

News

from the Pews

April 2025



Pastor's Page

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! This month, Easter will come upon us, just as the weather is starting to turn for the better, baseball fans are ready, and spring is breaking out everywhere. On Easter day, we will put the purple banner up in the church and shout Alleluia! We will all make extra efforts to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ to the fullest. And as we've done in the past, we will have 2 church services on Sunday instead of one. You will spend the day with family or friends doing whatever it is that you do when you and your family get together to recognize this special day.

And then the celebrations will be over. It comes and goes by so quickly, just as did Christmas. The world of "advertisement" would have you think so anyway, as Easter candy is on sale. There will be a great build up and anticipation over Easter, but when it is over, in the secular world, it is over. But is it really over? In the Christian world, and in our church year calendar, you may notice that there is an Easter season, not just a one day Easter festival. And that's because it's **not over!** Easter is the basis of our understanding of forgiveness because, in spite of Jesus dying with all of our sin, death was defeated! Christ Jesus was raised from the dead. The grave couldn't hold Him, and now it can't hold you.

Easter is about life. It's about rebirth. It's about second chances. It's about Jesus and the life that He gave to you and I through His victory over death.

And the reason it's not over is because the implications of Easter are yours and mine all of the time. We are redeemed sons and daughters of Christ every day, not just on Easter. You can *count* on the certain promise of eternal life every day – not just **on** Easter, but **because of** Easter. The entire basis of our faith **is** God's unbreakable promise of everlasting life. We now have access to the Father that we wouldn't have had without Easter. We are "Easter people with Easter in our eyes."

So the truth is that there really is no such thing as an Easter "season", because Easter never ends. Christ's victory is your victory and my victory, no matter what our circumstances may be. In good times or in times of trial and pain it's worth repeating, we have Easter victory in Christ – every single day of the year! **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

In Christ,
Rev. Wagner

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 15:57



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, with Sunday School in the Parish Hall

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE ~ April 2 at 11 a.m. in person and livestream, Followed by lunch (MUST be reserved via church office.)

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Maundy Thursday ~ April 17th Divine Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday ~ April 18th Worship Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

No Wednesday services or Wednesday morning Bible Class during Holy Week!

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

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

Church: 630.629.8765
School: 630.627.5601



Principal's Page

Trinity was in recess for the week of March 24-25 for spring break. School resumed on Monday, March 31.

Come join us for our **Science Fair** Thursday, April 10. Classes will be displaying a variety of experiments which demonstrate the use of the scientific study method. Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will each have individual displays highlighted their experiments and results. The STEAM lab will also be open for viewing.

Dates to remember:

Students will be singing for the Palm Sunday service April 13.

Classes will be out of session Good Friday, and Easter Monday. To meditate and give thanksgiving for the sacrifice and victory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The track season will be in full swing once we return from our Easter celebration. Our first meet takes place Monday, April 28 at Willowbrook High School.

Yours in Christ,

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TRINITY TO SHINE ON

April 6 - Sunday

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

All are welcome to join in when you are able!

4-3 Our April gathering in the Parish Hall will be at 6:30. We will decorate notes of Easter hope that will be included with food pantry items at St. Pius for our Shine event.

4-10 Curbside Coffee to invite our school families to worship with us for Holy Week. Help will be needed on 4/9 the evening before, to set up at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. And, at 6 a.m. on 4/10 in the morning so all is ready for parents when they drop off their children.

In support of Trinity's Board of Evangelism, Mary/Martha invites you to join these activities for the month of April. We always enjoy laughter and food along with great fellowship.

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

The Northern Illinois District (NID) of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) Shine Event is a district wide service opportunity that encourages congregations to reach out to the community in a variety of ways.

Trinity Congregation will be engaging in a community project that will uplift those who utilize the food pantries nearby.

All of Trinity's Church and School families are invited to join together after church on Sunday, April 6

to make encouraging, Gospel centered cards that can then house gift cards that are given out at the food pantries.

This Shine project will kick off at Mary Martha on Thursday, April 3 in which all women and girls are invited to join in, with the project completion the following Sunday, April 6 with our congregation.

BRING Food Pantry items to restock the Pantry and join in the excitement of sharing the Gospel through word and deed.

REGISTRATION

Now Open for 2025-26 School Year

Registration for the upcoming school year has begun. New tuition and extended care amounts for the 2025-26 school year were sent to our families in January.



We currently have 23 campers signed up for our **Summer Camp** program, which

runs for 8 weeks from June to July. Our 1st/2nd grade teacher Ms. Robertson is our camp Coordinator. We are in the process of seeking help with this program. If you are interested, please let Trinity's office know.

PwTL had a fun movie night on Friday, March 14. They had a successful bundt cake sale in February and will sponsor an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 9:30. There will be a Lou Malnati fundraiser coming soon, and a dine-to-donate at Chipolte in Oak Brook Terrace on Saturday, May 17.

Board of Ed

Submitted by: Sue Niehaus



Join your church family for a delicious **Easter Breakfast** served in the school gym.

(If you can help with set-up on Saturday at 9a.m., or clean-up after the church service, please call and give your name and time available with Trinity's office **630.629.8765**)



News from the Board of Ed:

We conducted several interviews for a teacher candidate for the 2025-26 school year. Our Voters Assembly has approved the decision to issue a Call to Ms. Jane Miller. Please pray for Ms. Miller as she prayerfully considers this opportunity to serve our Lord at Trinity.



Elder Report

Reported from the March 23, 2025, Congregation Meeting. Pastor reported that we have recently had 700 – 1100 views to some of our online services. This seems like a tremendous opportunity for Trinity. How can we connect and leverage these online viewers into growth for Trinity? Any ideas can be submitted to Pastor or your Elder.

We have continued the tradition of serving a light meal before Wednesday Lenten services and Bible studies. We thank all of the volunteers who provide meals. Thank you for your servant hearts,



Altar Servers We are seeking volunteers to join the Altar Guild. We have faithful members who have served for many years. We have need to add additional Altar Guild Members who would take responsibility for 2 – 3 months at a time. If you are interested in learning this very important service to the congregation for spiritual beautification of the Church, preparation of the Altar for Communion, and hanging of the decorative paraments for Church festivals please contact Trinity's office **630.629.8765** or Marlene Kroshe **630-495-4313**.

Submitted by Ron Neihaus, Board of Elders



“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.**

It is always a wonderful experience to be gathered with the women from other churches in our zone. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us. We can carpool to the rally. If interested in attending, call or text: Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764.

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

The following are items that are usually in short supply at the pantry and the thought is that we could bring some of those items for Katherine to take back to Ft Wayne. The items that are usually in short supply are **laundry items, cleaning supplies and medicine cabinet items**. Other possible items

are personal care items like **feminine care products, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner and toothpaste.**



The winds were contrary when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, they were contrary on their way to the promised land, and they were contrary when they got there. There is no such thing as a storm-free voyage: *'Through...hardships and tribulations we...enter the kingdom'* (Acts 14:22). When you have to fight to stay afloat day after day, it's easy to get discouraged. Paul said, *'When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days...all hope...we would be saved was...given up'* (Acts 27:20).

Maybe you're weary and discouraged because of what you're battling. You're ready to call it quits – and humanly speaking, nobody would blame you. But before you give up, ask yourself this: what if God is the One engineering this storm to get you where you need to go? What if *He* is the One who *'spoke and raised a stormy wind'* (Psalm 107:25), so you would have to keep your eyes on Him? What if *He* is

the One who 'hurled a great wind on the sea' (Jonah 1:4), to see if you would keep the faith when you can't see the far shore?

A psalmist tells us God uses *'fire...hail, snow...clouds [and] stormy wind'* to fulfill His word. In Exodus 10, He *'directed an east wind on the land all...day...and...night; and...it...brought the locusts...[He] shifted the wind to a very strong west wind, which picked up the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea'* (vv. 13, 19). One author adds, *'When the Lord fought for Israel...stormy winds brought about their deliverance...And one day, by God's great mercy, we too shall stand upon the sea of glass and see how stormy winds brought about our deliverance.'*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, may I always be mindful that You control all the storms in life, are with me in them, and will take me through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

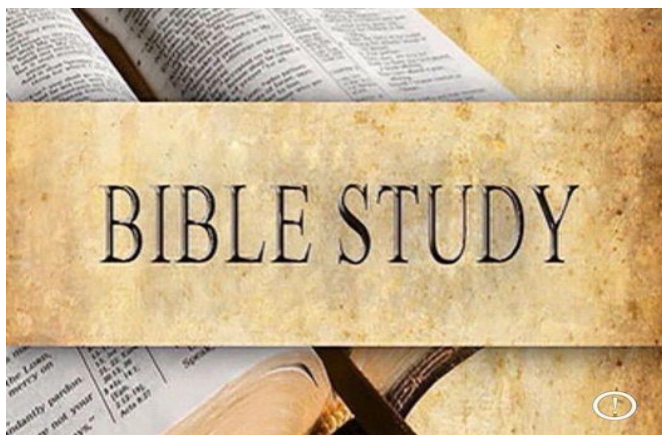
NFTP Editor's Note: This is in addition to the wonderful opportunities for growing your relationship with God through Trinity's church services and Bible Study. The LCMS organizations offer online devotionals that are inspirational for daily reading. Look for new opportunities in upcoming NFTP.

To find the above article, which is from Lutheran church Charities, use the following link. They can also be found on Facebook.



[Lutheran Church Charities](https://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org)

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Studying God's Word together is important!

Regular Wednesday Bible Studies are ongoing except for Easter week (4/16) with the following schedule.

IN-PERSON WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS, 9:15 a.m., coffee, treats, and fellowship in the parish hall, with study beginning at 9:30 a.m..

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 .



*Trinity will celebrate
May 1st, 6:30 p.m.*

2025 National Day of Prayer

“God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

You have caused us to be given a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; therefore, we hope in what we do not see. This world is not our home or reality, but the Lord is our Rock, our Truth, our certainty.

God of hope, we pour out our praise to You, and are filled with Your powerful presence.”

Come and join in as we pray for our Church, our School, and our Nation. Meet in the Parish Hall at 6:30p.m. to pray and celebrate the freedoms we have as a nation. All are invited. Refreshments will be served after prayer. Sponsored by Mary>Martha

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted via text or email to vinjud60@yahoo.com Questions ... call or text - Editor, Judy Cuchetto (630) 698-2208 at any time.