

News from the Pews



October 2020

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 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's focus was on power, and money, and man-made laws, but it wasn't in God's Word.

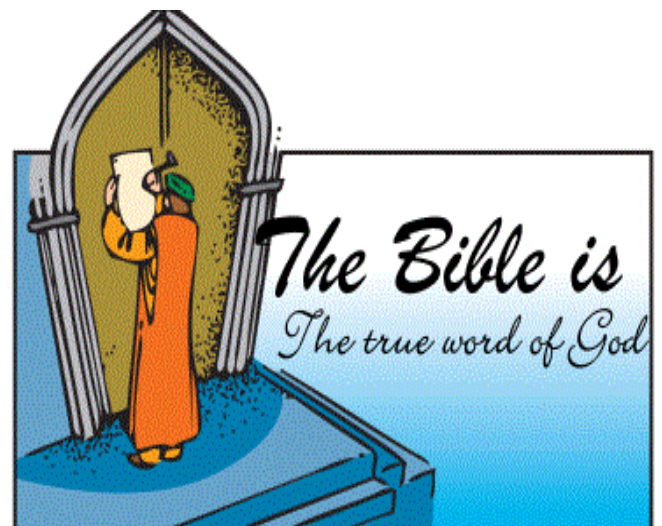
Luther just wanted the church to reform itself. He wanted it to reexamine what it believed and taught. Luther began to question his own salvation based on the church's teachings. So, he became a staunch student of the Bible. He read it extensively in its original languages (Hebrew and Greek). He discovered 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 that it wasn't about Luther being enough. It 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. 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 – you are a sinner, but you are saved in Christ. 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!

Blessings In Christ,

Rev. Wagner



In person services



SUNDAY/MONDAY worship schedule: Sunday 9 a.m. as well as 10:30 a.m. will still be in place, The Monday 7 p.m. has been added back into the schedule. Reminder we ask that you please call

the office at 630.629.8765 and leave a voicemail as to your preferred day, if this is your first time returning to in person services. or you may email Pastor with your preference at pastorwagner@trinitylombard.org .

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE MASKS ARE still REQUIRED.

For those unable to attend in person, the 9 a.m. service will continue to be **livestreamed** on [Facebook@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](https://www.trinitylombard.org). A downloadable order of worship is attached, and is also available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ya5c8gev>.



From the Principal's desk



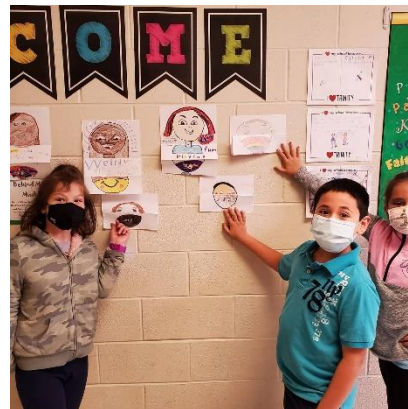
Our teaching staff at Trinity Lutheran School

Keeping students, families, and staff safe is very important. Trinity continues to maintain a high standard in disease prevention and transmission and is following guidelines issued by the National Center for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Health to help stop the spread of COVID-19.



Taking it outside! Band, string, and piano lessons have resumed at Trinity Lutheran School with COVID prevention practices in place. Thank you to Miss Rose and the

Walther Grade School Instrumental Program!



Third and fourth grade art. They made their faces behind their mask.

This is a different kind of year for all of us.



The students made pictures of their masks and used words to describe themselves when you peek behind the masks.

Continuing to use caution, we are discouraging in-person visits to Trinity's office. Please call 630.627.5601 or email

secretary@trinitylombard.org if you have something to pick up or drop off or if you need information. Our central desk is manned on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Blessings,
Julie Messina

Principal
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WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

In this Chapel lesson Mrs. Messina talked about how hard it is to build something complex without instructions. In the same way, navigating life without God's direction is difficult. When we follow Jesus, He will lead the way through everything.



Each Wednesday morning, Trinity Lutheran School students and teachers begin the day with a chapel

service. This year's school routine is a little different this year with the implementation of social distancing practices to curb the spread of COVID-19. One place that differences are evident is in how we participate in chapel. Students are spaced widely apart in the pews and, as in church services, songs are listened to – rather than sung. The music might be presented as a recording, performed by a soloist, or could feature clapping, actions,

rhythm instruments, or sign language. Pastor, teachers, and classes alternate presenting chapel lessons and messages with those by special guests.

Each Trinity Lutheran School chapel service is livestreamed online at Trinity's Facebook page, [@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard). If you miss the live broadcast, chapel service links are posted on Trinity's website on the school chapel page (trinitylombard.org/chapel) and also at trinitylombard.org/sermons.

JOE BOWAY VISITS TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL: OCTOBER 20

Trinity's students have been collecting spiral bound notebooks, pencils, and backpacks for school children in Liberia, as well as chapel offerings throughout the



week. Donations will also be accepted in the parish hall through October 18. Checks to support Joe Boway, missionary and founder of Liberian Children's Ministry, should be written to Trinity and clearly designated for Liberia. Joe will visit Trinity for a special school chapel service on Tuesday, October 20. You can join in online at 8:45 a.m. on Trinity's Facebook page or at TrinityLombard.org.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STEP UP

With most public schools offering only online virtual classes and extracurricular

involvement severely curtailed, several of Trinity's high school students have stepped up and filled needs at Trinity.



Thanks to these young volunteers:

- **Emily Bramos:** Emily has helped with Trinity Lutheran School's morning drop off and afternoon dismissal, worked as a teacher's helper in the classroom, and performed many tasks in the office and around the building. Emily is also a soloist at the 10:30 church service on Sunday mornings.
- **Maria Gronwold:** Maria has also helped with a variety of tasks, serving a part of the library staff, assisting with morning drop off, dismissal, hot lunch, and other projects. Maria also designs graphics for Trinity's online Bible class.
- **Samuel Gronwold:** Sam has been tutoring students and serving as part of Trinity's tech team – he livestreams Pastor Wagner's weekly Bible study. Sam is also part of the music staff at Trinity, occasionally providing accompaniment for church and chapel services.

We give thanks for these high school helpers who are serving the Lord with gladness!



ANYONE CAN HELP! We collect Box Tops and Labels for Education:

These coupons appear on many products we all use in our homes: General Mills cereals, Boise computer paper, Campbell soup cans, Zip Lock bags and so much more. There are receptacles in the Parish Hall (on the wall of labeled totes) and in the school entryway for you to deposit them. Or you can collect a bunch and mail them to Trinity Lutheran School 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd, Lombard, IL 60148. This is a beneficial way to earn extra dollars for our school. If we all do a little we can accomplish a whole lot. Thank you for always supporting our school.

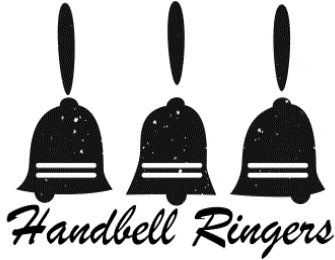
Studying God's Word together is important! The day has changed!

Pastor offers Bible Study, at 6 pm on Wednesdays LIVE on Facebook [@trinitylombard](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylombard). Pastor Wagner welcomes



any of your Bible related questions. *You can interact online through Facebook as the study is going on, or you can also view it on the internet by using www.TrinityLombard.org.

And, you can email questions by noon on Wednesdays, Secretary@TrinityLombard.org Sunday morning study has not yet resumed. When it does resume the online classes will continue. Thank you Pastor!



HANDBELL RINGERS SOUGHT

There is a need for additional handbell ringers for our choir. This

is an activity that would require practice sessions that would be held on a weekly basis. Time and day of week TBD. Ringing handbells is an enjoyable activity that results in beautiful music presented for the glory of God in worship. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

If you have any questions or are ready to volunteer please let me know.

Email questions to secretary@TrinityLombard.org or see me before or after services

Thank you.
Kurt Linstead



PRAYER PARTNERS

If you have a prayer request or would like to give an update on

someone we have been praying for, please contact Pastor Wagner. Or you can also submit your request directly to Nadine Anderson at 630.629.2197, or email duke3579@comcast.net. Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.

The LCMS Northern Illinois District Life Task Force presents

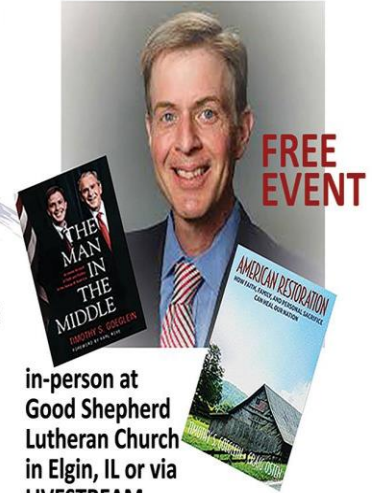
LIFE & LIBERTY

Family, Faith, and Freedom
Featuring Focus on the Family's

Tim Goeglein

October 26, 2020

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Central)



in-person at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL or via LIVESTREAM

Call 630.234.1491 or email kbwrk123@gmail.com to register or get details.

The LCMS Northern Illinois District Life Task Force presents *Life & Liberty: Faith, Family, and Freedom* featuring Focus on the Family's Tim Goeglein on October 26, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 195 Nesler Rd, Elgin, IL 60124. Livestream participation is available for the FREE event, but registration is required. Tim, former special assistant to President George W. Bush, is the author of *The Man in the Middle: Faith and Politics in the George W. Bush Era* and *American Restoration*. To register or get details, contact Kris Blackwell at 630.234.1491 or kbwrk123@gmail.com.

COWARD OR HERO?

For John had been saying to Herod, *"It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."* Mark 6:18

The world of John the Baptist was anything but rosy. The spiritual leaders were corrupt; the occupation troops were oppressive; and King Herod was living in flagrant adultery.

If immorality cannot be tolerated in low places, the certainly it cannot be condoned in high places. With privilege comes responsibility.

The will and the Word of God had touched the heart and soul of John. He could not remain silent. He spoke out against the evils of his day, though it meant imprisonment and death in a foul Roman dungeon. Scottish historian and philosopher, Thomas Carlyle said that everyone must answer the question: "Wilt thou be a hero or a coward?" Perhaps we all have a bit of both in us.

We live in a day when circumstances are not always conducive to decency and truth. Do we remain strangely silent in the face of the tremendous racial, social, moral, and spiritual problems of our day? As those who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, do we have a testimony to share? Do we have the courage to stand for the truth regardless of the consequences?

PRAYER: Dear God, help me to face reality and the problems of this day in the spirit of Jesus, my Lord; in Him I pray. Amen.

["The Abundant Life",

CPH 1998



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

"With liberty and justice for all."



Building Connections & Relationships - New & Exciting Personal Prayer Initiative

As most of you know, Trinity's current method to pray for other members is either via the Prayers Partners bulletin or announcements made during our services. These are prayer requests that we encourage the entire church to be praying for. However, have you ever felt uncomfortable sharing your request with all of the members? Perhaps your need for prayer was so intimate and personal that you were scared, ashamed, or just plain intimidated by the fact that everyone would know? Well, that's where our new personal prayer initiative comes in.

Over the course of the next several weeks and months, we will be asking you to join us on this new and exciting journey here at Trinity. The Board of Evangelism will be used as the conduit to connect you, one on one, with another member so you can pray with and for each other, keeping these topics between just the two of you. Woman to woman. Man to man. Names will be chosen at random so you may be a seasoned Lutheran and get matched up

with a Millennial, or an Elder and be matched up with a high school student. The methodology you use to do this will be completely up to you. Some may prefer to talk on the phone, while others may enjoy texting. Perhaps a socially distanced face to face coffee or brunch may be the way you want to go. The key is to build this personal relationship through prayer and connection. Please watch your email, Trinity's Facebook page as well as Pastor's weekly announcements for further details on how you can become involved.

Shine On,

Lisa Ottley
Chairman, Board of Evangelism



**You're invited to
Mary Martha
Thursday,
October 1 at
7:15 pm.**

Women getting together in Christ's name as sisters. This Thursday, October 1st, all are invited to meet together for fellowship and to pray for our nation. With the nice fall, weather we are having, there is a fireplace (heater) in the greenhouse. There will be snacks, hot & cold apple cider and dessert.

We will meet at the home of Judy Cuchetto, 118 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park. There is always lots of laughter and good desserts. This is a very casual group.

RSVP by text to Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764 or call 630.620.0599 if you would like to know more about the event or where to park.

We also encourage you to consider the Caring Network celebration on October 22. RSVP only

Trinity's Sunday School Online



Update ...once again, until Adult Bible Class begins in person on Sunday mornings, Children's Sunday School will continue online. During this time,

families are encouraged to visit Trinity's online Sunday School portal:

<https://www.trinitylombard.org/sunday-school-activities>. Regularly updated, the page includes story time, coloring, crafts, devotions, projects, and more. Some items are downloadable to print. If you do not have the ability to print, please email and request the desired Sunday School activities via mail, at secretary@trinitylombard.org. Please include your mailing address.

Adults or youth who would like to volunteer with Sunday School when in-person Sunday morning class resumes are invited to contact Trinity's office at 630.627.5601 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

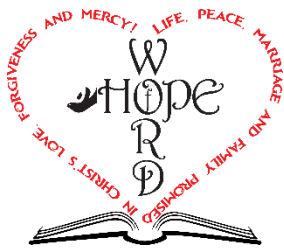
Blessings in the Name of Our Risen Savior Jesus Christ,
Lori Solyom

CARING NETWORK CELEBRATION AT TRINITY: OCTOBER 22

This year's Caring Network Banquet has been reinvented. With respect to social distancing, the annual large dinner gathering has been set aside for smaller events, **including one hosted here at Trinity**. You are invited to a livestreamed presentation by the Christian pregnancy help center on October 22, featuring Dr. David Jeremiah, in Trinity's parish hall, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There will be no dinner, but

individual desserts, coffee and bottled water will be served. There is no cost to attend but there will be an opportunity to financially support the 39-year-old pro-life ministry. Masks are required, space is limited, and you must RSVP – please call or text Lori Solyom at 630.640.0426 asap to reserve your seat at the Trinity hosted event.

Please lift up the staff and volunteers of Caring Network, whose President Beth Rockouski went home to be with the Lord in September following a courageous battle with cancer. Beth served Caring Network with an extraordinary heart for Christ for six years, the final two and a half as President. Her passionate vision led to the expansion of pregnancy help centers into underserved communities--extending Caring Network's ability to reach more women and save more lives. Please pray for Beth's loving husband, three daughters, parents, and extended family.



Are You Struggling? You never thought it would be you that needed help. God has not forgotten you "I will never desert you, nor will I ever

forsake you." Hebrews 13:5c

THERE IS always HOPE...

If your heart is aching because of a decision that was made and you're struggling with feelings of depression, guilt, grief, anger or regret about an abortion in the past? Word of Hope can help. The enemy of God wants you to stay in that pain. The Word of Hope

offers confidential counseling, support resources and referrals, for dealing with the after-effects of an abortion, to allow God's grace to heal you. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief over an abortion, call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org. It's caring and completely confidential.

Recipes from the Pews:

Recipes or suggestions from our "church family" are welcome. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your recipes.



Recipes Passed Down

Trinity River Mud Cake w/ Floodtide Frosting

This is from Ernestine Dorn, a former long-time member who now lives in Florida

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup butter - melted
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ½ cup cocoa
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup coconut
- 2 cups walnuts
- 1 - 7 oz jar marshmallow fluff

Cake: combine eggs & sugar in mixing bowl and mix on high for five minutes. Combine melted butter, flour, cocoa, vanilla, coconut and nuts. Then combine the two mixtures and mix well. Pour into 9x13x2 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Spread the marshmallow fluff on the cake while hot. Frost w/ chocolate frosting after cake cools down.

Enjoy, *Ernestine*

SINGING IN OUR HEARTS

It can feel funny, sitting in church and participating in the liturgy without singing. Yet there are several ways one can view the current “no singing” recommendations that are in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

When we think of praising God or making a joyful noise unto the Lord, we default to the idea of singing. That’s certainly a Biblical approach. Psalm 100:1-2 tells us to *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!” POW!!*

Perhaps, during services, when the organist and/or soloist sings from the balcony, we can take time to reflect on the meaning of the lyrics of the hymns. Thanks to Kurt Linstead, Hannah Solyom, Emily Bramos, and Robert Lustrea for blessing us with their voices.

Of course, those who attend church via livestream can sing along. And they can do so without inhibition, as there is no congregation present in their home to overhear!

What if, when our singing is silenced, we put that celebratory exuberance into our “Amen,” our responsive reading of the Psalms, or our “Lord, have mercy” during the Prayer of the Church?

In chapel, Trinity’s students are learning sign language to “sing” along with songs (thanks to Mrs. Scott for blessing the children and staff with this gift), and school music classes are expressing themselves through rhythm and movement under the creative direction of Miss Rose.

We can rest assured, knowing that the saints who have gone before us are singing with the angels and all the heavenly host in our stead. The vaults of heaven resound continually with songs of praise declaring, “Worthy is the Lamb.” Isaiah 55:12 notes that we shall *“break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.”* Maybe, when singing isn’t a possibility, we can join the trees and gently clap for joy...or tap our feet or nod our head. Our whole body is made for praise – not just our voice!



The children learn to use their body movement to praise the Lord.

The final entry in the book of Psalms reminds

us that our voices are but one tool of many for praising the Lord. Psalm 150:3-5 reads, *“Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe! Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”*

DO YOU KNOW KFUE?

KFUE is radio station Owned and operated by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with studios in the denominational headquarters at the International Center in St. Louis. It is one of the oldest continuous

operating Christian radio stations in the United States. KFUE's programming includes Bible studies, theological and social commentary, and Lutheran sacred music. Popular favorites include long-running programs: *Issues, Etc.*, *The Lutheran Hour*, and *White Horse Inn*, and a newer hit, *The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge*. The station, heard at 850 AM in the St. Louis area is available via the internet to everyone. KFUE livestreams 24/7 at kfuo.org and offers many of its podcasts on demand. *KFUE Radio: Christ for you. Anytime. Anywhere.*



**BRINGING LIGHT:
TRINITY'S CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**

The launch and promotion of Trinity's Capital Campaign, *Bringing Light to Our*

Community, is currently on hold, like many programs during these times when meeting together is restricted. Our three-tiered initiative, focusing on 1. Trinity Lutheran School expansion and promotion, 2. Accessible bathrooms in church and school, and 3. A new, modern LED sign at the intersection of Roosevelt and Meyers Rd., was halted before it could get underway. In the meantime – the campaign is quietly and steadily receiving donations. We have currently collected about 8% of our \$65,000 dollar goal. An official launch will be rescheduled after the New Year, but in the meantime, you are welcome to designate gifts to the campaign. Your suggestions and comments are welcome at BringingLight@TrinityLombard.org.

ABOUT GIVING: ENVELOPES, OFFERINGS, AND MORE

Our tithes and offerings help keep Trinity Lutheran Church and School afloat. If you have not been to church in person in a while, your offering envelopes may be lonely! If you come to a church service, You may pick them up from the parish hall. Otherwise, you can make arrangements to pick them up from the office – or if that is not an option – to have them delivered, at 630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Some people find it convenient to give online at <https://tinyurl.com/vbb68ns> - or click the green donate button at www.TrinityLombard.org or mail a check payable to *Trinity Lutheran Church* to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1165 S Westmore-Meyers Rd., Lombard, IL 60148.

Gifts to Trinity Lutheran Church and School are always tax deductible, but the Congressional CARES Act, passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, includes a partial deduction for charitable contributions. A new “above the line” deduction permits taxpayer to deduct up to \$300 of annual cash contributions regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes contributions or takes the new, higher standard deduction.



Additional ways to further the ministry:

- If you receive a COVID-19 stimulus payment, consider giving a portion of

it to the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

- Will you owe money to the state of Illinois? If so find out how a gift to Trinity Lutheran School through Empower Illinois can benefit Trinity while providing you with a 75% tax credit. Learn more at EmpowerIllinois.org.
- Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® can direct them to Trinity Lutheran Church or Trinity Lutheran School at Thrivent.com.

If you need assistance with any of these activities, please notify Trinity's office and help can be provided.

And please know, while Trinity does need your financial support, *even more important are your prayers, and your willing hands and feet. Please remember to lift Trinity's community of members and friends up to the Lord regularly, and if you would like to volunteer in some way, please let us know.*

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above..." James 1:17

Lori Solyom

Chairman, Board of Stewardship

Updates & FYI's

News about Trinity family members.....

Bob Gehrt is still in the Skilled Nursing & Rehab center of Park Place 1050 Euclid Ave,

Elmhurst, IL 60126 630.936.4568 he thanks those continuing to pray for him.

Steve Klein has been released from Marianjoy Rehab. He is staying temporarily with his mom, Carol Klein, in Naperville. Steve's sister is there and transports him to Marianjoy three times a week for therapy. Steve has been able to attend church 2 weeks in a row. He's progressing. Thank you Lord.

Marjorie Klein ... hallelujah, God is good! Marjorie has been able to transfer herself from the bed to the wheelchair AND, she is walking! She uses a walker and can make it across the room plus.

Pastor Boomhower, has sold his home in Lombard and has moved up to Frankenmuth, MI. He sends his love to all at Trinity.



TRINITY'S 2020 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW POSTPONED

Trinity's 41st Annual Holiday Craft Show, hosted by Mary/Martha, will **not** take place on the second Saturday in November this year as originally planned but will be postponed until November 13, 2021. The executive board of the Mary Martha Guild – the women's ministry at Trinity and our church's chapter of LWML: Lutheran Women in Mission – made the decision out of concern for all participants, exhibitors, and shoppers.

It takes many hands to put on this event and it's never too early to sign on to help with the 2021 Holiday Craft Show. Call or email Trinity's office to sign up (630.629.8765 or secretary@trinitylombard.org).

EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS	
UPSET	JOHN 14
WEAK	PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY	PSALM 23
SINNED	PSALM 51
WORRIED	MATTHEW 8:19-31
ANXIOUS	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
UNHAPPY	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
IN DANGER	PSALM 91
DEPRESSED	PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH	EXODUS 14
NEED COURAGE	JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION	PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE	MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP	PSALM 121
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS	LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY	PSALM 37
DISCOURAGED WITH WORK	PSALM 126

For Fun: Christian songs that correlate to people, places, and things: Submitted by Kitty Cross

Dentist	Crown Him With Many Crowns
Weatherman	There Shall be Showers of Blessings
Contractor	The Church is One Foundation
Tailors	Holy, Holy, Holy
Golfers	There is a Green Hill Far Away
Optometrist	Open My Eyes That I Might See
IRS agent	I Surrender All
Politicians	Standing On the Promises

Gossip	Pass It On
Electricians	Send the Light
Shoppers	Sweet Bye & Bye
Realtors	Heaven is My Home
Massage Therapist	He Touched Me

For those who speed on the highway:	
55 mph	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	Nearer My God to Thee
85 mph	This World is Not My Home
95 mph	Lord I'm Coming Home
100 mph	Precious Memories

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(do we have your current email address?)
If you ever have a critical need, please let Trinity know so that they can connect you with appropriate help and resources – www.TrinityLombard.org, and social media sites.

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted by the 20th of the month. Send to vinjud60@yahoo.com
 Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto 630.698.2208 at any time.

Note:
 Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions. Enjoy and be blessed.