

# News

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Matthew 4:4 – Jesus says: “It is written, man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” He said this in response to Satan’s devious efforts at tempting Him into

sinning. By seducing a very hungry Jesus into turning stones into bread which he could eat, Jesus would have used His Divine power in a self-serving – and thus a sinful – way. Jesus’ reaction was to basically say that, in spite of what our circumstances may seem to dictate, there is only one thing necessary – the Word of God.

In our humanness we forget this so easily. Our lives can be one long, continuous hectic schedule, running ourselves until we can’t go anymore. When our weekends fill up as they so often do, putting church aside is very easy to do, and is a very attractive option when we have the problem of not having enough time. “I’ll miss just this once and make sure I go next time”, we say to ourselves. We’ve all done it, and we all probably will do it again.

But sometimes we forget about just how necessary hearing God’s Word actually is. We **need** it to survive spiritually. If we were to neglect eating for an extended period of time, our physical health would suffer. In the same our faith and souls need to be fed and

nourished, and God’s Word is the one and only food that can do the job. Hearing God’s Word keeps our faith strong and alive, and conversely, not hearing God’s Word causes it to grow weak, which will lead to trouble.

I wanted to give this gentle, loving reminder to us all because I don’t have to remind you that summer is upon us. This summer may be filled with vacations, travel, visits from family and friends, the beach, Six Flags, baseball games, or swimming at the pool, which means there will be distractions (there always is). And with those distractions, it is easy to put God’s Word and church attendance/viewing online aside. But doing that can be very harmful to us.

So, this summer, do have lots of fun! Work on that tan, catch up with loved ones, and enjoy and appreciate God’s creation. Just try and remember that “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Have a blessed summer, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

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*“God gives us faith as a gift, through which Christ’s righteousness is credited to us”* **Ephesians 2:8-9**



## Scheduled Services

9 a.m. Sundays  
In-person and  
livestreamed

**SUMMER MONDAY  
NIGHT DIVINE  
WORSHIP SERVICES**

During the summer months (June, July and August) we will have Worship Services on **Divine Worship Monday Nights ONLY**; on the first, third, and fifth (Sunday) Mondays of the month: June 3rd and June 17th @ 6 p.m. July 1st, 8th and July 22nd @ **6 p.m.** and August 5<sup>th</sup> & 19th @ **6 p.m.** We will return to the regularly scheduled EVERY Monday Worship/Divine Worship on Monday evenings @ **6 p.m.** after Labor Day.

**Enjoying Coffee & fellowship after church services on Sundays will continue thru the summer months.**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**, will return IN-PERSON, September 9

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** has taken a break for the summer. We will begin again after Labor Day.

**Facebook:** Additionally: keep up with Trinity news from church and school on Facebook [@TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>.

Find the 9 a.m. 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**

[\(https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/\)](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/)

and can also be viewed live at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/>



*Where will God  
lead us!*



Principal Terell, Tyler Zita, Mr. Baerenklau, Aidan Harrison, Pastor Wagner

As the 2023-2024 school year draws to a close and its events scroll by in memory, it is easy to see God's blessing and wisdom upon Trinity Lutheran School. Daily, we enjoyed the smiling faces of children. Caring, Christian teachers instructed and pointed the children toward excellence. Faithful parents, wise Board of Education members, talented classroom assistants, and spirited volunteers sustained our efforts in the Lord to point children in the way they should go. All blessing, honor, and thanks belongs to our God for His both His Law and His Gospel in sustaining us and showing His mercy in all ways and always. He has been faithful in His provision and care. *"I am the vine. You are the branches. Apart from Me, you can do nothing."* John 15

**Class of 2024** - Congratulations to our graduates, **Aidan Michael Harrison**

and **Tyler James Zita**. We pray for God's presence and mercy as they step into the next phase of their lives.

*"The Lord bless you and keep you." Numbers 6:24*

**Thank You** - We are grateful for the blessing of Mr. and Mrs. Graves, who faithfully served Trinity's students as librarians. They devoted themselves to organizing the library, making it a nurturing place for children to explore reading and books. Often, they read aloud to groups, certainly a meaningful experience for children. As the Graves leave us, we'd like to thank them for their contribution to the school, making a positive contribution to excellence at Trinity Lutheran School.

**Mizpah** - Recently, our first and second grade teacher, Mrs. Cindy Allor, accepted a call to teach at another area Lutheran school. As we bid farewell to her, we thank Mrs. Allor for her contribution to excellence in education, while also caring deeply for her students. May God grant His richest blessings to Mrs. Allor and her new endeavors. *"Mizpah, for he said 'the LORD watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight.'" Genesis 31:49*

**You're the Best!** - Trinity Lutheran School remains grateful for Trinity Lutheran Church. Your vision, devotion, and support are vital to our continued endeavors to serve children in the Lord's name. You are, indeed, a great blessing! *"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*

**First Day of New 2024-2025  
School Year:  
Monday, August 19, 2024**

Blessings,  
Virginia I. Terrell  
Interim Principal  
Trinity Lutheran School  
Lombard, IL 60148  
630.627.5601 ext. 205 [tislombard.org](http://tislombard.org)



**Sunday School** will resume in the fall following the church service on **September 9**, the first day after Labor Day. **As Sunday morning Adult Bible Class continues through the summer, Trinity will offer "quiet" unsupervised activities for children on a cart located at the back of the sanctuary during Bible class time.** If you would be willing to volunteer with Sunday School in the Fall on a regular or occasional basis, please speak to Pastor Wagner or contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).



*Studying God's Word together is important!*

**Wednesday morning informal Bible Study** is taking a break for the summer.

**Wednesday evening Bible Study classes, online live classes, 6 p.m..** Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions. \*You can interact online as the study is going on

thru Facebook. All are welcome to participate.

You can also view it on the internet using [www.TrinityLombard.org](http://www.TrinityLombard.org)

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REGISTER FOR

# Vacation Bible School

## IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

Trinity's VBS program is open to children 3 years-old to students entering 5th grade. VBS begins Monday, June 3rd and runs through June 7th. VBS starts daily at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, or wish to register a child, please contact the church/school office at 630.629.8765 or at [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org). **PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH STUDENT.** We are also looking for helpers, especially with our younger classes. If you have some extra time and can assist our teachers, please let us know.

\*Please help support our upcoming VBS program, which shares the message of God's love to our community. Even small donations can help us purchase the supplies we need to make this program successful. Drop an envelope in the basket any time. This is a wonderful outreach and witness of God's love to neighborhood children. Sometimes

it's the only way that they hear the stories of God's plan. Thank you!



## Reminder

Trinity's Summer Camp program for this summer. The program will be open to students from

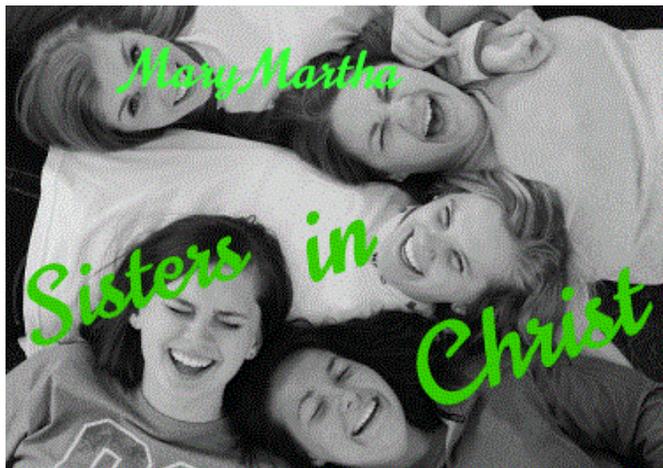
preschool through those who have completed fourth grade. We will start the week of **June 3rd** and the final week of the program will be July 22nd. The camp hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Drop off may be any time between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.) We will remain open for after-care until 5:30 p.m. For more information and to request an enrollment form, contact the church office (630.629.8765). Electronic copies of information and enrollment forms have been sent to all Trinity members.



If you enjoy working with young people in a wonderful outdoor setting, Walcamp has a perfect opportunity for you.

**Walcamp Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center** in Kingston, Illinois, is seeking camp counselors. If interested, reach out to Executive Director Bill Indelli at [Bill@WalCamp.org](mailto:Bill@WalCamp.org) or 815.784.5141, ext 111.

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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.

**Please join Mary Martha  
On June 7th<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Annual Picnic in the Yard**

At 118 S Ardmore, V.P.

Bring a dish to share. Entree & beverages will be provided.

**Looking Ahead:**

Our annual summer **Women's Bible Study** will be focusing on prayer. We will use the excellent May issue of Lutheran Witness to "Grow thru Prayer" as well as enjoy the friendships, food and laughter always present at M/M.

Summer Bible Studies will meet on **June 21, July 12, 26, and August 9, 23.**

At 6:30p.m. at 118 S. Ardmore, V.P.

Any questions may be directed to Arlene Solyom at 630-715-7764 or Judy Cuchetto 630-698-2208. Call or text.

*Updates & ..... Welcome to the Lord's family..... Luke 18:15-16*

*"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."*

**BAPTISM** on May 19th



**Aidan Harrison**

Aidan was baptized on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Confirmation** on May 19th



**Aidan Harrison**

Aidan confirmed his Christian faith on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Please keep this precious young man, his parents and sponsors in your prayers and welcome him into our Trinity family.

*May all who come before the altar and profess their faith in Jesus, receive the full blessings of God, our Father Almighty.*



teacher, Mrs. Cindy Allor, who has accepted a Call to teach at St. Peter, Schaumburg, in the fall. Join us on Sunday, June 2, immediately following the 9 a.m. service and be a part of thanking her for her years of sharing her gifts and talents with our students. If you are able, please help by bringing some donuts, a coffee cake, fruit or other snacks. God has blessed our school with teachers like Mrs. Allor, who strive daily to share God's love and impart valuable lessons in every aspect of our programs. Mrs. Allor has been a faithful member of our "team" and we know you share our joy for her as she continues her career, reaching more children with the message of God's salvation plan for all.

Submitted by, Sue Neihaus, Board of Ed, Chair

**Community Shredding and Electronic Recycling** event. This food helps place meals on the tables of financially struggling families and individuals in our local community. "For I was hungry and you gave me food,'...Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? '...And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:35,37,40.

Trinity Lutheran Church and School contributes to the local food pantries: St. Vincent de Paul, York Center. Questions or to contact Ron Tyler call Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).

"Eating is not an optional "habit", it's a necessity."

*Always a Need!*



Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus! Trinity collected 40 bags and boxes of food along with money for fresh food gift cards, at the annual **Free**



Recipes Passed Down

*Sour Cream & Dill Cucumber Salad*



**INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 pounds cucumbers (about 4 medium), peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Peel and slice the cucumbers. Put them in a large colander and toss with a couple of large pinches of salt. Set the colander in a large bowl or in the sink and let the cucumbers stand 30 minutes at room temperature to release some of their water. Meanwhile, whisk the sour cream, vinegar, oil, mustard, a pinch of salt, and a few grinds of pepper together in a large bowl; set aside.
2. Gently pat the cucumbers dry with a paper towel. Add the cucumbers, red onion, and dill to the dressing and toss gently to combine. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed.

**Enjoy! This recipe was passed down from Arlene Miller.**



*Another...  
God Will Use  
Whom He  
Chooses, to be  
His Witness*



If you are a football fan, you probably have heard or read about Harrison Butker, the kicker from the Kansas City Chiefs. His bold proclamation of countercultural Christian truth to the 2024 graduating class at the Catholic Benedictine College sparked the

ire of leftists, both within the National Football League and without.

### **But Harrison is getting plenty of support.**

Former ESPN “SportsCenter” host Sage Steele said in a video that she thought much of Butker’s speech was “so beautiful.” She explained, “As a woman, to hear your spouse praise you and have such gratitude towards you—not just privately but publicly, in front of now millions of people—isn’t that what every woman and every mother would want to hear, is their husband loving on them and praising them for their sacrifice?” She asked, “Isn’t that pro-woman?”

Some Catholic bishops have come to Butker’s defense on social media saying that the football star’s “call for young Catholic men (we could say, all young men) to put their vocations as husbands and fathers first could not be more important.” He added, “Faithfulness is the way.”

Another church leader penned a column on Butker’s speech, saying that it “can be described as pro-God, pro-faith, pro-life, pro-family, and pro-motherhood. The fact that he has come under harsh and vitriolic criticism for his remarks shows how far our country has strayed from its Judeo-Christian roots and values.”

He concluded, “We should not be surprised that the secular world hates us for our Christian beliefs .... God bless Harrison Butker for speaking the truth. May we all take encouragement from his courage to stand up for what is right and speak up for what is true. May God give us this grace.”

**Harrison recently had this to say:** ““It is now, over the past few days, my beliefs or what people think I believe have been the focus of countless discussions around the globe,” Butker said Friday. “At the outset, many people expressed a shocking level of hate. But as the days went on, even those who disagreed with my viewpoints shared their support for my freedom of religion.”

May we all boldly, by the power of the Holy Spirit, willingly proclaim our faith.

*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

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** for a special voter's meeting on Sunday, June 23rd, after Fellowship Time, for the specific purpose of presenting the budget to the congregation.

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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)

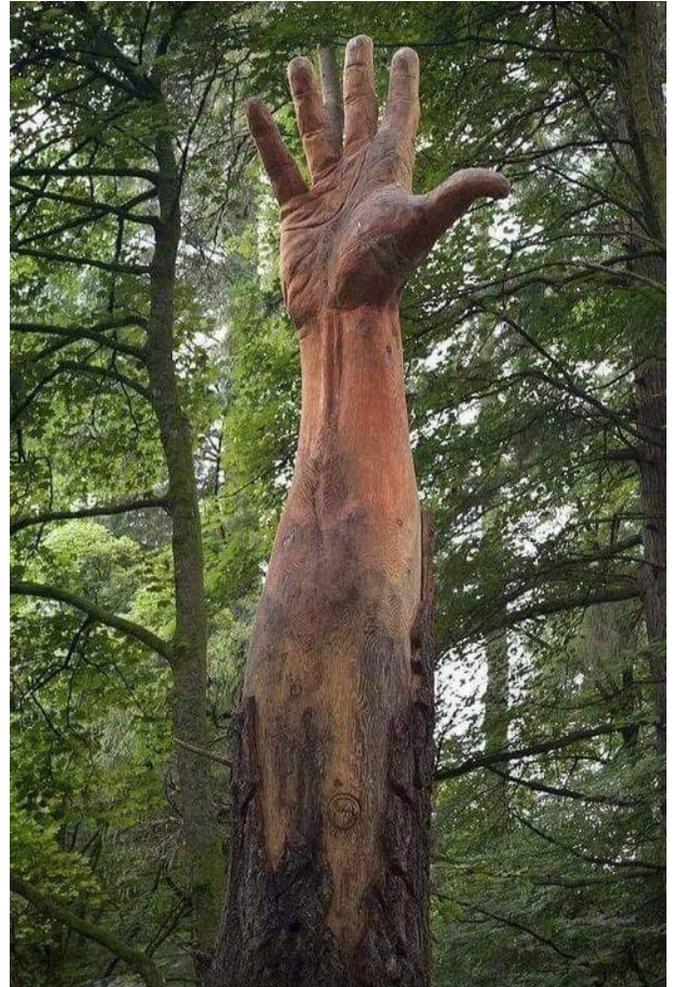
Questions ... call or text - Editor, Judy Cuchetto (630) 698-2208 at any time.

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Wales' Tallest Tree had been damaged by a storm and was supposed to be cut down. But chainsaw artist Simon O'Rourke found a better solution to symbolize the tree's last attempt to reach Heaven.

Beautiful Hand Tree Transformation.



\*Our God is the creator and giver of life. He gave this artist the talent to see beauty where others would have seen only damage. God sees that in His human creation. He can restore the damage in us when we turn our life over to Him. \*note from editor

