

News from the Pews

November 2025



PASTOR'S PAGE

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November is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving comes near the end of the month. Thanksgiving is often the bridge between the mild weather of fall and the cold weather of winter. Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season, and is the start of the shopping season for Christmas.

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

But, 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. Thanksgiving makes sense when we focus our Thanksgiving to God as the giver of all we have. When we give thanks, to whom do we give the thanks to? Acknowledging God the Father as the creator, giver, and sustainer of all gives Thanksgiving a distinctly Christian perspective. God tells us to be thankful for what we have as opposed to bemoaning what we don't have. No matter how difficult things are, there is always someone worse off than us. 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, please 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 also make sure that we see God as that source of giving that we receive from. Please make time to worship Him as part of your Thanksgiving festivities. Have a Happy Thanksgiving, have a great November, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner





*News From the
Interim
Principal's Desk*



- **Parent teacher conferences take place Thursday and Friday November 6 and 7**
- **Students will again lead worship with song on Sunday, November 9.**
- **All are welcome to our Family Reading Night, Friday, November 14 for a pizza dinner at 5:30 and a story from our storyteller beginning at 6:15.**
- **School will be closed during the week of Thanksgiving**
- **The student chapel families gathered together on Halloween morning to decorate pumpkins which were donated again by an anonymous source.**

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Our annual Trunk-or-Treat was a success this past Saturday. Many people from the Trinity family and community gathered for fellowship while stopping at the trunks of some cleverly decorated cars.

News from the Board of Evangelism

Trinity is excited to invite YOU to our next Prayer Service and Lunch! We will be gathering on Saturday, November 15 at 11:30am to join in a dedicated time of prayer and petition - lunch to follow. This service is especially unique because we will pray for your specific requests for loved ones and neighbors who have needs in any and all areas. Your involvement will help lift up these requests to our Lord who hears our prayers and answers with what is best for us. Please RSVP and send prayer requests to prayerconnection@trinitylombard.org or call the office at 630-629-8765

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.

Christmas Wreaths for Sale

Trinity students and the PwtL [*Parenting with the Lord*] group are selling Christmas Wreaths as a Trinity Lutheran School fundraiser. The 22" mixed evergreen wreath is made of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar, trimmed with faux red holly berries and comes with a red velvet water repellent bow. Each wreath is \$25. Orders must be turned in to the Trinity office by *November 5*.

Delivery is within the first 10 days of December. Order forms are available outside of Trinity's office and in the parish hall, where there is a sample wreath on display.

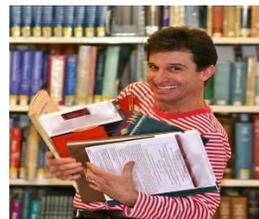
MOVIE DAY - Come one, come all! Trinity will be hosting a family Movie Day on Friday, December 5 in the Parish Hall following school dismissal. A faith and family friendly movie and snacks will be the perfect way to unwind after a long week. Parents and siblings are welcome to join in on the fun, or leave your children at the supervised event while you get some Christmas shopping done. Movie to be announced soon... but save the date now and RSVP later.

Trinity Family Reading Night: November 14

On Friday, November 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran School is hosting a Family Reading Night in the school gym. *All are invited and welcome to attend this free event, which is open to the community.*

At Family Reading Night...

- 5:30 to 6:15 – Pizza Dinner is served
- 6:15 to 7 - Storyteller Chris Fascione brings excitement to literature as he acts out stories geared to children and families



Fascione is nationally known for “bringing literature to life” with his fun and unique style of Storytelling.

The event is FREE but please RSVP for dinner (call or email the office at 630.627.5601 or secretary@TrinityLombard.org).



- Saturday, November 8, anytime between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. (set up/show/clean up)

If you are able to help in any way, contact Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764 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 6, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 7, between noon and 9 p.m. If you need to drop off items prior to November 6 or need to arrange pick up of items, 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.

Trinity's 2025 Holiday Craft Show!!

Saturday, November 8, 2025: 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 6, anytime between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. (set up)
- Friday, November 7, anytime between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. (set up)

Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission - Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha, Trinity's women's service ministry of faith, fun, and fellowship is open to all women and girls, confirmation age on up. Mary Martha meets monthly – usually on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Trinity's parish hall during the school year unless noted otherwise.

Friends are always welcome.

Trinity's Mary Martha is a part of Lutheran Women in Mission (also known as LWML), which is the national women's organization to which every Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod woman is automatically a member. Throughout the year, Trinity's women have opportunities to participate in local, regional, and national events as part of Lutheran Women in Mission.

If you have questions, text or call **Arlene Solyom at: 630.715.7764.**

The Fall season makes us think of warm meals shared.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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.

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

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 Yorktownship. Questions?

Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.



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: s.keenan@sbcglobal.net Questions ... call or text - Editor, Chris Keenan (630) 330-5900 at any time.

OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP AND STUDY

Scheduled Services 9 a.m.

Sundays In-person and Livestreamed. Enjoy Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays.

MONDAY NIGHT weekly services are at 6pm.

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Class has resumed, following fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, following the service & Fellowship time

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS is once again meeting, with 9:15 coffee, Study to begin at 9:30

WEDNSDAY EVENING ONLINE LIVE BIBLE STUDY 6PM

live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org>

TRINITY'S OFFICE HOURS: 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 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.com

(<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>)



THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Wednesday, November 26th at 6pm

Thursday, November 27th at 10:00am

