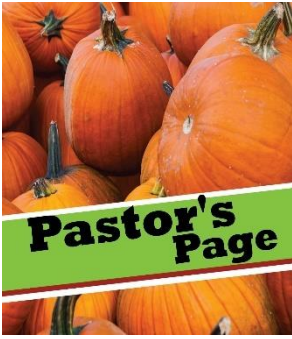


# News

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October 2023



A little over 500 years ago, a truly historic event happened. On

October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic priest, nailed the 95 theses to the wall 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's focus was on power, and money, and man-made laws, but it wasn't on God's Word.

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

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 does 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. He found out that it wasn't

about him (Luther's) being good enough. It was and is about Christ's death being the all sufficient payment on the cross for Luther's sins, and God's forgiveness is received through faith.

It's the same way with you. You are loved by God. You didn't earn His love. You and I don't deserve His love. But God loves you anyways – because Jesus redeemed you on the cross. You are saved because God saved you. That is the message of The Reformation. That is why The Reformation is so important. It tells you the truth – yes ... you are a sinner, but you are saved in Christ Jesus alone. Treasure your salvation just as Luther did, and treasure God's Word, which revealed this truth to you. Happy Reformation Sunday, have a great October, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

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*” For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”* Ephesians 2:8



## Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays  
In-person and  
livestreamed

6 p.m. Mondays  
In-person only

**Sunday Morning Bible Class will meet in the Sanctuary after Coffee &...**

**Enjoy Coffee &... after church services.**

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, IN-PERSON**, in the parish hall following post-service fellowship
- **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** has resumed at 9 a.m.
- **LIVE ONLINE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS**, 6 p.m.

**Church & School Office hours M-F 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

### Facebook:

Find the 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/>)

and can also be viewed live at

<https://www.trinitylombard.org/>. Worship is online each Sunday morning at 9 a.m.



*Always something to be thankful for...*

Connected: "I am the vine; you are the branches." John 15 – As the school year settles in and new routines become old hat, we are reminded of God's blessings in the Church. It is within the ark of the Church where Christ serves us His gifts within the safety of His care. There, treasures of forgiveness, administration of the Sacraments, and the preaching of Law and Gospel are alive and powerful, bestowed on our weary souls by grace.

Thanks to everyone for your support of our August/September Chapel project, Joe Boway and Lutheran schools in Liberia. Many school supplies were donated as well as cash contributions. Your generosity will bring blessings many miles across the ocean.

Beginning October 11, our Chapel offerings will support Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries. An ROS of Missouri Synod, this group supports God's gift of life through pregnancy homes for those with an unplanned pregnancy. Within the next few months, an Elizabeth House, will open in East Dundee. In January, a representative of Redeeming Life will visit TLS for a Chapel service.

October 26, TLS will host a Hands-On Night to acquaint parents and young children with our outstanding early childhood program. A light supper will be served at 5:30 and activities will soon commence thereafter. If you know of parents looking for a quality Lutheran preschool, we have just the ticket!

Go Chargers! We are happy to report excitement from the students for volleyball and cross country. After school, you may have seen kids in front of the school breathlessly honing their running skills. Runners are doing well, some even placing in meets. A special thanks to Coach Meredith and Coach Pilny for their hard work and support of this endeavor. And, the volleyball team earned some bragging rights, having recently won three matches. That's 3 in the "W" column! Nice work, everyone. Thank you, Mr. B. for taking care of TLS athletics, not to mention serving as the volleyball coach. Pastor Wagner, stepping in where he can, may soon be known as "Coach." Just ask him about it!

Blessings,

Virginia (Ginny) Terrell, Principal  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher  
[principal@tyslombard.org](mailto:principal@tyslombard.org)

#### Dates to remember:

- **Friday, October 6: NO SCHOOL & office is closed - teachers are at the NID LCMS Educators Conference**
- **Monday, October 9: NO SCHOOL & office is closed - Columbus Day**
- **Thursday, October 26: Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30 to 7 p.m.** for families with children aged 2½ through kindergarten – FREE and open to the community (so invite your friends and neighbors)



**Saturday, October 28:  
FREE Fall Fest with  
Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m.  
to 1 p.m.**



## Help Save the Illinois Tax Credit Program that HELPS TRINITY & OTHER LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Empower Illinois is at risk - please help us fight to keep this program that benefits Lutheran Schools, including Trinity: <https://p2a.co/uR86Gyz>. Last spring, the Illinois state legislature chose not to address the renewal of the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program—several State Representatives, including DuPage County's Amy Grant from Wheaton, are pushing to renew and extend this program that our very own school is able to leverage to serve families that could not otherwise attend Trinity. Commit less than five minutes and click on the above link to ask your Illinois legislators to save this program.





## *Trinity's Giving Tree Wish List*

...Help Trinity school staff and church ministry leaders acquire their non-budget “wishes” for classrooms and church life by picking a “wish” (an apple or leaf) off of the tree. Place the “wish” you would like to fulfil in one of the provided Wish List envelopes along with a check or cash (include your name) and place in the offering plate or turn in to the office. Trinity Wish List Giving Tree was created in memory of June E. Wood and Marilyn Joy Steben.

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

**Thursday, October 12 at 6 p.m.**  
In the Parish Hall.  
**ALL WOMEN & GIRLS INVITED.**  
**BRING A DISH TO SHARE.**

We will be “Mary”, as we share a meal and listen to a devotion.

We will be “Martha” as we do a much needed organizing of the storage closet off of the Parish Hall kitchen.

## **Looking Ahead**

**We will be gathering on November 9 & 10 to prepare for the Craft Show and on November 11 to help out or participate in the Craft Show. Times will be in the bulletins.**

**Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208. Call or text.**

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# WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!!

Saturday, November 11



## Trinity's Annual Holiday Craft Show

We 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.

**Donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, or objects for the rummage sale** will be accepted in Trinity's gymnasium, via the back parking lot, Thursday, November 9, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 10, between noon and 9 p.m. Proceeds from the event support

the service ministry of Trinity's Mary Martha Guild and LWML Lutheran Women in Mission.

**To sign up for a craft or vendor space, email,**

[events@trinitylombard.org](mailto:events@trinitylombard.org).

**Volunteers are needed.** If you would like to help with setup or on the day of the craft show, contact Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764.



*"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him."* John 4:9-10.

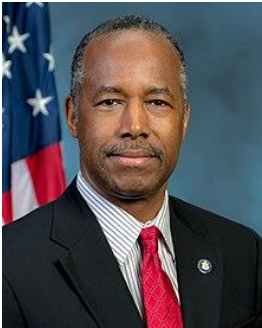
**God provides the means to provide food for those who are not able to do so**

**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.**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to the local food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul and York Township. Questions? Contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).



Annual Banquet



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19  
6 P.M.**

**DRURY LANE, OAK  
BROOK**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: DR. BEN  
CARSON**

A handful of Trinity members are attending Caring Network banquet. Caring Network operates Christian pregnancy help and support ministries across Northern Illinois. Learn more about this wonderful local pro-life outreach and hear the renowned Dr. Ben Carson online. The in-person dinner is completely booked but you can still sign up to watch online and can always support this compassionate work with a financial gift. Visit [caringnetwork.com/](http://caringnetwork.com/) - select Events, and then Annual Banquet.

Celebrating Caring Network's efforts to reach more women facing unplanned pregnancies and to save more lives.

**Pray for the Preborn  
and their Parents!**



*There Are  
Many Ways  
to Witness*

On September 16, a movie was shown at church that had a Christian message. It was an inviting evening with plenty of snacks and drinks to grab while watching the movie. This was set up in the Parish Hall. It was a cozy setting. You might consider that idea as a way to invite friends to your home, who may not yet call Jesus their Savior. Watching a movie with a Christian message is a caring way to share your faith in a caring manner.

Or, the next time a movie is shown at church, you can invite your friends. Or, if you have children, they could invite their friends as well.. That would be a good way to introduce a family to Trinity church and school.

*Remember...we ourselves witness every day, knowingly or unknowingly, how we witness, is how others see our trust in the Savior. How have you witnessed this past month?*

Rest in His goodness and grace.  
Blessings,  
Board of Evangelism



**LWML NID FALL  
GATHERING**

**On September 29 & 30, women from Zone 6, of the NID LWML, gathered together in the Parish Hall here at Trinity to enjoy an evening and morning, full of beautiful hands-on workshops. The presenter, Dionne Lovstad-Jones from Visual Faith Ministries led faith enriching workshops.**

**Sixty-two women enjoyed a Scripture Journaling workshop. Dessert, coffee and fellowship were offered on Friday evening.**

**Ninety-six women gathered together on Saturday morning for a light breakfast along with a workshop on how to create**

**Illustrated Encouragement Cards. A nice lunch was enjoyed afterward.**

**Thank you to the faithful women at Trinity for putting together this gathering.**



**Recipes  
Passed Down**

## *Recipe to Celebrate Fall*

Submitted by Lori Solyom



### **Oktoberfest Soup**

*8 servings*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 pound uncooked bratwurst links
- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 8 medium red potatoes, cubed
- 1 carton (32 ounces) chicken stock
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) Oktoberfest beer
- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1 tablespoon caraway seeds
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Shredded Swiss cheese

#### **Directions:**

- Place bratwurst and water in a Dutch oven.

- Cover & cook over medium heat for 10 minutes.
- Uncover & turn bratwurst, cooking until browned and centers are no longer pink, about 15 minutes longer.
- Remove and cool slightly. Cut into 1/4 inch thick slices & set aside.
- In the same pan, heat oil over medium heat. Cook and stir onion until tender, about 6 minutes.
- Add garlic & cook for a minute longer.
- Stir in potatoes, chicken stock, beer, mustard, caraway seeds, salt and pepper.
- Bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat & Simmer, uncovered, until potatoes are tender, about 25 minutes.
- Add sliced bratwurst and heat through.
- Serve topped with shredded Swiss cheese.

## **Reminder!**

**2023 Lutherans for Life National Conference • will be on October 11-13**



**The 2023 L4L National Conference taking place just outside Cincinnati, in Erlanger, Kentucky,**

**October 11-13**





She is survived by her parents; stepfather David, and brothers Frank and Brett; many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and Godmother Bonnie (Chuck) Rudow.

A visitation for Gabrielle was held Thursday, September 21, 2023, at Malone Funeral Home, 324 E. State Street (Route 38), Geneva.

A visitation for Gabrielle was also offered on Friday, September 22, 2023, prior to the funeral here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Burial was at Chapel Hill Gardens West in Oak Brook Terrace.

In lieu of flowers the family asked for donations to Trinity Lutheran School, 1165 South Westmore Ave, Lombard, Illinois 60148.

***Welcome to the Lord's family.....***

*Luke 18:15-16* <sup>15</sup> “Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> 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.”

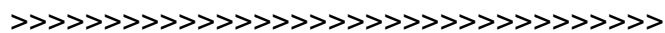


**BAPTISMS  
on  
September  
24**

**Kinzie Cole Gomez**, born September 24, 2018, the daughter of Tomas Gomez and Christina Soto, was baptized in the 9 a.m. service.

**Declan Mussato**, born March 1, 2023, the daughter of Austin and Ryan Mussatto; and **Caden Mussato**, born March 13, 2019, the son of Austin and Ryan Mussatto were baptized in the 9 a.m. service.

Please keep these precious souls in your prayers and welcome them into the Trinity family.



***Confession of faith:***

**Mrs Austin Mussato**, having completed instructions with Pastor Wagner and making her confession of faith, was embraced as our Sister in Christ on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She and her husband Ryan have two children enrolled at Trinity.

Please welcome the Mussato's as you see them in church.

**When we understand God's gift of grace,** we would be foolish to insist on what we deserve! Pastor Wagner explained the value of what "We Receive" in his sermon on the 24 of September.



All of the Sunday Sermons can be heard on Facebook, YouTube, or on Trinity's website at: <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>.

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted **if possible by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to get proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.**

Thank you. Send via text or email to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com)

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