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A little over 500 years ago, a truly historic event happened. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, nailed the now famous, 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, starting what would come to be known as The Reformation. The church needed reforming. It had lost its way. The church had become focused on power, and money, and man-made laws, and it was no longer focused on God's Word.

Luther began to question his own salvation based on the church's teachings. He purposed to become a staunch student of the Bible. He read it extensively in its original languages (Hebrew and Greek). He discovered that a lot of the church's teachings of the day weren't in line with what the Bible actually said. Luther just wanted the church to reform itself. He wasn't against the church, he just wanted it to reexamine what it believed and taught.

He also discovered that he had no reason to be concerned about His salvation. God's Word taught him that he was saved, not based on what he did for God, but on what God did for Him. He was saved because He was baptized into Christ Jesus. God didn't want Luther's good deeds, because his deeds would never be good enough to bring him salvation.. He found that it wasn't about "Luther being good enough". It was about *Christ's death being the all sufficient payment on the cross* for his sins,

and that God's forgiveness is received through faith. It's the same way with each of us. You and I don't deserve His love. God loves us and Jesus redeemed us ... you and I ... on the cross. We are saved because God saved each one of us, through our faith alone. That is the message of The Reformation. That is why The Reformation is so important. It tells you the truth ... you are a sinner, *but* you are saved in Christ. Treasure your salvation just as Luther did, and treasure God's Word, which reveals this truth to you. Happy Reformation Sunday, have a great October, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

"²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11: 20-30



Welcome

Scheduled services

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and live-streamed

7 p.m. In-person only

Bible Study on Sundays

is at **10:30** in the Sanctuary – Enjoy Coffee & after church services and prior to Bible Study.

Guidelines are still in place for in person worship:

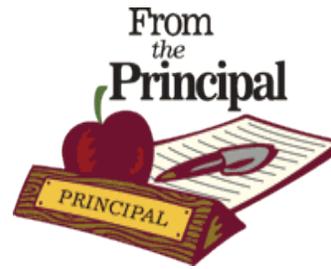
- ...**Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into church if you are unvaccinated**
- ...No mask is required while seated on the left side (lectern) of the sanctuary.
- ...Please leave masks in place if seated on the right (Pulpit) side of the sanctuary.
- ...Sit in alternating pews as marked on the pulpit side, not required on the lectern side.
- ...Help yourself to the Order of Worship
- ...Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

The 9 a.m. service is 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.



We had a wonderful time at the Charger's Challenge last month. Students raised over \$1800 to help fund the music classes at Trinity. There were a

variety of obstacles that the students participated in as part of the 5K this year. Many of the teachers and parents came out to walk and support the students. Next year we hope to see more church members join us at the Charger's Challenge!



If you wonder what kind of things go on at Trinity Lutheran School every day? We can assure you that it is learning in all sorts of creative ways. This month, Trinity's seventh and eighth grade class practiced science and math in the kitchen with delicious results. We are always purposely working at keeping it interesting!

October 6-7th, the teachers will be attending the Lutheran Education Association (LEA) conference. The conference is taking place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They will be participating in worship services, fellowship, and educational classes. LEA takes place every three years and teachers from Lutheran schools all over the country and the world

the study is going on. You can also view it on the internet using www.TrinityLombard.org

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

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2: 8-10

New Member Brunch

Sunday, October 9th



Coming up on Sunday, October 9, immediately following church and fellowship, there will be a New Member Brunch. We want to welcome new or newer church members, but all church members are encouraged to come to say hello, enjoy a meal together and encourage one another. New members can learn about the different opportunities that Trinity has to offer for both service and fellowship. **Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or call the church office 630-629-8765.** Hosted by the Board of Evangelism.

Trinity Lutheran School Fund Raiser

Check out Trinity's newest way to fundraise with Coca-Cola Give!

Save Coca-Cola products caps and codes (from the cardboard packaging) - send to school or visit www.coca-cola.com/give, choose DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL, Click DONATE NOW, "Search School: name, zip code" type TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, 60148 and select TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, LOMBARD, IL 60148, finally enter code from cap or box. Monies raised will help fund Trinity's extra-curricular activities, technology and supplies.

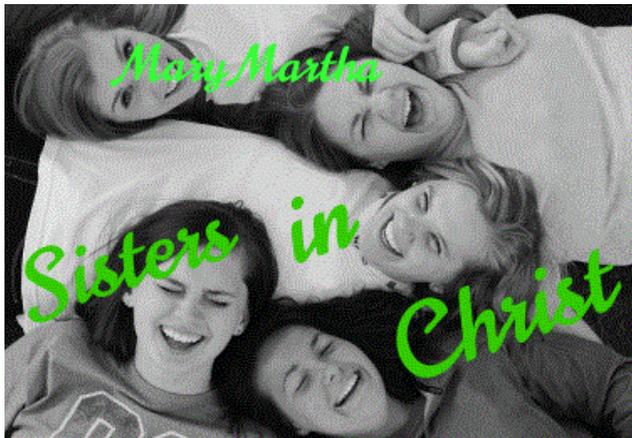
Please join us in giving back to our school, TRINITY LUTHERAN LOMBARD

Check out Trinity's newest way to fundraise with Coca-Cola Give!

Families, friends, and friends of friends, start saving your Coca-Cola products caps and codes (from the cardboard packaging)! There are two ways to help Trinity earn donation funds that go directly to the school to be used for extra-curricular activities, technology and supplies.

- 1- Have your student(s) bring the bottle cap or box piece with code printed to school, and the students will enjoy entering the codes for you!
- 2- Go to Give (coca-cola.com) www.coca-cola.com/give
 - Go to DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL **DONATE TO YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**
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QUALIFYING COCA-COLA BRANDS



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

Mary/Martha will meet October 13th, at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. We will be looking at the work of the Lutheran Women in Mission (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League) and how every woman of Trinity is considered a part of the mission. We will also do a short Bible Study called, “in the Father’s Arms – Understanding forgiveness in the Scriptures”. Dessert and treats are always provided. Looking forward to seeing YOU there.

Projected events for Mary/Martha & LWML gatherings :

November.....Craft Show (more tba)

December.....Christmas Gathering

January.....Souper Bowl

February.....Mission Outreach

March.....Easter Project

April.....Curbside Coffee Project

May.....National Day of Prayer

June.....Summer Supper

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.

For more information, or any questions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764



Mite boxes support ministries in the NID (Northern Illinois District) that Trinity is a part of as a Missouri Synod Church (LCMS).

The 76th LWML NID Convention Celebrating 85 Years of Mission Work met on September 24th.

Six women of Trinity attended the Convention. us and were asked to “TAKE HEART” in all of the grants that were submitted, accepted for funding.



Where is God?

Board of Evangelism

That's a question that is often asked after tragic

occurrences. There was a book written that was entitled, "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?". It was written by Rabbi Kushner, who concluded that God couldn't be everywhere at the same time. Therefore, that's why bad things happen, even to 'good' people. There was a response book written entitled "Why Do Bad Things Happen to God's People" by Derek Prince, who is a Christian author. He pointed out what we as Christian believers know ... God is omnipotent, He is omniscient, and He is omnipresent. He is all powerful, all knowing and present at all times.

. The hurricane that has occurred recently brings out that question again, even from believers. The truth is, we can't always know why things happen. But we can speak about where evil comes from.

. As Christians we believe that there are truths about evil that might help you answer someone when they ask the question about bad things that happen. The Bible tells us that evil does not come from God, nor can we blame God for all the evils in the world. Evil comes instead from Satan, and it entered this world when Satan deceived Adam and Eve and caused them to turn against God. Both evil and Satan are real, even though some may doubt.

. The Bible tells us that someday all evil will be banished. The spiritual conflict between Satan and God that has raged from the beginning of time will be over, and God will be triumphant. Someday all evil will be cast "into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41, KJV).

. **The Bible also tells us that in the meantime, God can give us victory over evil. This doesn't mean bad things will never happen to us—but even when they**

do, we can know God is with us, and He will give us strength to stand against them. We may not understand everything that happens to us or others. But the scripture says in, John 16:33

³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

As we witness that truth to others, we are also reminding our own self, that God loves us and He is with us at all times in this world where the flesh will suffer. But we will also share in the victory with Him in eternal life. In the meantime, God IS with us every step of the way.

Rest in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,
Board of Evangelism

Reminders:

2022 LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE – BLESSED FOR LIFE

- Blessed with the gift of life.
- Blessed by God for one's entire life.
- Blessed to be a blessing to others.

Lutherans For Life national and regional conferences allow our team to come directly to you with the For Life Gospel message. These gatherings are wonderful times spent together where we can provide valuable information and

encouragement to you, your community, and the life-affirming work you are engaged in.

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 Lutherans For Life National Conference

October 21-22 | All day Friday until Saturday at noon.

Rock Island, Illinois (Quad Cities)

Conference Registration

LFL Members: \$125 | Non-Members: \$150

Students: \$25 | Children 12 and under: FREE

Registration online – go to [LFL website](#)

NO LONGER COLLECTING

For the past several years, we have been collecting empty personal care containers such as shampoo bottles, hand soap dispensers and make-up containers, for recycling. Due to changes in requirements of the organization that recycles these items, we will NO LONGER be collecting ANY of them. Thank you for supporting this effort in the past. Now you can just recycle them at home. Thanks again.

Trinity School

Submitted by: Beth Kraegel

ALWAYS COLLECTING



Food Pantry Needs

People have not stopped eating, they just cannot afford what they need to survive.

- Our local food pantry at St. Pius and York center tell me that they are in great need as we approach the holidays. Whatever

you can do to help those in need, is appreciated.

Let me know if I can help in any way. Take care. You can drop off food any Sunday or call for a pickup if needed.

Blessings,
Ron Tyler

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
Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto (630)698-2208 at any time.