

News

from the Pews

March 2025



Pastor's Page

Lent begins this month with Ash Wednesday. The theme for Lent, as stated in the book of Joel, could be summed up as "Return to the Lord." The point is that we need to return to the Lord, because sin has separated us from Him. And that is not a good thing.

Lent is not a pleasant time in the church calendar, but is a very important time nevertheless. We've gone through Advent, which was a time of anticipation of the coming of Jesus. Then there was Christmas, when Jesus actually came. That was followed by Epiphany, which revealed to us that the child Jesus, who was born at Christmas, was in fact God who came to us in the flesh. He is both fully God and fully man.

So now that we know who Jesus is, Lent shows us our need of Him. Being separated from God by sin had devastating consequences for God's creation. God is the only source of life, of love, and of joy. So, sin left us by nature oriented towards death, hate, and pain. Lent calls us to realize the reality of our sinfulness, and its horrific implications, and thus seeing our need to return to the Lord.

But the million dollar question is: "How does one return to the Lord?" This is the problem, because, on our own, our sinful nature not only can't return us to the Lord, but we don't want

to do so. This shows us the importance of Christ as our Savior.

We can return to the Lord by God's power through the Holy Spirit and in repentance, on the basis of Christ's death and resurrection. Our sin is a major problem which separates us from God. But Jesus is the answer. After spending 40 days in Lent, being reminded of our sinfulness and its seriousness, we are told on Holy Week of our means of salvation through Jesus dying and rising for us. Jesus defeated eternal death so that we who profess our belief, can have eternal life.

So, this Lenten season, pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you personally into meaningful self-reflection. Pray for the power to confess your sin, repent, and believe in the promise made through Jesus death and resurrection to save you. Lent is about reality – the reality of your sinfulness and need of salvation and the reality of God's love for you in Christ Jesus! Have a blessed March and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" Galatians 2:20



Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays
In-person and
livestreamed

MONDAY NIGHT weekly services are at **6pm** unless otherwise designated.

Enjoy Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays.

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Class follows fellowship, in the sanctuary.

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

WEDNESDAYS THRU LENT – beginning with: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, ASH WEDNESDAY Service 11 a.m. IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH** (must be reserved via office)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THRU LENT - MARCH 5, ASH WEDNESDAY Service, 6 p.m. IN-PERSON, PRECEDED BY IN-PERSON DINNER at 5 p.m. (no reservation required, freewill donation accepted) Lent Mid-Week Bible Studies:

Wednesday, March 12, 19, April 2, & 9, 6 p.m. (Central) - IN PERSON & online

We continue to livestream at Facebook @TrinityLombard and on Trinity's website at TrinityLombard.org.

Keep up with Trinity news from church and school on Facebook @TrinityLombard and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>.

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 Lutheran Church and School

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Principal's Page

Trinity is celebrating Lutheran Schools' Week starting March 2. Teachers and students have some exciting activities planned for the week.

Sunday- We will kick off the week by singing in church and join the congregation for a pot-luck brunch following church.

Monday- The older students will spend time reading to younger students. It will also be "Hat Day".

Tuesday- We are having "Spirit Wear" day on Tuesday, along with a movie day, where some classrooms will transform into theaters showing different movies. Student's admissions will be food items for the food pantry.

Wednesday- Students will dress formally for the day. We will worship along with congregation members at the 11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday service. After worship we will join the worshippers for lunch in the Parish Hall.

Thursday- We celebrate our annual student "Breakfast Day". Students will come to school in their pajamas and be served breakfast by the faculty and staff. We will have french toast sticks, cereal, sausage, fruit, juice, and milk.

Friday- Grandparents are invited to celebrate Grandparents' Day. Grandparents will join us at 8:30 for registration and light refreshments. We will worship at 9:00 in the church, then move over to school for crafts, snacks, a book reading, and a classroom visit.

Dates to remember:

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, STUDENTS SING IN CHURCH, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 - FRIDAY, MARCH 7, LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, GRANDPARENTS DAY, refreshments, 8:30 a.m., CHAPEL, 9 a.m., plus EARLY DISMISSAL, 11:30 a.m.

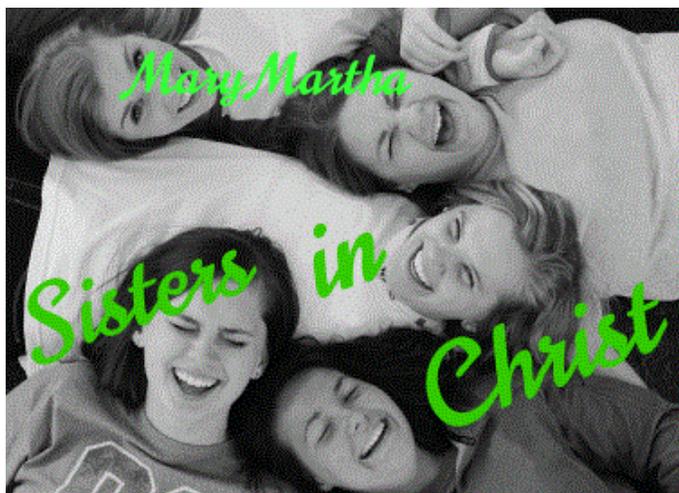
Yours in Christ,
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SUNDAY, MARCH 2,

ALL TRINITY KICK OFF LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK BRUNCH

ALL TRINITY POT LUCK
YOU are invited

*** please bring a side dish to share
*** meat and beverages are provided
by Trinity's Lutheran Women in
Mission group, the Mary Martha Guild
Got questions? Need answers? call
or text Arlene at 630.715.7764 or Lisa
at 630.222.0114



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

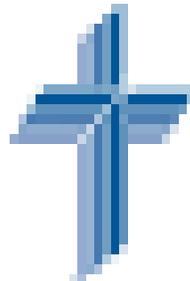
March 6th 6:30p.m.

Parish Hall

Come join in making Easter
Cards for our Homebound.

Bring a snack to share and your
laughter.

Call Arlene Solyom for more info at: 630-715-
7764.



[2025 Illinois March for Life
in Springfield - LCMS
Calendar](#)

Join Lutherans and others March 25 at the Illinois Pro- Life March in Springfield

Thousands of life advocates from all
corners of Illinois – including LCMS
Lutherans - will gather at the State
Capitol in Springfield, on March 25,
2025, for the Illinois Pro-Life March. The
annual event, previously known as the
Illinois March for Life, will condemn a
compilation of anti-life legislation before
the state legislature. These “bad bills”
pose a major threat to the state’s most
vulnerable members, which includes
more than the preborn, but also the
aged, infirm, and defenseless women
and children, who are all susceptible to
exploitation.



March in Washington in January.

Hosted by Illinois Right to Life and Illinois Right to Life Action, the Illinois Pro-Life March begins with a rally at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois State Capitol. Following a slate of speakers, including LCMS Central Illinois District President Rev. Michael Mohr, the crowd will march around the Illinois State Capitol. At the conclusion of the Illinois Pro-Life March, participants will head into the Stratton Building to speak directly with their lawmakers at the Illinois Capitol, lobbying against the anti-life bills.

***The 2025 Illinois Pro-Life March for Life on Tuesday, March 25 in Springfield. The day begins with Matins Service. We look forward to seeing you as we witness to the sanctity of life.**

The Illinois Pro-Life March focuses heavily on objectionable legislative initiatives highlighted by Illinois Right to Life Action as the “bad bills” of 2025. Listing nine bills that pose a major threat to the state’s most vulnerable members, including women, children, those with disabilities, and the chronically ill, these bills seek to legalize physician-assisted suicide and further state support and taxpayer funding for the termination of babies in the womb.

READ THE LIST OF “BAD BILLS”:
<https://tinyurl.com/BadBills25>

WHAT: **2025 Illinois Pro-Life March**
WHEN: **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m. (Central)**

- 1 p.m. Rally, at the Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois State Capitol
- 2 p.m. March around the Capitol complex
- 3 p.m. Lobbying with Illinois State Senators and Representatives in the Stratton Building

WHERE: **Illinois State Capitol Building**, 401 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62701

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
<https://www.illinoisprolifemarch.com/>

***BEFORE THE MARCH:**

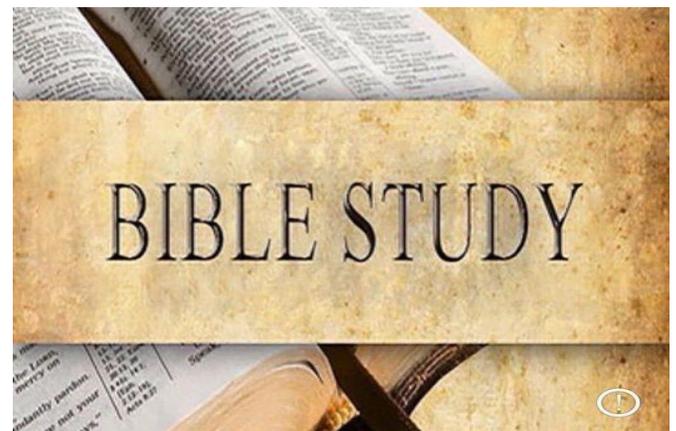
WHAT: **Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Matins Service**

WHEN: **Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 11 a.m. (Central)**

WHERE: **Trinity Lutheran Church, 220 S 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62701**

You must register. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://tinyurl.com/LCMS-IL-LIFE>



During Lent Mid-Week Bible Studies:

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“Gifts From The Heart”

**Saturday, April 26, Zone 6
LWML Spring Rally
Immanuel, Downers Grove,**

This Rally is right in our backyard! Pastor Wagner will be there as our zone’s pastoral counselor. The program will highlight the **Food Pantry at the Fort Wayne seminary which is a grant we are funding through LWML Northern Illinois District.**

I can tell you from my daughter Amy’s experience, when her husband Steve was studying there to be a Pastor, that the food pantry was a real blessing in their family’s life.

And as always, it is a wonderful experience to be gathered with the woman from other churches in our zone. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us. We can carpool to the rally.

*Look for more information on what/or how we can contribute to the Ft Wayne food pantry.

More information will be forthcoming. If interested in learning more about attending, call or text: Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764.

* **Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Food Co-op Donation Ideas:**

Staples such as juices, baking supplies, canned goods, cleaning supplies, There is an extensive list available if needed.



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 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.”

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.