently passed the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it included a partial deduction for charitable contributions. This provision encourages individuals to contribute to religious, charitable and educational organizations by creating a new "above the line" deduction for all taxpayers. This deduction will permit a taxpayer to deduct up to \$300 of annual cash contributions regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes contributions or takes the new, higher standard deduction. If you are in a position to give charitable gifts this year, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

## Online Shopping

If you shop online via Amazon, you can sign up to donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Log



in to your Amazon account through

smile.amazon.com and designate Trinity as your charity – or log in direct at:

[https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=15576745011&ref=pe\\_732550\\_434054570](https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=15576745011&ref=pe_732550_434054570)

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**LCMS LIFE MINISTRY TO HOST CONFERENCE** “This conference is for everyone!”



LCMS Life Ministry will host its first-ever virtual life conference March 19–20, under the theme “Making Disciples: Valuing Life.” Look for how to Register and more info coming in the March issue of NFTP.

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**News from Trinity** is distributed via email and Trinity’s Facebook page [facebook.com/TrinityLombard](https://facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and Trinity’s website – [TrinityLombard.org](https://TrinityLombard.org), and social media sites – on Instagram - [instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard](https://instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard). School families keep up to date with the JupiterEd app.

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

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**Editor’s note:** Next month’s info for NFTP may be submitted hopefully by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month - to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com) or call or text Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208.



**On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day. This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a “Pandemic”**

*When an adult child hugs their mum,  
Its so much more to her,  
It opens up a memory box,  
To times of yesteryear,  
It takes her back to your childhood,  
When you sat upon her lap,  
When she'd settle you after the scariest  
dream,  
Or put you down for a nap,  
If she holds you a little tighter,  
She's keeping those days alive,  
Remembering how she hugged you,  
When you were only four or five,  
So when you hug your mother,  
Don't be quick to break her embrace,  
Let her hold you a little longer,  
And live those days she'll never replace.*