

News from the Pews

May 2021



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! May is always a very busy month, and this year is no exception. We have confirmands who have worked very, very hard and have legitimately earned the right to be confirmed. We have the National Day of Prayer. We have Mother's Day. We have Ascension Thursday. And towards the end of the month, we have school graduations and Memorial Day weekend, which is the unofficial start of summer.

As usual, we are really busy this month. And everything that we mentioned this month are gifts to us from God. From, Confirmation Sunday, to the National Day of Prayer, to Ascension Thursday, these church days remind us of God's love for us in Christ Jesus. School graduations are an important life milestone that student and family alike should be very proud of. And Mother's Day and the Memorial Day holiday are more gifts from God, as Proverbs 31 reminds us of the blessings of a Godly mother, and holiday weekends are always needed.

And it's quite possible that this summer will be busy too. Many people have been able to get vaccinated against the Coronavirus, so it may be possible to begin to enjoy more interaction with each other. But whatever the case, I pray that we all will not only be safe, but will remember the importance of keeping up with

God's Word. Regular church attendance is extremely important for keeping your faith in Christ alive and strong. So, if you are in town, please visit us this summer regularly on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings. And if you go out of town, be sure to catch us via live stream. Let's all stay connected to God's Word as we wind down another school year and head into summer. May God richly bless your month, and I'll see you in church!

Blessings In Christ,
Rev. Wagner

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.

*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 hope alive because Your Holy Spirit strengthens me to stand against the enemy in all of his forms. My faith is alive in You. Amen



Church Services

In person services

Trinity's in-person services

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

Special dates:

National Day of Prayer...May 6.....7 p.m.
Ascension Day.....May 13.....7 p.m.

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](#) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](#). A downloadable order of worship will be attached, and the bulletin blurbs are emailed weekly prior to the Sunday services.

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.



May is a busy month here at Trinity. On Sunday, May 2, three Trinity students, Naomi Pulli, Abby Schnittker,

and Kate Schreiman were confirmed.

Congratulations, ladies! All of your hard work has paid off!

Monday, May 3, we celebrated May Day. The students wore flowers and spring colors to school.

Thursday, May 6, is the National Day of Prayer. The students will gather to pray for one another, families, friends, and our community.

May 18 is Hawaiian Day – Students and staff will wear Hawaiian-style clothing.

The students will complete their final session of MAP testing in the first two weeks of May.

We have five amazing girls graduating from Trinity. Graduation is on Thursday, May 27, at 7 p.m. Amelie Harrison, Carli Highberger, Naomi Pulli, Abigail Schnittker, and Kate Schreiman will be graduating. They have worked so hard to reach this point in their education. Congratulations, Amelie, Carli, Naomi, Abby, and Kate! God's Blessings to you as you consider your education!

The last day of school is Friday, May 28. The students will celebrate the end of the school year with the last Chapel service, an Awards Ceremony, and field day activities. Students will be dismissed from school at 11:30 a.m.

This year VBS will be held virtually again. You can find all of the information about VBS on the church and school website, [trinitylombard.org](#), in June.

Summer camp will begin on Monday, June 7. Camp ends on Friday, July 30. Miss Rachel and Miss Kraegel have come up with some creative themes this year. There is still room for your student to attend summer camp;

sign up today! You can find the information for summer camp at

<https://tinyurl.com/b49yeuvv>.

Open enrollment is ongoing for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know anyone looking for a loving, caring school, please have them contact the office. If you are a current school family, you will receive a \$200 credit applied to your tuition bill in November 2021. Referred families must register by July 1, 2021, in order for referring to receive the credit.

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Board of Evangelism

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

Something inspiring to watch and listen to...former President Reagan, speaks about our country and faith. Copy and paste in youtube.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvN1jTkzXbY

Ronald Reagan's church put this together to commemorate the birthday of Ronald Reagan.

The enemy of God, desires to persuade those who are babes in their faith, or that do not yet

know God; that the government knows better how to care for them.

In March of this year (2021) a secular news article from the New York Post, printed the following about church attendance.

"American church bells aren't ringing so much as they are tolling, a new survey has found. For the first time in 80 years, Gallup has found that less than half of US adults belong to a church, synagogue or mosque. Membership numbers dropped to 50% by 2018 and slipped to 47% by 2019. The decline in membership is due to not only a decline in religious Americans belonging to a church, but also an increase in Americans who do not follow a religion at all, according to Gallup.

The trend is likely to continue, with Gallup noting that church membership is "strongly correlated with age." While 66% of Americans born before 1946 belong to a church, only 58% of baby boomers do. Meanwhile, membership for Generation X is 50%, and just 36% for millennials.

The decline rates are similar but slightly steeper in Catholics than Protestants, but proportionately smaller among conservatives, Republicans, married adults, college graduates, Southerners and non-Hispanic black adults, all of whom maintain some of the highest rates of church membership.

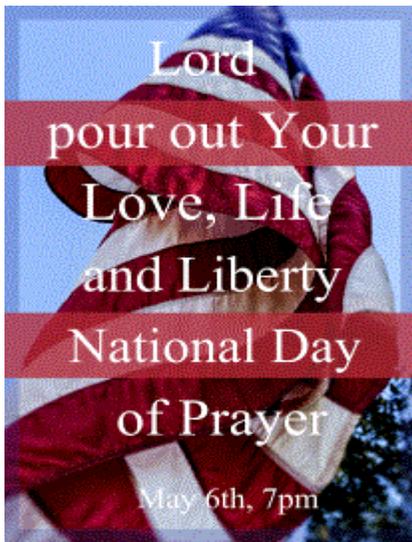
So, what do we as LCMS Christians do with news like that? We pray!

Lord, it is only You that can change the hearts and minds of those whom You have created. As Your children, redeemed by Jesus, we pray that You will open up the minds and hearts of those that have turned their backs on You. Open their eyes to see and ears to hear the truth. Lord, thank you for equipping our Pastor to speak Your Word and send it out on Sundays. We ask that You also equip each of us, to speak through our prayers, through our daily walk and in any manner that You put before us. We are challenged in our hearts

Lord to pray for our country, our leaders and for those who are leading people astray, that they may be convicted to repent and turn toward You.

The National Day of Prayer is a perfect opportunity to begin or continue to pray. Please join your church family on May 6 at 7 p.m., here at Trinity, to pray together.

Blessings,
Board of Evangelism



Gathering together
May 6,
7 p.m.
at Trinity

Trinity will have a prayer service for:

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6
7 p.m.

LORD, POUR OUT YOUR LOVE, LIFE, AND Liberty

Today more than ever, we as Christians need to speak to God.



Mustard Seed Daily Devotions

Check out the Mustard Seed Daily Devotions, available online at:

<https://www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions>.

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.



Interactive Live Study Online

Studying God's Word together is important!

Wednesdays

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

Updates & FYI's

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

Anastasia Nicole Schumacher, born Oct. 29, 2020, the daughter of Matthew Schumacher and Hannah Bromos. Anastasia was baptized on April 18, 2021. Her sponsors are Jacqueline Swasko and Chad Schumacher. Please keep this precious child, her parents and her sponsors in your prayers.

Naomi Angela Pulli, born August 4, 2006, the daughter of Angelo J. Pulli, Jr. and Mary M (Frazer) Pulli, was baptized on April 25, 2021. Please keep Naomi, her parents and her sponsors in your prayers.

Asking for continued prayer....

Bob Gehrt...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

Please note that you can bring in food donations to our food pantry any time you come for worship services. Ron and Dawn Tyler usually 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 a.m. 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 must 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



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. Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.

News from Trinity is distributed via email and Trinity's Facebook page www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard and Trinity's website www.TrinityLombard.org. You can also find Trinity on Instagram www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard. School families keep up to date with the JupiterEd app.

(do we have your current email address?)



CARING IS SHARING
FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Next month's info for NFTP may be submitted to vinjud60@yahoo.com or call or text Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208, hopefully by the 25th of the month.