

News

JUNE 2025

from the Pews



Pastor's Page

Matthew 4:4 – Jesus says: “It is written, man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Jesus said this in response to Satan’s attempt to tempt Jesus into sinning, by trying to talk a very hungry Jesus into turning stones into bread so He could eat – which meant that Jesus would have used His Divine power in a self-serving – and thus sinful – way. Jesus’ reaction was to basically say that, in spite of what our circumstances may seem to dictate, there is only one thing necessary – the Word of God.

We forget this so easily. Our lives can be one long, continuous hectic schedule, running ourselves until we can’t go anymore. When our weekends fill up as they so often do, putting church aside is very easy to do, and is a very attractive option when we have the problem of not having enough time. “I’ll miss just this once and make sure I go next time”, we say to ourselves. We’ve all done it, and we all probably will do it again.

But sometimes we forget about just how necessary hearing God’s Word actually is. We need it to survive spiritually. If we were to neglect eating for an extended period of time, our physical health would suffer. In the very same way, our faith and souls need to be fed and nourished, and God’s Word is the one and only food that can do the job. Hearing God’s Word

keeps our faith strong and alive, and conversely, not hearing God’s Word causes it to grow weak, which will led to trouble.

I wanted to give this gentle, loving reminder to us all because I don’t have to remind you that summer is upon us. This summer may be filled with vacations, travel, visits from family and friends, the beach, Six Flags, baseball games, or swimming at the pool, which means there will be distractions (there always is). And with those distractions, it is easy to put God’s Word and church attendance/viewing online aside. But doing that can be very harmful to us.

So this summer, have lots of fun! Work on that tan, catch up with loved ones, and enjoy and appreciate God’s creation. Just try and remember that “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Have a blessed summer and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

“¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” ² Timothy 3:16-17



Scheduled Services

SUNDAY MORNING
9 a.m. in person and
live streamed

- **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS** is on hiatus for the summer. This is a change from what was previously announced.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** is also on hiatus until fall.
- **MONDAY NIGHT weekly services are at 6pm** unless otherwise designated.
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will resume on June 11, at 9:15 a.m., and will continue through the summer.
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, ONLINE EVENING BIBLE CLASS, SCRIPTURE NIGHT IN AMERICA, 6 p.m. (Central) LIVESTREAM** and on Facebook.
- **MONDAY, JUNE 2: SUMMER CAMP STARTS**
- **MONDAY, JUNE 2, to FRIDAY, JUNE 6: Vacation Bible School, 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.** Trinity's FREE VBS is open to children from three-years-old to those entering 5th grade. Current Trinity families, friends, and community members welcome. To register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/TrinityVBS2025>

You will find church and school newsletters, preschool news, chapel services, and details about Trinity's extracurricular happenings at TrinityLombard.org. Trinity's recent services, sermons, Bible studies and devotions are archived at: TrinityLombard.org/sermons.

Trinity's Summer office hours are Tues., Wed., & Thurs., from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Questions? Call 630.629.8765 or email secretary@trinitylombard.org.



Principal's Page

• The Fine Arts Festival was a big success. This year it featured a musical called Alice in Oz, performed by the fifth - eighth grade students. Preschooler, Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, and Fourth graders performed numbers to start the evening. Piano players performed their pieces. The gym displayed artwork from the year.

• The track team finished their year with a good showing at their last meet in River Forest. They earned multiple first, second, and third place ribbons.

• Two eighth graders made their confirmation on May 18 after an opportunity for public testimony in church an oral examinations by the elders.

• The last week of school provided classroom wrap-ups and time for summer goodbyes.

• There was a step-up day where students had time to experience next year's classroom.

• During the all-school yearbook signing, students and faculty gathered in the gym to visit different stations while getting autographs.

• The school had a clap-out for the graduating eighth graders hours before graduation.

• The class of 2025 graduated during a ceremony Thursday, May 22 at 7:00. The service was attended by friends, family, faculty, and Board of Education. A reception was provided by the seventh grade and their parents.

• School is now out of session until mid-August. Have a wonderful summer!

Yours in Christ,
James C. Baerenklau Principal
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TRINITY'S BOARD OF EDUCATION

is happy to announce that Mrs. Elise Curelo will be joining our staff as the 5th/6th classroom teacher for the coming year. Mrs. Curelo is currently serving as the middle school teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in LaGrange. (St. John's will be closing at the end of the school year.) Thank you to our Call Committee for their hard work in this process: Pastor Wagner, James Baerenklau, Stephanie Garcia, Katie Yahoudy and Sue Niehaus.

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June 2-~6 VBS in am, "**Splash into Summer**" in the afternoon

June 9-13 "Splash into Summer"

June 16-27 "Sweet Treats"

June 30-July 11 "Fairy Tale Fun"

NO CAMP ~ July 4

July 14-25 "Mad Scientists"



Our Own Matilda

Walther Christian Academy invites you to the school musical, "**MATILDA**"

starring **Trinity School Class of 2023 graduate Alexandra Harris**. The performances are at Walther on Friday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, June 8, at 2:30 p.m. preceded at 1:30 p.m. by a special Cake with Matilda reception. Walther is at 900 Chicago Ave., Melrose Park, IL 60160, 708.344.0404, walther.com.



Honorable Mention - Illinois Lutherans for Life Essay Contest 2025



Everyone Deserves a Life by Angelina Iverson

God has fearfully and wonderfully made everything

and everyone. He wants everyone to be loved and have a chance at life. God believes that every person is valuable no matter what they look like or what their future is. With God, every child and person are wanted and desired unique individuals, and we should feel the same. Everyone is valuable and precious not because of their talents, but because they are human and created by God. Each year since 2021 the leading cause of deaths was abortions. In 2021 there were 42.6 million deaths caused by abortion, in 2022 there were 44 million, in 2023 there were about 44 million as well, and in 2024 the number was raised to about 33 million more deaths than the past years, with 73 million deaths that year caused by abortions. There have been 65,464,760 babies killed in abortions since Roe v. Wade in 1973. But not only does having an abortion kill an unborn baby, it can cause emotional damage to the mother. After having an abortion, women have a 33 percent higher risk of getting breast cancer and have a 154 percent higher risk for

committing suicide. The guilt stays with them throughout their lives and causes these sufferings. There is always another option instead of aborting a baby. There are couples willing to love the baby and give the baby a home. A baby is a gift and blessing from God, not a burden or a curse. Always remember that every life is a sacred gift from God. Each human He puts on this Earth serves a purpose. Like it says in Psalm 139:13-14, "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well." By supporting mothers who are in difficult situations, we seek to honor the sacredness of life and God's divine plan for all people.

Trinity Students Featured in Creative Writing Journal

Caesura is a publication of Concordia University Chicago that celebrates the creative writing of young Lutherans. Students from

Trinity's Journalism class submitted work. Congratulations to Trinity students **Abby Pilny, Addison Meredith, Angelina Iverson, Arian Gomez, Ariana Mehrazar, Ava Harrison, Bobby Hawn, Chloe Doolin, Damian Gomez, Juliana Rivera, Sophia Garcia**, each of whom had pieces featured in *Caesura 2025*. You can request a copy via Trinity's office, on view and download the issue here: <https://tinyurl.com/CUC-CAESURA-2025>.

about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me: This verse reminds me to stay in the present and that I should trust God about anything in my future. Also, it means that everyday has trouble, but God will always be with me.

Hymn: LSB 392, “God Loves Me Dearly”

Bio: My name is Sophia Garcia. I am fourteen years old, and I was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. I am going to go to Willowbrook High School. I enjoy playing soccer and running. My favorite memory of Trinity is when I was in Kindergarten and Mr. DeWitt shaved his head for a fundraiser.



Sophia
Pastor
Angelina

Sophia
Clotilde Garcia

My Confirmation Verse: Matthew 6:34
“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious

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My Confirmation Verse: Psalm 139:14

“I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well”.

What my Confirmation Verse means to me: This verse is special to me because it reminds me that God has made me in His image and nothing can change that. I am perfect in His eyes



and shouldn't change anything about myself. In times of doubt, I look to this verse and remind myself of who I am living for and why God has made me and put me on this Earth.

Hymn: LSB 657, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Bio: My name is Angelina Iverson. I am 14 years old. I was born in Elmhurst, Illinois. I will be going to Willowbrook High School next year. I enjoy reading and spending time with my friends. I enjoy playing volleyball, running track, figure skating, and running cross country



Angelina Iverson, Kellen Pilny, Sophia Garcia
Trinity's Class of 2025 graduates were interviewed by their classmates Addison and Ariana. Here are some excerpts about their future plans.

Angelina and Sophia have been at Trinity since they were little, Kellen joined us in December.

You are all planning on attending Willowbrook High School. What are you most looking forward to in high school, and why?

Sophia: The sports because there are more of them and they are more competitive.

Angelina: Being a student during football games, and big classes because it is such a fun experience.

Kellen: Big classes, because they are better.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Sophia: A pro soccer player.

Angelina: A pediatrician.

Kellen: I don't know, yet.

What class are you looking forward to most in high school?

Sophia: AP Human Geography

Angelina: Human Growth and Child Development

Kellen: Math

What extracurricular activities would you like to participate in at high school?

Sophia: Soccer, football, and bowling, and I want to join some clubs.

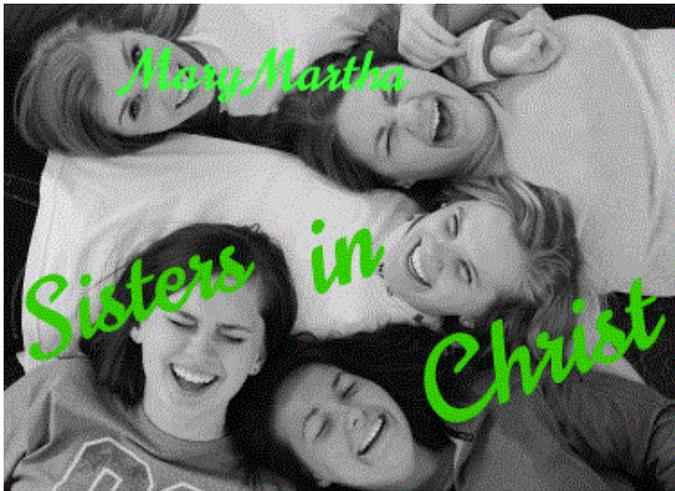
Angelina: I want to participate in volleyball and track and join some clubs.

Kellen: I don't know, yet.

Do you think you will graduate from high school?

Sophia, Angelina, and Kellen: Yes.

Our prayers are with our graduates as they take the next steps in their life's journey.



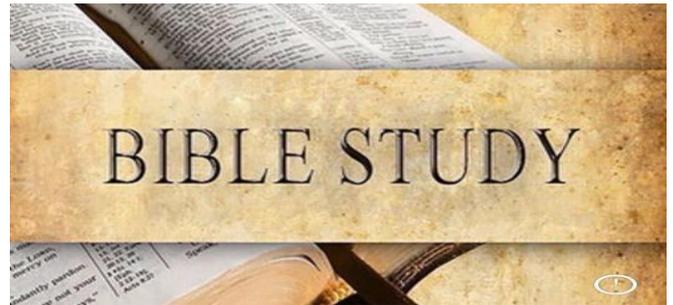
Mary/Martha extends an invitation to all women to gather together and engage in either a bible study, a project or simply fellowship.

Join us for
A Backyard Picnic
JUNE 12th
6:30 p.m.

Main dish, beverages & dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your laughter.

We will be meeting in the backyard of Judy Cuchetto, 118 S. Ardmore Ave,

Villa Park. For more info text: Arlene at 640-715-7764 or Judy at 630-698-2208



Studying God's Word together is important!

“Scripture reveals God’s answers. vision and intervention. What seems perplexing, is professed by faith, not by reason, yet couched in mystery, and is not always palpable. We cannot intellectually understand how Baptism begets faith, yet we believe. We cannot comprehend the incomparable beauty of heaven, yet we see. We yearn to approach the heavenly Father, unencumbered by the weight of sin and confusion. Jesus provides clarity in His mercy, sufficient to instill within us true repentance, sincere faith and compassionate service, “

IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS, 9:15 a.m., opens with coffee, treats, and fellowship in the parish hall, with study beginning at 9:30 a.m.. **This class will resume on June 11, at 9:15 a.m., and will continue through the summer. This is a change from what was previously announced.**

Wednesday evening online Bible Study is at 6 p.m. Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. *You can interact online as the study is going on. All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook. You can also view it on the internet using www.TrinityLombard.org .



There is no break from need in the summer.

Our Trinity family generously provides for it's neighbors in need.

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.

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 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.”

Updates &

Welcome to the Lord's family...

Luke 18:16 ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” We are all given the breath of life by the one and only Creator.

Baptism



May 18, 2025

Kellen Pilny

Was baptized into the family of God.

Welcome Kellen.

The Lord receives His own
“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

It is with great sadness that we are sharing the news of the passing of a lifetime Lutheran:

Duane Solyom



Sept 29, 1950 - May 4, 2025

Duane Charles Solyom, age 74, of Lombard, IL. Beloved husband of the late Ramona; dear son of the late Florence, nee Behrens, and the late Charles Solyom; dear brother of the late Dale (Sheila), Bruce (Arlene), and Nancy; uncle of many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Gathering and service was held Friday May 9th, 2025 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Meyers Rd Lombard, IL 60148. Interment private.

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.
