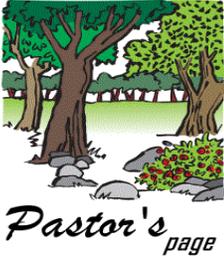


News from the

September 2022



Pews

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 child. 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 of 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.

Once again, this is why our church is so important to us. 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 of your sin. Jesus is the One and only one who gives you eternal life, and Jesus leads you through the joys and pitfalls of this life. The world would swallow all of us up without Jesus, but He is here for each of us in Word and Sacrament. So, this school year, please remember the one thing necessary for families and 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

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:19



Welcome

Scheduled services

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and live-streamed

7 p.m. In-person only

Bible Study on Sundays

is at **10:30** in the Sanctuary – No class on Sept. 4 & 11th. Enjoy Coffee & after church services and prior to Bible Study.

NOTE: The church/school office hours have returned to: 8:00 am – 3:30 pm M-F

Guidelines are still in place for in person worship:

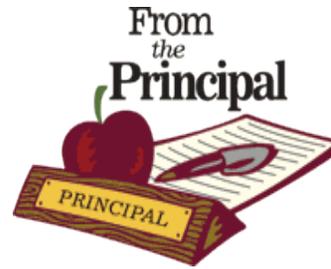
- ...**Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into church if you are unvaccinated**
- ...No mask is required while seated on the left side (lectern) of the sanctuary.
- ...Please leave masks in place if seated on the right (Pulpit) side of the sanctuary.
- ...Sit in alternating pews as marked on the pulpit side, not required on the lectern side.
- ...Help yourself to the Order of Worship
- ...Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

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).

Facebook:

If you missed joining Trinity online for church this (or any) weekend, you can still take part. Relive the Sunday morning services, find the orders of worship, along with easy to share video and audio versions of the sermons at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>. You'll find recent online Bible study videos there too.

Services and Bible classes air live on Facebook @TrinityLombard (<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>) and can also be viewed live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/>. Worship is online each Sunday morning at 9 am.



The 2022-2023 school year is in full swing. The students started with a half day Wednesday, August 17th, with the

opening chapel by Pastor Wagner. Third grade students were presented their Bibles at the end of the service. The staff received their National Lutheran School Accreditation certificate and the Kaleidoscope Grant through Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), that was applied for last May. The grant is to increase Community Involvement and Outreach through a variety of activities. Keep an eye out for the upcoming activities!

Parent Information Night, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m., will allow parents to learn about upcoming school events and the school improvement goal for the year and meet with their student's teachers. Parents, if you are unable to attend, please reach out to your student's teacher to learn about classroom expectations and how you can support your students learning this school year.

The Charger's Challenge is a 5K Walk/Run on September 17th to benefit the school's Music Program. Sign-up to participate or support your favorite student. There will be prizes for the top fundraiser. If you can help on the morning of the event, PwTL would love to have you volunteer. Please contact the PwTL: pwtl@tislombard.org

Upcoming Events:

- September 7
- Parent Information Night @ 6:30 in the Church
- September 17

– Charger's Challenge (5k Walk/Run) to support the Music Program

→ September 25 – Students Sing in Church Blessings,

Julie Messina, Principal
7th & 8th grade Teacher
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630.627.5601, ext. 205

Surge, Peace Tea, Coke with Coffee, and Coke Energy.

All Coca-Cola Give donations go directly to school administration for use at their discretion. Any donation that a school receives from the program can be used to purchase supplies for extra-curricular activities including sports, technology, art and/or school supplies within your school. Please give to this fund raising event as you enjoy Coca Cola products!

The Next Generation



Collecting lids for School

This year we are collecting Coca-Cola Rewards to raise funds to help support the school. Please collect Coke Product lids and

scan them yourself or turn them into the bin in Parish Hall. Parents, you can send the lids to school with your student. If you buy Coke Product cans, they have a code inside the box; please tear the code out and submit it online or turn it into the designated location in Parish Hall. You can sign up at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give> to donate to Trinity. You will scroll to the Donate to Local Schools section and enter Trinity Lutheran School, 60148. If you are doing this on a computer this on a computer, you need to enter the school's name and zip code for every code entered. You can also download the Coca-Cola App. You select the rewards tab and scroll down to Support Your Local School. There is a donate button you click, and then you click donate to your Local School, enter Trinity Lutheran School, 60148, and proceed to enter codes. Please feel free to drop off the lids in Parish Hall. Coca-Cola Products List: Coke, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Powerade, Mello Yellow, Dasani, AHA, Barq's, Fresca, Smart Water, Fuze, Pibb Xtra, Seagram's, Honest,



A perfect witness to the blessings received... life-long friendships and an awesome education. These are two of the most powerful reasons to choose Trinity for your child's Pre-school thru Eight grade education.

The start of the school year is always exciting, but this year is extra special to me. I met my two best friends in 3 year old preschool at Trinity in 1994. Now, almost 30 years later, each of their eldest children are starting preschool at Trinity, where I am a teacher. They will be in my 4 year old class next year! I can't wait to see them start to build lifelong friendships as I did as a Trinity student many years ago. Fun facts: one of them is also my goddaughter and the other is Miss Kraegel's great nephew! Trinity is a family ♡

Rachel LaMontagna
Preschool
Early childhood Extended Care
Program Coordinator

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

Proverbs 22:6

BACK TO SCHOOL: IN LOMBARD AND LIBERIA...



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 Lutheran schools serving over 3,000 Liberian children.



Joe Boway will be the guest at Trinity's school chapel service on Wednesday,

October 12, at 8:40 a.m. (Central). Please join us **in person** or via livestream on Facebook @TrinityLombard or at TrinityLombard.org.

Trinity is collecting the following school supplies for Liberian Children's Ministry between now and October 9:

- spiral bound notebooks, 40 or 70 sheets
- 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 October 9)

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS...

Trinity's Sunday morning church services are at 9 a.m. Following services, there's a time of fellowship - and then... It's Bible hour.

Sunday, September 11, Sunday school and Adult Bible class commence with a special focus on Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries.

In the sanctuary, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Deaconess Lori

Trinche visits Adult Bible class to share about the life affirming work of the ministry behind the



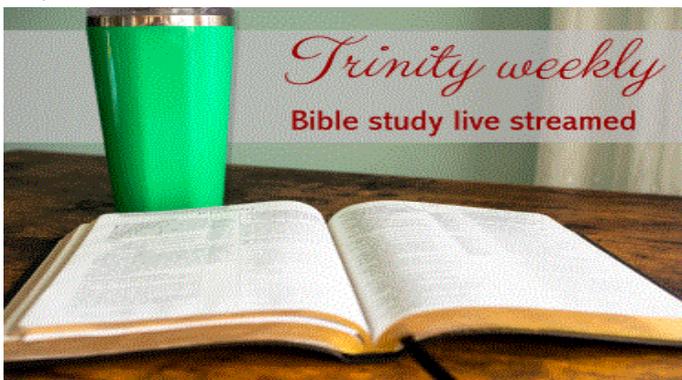
Northern Illinois District's new maternity home.



Sunday school meets in the parish hall, and is geared to children aged 3 through 8th grade.

High school students are welcome to attend Adult Bible class or serve as helping hands with Sunday school.

Studying God's Word together is important!

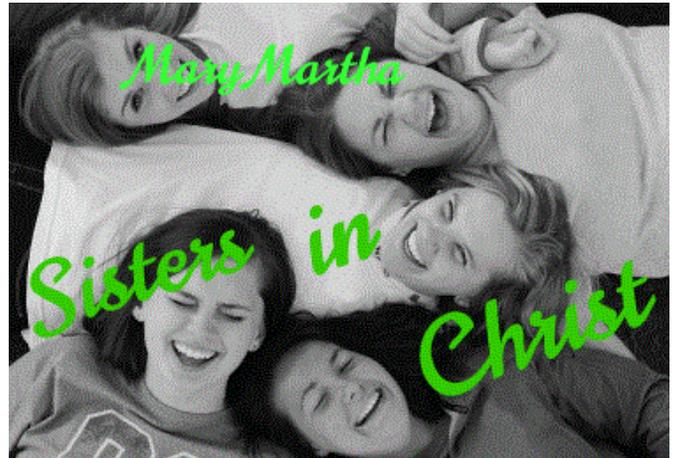


Wednesday morning in-person bible study is on a summer break and will resume at a date to be announced.

Pastor offers Online Bible Study, **Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE** on Facebook [@trinitylombard](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylombard) .

Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. *You can interact online as the study is going on. You can also view it on the internet using www.TrinityLombard.org

* All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook



Mary/Martha extends an invitation to all women to gather together to engage in either a bible study, a project or simply fellowship. The 1st Thursday of each month.

Mary/Martha hosted a Salad Supper on September 1st, to start off another season of evenings of fun and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Projected events for Mary/Martha & LWML gatherings, :

OctoberLWML getting an understanding of the work of the Lutheran Women in Mission (Lutheran Women's Missionary League), along with a bible Study called, IN THE FATHER'S ARMS - Understanding Forgiveness in the Scriptures. Dessert and treats provided.

November.....Craft Show (more tba)

December.....Christmas Gathering

JanuarySouper Bowl

February.....Mission Outreach
 March.....Easter Project
 April.....Curbside Coffee Project
 May.....National Day of Prayer
 June.....Summer Supper

All women of Trinity are considered a part of Mary/Martha and LWML. There is no membership, just an invitation to gather together as sisters in Christ's name.

You are personally invited to come and enjoy a time of friendship.

For more information, or any questions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764



**Lutheran Women's
 Missionary League -
 Northern Illinois District**
**September 23 @ 1:00
 pm - September 24 @ 3:30 pm**
**Holiday Inn & Suites – Carol
 Stream, Carol Stream, IL, 60188**
Theme: Take Heart

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Keynote Speaker:



Deb Burma
 CHRISTIAN AUTHOR & SPEAKER

**76th LWML NID Convention
 Celebrating 85 Years of Mission
 Work**

Join us as we TAKE HEART in

- Gifts of the Heart to benefit Family in Faith Food Pantry, Glendale Heights
- Servant Event— Messages for Missionaries
- BIBLE STUDY by Deb Burma
- Worship with Singing led by Lana Gibbons
- Inspiration on Mission Work that has been done by our mites and Electing new Mite Grants
- Meet Debbie Larson, LWML President
- IN PERSON FELLOWSHIP

Lutheran Women in Mission



*Mite boxes support ministries world-wide!
 Here are some of the National grants:*

2021–2023 Mission Grants

Each month we will highlight one of the grants approved at the last LWML convention.

Trinity's M/M LWML hosted Rev Donkoh on



August 13th in the Parish Hall. Rev Donkoh wanted to graciously thank the NID women for the grant that will be helping spread the gospel thru the women in Ghana, as they learn to read and raise their children to know God's mercy and love.



**Rev. John Donkoh
President of the
Lutheran Church of
Ghana & Pastor
Wagner**

Two Pastors, living worlds apart have the same goal – which is to bring the Word of God to the people.

Greetings, Trinity members and friends:



on November 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard and hope you can join us.

We are excited about the upcoming 2022 **Holiday Craft Show**



While it is true that we are just heading out of summer, this is the time of year we start making preparations for this annual holiday extravaganza. We'd love for you to be involved in any of the following ways:

1. **Volunteer with us!** We need people to help set up in the few days before the show, clean up after the show closes, and serve during the event - as greeters, parking coordinators, kid kraft supervisors, kitchen helpers, cashiers, watchers, runners, and helpers. No special talents are required and there are tasks for every level of ability.
2. **Donate crafts and resale items.** Beginning mid-October, we will begin welcoming donations of crafted pieces, and items for resale. Popular items include household decor, games, toys, books, craft and hobby supplies, accessories, small furnishings, and holiday gifts, tableware, and ornaments. No clothing please.
3. **Donate baked goods, wrapped for sale.** These can be brought to Trinity in the few days prior to the event.
4. **Participate as a crafter or vendor.** If you, a family member, coworker, neighbor, or friend, would like to show off, promote, and sell your handiwork or your business, please read on...

You may download an application here: <https://tinyurl.com/LOMBARDCRAFTAPP22>. You are welcome to share this

invitation with other crafty friends, quality vendors, or animal charity groups.

If you would like to participate, please submit your form by one of the following methods...

-Via mail with check enclosed to: Trinity Lutheran Church, attn. Craft Show, 1165 S. Westmore-Meyers Road, Lombard, IL 60148

-Via email to events@trinitylombard.org check may be mailed or dropped off – BUT we must have payment to hold your space) **Make check or money order payable to MARY MARTHA GUILD.** Please note that we must limit the number of participants in order to provide a healthy amount of space around each booth. To guarantee your inclusion, please submit payment with application. ***When spaces are filled, we will cease to accept any more applications, though you may request to be on a waiting list.***

Email events@trinitylombard.com, call or text 630.715.7764, or let the Trinity office know that you are willing to volunteer.

Vendor Village is a special area dedicated to quality vendors of kitchen items, wardrobe accessories, beauty needs, and more. ***We will only accept one distributor per brand and will take the first application submitted with payment.***



A ***pet adoption event*** will be presented by participating animal charities.

To help ensure a successful show for all

involved, we advertise in the local paper, promote online, post flyers around town, place yard signs along area roads, and hang a large banner and eye-catching pennants during the week leading up to the craft fair.

Blessings,
Trinity Lutheran Church
Mary Martha Guild
events@trinitylombard.org
630.629.8765



“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:8

A Boy asked his Father:- Dad what is the size of GOD?
Then the Father looked up at the Sky and saw a Plane and asked his Son:- What is the size of this Plane?
The Boy replied:- it is very small. I can hardly see it. Then, the father took him to the airport and as they approached a plane, he asked: - Now, my Son, how big is this Plane?
The boy replied:- Wow dad, it's huge!
Then the father told him:- GOD's size depends on how close or far you are to him. The closer you are to him, the Greater and Greater he will be in your life!

*Billie Renee Edmonds

Have you experienced this? When talking to a baby, there is a game that is often played called, How big is baby? Taking the baby's hands and spreading their arms wide while saying, "How big is baby?" and then, "So big!".

That's enough about size for an infant. And it's enough to elicit giggles and joy. That game or understanding of size would not however, interest a 5th grader, who often wants to go on the biggest ride at great America and can't wait to be the right weight and height. Size is more important as we grow older, and we begin measuring things from a different perspective. How big is my paycheck, will it provide for my family, or ... and this is a big one ... how big the obstacles are that you might see yourself confronted with. If we have a relationship with God, we come to believe that He is big enough to bring us through any obstacle we encounter. Taking note on all of the struggles that God has individually brought you through, you can envision what the Dad was trying to explain to his son. The closer you are to God, the greater he will be in your life.

Those life experiences that God brings you through make up your personal witness of the question ... "What is the size of God?". And when you can tell another person how God is big enough, you glorify Him in that witness.

Rest in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,
Board of Evangelism

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your

God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

THE 1% SOLUTION



We've heard that good stewardship involves giving of your time talents, and treasure. So, we volunteer and check off the TIME box...but have we considered THE 1%

SOLUTION?

THE 1% SOLUTION is a simple way to help us manage our time well and ensure that our priorities line up with God's desire for us to be lifelong disciples.

THE 1% SOLUTION encourages us to dedicate just 1% of your time to the spiritual welfare of you and your family.

Each day we live is a gift from the Lord. And He gives each of us the same amount of time each day: 1,440 minutes.

Will you use 14 of those minutes, just 1% of the time the Lord has given you each day, to read the Bible and pray? If we do that, we are spending 1% of every day in God's Word and Prayer.

If you get the full recommended eight hours of sleep each night, that leaves 112 waking hours per week.

Will you spend just 1% of those hours to attend church each week, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts of Word and Sacrament? If we do that, we are spending 1% of each week in God's House, where He promises to be.

Today, you are invited to dedicate 1% of your day and 1% of your week to God.

Trinity's Board of Stewardship invites you to try THE 1% SOLUTION.

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." from Ephesians 5:14-17

Best Regards,

Lori E. Solyom
Board of Stewardship Chair
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A Great Day to Praise God

Trinity was blessed with good weather to have an out door church service on August 21st.



Afterward, a Picnic served indoors was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who brought food to share and those who prepared hot dogs and brats that were generously donated. And, all who helped by setting up and cleaning up.



The day of the outdoor service and picnic, a blood drive was sponsored by the Board of Evangelism in the church parking lot.



Thank you to all who volunteered either donating blood or helping facilitate the blood drive. Versiti Blood Center came equipped to serve and efficiently managed the donations.

God provided a beautiful day that was enjoyed by 100 people praising His name.

Thank you to Principal Julie Messina and Pastor Wagner for spearheading and planning the day.



Blessed For Life

"... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2

2022 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE – BLESSED FOR LIFE

- Blessed with the gift of life.
- Blessed by God for one's entire life.
- Blessed to be a blessing to others.

Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference

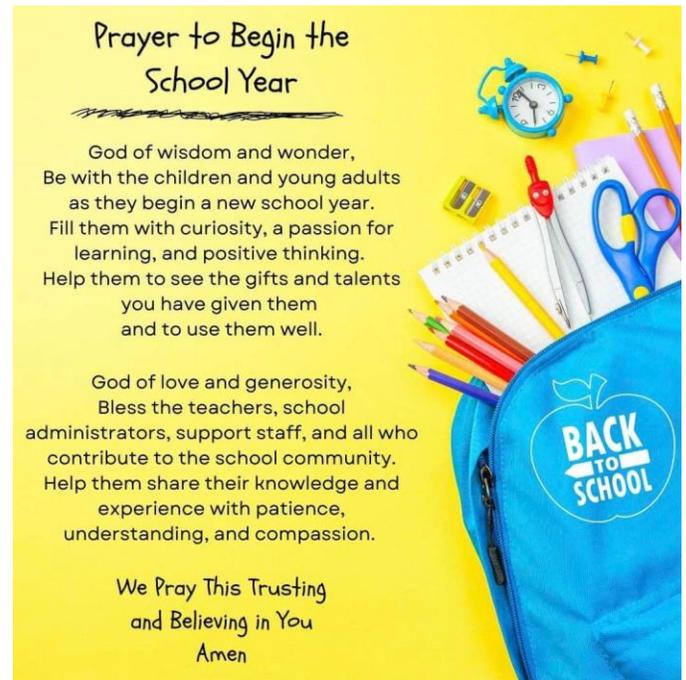
October 21-22 | All day Friday until Saturday
at noon.

Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities)

Speakers include: Melissa Ohden | Jeanne
Mancin | Steve Deace

Conference Registration

LFL Members: \$125 | Non-Members: \$150
Students: \$25 | Children 12 and under: FREE
[Registration online – go to LFL website](#)



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