

# News

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August 2024



It's happening! It's time for school to begin! It's time for normalcy. It's time to get back to the old routine. Vacationing and traveling is winding down, and everyone is settling in for the end of summer (and the start of football). Yes, there still may be one last trip planned or one last visit from loved ones, but the start of school is just around the corner.

With all of this change and hectic scheduling, how comforting is it to know that in spite of all the craziness of summer, God is still in control. God still loves you. God is still looking out for you and your family. Jesus still died for your sins. Jesus still has risen and lives. You are still saved by grace through faith in Christ.

We are very good at getting distracted. Life has a way of throwing a lot at us. It can be easy to lose our way. Thankfully, being a Christian means that it's not up to you to stay focused on God. Instead, God comes to you. God gives you His Holy Spirit, so you don't forget Him. God refreshes and strengthens your faith when you hear His Word in church and also by receiving His Sacrament. God loves you so much that He comes to you to give you the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Have you been able to continue to come to

church regularly this summer? Great! Keep doing so, and God will continue to grow your faith. Have you been unable to come regularly because of extra summer work or an overfull schedule? That's ok. Every Sunday or Monday can be a brand new beginning towards a closer walk with Christ. I pray all is well is all of you, have a great August, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

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*Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from  
day to day.*

*<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the  
nations,*

*his marvelous works among all  
the peoples!*

*<sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD,  
and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*Psalms 96:2*

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**Scheduled Services**  
9 a.m.  
Sundays  
In-person and  
livestreamed  
**SUMMER MONDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

During the summer **Divine Worship Monday Nights ONLY**; During the summer, upcoming Monday evening church services will be on August 5, and 19, at 6 p.m. IN-PERSON. Beginning September 9, weekly Monday night service resumes.

**Enjoying Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays will continue thru the summer months.**

**Sunday Morning Bible Class will meet in the Sanctuary following Coffee &.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**, will return IN-PERSON, September 9

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** has taken a break for the summer. We will begin again after Labor Day.

**Sunday, August 25: ALL TRINITY PICNIC**, following outdoor church service (weather permitting)

**TRINITY'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** have gone into effect. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 8 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Call 630.629.8765 or email secretary@trinitylombard.org

**Facebook:** Additionally: keep up with Trinity news from church and school on Facebook [@TrinityLombard](#) and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>.

Find the 9 a.m. 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/>) or live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/>

*News From the*  
*Interim*  
**Principal's Desk**



**REGISTRATION: Wednesday, August 7: SCHOOL REGISTRATION, 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 18,**

The new school year will begin with our **teacher and staff dedication during the August 18<sup>th</sup>** church service. After the service we welcome the whole church to come together in the school gym for a “Back to School” get together AND “Open House” in the gym. Coffee and snacks will be served, and our classrooms will be open for everyone to visit. **We are asking everyone to wear GREEN to celebrate Trinity Lutheran School.**

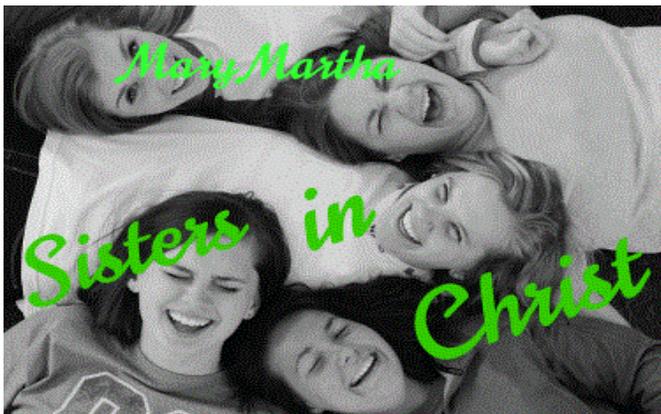
**Ms. Kraegel** (Pre School 3's) and **Mrs. LaMontagne** (Pre School 4's), **Mrs. Scott** (Kindergarten), **Miss Robertson**, (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) **Mrs. Perez** (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade), teachers **Mr. James Baerenklau** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) who has agreed to be our interim principal for the coming year. We are also happy to announce that **Mrs. Sue Niehaus** is stepping in to be our interim 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

**The first day of school will be Monday, August 19, with opening chapel and dismissal at 11:30.**

**Trinity Lutheran School's 164<sup>th</sup> year**

We thank God for allowing us to start the 164<sup>th</sup> year of sharing the Gospel.

James Baerenklau  
Interim Principal  
7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher



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

## Please join Mary Martha On August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our annual summer **Women's Bible Study** will be focusing on prayer. We will use the excellent May issue of Lutheran Witness to "Grow thru Prayer" as well as enjoy the friendships, food and laughter always present at M/M.

At 6:30p.m. at 118 S. Ardmore, V.P.

**THERE ARE NO REGULAR M/M  
...MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.**

### Looking Ahead

#### Salad Supper



Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Salad Supper

6:30 pm

Parish Hall

All women invited.

Bring a salad to pass

Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630-698-2208. Call or text.



## News from the Board of Ed:

**\*\* Our LWML from Trinity has put forth a grant request to support our STEM program at Trinity. (see LWML info)**

**STEM** stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Through the hard work of volunteers and Pastor, the school room has been emptied and is ready for painting. We are looking forward to the creation of a STEM lab for our students. This space will become a multi-learning area where our students can explore, create, and invent. We have applied for a grant, which we hope to hear about this fall. Watch for details on how you can help!

**RAISE RIGHT NEWS:** We are continuing this fundraiser during the summer months. A variety of gift cards will be available during Fellowship



Time on Sunday mornings. This program is a source of tuition assistance for families who know the value of our school but aren't always able to meet the tuition costs. This is a good way to obtain the gift cards you might purchase anyway *and* provide a helping hand to others as well.

And if you would like to donate financially in any way, please contact the school office or the church Secretary, [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org)



### Lawn Signs are still available ...

Trinity is a treasure. Students receive a top-notch accredited education that equips them to move on to any high school, but more importantly,

they take the knowledge of being loved and accepted by their Savior with them. But how will they know if they have not heard? Trinity has lawn signs that allow you to spread the word about the treasure available to the community. Feel free to take one and display it throughout the summer, returning it In the Fall.

**Signs are available in the Parish Hall**

**Continue prayer for our school – teachers, staff, students and their families – as we work together to follow the commands of our Lord, to reach and teach others about the Gospel Good News.**

Lord, it was You that gave Trinity Lutheran School to a farm community 164 years ago. It and the church that You ordained to serve the community have brought God's Word to young children whom You have brought through their doors. YOU have provided the best teachers and a church body to stay true to Your Word and not to yield to the world's faulty teaching. We pray that the school would be a beacon of hope for parents in the community that desire to have their children taught in an environment free from harmful ideas.

Submitted by,  
Sue Neihaus, Board of Education, Chair

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## A Day of Celebration

On Sunday, August 18th, we will celebrate God's goodness and mercy as we prepare to begin the 164th year of Trinity Lutheran School. Throughout the years, our faithful Lord has kept the light of his grace shining here. We invite the congregation, alumni, and any

other "old friends" to join us for worship on the 18th and then come over to school for a snack and a time to visit with one another. Please join us and extend this invitation to others! To God be the glory! **WEAR GREEN**

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## Outside Service & Picnic



**SEE YOU THERE!**

**Sunday, August 25 ~ ALL TRINITY**

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE,**

**At 10:a.m.**

**FOLLOWED BY AN ALL CHURCH/SCHOOL  
PICNIC**

**At 11:30 a.m.**

Trinity will provide the meat entrée, and the rest will be pot-luck. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. We ask that you bring your own lawn chairs

for the worship service if you can. We will be eating in the gymnasium. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the opening of our 164th school year, thanks be to God!

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The Lutheran Women in Mission consists of 12 Districts across the country. Trinity in Lombard is part of the Northern Illinois District or NID. Each District is broken down into Zones. We are a part of Zone 6. Our very own Pastor Wagner is the current Pastoral Counselor for our Zone.



Over the years a small box called a "mite box" has been used to gather funds in support of local District and National ministry projects that are chosen at the Conventions to support.

A portion of the mite collections goes to the National LWML and 75% of collected mites stays in each District. There is a National Convention which meets biennially in odd numbered years and also individual District Conventions. The NID District Convention meets in even numbered years.

The 77<sup>th</sup> NID Convention will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, IL 6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL on September 20, 21.

Women from Trinity Lombard who will be attending this year, include Linda Johansen, Lori Solyom, Deb Scott, Sue Neihaus, Rachel LaMontagna, Hanna Solyom, and Arlene Solyom. Linda and Sue will be our voting delegates, with Rachel and Hannah as alternatives.

Our own LWML from our church, has submitted a \$16,000 Grant request for Trinity School to help fulfill some of the needs for the STEM lab multi-learning area here at Trinity.

We pray for the women attending and also, if it glorifies God, that Trinity will be chosen to receive one of the grants.



**SAVE THE DATE ~**  
**September 28th ~**  
**60th Celebration.**  
**Fall Festival** and an evening under the

stars. Walcamp has been providing outdoor ministry since it officially opened in 1963, where Creation is Explored, Christ is Exalted, and Christians are Equipped to glorify God. Our school takes advantage of this beautiful camp in nearby Kingston, Illinois for a week of Outdoor Education and many of our young people enjoy a week of themed summer camp there as well. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful place available to "get away" for a short time.

It's great for camping with family or friends.

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*God Will Use  
Whom He  
Chooses, to be  
His Witness*

## **A teen told his graduating class Jesus is 'your answer.' Then he faced consequences**

**Jolene Almendarez** (reporter) Updated May 29, 2024.

A Northern Kentucky high school student's graduation speech sparked debate over the weekend after he urged his classmates to seek Jesus Christ as "your answer" for "the way, the truth and life."

He didn't receive his diploma and was asked to meet with his school principal because he added the religious message to his pre-approved speech,

Campbell County High School graduate Micah Price is facing consequences after he urged his classmates to seek Jesus Christ during his graduation speech.

Micah said online, "I was told beforehand I wasn't allowed to bring up Christ. ... I did anyways."

He graduated May 24 from Campbell County High School in Alexandria, about 30 minutes south of Cincinnati. The high school, which has about 1,500 students, draws from a predominantly suburban and rural part of the county.

Price said in his speech: "Class, before another word is to leave my mouth I must give the honor, the praise, and the glory to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who in his very words tells us he is the light, he is the way, the truth and life. Class, anyone in the audience today, I'm

here to tell you that if you don't have any of those things in your life and can't seem to find the answer, then my Lord and Savior is your answer."

After the graduation at [Truist Arena at Northern Kentucky University](#), he said an assistant principal told him he'd have to speak to the district school board about what he did because he went "off-script" during the speech.

"I went against school policy, school rules. I went against that because I serve a higher power because I serve Christ. I do no one's bidding but God," he said. "So, if anyone's in the wrong, I am. I deserve to get punished."

He went on to say he isn't sure if it's normal to have not received a diploma days after graduation.

Superintendent [Shelli Wilson](#) told [Local News12](#) in a statement Price was permitted to thank his "lord and savior Jesus Christ" at the beginning of the speech. But he added other statements telling classmates to seek God.

"All speakers were told that going off their submitted speech, or any unplanned choices at graduation, may have repercussions as they would at any school function," Wilson said in the statement to [Local 12](#).

A video of Price's speech was posted on FB and shared online where hundreds of people weighed in on the controversy.

The school did give Micah his graduation certificate. To God be the glory, student's and the public also heard this witness. The controversy that came out of Micah's witness, led to an even greater witness.

To God be the glory.

*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

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To contact Ron or Dawn Tyler or if you have questions, please call the church office..

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to the local food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul, York Center. Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).

"Eating is not an optional "habit", it's a necessity."



"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." — Psalm 139:13-14

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted if possible by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to get proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Thank you. Send ,via text or email to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com) Questions ... call or text - Editor, Judy Cuchetto (630) 698-2208 at any time.



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

Summer time is enjoyable with enough food to eat. There are those who don't have that luxury.

If everyone brought 1 food item a week it would always be ready to share.

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