

News

from the

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September 2025

Pastor's Page

September



Well, ready or not, school has begun again! Another year of dropping the kids off for school, helping with homework, parent-teacher meetings, fundraisers, extracurricular activities. I'm getting tired just thinking about it! But, if this is so exhausting, why do we do this?

Of course, we take our kids to school because getting an education is a very important part of growing up. School teaches our children all of the skills needed as an adult. School helps to develop those gifts and talents that God has given each of us. We at Trinity are truly blessed to have a great school here!

But what about us adults? Do we need to learn as well? Of course! We adults learn every day just as we did as children. We constantly learn about our jobs, our loved ones, and our world as we continue to grow into well rounded adults, serving God as we serve our family, our employer, and our society and country.

But we sometimes forget that schooling and learning involves more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It involves more than learning adult stuff. We also need to grow in knowledge and understanding of the Lord and in His Word. God's Word is the very anchor for all our lives. It gives our lives the guidance and the purpose that we need. It tells us how to live in a God pleasing way, and it tells us how and

why we are saved by God's grace in Christ Jesus.

Once again, this is why our church is so important. It reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. Martha is running herself crazy trying to manage life's demands, but Mary chose the one thing necessary (Luke 10:42) – hearing the Word of God. Getting caught up in life's rat race is very easy, but at the end of the day, there is only one thing necessary, and that is Jesus – and you find Him in church in Word and Sacrament.

Jesus is your Savior. Jesus paid the price for all your sin. Jesus gives you eternal life, and Jesus leads you through the joys and pitfalls of this life. The world would swallow us up without Jesus, but He is here for you in Word and Sacrament. So, this school year, please remember the one thing necessary for families or singles alike – hearing God's Word preached and receiving His body and blood. Have a blessed September and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42



**Scheduled
Services 9 a.m.
Sundays**
In-person and
livestreamed

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will resume **September 14**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume **September 14**
- **NO MONDAY EVENING CHURCH SERVICE**, will resume **September 8**
- **September 3:** Trinity Lutheran School Parent Information Night **6:30 pm** meet in Sanctuary
- **September 13-14:** Trinity Used Book Sale, school gym, **Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday – 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m**
- **September 28th** school children sing

We continue to livestream at Facebook [@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and on Trinity's website at [TrinityLombard.org](https://www.TrinityLombard.org).

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

You will find church and school newsletters, preschool news, chapel services, and details about Trinity's extracurricular happenings at [TrinityLombard.org](https://www.TrinityLombard.org).

Trinity's recent services, sermons, Bible studies and devotions are archived at: [TrinityLombard.org/sermons](https://www.TrinityLombard.org/sermons).

Trinity's office hours are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact info 630.629.8765 secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Find the 9 a.m. orders of worship, at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>.
Services and Bible classes air live on Facebook @TrinityLombard

News from the
Principal's Desk



This year Trinity celebrates it's 165 school year. Trinity's teachers and staff were rededicated during worship on August 17th.

Classes began on August 19th. We welcome two new teachers this year: Mrs. Elise Curelo who is teaching 5th and 6th grade, and Miss Hannah Mainz who is taking over in kindergarten.

We look forward to all the opportunities to educate our students: the cross country season has begun, students are exploring the new STEAM lab, and classes are in full swing. We thank God for the opportunity to teach His children.

Watch and listen as the children sing for the first time this year during worship on September 28th.

Blessings in Christ,

James C. Baerenklau
Principal
Trinity Lutheran School
Lombard, IL 60148
630.627.5601 ext. 205

Introducing our Teaching staff at Trinity Lutheran School as well as all of the Support Staff who make Trinity a great school.



Mrs. LaMontagna
Preschool
Early Childhood Extended
Care Program Coordinator



Miss Beth Kraegel
Preschool
Art & Spanish
After Care Program
Coordinator



Mrs. Amy Pilny
Preschool Aide
Elementary Aide



Mrs. Sandra Iverson
Preschool Aide



Miss Hannah Mainz
Kindergarten



Miss Arianna Robertson
1st & 2nd Grade



Mrs. Patricia Perez
3rd & 4th Grade



Mrs. Elise Curelo
5th & 6th Grade



Mr. James Baerenklau
Principal
7th & 8th Grade
Athletic Director



Ms. Lori Solyom
Journalism



Mr. Kevin Tully
STEAM Lab Coordinator



Miss Lexi Gibson
Physical Education



Miss Samantha Rose
Music, Band & Piano



Mr. Brad Payne
Band



Mr. Kevin McOglin
Piano



Miss Sara Myers
Preschool Aide
Extended Care



Mrs. Liz Hensley
Preschool Aide
Extended Care



Mrs. Marjorie Klein
Administrative Assistant



Rev. Steve Wagner
Pastor
Encourager to all the
teachers and staff, leading
all in the Words of Christ
Jesus

Book Sale

TEACHER DISCOUNT WITH SCHOOL ID!

Your Next Adventure Is Just a Book Away.

Friday, September 12th 3pm-5pm (Church and School Families Only)

Saturday, September 13th 8am-4pm

Sunday, September 14th 10:30am-2:30pm

Held in the gym of Trinity Lutheran School, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd., Lombard

Trinity School Book Sale **Saturday, Sept 13, 2025**

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday,

September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Book Sale, school gym. [books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles

DONATIONS accepted in office through September 1.

SNEAK PEEK: September 12 for Trinity members only, 3 to 5 p.m.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me"...

Beginning Sunday, September 14, Sunday School meets on Sundays concurrently with Adult Bible Class, following post-church fellowship in the parish hall. All children, ages 3 through 8th grade all welcome.

Here are three great reasons for your children to attend Sunday School at Trinity:

1. Each Sunday following after church fellowship, your children will have a chance to focus on the message given in the readings from the service and will "take away" a simple understanding of one key idea to put into practice in their lives.
2. Children will each be welcomed, reminded that they are special and unique, be told that God created and loves them, and invited to talk about Jesus' plan for his or her life.
3. As you help your child participate in the life-impacting study of God's Word,

you have a wonderful opportunity to grow in your own faith by attending Trinity's concurrent adult Bible class.

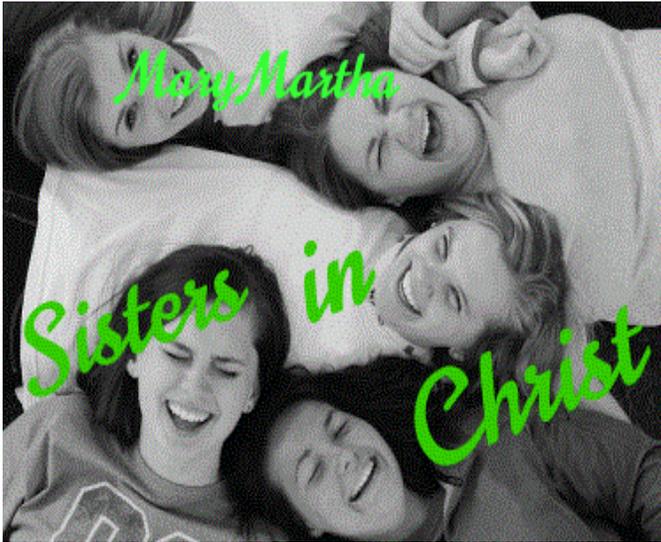
If you'd like to play a part, big or small, in helping present Sunday School this year, please contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.



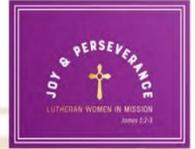
One of the best ways to improve your outlook on life and strengthen your family is to spend time in God's Word each week.

Sunday, September 14, Sunday School and Adult Bible Class both resume for the academic year after summer hiatus.

Both meet concurrently most Sundays after post-church fellowship, Adult Bible Class is in the sanctuary, Sunday School meets in the Parish Hall. All children, ages 3 through 8th grade are welcome - high school aged youth are welcome to participate in Adult Bible Class or help out in Sunday School.



Lutheran Women
in Mission
Northern Illinois District



Join us for the
**Lutheran Women in Mission
Fall Gathering**
Saturday, September 27, 2025
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
(doors open 8:30 a.m.)
St. Peter Lutheran Church
202 E Schaumburg Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194



Keynote Speaker & Bible Study Leader: Rev. Dr. Scott A. Bruzek, Associate Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton, IL. Long time Senior Pastor at St. John, Rev. Bruzek was educated at Stanford, Concordia Seminary, Cambridge University, and Princeton Seminary, and has taught at Concordia Seminary (St. Louis), Concordia Theological Seminary (Ft. Wayne) and Valparaiso University, and regularly lectures at Wheaton College.

Mites in Action Speaker: Julia Heinz, Director of Mission Advancement, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Dundee, IL (a 2025-2027 LWML Mission Grant recipient)



Help stock St. Peter's Food Pantry:

Bring shelf stable food, household, or personal care items donate via check payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church (please write LWML NID on the memo line).

Register at www.lwmlnid.org
Deadline September 14
Cost \$25 (includes lunch)
Questions? Email Jan Bersano rjtc@Comcast.net

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 For:
September 4: Trinity's Mary Martha Women and Girls Salad Supper, 6:30 p.m., parish hall –**

**All women invited.
Bring a salad or dessert to pass.
Beverages will be provided along with friendship and laughter.
Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630-698-2208. Call or text.**

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Gifts from the Heart

St. Peter Lutheran Church Food Pantry

All shelf stable items, including food, personal care, and household items are welcome.

Examples of most needed items include

FOOD

Canned meats, pasta meals, beans (all but green)

Pasta (including macaroni and cheese) and pasta sauce

Rice and instant potatoes

Peanut butter and jelly

Pancake mix and syrup

Cake mix and frosting

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Shampoo

Toothpaste

Diapers (adult pull-up style and infant sizes)

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Laundry Detergent

Other ways to contribute

Make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church and write LWML NID on the memo line



We have some very special events coming up for Trinity Students

Friday, September 19, 10 a.m. View the live art demo by Timothy Botts.



GOD'S WORD AS ART...

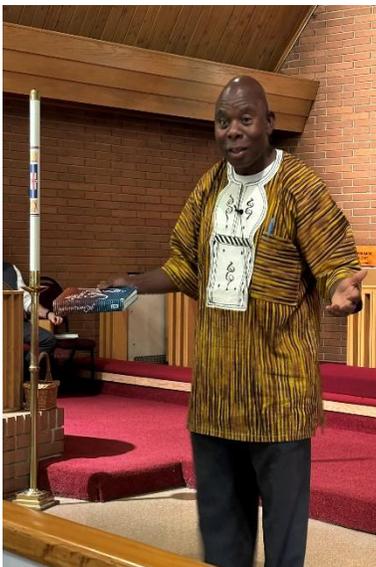
Biblical calligraphy artist Timothy Botts will be visiting Trinity Lutheran School on Friday, September 19, at 10 a.m. to talk to the students about

the beauty of God's Word, as he beautifully illustrates the verse of the year from Psalm 95 in a live art demo.

Please join us via livestream on Facebook @TrinityLombard or at TrinityLombard.org.

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BACK TO SCHOOL: IN LOMBARD AND LIBERIA...



**Tuesday,
September
30, 8:30 a.m.
Trinity's
Chapel
Service will
host Joe
Boway to
discuss the
Liberian**

Children's Ministry

We're back in school! And that means students have gathered all their school supplies for the new academic year. In our country, basic school supplies are inexpensive and readily available, but in Liberia school supplies are hard to come by – a luxury that is treasured and used carefully. Trinity will once again support missionary Joe Boway in his work of sharing the Good News of Jesus along with a good education to children in Africa. Joe began this

ministry with one school in Liberia, a country where children would have had little opportunity to learn to read, much less learn about Jesus.

Liberian Children's Ministry now operates 15 Lutheran schools serving more than 6,500 Liberian children. Trinity is collecting the following school supplies for Liberian Children's Ministry between now and September 29:

- spiral bound notebooks
- pencils
- new or gently used backpacks
- monetary gifts to help cover shipping costs (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church or enveloped cash should be clearly labeled LIBERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY and place in offering plate or delivered to Trinity's office – please submit by September 22)

Donated supplies may be placed in marked boxes located in the church fellowship hall and school entryway.

Please join us via livestream on Facebook @TrinityLombard or at TrinityLombard.org.

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. "

John 8:36



What do you do with your money?

It's a simple question. Maybe you pay bills, invest a little, set some aside for emergencies.

What do you do with God's money?

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." from James 1:17

The previous 50 words are brought to you by Trinity's Board of Stewardship

Submitted by:

Lori E. Solyom

If you're busy creating.....

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...Trinity's Holiday Craft Show is November 8. If you are interested in a sales booth at this busy, high traffic event, email events@trinitylombard.org or download an application at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/events-1>. Priority is given to Trinity families and/or individuals, but if you wish to participate, please let us now

right away. And if you are not planning on showcasing your wares at this holiday extravaganza, plan on volunteering AND holiday shopping.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Lombard
presents the 45th Annual
Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, November 8, 2025
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

homemade gifts - holiday trim - home décor
one of a kind jewelry - fashion accessories - inspirational items
sports fan must-haves - pet pleasers - toys and dolls
soaps, scents and skin care - unique art
Vendor Village & Pet Adoption Event

Roosevelt & Westmore-Meyers Roads - Lombard, IL 60148
TrinityLombard.org - 630.629.8765 - events@trinitylombard.org

Plenty of Parking - Concessions
Free Kids Korner - Resale Emporium



God Will Use Whom He Chooses, to be His Witness

Aug 17, 2025

It's time to get back to church

As summer draws to an end, it is my fervent prayer that the people of God will return back to the house of God. All across our nation many of our congregations have seen a decline in attendance. We have not regrouped after the pandemic, and at the same time, we have experienced so much pain and heartache throughout the land — including the violence which occurs every day throughout our country.

We need to come together and pray for our nation, as recorded in God's word, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We need healing in this land. The harvest is plenty, and the laborers are few. There are souls to be saved, and the people of God must be able to return to the house of God to gather for worship, praise, prayer and thanksgiving. This is God's church, and we are God's people, and we cannot stay away from God's holy place. This is the season by which God is calling us to gather for worship and spread the glad and good news that Jesus saves. He can touch the heart of those who are causing so much havoc and pain.

We need to come together and pray over our children as they prepare to return to school. There was a time when we saw our children going to college as a safe place. Violence is on the rise, and we as a people of God must seek God's face in these terrible times. The fall season will bring back many sports events and those arenas and stadiums will be full. What about the church? We cannot rely solely on social media, as important as it is. There is

nothing like being in the house of God where we are able to worship God in spirit and in truth, and gather with fellow believers, shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, encouraging and praying for each other.

Let us not become complacent but rather carry out the great commission that people will know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We need people with holy boldness to tell others about Jesus, that He saves, forgives and heals. These are breakthrough moments that will encourage us and remind us that God is still on the throne. There are many in the body of Christ who have experienced the grace of God and are compelled to tell others about the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

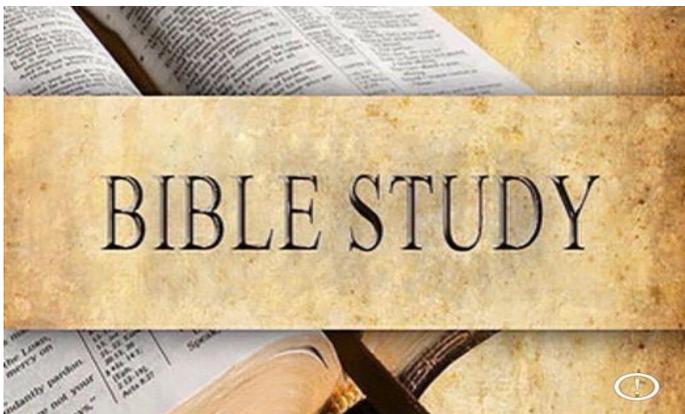
Let us as people of God change the news that church attendance is on the decline, or that the church has no power. Remember, this is God's church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. Let us come together and declare the mighty movement of God, and that God's church is still vibrant and open to all of God's people. Let's get back to church and lift up the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and declare to this world that we are God's people, and no weapon formed against us shall prosper. Let's have church.

Contributed by: R Thomas from the Philadelphia Tribune

*Edited for space

²"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselfes with Christ. ²⁸ *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹ *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* Galatians 3:26-29 NIV



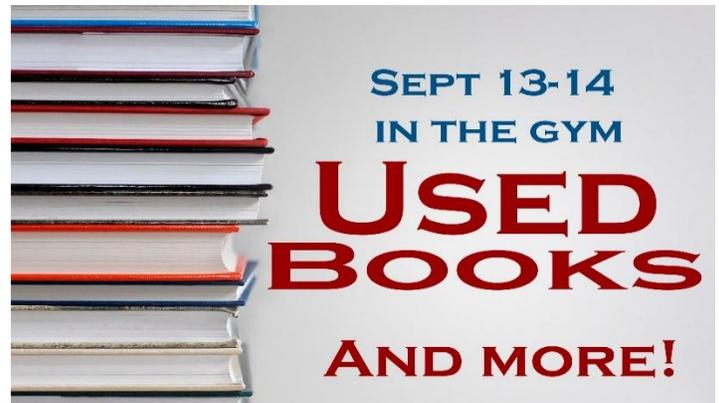
Studying God's Word together is important!

“Scripture reveals God’s answers. vision and intervention. What seems perplexing, is professed by faith, not by reason, yet couched in mystery, and is not always palpable. We cannot intellectually understand how Baptism begets faith, yet we believe. We cannot comprehend the incomparable beauty of heaven, yet we see. We yearn to approach the heavenly Father, unencumbered by the weight of sin and confusion. Jesus provides clarity in His mercy, sufficient to instill within us true repentance, sincere faith and compassionate service, “

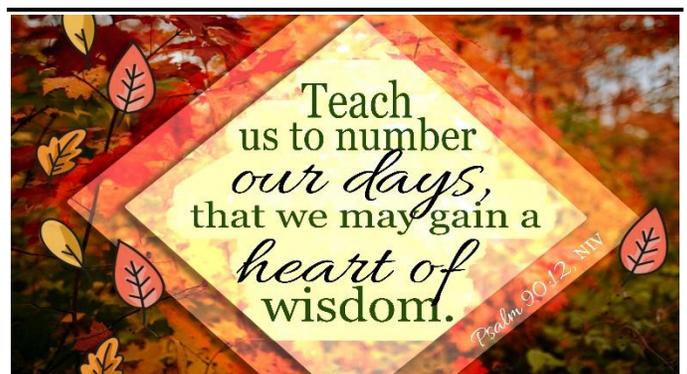
IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS, 9:15 a.m., opens with coffee, treats, and fellowship in the parish hall, with study beginning at 9:30 a.m.. **We hope you will join us.**

Wednesday evening online Bible Study is at 6 p.m. Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. *You can interact online as the study is going on. All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook. You can also view it on the internet

Reminder



TRINITY'S USED BOOK SALE will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14, in the school gym. In addition to books we will have CDs, DVDs, or puzzles for sale. Invite your friends. (Sneak Peek Sale Friday, September 12 for Trinity members only.) More details to follow. If you have books, CDs, DVDs, or puzzles to **DONATE**, please bring them to the church office





There is no break from need in the summer.

Our Trinity family generously provides for it's neighbors in need.

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.

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 through St Pius X Catholic Church and York Township. Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

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

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. Thank you. Send

,via text or email to vinjud60@yahoo.com

Questions ... call or text - Editor, Judy Cuchetto (630) 698-2208 at any time.

Looking Ahead

**Saturday
October 25**

**Trinity
Lutheran
School & Church**
1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd
(NE corner at Roosevelt)
Lombard, IL

FREE!

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

9 - 11:30 A.M.
PLAY SOME GAMES - GET SOME CANDY
SHOW OFF THOSE COSTUMES

Enjoy
FREE GAMES, & ACTIVITIES
PLEASE bring donations of
nonperishable foods and
paper good for area food pantries

TLSLombard.org - TrinityLombard.org