

News

from the Pews

November 2024



Pastor's Page

November is here and Thanksgiving comes to mind as the kickoff of the holiday season. Because it comes near the end of the month, and as we see the leaves turning colors and the air gets crisper, we also think of Thanksgiving as the bridge between the mild weather of fall and the cold weather of winter. Then almost immediately after feasting on that great turkey dinner, the start of the shopping season for Christmas begins.

But, as often is the case, we can tend to look past the true meaning of this holiday. The premise of Thanksgiving is to set aside time for us to stop and reflect on all that we have in our lives, and to be thankful for what we have. The tradition itself goes all the way back to the understanding of the pilgrims as being thankful for arriving safely in North America, beginning a new life, and having freedom of worship.

What does Thanksgiving have to do with Christianity and God? Well, even though Thanksgiving is not an official date in the Church calendar, it is a holiday that is acknowledged in many congregations, including ours. It makes sense when we focus our "Thanksgiving" the holiday, as a day to give thanks to God as the giver of all that we have. When we say we give thanks, it is an arbitrary word unless we acknowledge to whom we give thanks to? Acknowledging God the Father as the creator, giver, and sustainer of all gives Thanksgiving a distinctly Christian perspective.

No matter how difficult things are for any of us, there is always someone who is struggling more than we are. God tells us to be thankful for what we do have as opposed to bemoaning what we don't have. AND when we consider what God has given to us verses what we deserve by nature, then we can be very thankful for God's unmerited mercy and grace.

So, let's celebrate Thanksgiving this year with great joy. Spend it with the people you are most thankful for. Count your blessings. Be thankful for what you have. But please let us together, also make sure that as we celebrate, we are sure to give God the glory as that source of all that we have. And please make time to worship Him as part of your festivities. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, have a great November, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen". Romans 11:36



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and
livestreamed

MONDAY NIGHT weekly services are at **6pm.**

Enjoy Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays.

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Class follows fellowship, unless otherwise noted

SUNDAY SCHOOL, following the service & Fellowship time in the Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets, with 9:15 coffee in the Parish Hall, Study to begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE LIVE BIBLE STUDY 6PM

TRINITY'S OFFICE HOURS: 8 am to 3:30 pm. Questions? Call 630.629.8765 or email secretary@trinitylombard.org

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6 p.m.

Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day Service 9 a.m.

Push back clocks November 3

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

Find the 9 a.m. orders of worship, 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/>



Principal's Page

Our Chargers Volleyball and cross-country teams have finished their seasons. Both teams finished strong. They might not have won all their competitions, but they always showed true Christian sportsmanship.

Our Volleyball team was coached by Mr. Justin Allegretti. Teams member were Sophia Garcia, Angelina Iverson, Damian Gomez, Ava Harrison, Addison Meredith, John Doerries, Arian Gomez, Chloe Doolin, and Abby Pilny.

Our Cross-Country team was coached by Bryan Meredith. The team included: Sophia Garcia, Angelina Iverson, John Doerries, Addison Meredith, Abby Pilny, Jacob Garcia, Heidi Johnson, Addison Mann, Gunnar Tully, Floyd Turner, Maya Amu, Adrina Gomez, Kenzie Heckinger, and Trevor Sage.

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in our Trunk-or-treat this past Saturday. It was a great success.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

With the end of the first quarter, parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled.

Family Reading night is taking place Friday the 15th. Families are welcome to come and enjoy an evening of literary excitement from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

Yours in Christ,
James C. Baerenklau
Principal
7 & grade teacher
630.627.5601



"Faith is not hoping God can. It is believing He is able."

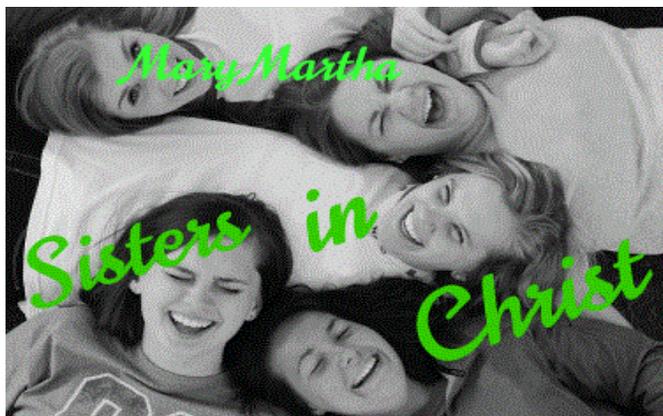
Exciting News!



There has been a new addition to the LaMontagna family. Auden Michelle was born on October 18th, to Trinity's Preschool teacher, Mrs. Rachel LaMontagna (Preschool Teacher, Early Childhood Extended Care Program Coordinator).

Trinity is blessed to have Mrs. Julie Zimmer, a former member, who will be substituting for Mrs. LaMontagna until she returns to her classes.

Mary/Martha is not exclusive to a few,



it's for all women of Trinity to engage in friendship and service together at our Trinity Church "home".

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

**Come Thursday, Nov 7th,
Friday, Nov 8th or Saturday, Nov
9th ... see details listed below
under the Craft Fair!**

All women are invited. We will meet in the school gym. We will enjoy

dessert, friendship and laughter as we prepare for the Craft Show.

Trinity's 2024 Holiday Craft Show

This coming Saturday, November 9,
2023: Trinity's Annual Holiday



Craft Show (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) will feature a large assortment of purveyors of handmade, homemade or one-of-a-kind items, as well as a Vendor Village and pet adoption station. The festive event will feature an on-site lunch, free Kids Korner supervised activity tables, baked goods, and a popular resale area, Aunt Teak's Beautiful Junque Emporium.

Volunteers are needed. There are tasks for all ages and all levels of physical ability. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - WILLING SPIRITS AND READY SMILES APPRECIATED.**

Assistance is welcome:

- Thursday, November 7, anytime between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. (set up)
- Friday, November 8, anytime between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. (set up)
- Saturday, November 9, anytime between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. (set up/show/clean up)

If you would like to help with set-up on November 7 or 8, or on the day of the craft show, November 9, contact Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764. Or if you are able to help in any way, contact Arlene Solyom or notify Trinity's office.

Donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, or objects for the rummage sale (no clothing please) will be accepted in Trinity's gymnasium, via the back parking lot, Thursday, November 7, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 8, between noon and 9 p.m. If you need to drop off items prior to November 7 or need to arrange pick up of item, contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

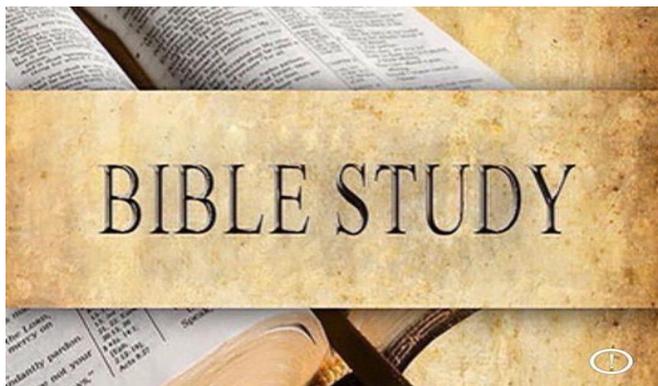
Proceeds from the event support the service ministry of Trinity's Mary Martha Guild and LWML Lutheran Women in Mission.



Explore God's Word

A Lifetime of God's Word is taught at Trinity's Sunday school which meets concurrently with Adult Bible class, after church most Sundays during the school year for children aged 3 through 8th grade. Help your child begin a lifetime practice of setting aside time to explore God's Word. The setting is interactive and Bible-based and the 11:15 a.m. end time is designed to coincide with adult Bible class wrap up (don't leave Bible class early or feel you must hurry to depart it, supervised free play keeps children busy until you get there). Sunday school meets on Sunday mornings following after church fellowship in the parish hall, adult Bible class meets in the sanctuary, high school aged youth are welcome to attend adult class or help with Sunday school.

November 1 is [All Saints' Day](#) Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. The Holy Spirit through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home.



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 at 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."

Studying God's Word together is important!

Wednesday morning in-person and Wednesday evenings informal Bible Study online

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets, with 9:15 coffee in the Parish Hall., Study to begin at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONLINE LIVE BIBLE STUDY on Facebook 6PM



Thanksgiving is coming!

The Fall season makes us think of warm meals shared. There are those who don't have that luxury.

Just think, 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.

Updates & FYIs...

Welcome to the Lord's family

October 27th, we welcomed into the family of God the following souls through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:



Alice Hensley born on February 21, 2014 and Brian Hensley born on July 31, 2018. Both are the children of Brian and Elizabeth Hensley.



Adelheid Johnson born June 5, 2014 is the daughter of Lukasz and Jacquelyn Johnson

Welcome to Trinity's family

To God be the glory, six members were welcomed into Trinity's family through their Confession of Faith on October 27th.



Vaughn Peters, Jacquelyn Johnson, Elizabeth & Brian Hensley and Rachel & Philip Nelson

May they be a blessing through their witness of faith and may the Trinity family be a blessing to them.

Adding to the joy!



On Sunday, with hearts full of joy for the baptisms and the Confessions of Faith, we were given an added gift to hear Trinity's students sing during the service.



Pastor Wagner met with the Mary/Martha group on October 3rd. He led us in a bible study based on "witnessing to others" as being our ultimate purpose in life. He let us know that through the LWML we are able to collectively witness around the world as well as locally.

At the recent LWML NID Convention the LWML NID adopted a mission goal of \$160,000 for the 2024-2026 biennium. Some of that goes to support national LWML Mission Grants. A total of \$89,400 plus an undesignated \$18,000 from previous years goes to support the selected LWML NID Mission Grants. Those grants are as follows:

1. Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Food Coop - \$10,000
2. Phil's Friends Ministry Expansion - St. Paul Lutheran Church/Kankakee - \$18,000
3. Lutheran Heritage Foundation Lutheran Bible Books for public school in Indonesia - \$15,000
4. Dr. Rev. William and Ella Mae Griffin Community Center Food Pantry - Zion Lutheran Church/Chicago - \$18,000
5. Belize Mission Society - Food for Thought: Feeding More Children in Belize - \$18,000
6. Worship Anew - \$18,000
7. Children's Ministry - St. John Lutheran Church/LaGrange - \$10,400

Linda Johansen, one of the Delegates from our congregation in Zone 6, had this report of her reaction to attending the Convention:

(It was an) Uplifting meeting of Lutheran women. It was beautiful to sing the Doxology and hymns with so many happy voices. Lana Gibbons led us in singing and even wrote a hymn to commemorate the district gathering. There were breakout sessions to learn about four groups that received grants last year. It was rewarding to see their enthusiasm for each chosen task. There were 11 grant requests this year. Startup funding for our STEM Maker Space was among several school centered requests. This year only one school got partial funding. *Trinity did not get the grant, but we trust God in providing for our STEM goal.

Linda added something to her report that Lori Solyom said to her... It's a joy to be amidst so many 'Gospel-driven hearts'.

*added as clarification

Advent Season Coming Soon

The First Sunday in Advent, which marks the beginning of the new church year, will be commemorated on Sunday, [Dec. 1, 2024](#).

Q: Why does the church year begin at Advent, what is the history of Advent, and what is the history behind the Advent candles and wreath?

A: The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and as such,

describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh.

Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began — in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. After Advent comes Christmas, which is about his birth; then Epiphany, about his miracles and ministry; then [Lent](#), about his Calvary-bound mission; then Easter, about his resurrection and the sending of the apostles; and then Ascension (40 days after Easter) and Pentecost, with the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The first half of the church year (approximately December through June) highlights the life of Christ. The second half (approximately June through November) highlights the teachings of Christ. The parables and miracles play a big part here. That's "the church year in a nutshell," and it should help reveal how Advent fits into "the big picture."

*Taken from LCMS report on Advent

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.
