

Pews



This month is the beginning of Lent. The theme for Lent, as stated in the book of Joel, could be summed up as “Return to the Lord.” The point is that we need to return to the Lord, because sin has separated us from Him. And that is not a good thing.

Lent is not a pleasant time in the church calendar, but is a very important time, nevertheless. We’ve gone through Advent, which was a time of anticipation of the coming of Jesus. Then we had Christmas, when Jesus actually came. That was followed by Epiphany, which revealed to us that Jesus, who came to us at Christmas, was in fact God in the flesh.

So now that we know who Jesus is, Lent then shows us our need of Him. Being separated from God by sin, leads to devastating consequences. God is the only source of life, of love, and of joy. So, our sin leaves us by nature oriented towards death, hate, and pain. Lent then calls us to recognize the reality of our sinfulness, and its horrific implications, and thus seeing our need returns us to the Lord.

But the million dollar question is: how can I/we return to the Lord? This is a big problem, because on our own, we not only can’t return to the Lord, we don’t want to. This shows us the importance of Christ the Savior. We can only return to the Lord by God’s power, through the Holy Spirit, and on the basis of Christ’s

death and resurrection. *Sin* is a major problem, but **Jesus** is the answer. After spending 40 days in Lent, all of us are reminded of our sinfulness and its seriousness, we are told during Holy Week of our means of salvation – Jesus dying and rising for us.

So, during Lent, let’s pray for the Holy Spirit to lead each of us into deeper and more meaningful self-reflection. Pray for the power to recognize our sin, repent, and believe in the promise of God to save. Lent is about reality – the reality for each of us, of our sinfulness, and the reality of God’s love for us in Christ Jesus! Have a blessed March and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 20:12-13



Regularly Scheduled

In person services

9 a.m. Sundays

In person &
live-
streamed

7 p.m. Mondays

In-person only

Mark your calendar for special services:

Ash Wednesday Services: March 2, 2022 – 1* & 7 p.m. (*Central*)

Midweek Lenten Services:

March 9, 2022 – 1* p.m. (*Central*)

March 16, 2022 – 1* p.m. (*Central*)

March 23, 2022 – 1* p.m. (*Central*)

March 30, 2022 – NO SERVICE

April 6, 2022 – 1* p.m. (*Central*)

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday Services: April 14, 2022 – 1* & 7 p.m. (*Central*)

Good Friday Services: April 15, 2022 – 1* & 7 p.m. (*Central*)

Easter Sunday Services: April 17, 2022 – 7* & 9 a.m. (*Central*)

** in-person and livestreamed services*

Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. (In person, in Sanctuary) Coffee & will resume after church services. We are studying the book of Acts. No Bible study on Easter Sunday.

Guidelines 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

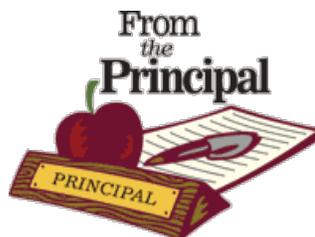
the right (Pulpit) side of the sanctuary.
...Please sit in alternating pews as marked
...Help yourself to the Order of Worship
...Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

The 9 a.m. service continues to be livestreamed on [Facebook @TrinityLombard](#) and on Trinity's website at [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.



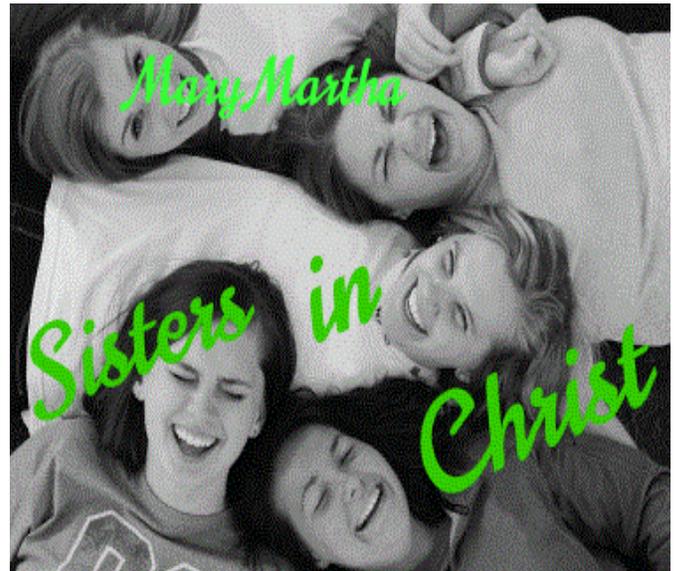
MONDAY TO FRIDAY, MARCH 7 TO 11: LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

- Trinity Lutheran School is starting their Spring Garden "Kids Just Want to Have Fun" PWTL/Youth Group Fundraiser.
- We have all been cooped up for the past two years, it's time to start thinking about families and friends getting together to

connect and have fun in an education and exciting way. The funds raised from this fundraiser will help support these amazing events.

- Our goal is to raise \$2,000.
- Please share the link below with family and friends to help get their spring started with some amazing plants and flowers.
- The fundraiser begins now and will close March 25.
- <https://shop.giveandgarden.com/spring-garden-fundraiser-181.html#!/Seller/226>

.Blessings,
Julie Messina
Principal
7th & 8th Grade Teacher
Trinity Lutheran School, Lombard, IL
JMessina@trinitylombard.org 630-627-5601
ext. 205



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

In the March gathering, we put together Easter greeting cards for our family of Homebound loved ones.

The April, Mary/Martha gathering will be held on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym kitchen. We will be putting together a coffee cart and treats for a "Curbside Coffee" which will be delivered to school parents in their cars as they drop off the students at school on Friday morning that week.

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.

To RSVP or for more information on directions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764



Ages 3 thru 8th grade

Sunday School

Sunday School
We meet in the parish hall following Sunday's

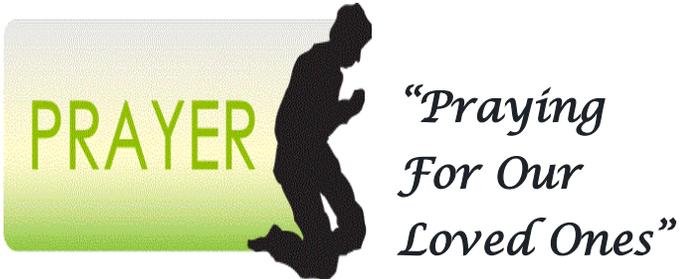
services.

All are welcome. Invite a friend to join you.

Lori E. Solyom
Sunday School Superintendent
630.640.0426
lorisolyom@gmail.com

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16



Dear Friends,

We as Christians know the truth, that receiving the gift of salvation is the most precious gift we will ever receive. We know that it is only through belief in our heart and confession with our mouth, that we can be saved. When you have a loved one that has not been saved though, it can be heartbreaking to think that the only place you will know that loved one is here on earth, and not in eternal life with our Savior. Christ calls us pray so that our loved ones would know Him and come to salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit. But sometimes it is hard to find the words to say or even the words to pray.

To help you begin your prayer journey on behalf of your loved ones, we offer this prayer to pray.

Jesus Christ, You laid down your life on the cross for me so that my sins would be forgiven. You endured much pain and humiliation so that I would have eternal life. I pray that my loved one(s), who has (have) not yet received the gift of eternal life, will be called to faith through Your Holy Spirit and get to understand Your word and to know how selfless You are. Open

the eyes of their heart to see the love You have for them. Weaken their dependence on their own power and let them call out to You. Amen

May you be refreshed in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,
Board of Evangelism

Lutheran Women in Mission



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

2021–2023 Mission Grants

8. [Light of Christ in Eastern Europe](#) — Mission Central, \$56,000 — Featured March 2022
9. [Propelling the Gospel](#) — LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
10. [Educating Pastors in Africa](#) — Mission Central, \$100,000
11. [Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion](#) — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000
12. [Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania](#) — Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
13. [Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia](#) — Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000

14. [Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People](#) — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000 **PAID IN FULL**

15. [The Littlest and Least of These, Dallas, Texas](#) — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, \$42,000 — **PAID IN FULL**
This was featured last month

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

March Focus: We put the spotlight on.....
LWML Mission Grant #13 for the 2021–2023 biennium, **Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia**, \$100,000.



A Kazakh woman and her daughter learn about Jesus through Christian resources, such as booklets

and Bible story activity books for children from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Mother's meet with the children. This may be the only opportunity for them to hear about Jesus as Savior in Mongolia. At Lutheran Hour Ministries' Women's Listener groups meet in relative safety. This may be the first time they have heard about Jesus.

Children who do not know Jesus learn Bible stories, interactive games, and songs through our Christian teaching.

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has an opportunity to expand its mission outreach of the Gospel to the Kazakh women and children in Mongolia, a non-Christian country. The Kazakh people are nominally Muslim and the country of Mongolia is largely Buddhist with a less than one percent Christian population. Through widely-accepted Women's Listener groups, religious broadcasts, and Christian resources in the Kazakh language, family members and relatives will be impacted by the Gospel in their homes. LHM has the media expertise to ensure the Gospel message is brought to a region where the populations have not heard the Gospel. Christian resources are being distributed, including Bible studies and booklets translated into the Kazakh language, as well as into Mongolian, the main language of the region.

Please join LWML in supporting this mission grant. Your mites can be contributed toward the grants at any time.

- Use an LWML Mite box for cash or checks (Mite boxes are located on the back table in church) you can put the whole box in the big mite box and take another box.

Or

Make a check out to Mary Martha and designate it for LWML and put it in the basket for contributions.

NID LWML Convention Grants for 2021-2023

Twenty-five percent of all of the LWML mite contributions made, go to each local District. For our area it is the NID (Northern Illinois District). A separate convention is held in each district, in addition to the National Convention. Each district then votes on the grants submitted for that convention year.

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

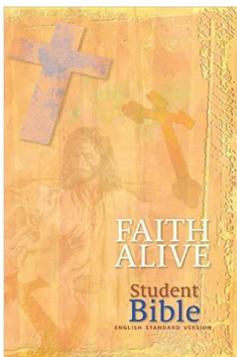
Colossians 3:23, 24

have Jimmy John’s sandwiches, eat delicious chocolate chip cookies and brownies and have a lot of snacks. Oh yes, and play Trivia4Bibles.



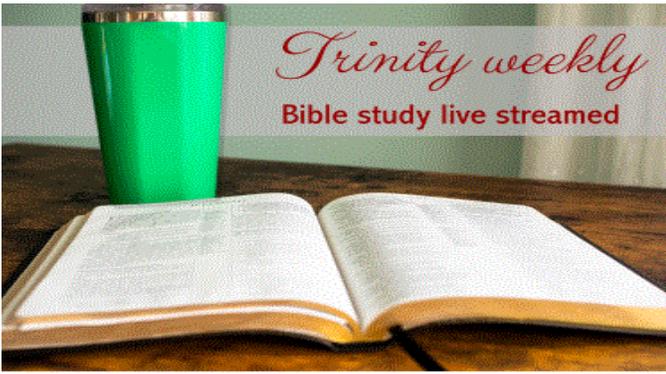
A huge thank you to everyone who helped with, participated in, or contributed to Trivia4Bibles. We raised enough money to purchase 25 new Faith Alive Bibles. If you would like to still contribute, just place an envelope in the offering or mail and designate it for Bibles. Thank you again!

Thanks from Trinity’s Board of Stewardship



Trivia Question...What did the Trinity Family do Sunday, Feb 20, for fun?

They got together for an afternoon, sponsored by Thrivent...to laugh,



Studying God's Word together is important!

Wednesday morning Bible study in-person is in the sanctuary 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with coffee and at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Wednesdays 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 [TrinityLombard.org](https://www.TrinityLombard.org)

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

Trinity Lutheran Church 2022 Commitment Drive: March 6 - April 3

Your gifts are the blessing that allows Trinity to serve members and the community. To help Trinity establish a reasonable budget and anticipate church income for the coming Fiscal Year (July 2022 – June 2023), you are asked to please estimate your expected weekly gift to Trinity and confidentially share that information via email or postal mail no later than April 3. This is in lieu of Trinity's traditional Commitment Sunday, providing a convenient way to submit financial commitments to Trinity.

You are also welcome, to place these commitments in the offering plate.

Trinity asks you to prayerfully consider your level of giving as we recognize that, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17)

We are seeking the answers to the following questions.

Your answers will be confidentially processed by one or two members of Trinity's Board of Stewardship for the sole purpose of anticipating and estimating congregational giving for the coming year.

- What is your weekly gift commitment to Trinity for the year running from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023?
- Are you answering as an individual, or on behalf of a couple, or a family with more than two adults?
- Would you like to receive a boxed set of offering envelopes?
- Would you like help in becoming an online giver to Trinity?

Please respond via email to mycommitment@trinitylombard.org, or mail My Commitment, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148, or place in the offering plate. Your commitments will be confidentially processed with anonymous totals used for budget purposes.

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Blessings in Christ,
Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Stewardship

Recipes coming from the Pews – Recipes or suggestions about food from our "church family" are welcome. If you have anything you'd like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your ideas or your requests.

Sloppy Joe



Recipes Passed Down

This recipe is from a cashier at Target. Janet asked me (Judy Cuchetto) what I was cooking for supper. I told her I was going to try to make Sloppy Joe. She wrote out this recipe on a little tablet she had in her pocket.



Ingredient Checklist:

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1/3 cup chili sauce
- 1/3 cup catsup
- 1 scoop mild picante sauce

Here's how to make it:

Step 1

Brown and crumble the ground meat

Step 2

Add in all the rest of the ingredients. Add water as needed

Step 3

You can continue cooking in a large frying pan on the stove or transfer it to a slow cooker on low until you're ready to serve it. Janet said of the recipe, "It's really simple."

I had said I was glad to see her back after her hip surgery, and that I had been praying for her. She said, "Thank you, I know you were. It helped a lot."

On the bottom of the page that she handed me was the printed verse, John 3:16.

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 or call 800.847.4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



WE'RE ACCERATING REQUESTS FOR FOOD DONATIONS, DUE TO THE GREAT NEED!

Between now and Easter, we hope to help fill the food pantry shelves to overflowing, because the need continues to grow. What better time to show our love and gratitude to our risen Savior than by answering His call to help our neighbor. We ask, once again, that you make an extra effort to help. Canned goods, staples such as any pasta, breakfast cereal, crackers, etc.

Thank you for your continued support in restocking the Pantries at St Pius – St Vincent DePaul, York Center and First Bethlehem. Reaching out in this tangible way to show the love of Christ is a blessing to many who have been struggling.

St Pius pantry hours are:

- Mon and Fri 9 a.m. - noon
- Wed 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Sat 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Ron and Dawn Tyler continue as faithful caretakers of our food pantry and will be more than happy to pick up your donations if bringing them to church is a problem for you.

"And they will know we are Christians by our love".



Thrivent Choice Dollars - Deadline March 31

Eligible Thrivent Financial members earn Choice Dollars which may be directed to Trinity

Updates &...

The Lord receives His own!

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Lloyd Liese



5/22/1934 - 2/19/2022

In celebration of the eternal life of Lloyd Liese, who was a former 7th & 8th grade teacher and organist at Trinity Lutheran church and School, here at Trinity in Lombard.

Lloyd passed away on February 19 at Chateau Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Willowbrook, IL. He is survived by his wife Joanne and five children. Lift them up in prayer.

Lloyd was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Brimfield, IL. His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2022, at Zion Lutheran Church, Hinsdale, IL. Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 14, 2022, also at the church.

1 Peter 1:3

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

Rev. Elton Norman Heimsoth



1933 - 2022

Pastor Heimsoth was called home on March 2, 2022. God has opened the door for one of His precious, faithful servants. Heaven will rejoice, even as the many who loved him will grieve. Thank You Lord for allowing Pastor Heimsoth to serve Trinity's congregation for all of the years that he did so. Bless his faithful wife Carol. She had always been a wonderful example of a Pastor's wife. Keep her safe. Let her know she is loved. Lift up Carol, and all of the family during their journey.

A funeral service is planned for Saturday, March 12, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 215 S. Lincoln St, Lombard, IL. Rev. Heimsoth will lie in state for visitation that day at 9:30 a.m. The wake is on Friday, March 11, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Brust Funeral Home, 135 S. Main, Lombard, IL.

Midwest Center for Hope & Healing: Christian Counseling - a few steps away

Would you or your family benefit from Christian counseling? Whether you struggle with stress and anxiety, are trying to overcome depression or substance abuse, or think you might need support while coping with the loss of a loved one, or if you are dealing with financial strains, infidelity, or communication issues in relationships, you do not have to feel alone. Midwest Center for Hope & Healing offers a full range of in-person and teletherapy counseling services.

Trained and experienced licensed counselors are available with offices at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard, Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, and in Oak Brook. Call 630.560.1100 or visit <https://mchhcounseling.com>

THERE IS HOPE...

If time alone leaves you struggling with feelings of depression, guilt, grief, anger or regret and there's an abortion in your past, **Word of Hope** can help. Word of Hope offers confidential counseling, support, resources and referrals for anyone dealing with the after-effects of an abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief over an abortion, call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org. It's caring and completely confidential.

Directory of Info:

Ways of giving:

God's blessings to benefit the kingdom work of Trinity Lutheran Church and School...

- o **Empower Illinois** – a gift made to Trinity Lutheran School through this Invest in Kids program can earn you a 75% Illinois tax credit
- o **Amazon Smile** – select Trinity as your designated charity and a small percentage of everything you buy comes back to Trinity
- o **Shop with Scrip** – gift cards purchased physically or online return varying percentages to Trinity, while you get the full face value of what you spend
- o Thrivent Choice Dollars earned in 2021 must be directed before the **end of March 2022**
- o Employer matching gifts
- o Tax deductible charitable giving
- o Required Minimum Distributions/Qualified Charitable Distributions
- o Planned Giving/Legacy Gifts

If you have questions or need assistance in making charitable gifts to Trinity, please reach out to Trinity's office at 630.629.8765

or secretary@trinitylombard.org and the Board of Stewardship can connect you with a variety of helpful giving resources

Ongoing gifting opportunities:



1200 Roosevelt Rd #114, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
[\(630\) 493-1340](tel:6304931340)

Caring Network has been used by God to save many thousands of lives!

Their goal: We work to honor and glorify Jesus Christ, the author and creator of life, by bringing His love and compassion to abortion minded women and equipping them to choose life – both physical and spiritual.

“For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”
John 3:17

You can give to them directly or through your offerings.



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 to vinjud60@yahoo.com.

Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions.

Questions...call or text - Judy Cuchetto
630.698.2208 at any time.