

News

July 2024

from the

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In early July, our nation celebrates Independence Day. And like most holidays, it is easy to lose sight of what the holiday is truly about. On national, or even religious, holidays, we tend to focus on the fact that we get extra time off of work, which gives us an opportunity to take a short vacation, or perhaps to spend some quality time with friends and family.

But Independence Day is a special day, and we should not lose sight of its meaning. On July 4, 1776, the greatest nation in the history of civilization was born. Our country was different from its beginning. The idea of a democratic republic was a new one, and the American Experiment has worked out marvelously. America had a new approach to everything from governmental structure to economic policy, to foreign relationship attitudes, to the place of religion in life. For all of the problems America has, it is still the greatest nation in the world to live in, and we are blessed to have an opportunity to do so.

But something else should be said, and this is about the American idea of freedom. Freedom also is a blessing, within its proper perspective. Freedom from an oppressive and tyrannical

government is truly a wonderful thing. But freedom to do anything and everything we want with absolutely no boundaries is not a good thing at all. Allowing our sinful nature to run rampant and to govern our lives unchecked in the name of freedom will always lead to destruction. Sin by its nature destroys. That is the end game goal of Satan – to work through your sinful nature to bring about as much pain, destruction, and death to you and our world as he possibly can. At this extreme, freedom is not good.

However, this Independence Day season, the freedom we should give thanks for is the freedom won on the cross of Christ. Jesus' death and resurrection set you free from the bondage of sin. He set you free from a destiny that would have been defined by death. He has given you the certain hope of salvation from sin, pain, and death. You have been set free from the bonds of hate and selfishness, so now you can experience love, service, and selfishness, which brings you joy, peace, and true contentment. So, as you enjoy your holiday this year, remember that true freedom is not found in our world, but it is only found in Christ. Have a great July and see you in church!

In Christ,
Rev. Wagner



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

**SUMMER MONDAY
NIGHT DIVINE
WORSHIP SERVICES**

During the summer months (June, July and August) we will have Worship Services on **Divine Worship Monday Nights ONLY**; on the first, third, and fifth (Sunday) Mondays of the month: June 3rd and June 17th @ 6 p.m. July 1st, 8th and July 22nd @ **6 p.m.** and August 5th & 19th @ **6 p.m.** We will return to the regularly scheduled EVERY Monday Worship/Divine Worship on Monday evenings @ **6 p.m.** after Labor Day.

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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/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



Looking for the right school for YOUR family?
Consider **Trinity Lutheran School** in Lombard



Openings for students in kindergarten through 8th grade, with limited preschool availability. Schedule your tour today at 630.627.5601 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Learn more at **TLSLombard.org**

When asked what parents like about Trinity—here are their answers:

- 1. Teachers are fantastic!*
- 2. Love the small class sizes*
- 3. Full time with before and after care at a very affordable rate!*
- 4. Love that the kids all get recess and time outside every day!*
- 5. My kid was actually taught cursive!
(And they have Chromebooks for everyone!)*

PhotoGrid

- Mr James Baerenklau will be the Interim Principal this school year along with his teaching position.



LOOKING FOR SOME HELP

As often happens in an active **church and school**, we find that we are burdened with way too much “stuff”. Since we are looking to expand our school

footprint by setting up a separate **STEM** classroom, we need to tackle a long overdue project. We have the space, but it is in need of a clean-out, as are other areas in the buildings, including the parsonage. The decision has been made to hire a large dumpster for Saturday, July 6th, beginning at 9am, for the purpose of cleaning out the former youth room in the old school building, various areas in the school, and some no longer needed “stuff” in the parsonage. There are couches, desks, etc. but no appliances. Call the church office if you have questions. The more help the sooner we will finish.

Please join Mary Martha On July 12 & 16th

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.

Summer Bible Studies will meet on
July 12, 26, and August 9, 23.

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

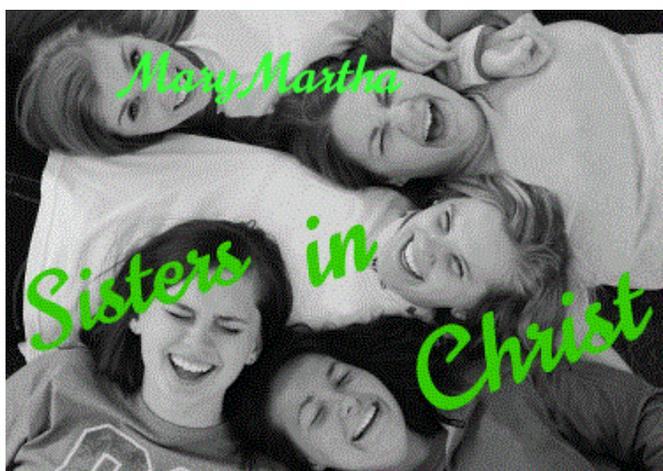
Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630-698-2208. Call or text.



News from the Board of Ed:

Trinity Lutheran School’s 164th year

Excitement is building for the start of a new year of sharing the Gospel. As we close the 2023-2024 school year, we thank Mrs. Ginny Terrell, who served as our interim principal this past year. and Mrs. Cindy Allor for her 6 years of teaching in our primary grade. We pray they both will continue to serve the Lord through their many talents as they move on..



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



Sunday, August 18,

The new school year will begin with our teacher and staff dedication during the church service.

This will be followed after the service, by a “Back to School” get together in the

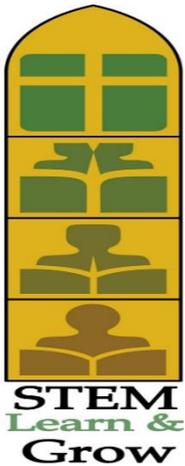
gym. Coffee and snacks will be served, and our classrooms will be open for everyone to visit. We are asking everyone to wear **GREEN** to celebrate Trinity Lutheran School.



Mr. James Baerenklau (7th and 8th grade teacher) has agreed to be our interim principal for the coming year. Our teachers will be

Mrs. Perez (3rd and 4th grade), **Mrs. Scott** (Kindergarten), **Ms. Kraegel** (Pre School 3's) and **Mrs. LaMontagne** (Pre School 4's). We welcome **Miss Arianna Robertson**, a 2014 graduate of Trinity, as our new 1st and 2nd grade teacher. (Our search continues for a 5th and 6th grade teacher.)

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



STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math This summer, we will begin the project of clearing out and updating one of the rooms upstairs in the older school building, creating a **STEM** lab for our students. This space will serve as 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

The next Raise Right orders are due on Friday, July 12, if left in church/school office, and in church on July 14.



Lawn Signs are 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

Please continue to pray 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

Getting to know your Trinity Elders

The Trinity Lombard Board of Elders has some new faces combined with names and faces that will most likely be very familiar to you. To more efficiently stay in contact with Trinity Members, Elders on the Board are assigned a group of Members alphabetically by last name.

If there are needs or concerns that can be met by your church family, please feel free to contact your Elder, either by phone or email. You, the members of the Trinity Lutheran Church family, are always in our prayers.



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Sincerely,

Ron Neihaus
Board of Elders, Chairman



77th LWML NID CONVENTION
September 20-21, 2024

Friday, September 20

Servant Event (afternoon time TBD)
7 p.m. Communion Service

Trinity Lutheran Church
6850 W 159th St, Tinley Park, IL 60477

Saturday, September 21

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Register for
YOUR LWML District Convention

ALL LCMS WOMEN ARE INVITED

Details at LWMLNID.ORG

Keynote Speaker David Fiala
LCMS Mission Advocate



REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2024

Scan the QR code or visit LWMLNID.org

Outside Service & Picnic



SAVE THE DATE

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 165th school year, thanks be to God!



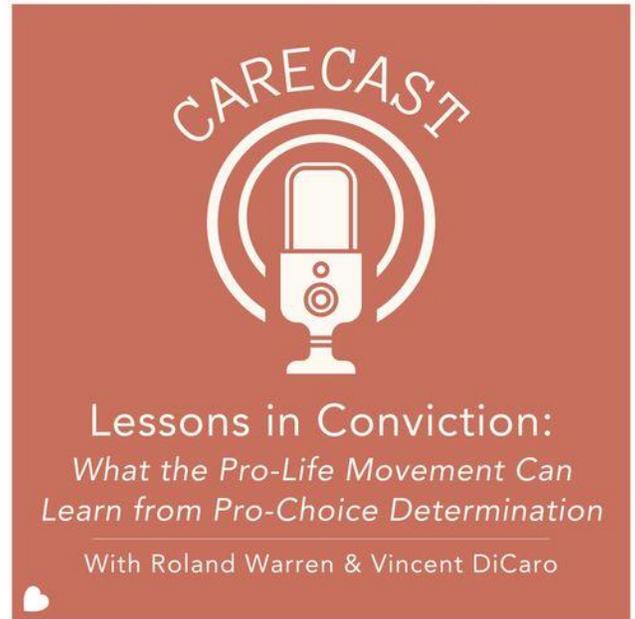
Care Net

As we approach a significant election, Roland Warren and co-host Vincent DiCaro, Care Net's Chief Outreach Officer, discuss the

complexities of the pro-life and pro-choice debates post-Roe v. Wade.

CareCast: Lessons in Conviction—What the Pro-Life Movement Can Learn from Pro-Choice Determination - Care Net

<https://hubs.ly/Q02CNFDv0>



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.

Virginia R. Wilson



March 23, 1925 - June 23, 2024

Virginia Rose Wilson (née Tauscheck), 99, passed away on June 23, 2024, in Lebanon, Indiana. Born on March 23, 1925, in Chicago, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Albert Wilson and her sisters, Francis Crotty (Alan), Patricia Hermann (Robert) and

