

## Pews

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.” Jesus said this in response to Satan’s attempt to tempt Jesus into sinning, by trying to talk a very hungry Jesus into turning stones into bread so He could eat – which meant that Jesus would have used His Divine power in a self-serving – and thus 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.

We forget this so easily. Our lives can be one long, continuous hectic schedule, running ourselves until we can 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 very same way, 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 different in that there may be more 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, 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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*“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:20

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## Scheduled In Person services



Welcome

**9 a.m. Sundays**

In person &  
livestreamed

**7 p.m. Mondays**

In-person only

## Mark your calendar for changes:

**Bible Study on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.** (In person, in Sanctuary) following the "Coffee and..." fellowship time after church services will continue thru the summer. We are studying the book of Acts.

The Wednesday morning Bible Study is on recess until after Labor Day.

**NOTE:** Summer office hours will begin Monday, June 13, with the office open from Tuesday through Thursday until mid-August

Health safety guidelines are still in place for in person worship:

- ...**Please wear face masks upon entry and exit into church if you are unvaccinated**
- ...No mask is required while seated on the left side (lectern) of the sanctuary.
- ...Please leave masks in place if seated on the right (pulpit) side of the sanctuary.
- ...Sit in alternating pews as marked on the pulpit side, not required on the lectern side.
- ...Help yourself to the Order of Worship
- ...Offering plates are in the rear of the sanctuary.

**The 9 a.m. service continues to be livestreamed** on [Facebook @TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](https://www.trinitylombard.org/).

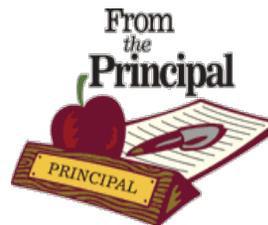
## Facebook

If you missed joining Trinity online for church this (or any) weekend, you can still take part. Relive the Sunday morning services, find the Orders of Worship, along with easy to share video and audio versions of the sermons at <https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons>. You'll find recent online Bible study videos there too.

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.

## Trinity's "Coffee and..."

**fellowship time** between church and Bible class has resumed. Enjoy the treats, and feel free to contribute your own favorite on occasion. Just drop off in the parish hall kitchen on Sunday morning. If dropped off or delivered at another time, items may be labelled "Sunday" and placed in the refrigerator.



June brings a wrap to the school year here at Trinity. School ended on June 3, but the fun doesn't end there. **Summer Camp** starts on Monday, June 6, along with **Vacation Bible School**.

We are excited to celebrate our **graduates**, who finished their Trinity education with a graduation service on June 2. Congratulations to Nathan Pulli and Angel Turner! Good luck and God's blessings to you in your future! *"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Instead, set an example for the believers through your speech, behavior, love, and faith."* 1 Timothy 4:12.

We recognized our fourth quarter Honor Roll recipients during closing chapel on June 3. Congratulations to these students for all of their hard work this quarter:

**Honor Roll:** *Damian Gomez, and Mckenzie Brain*

**High Honor Roll:** *Roscoe Barnett, Ava Harrison, Ariana Mehrazar, Addison Meredith, Abigail Pilny, Riley Baker, Sophia Garcia, Abigail Gronwold, Alexandra Harris, Angelina Iverson, and Emma Serwas.*

The last day of school was celebrated with the final chapel service of the year led by Pastor Steve Wagner. The students had fun and games with a variety of field day games.

**Vacation Bible School** is back in person! The



Tree of Life VBS runs from Monday, June 6, to Friday, June 10, from 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. It's free, it's fun, and it's open to all children from age 3 to those entering 5th grade. Registration is available and open at

TrinityLombard.org. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend VBS and help share God's Promise of Salvation in fun, child-friendly ways.

**Trinity's Summer Camp** begins on Monday, June 6, for children from preschool through those entering 5th grade. The program runs through July 29 and features flexible scheduling for Monday through Friday mornings or full days, up to five days each week. Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., with optional aftercare until 5:30 p.m. Morning drop off is appropriate any time between 7:30 and 9 a.m. Camp participants will focus in different weeks on Dinosaur Discovery, Celebrating America, Cool Construction, and Super Sports. Download information and registration forms at <https://tinyurl.com/3a66ft7n> or contact Trinity's office at [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) or 630.627.5601.

Open enrollment is ongoing for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers looking for a loving, caring school, please have them contact Trinity's office at [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org)

or 630.627.5601. If they enroll and you are a current Trinity school family, you will receive a \$200 credit applied to your tuition bill in November 2022. Referred families must register by July 1, 2022, in order for the referring family to receive the credit.

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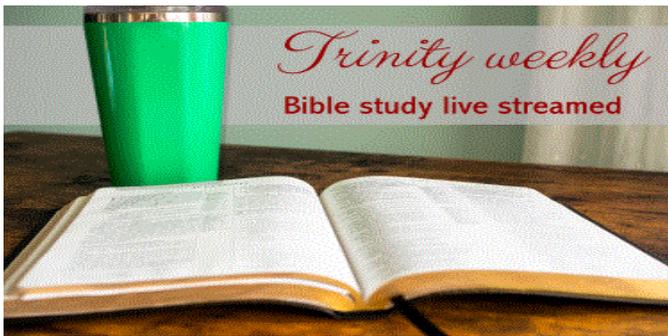
## Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together

Sunday morning **Adult Bible Class** continues through the summer even though Sunday school is on hiatus. Don't despair - you can still come to Bible class after church - and your children can stay with you. Quiet, self-directed activities for Sunday school aged children are available on a rolling cart in the back of the sanctuary during Bible class. Your child can find books to read and look at while you engage in Bible class, along with coloring and word search activities, and even simple mess-less craft projects.

For the younger set, during church and Bible class, there is a rack of toddler **"busy bags"** at the back of the sanctuary to keep your child occupied when needed.

**Sunday School** resumes after Labor Day for children aged 3 through 8th grade. Regular volunteers and occasional helping hands are needed. If you're available and interested, let Pastor Wagner know or contact Trinity's office at [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) or 630.629.8765.





*Studying God's Word together is important!*

**Wednesday morning in person Bible study** is on recess for the summer and will return after Labor Day.

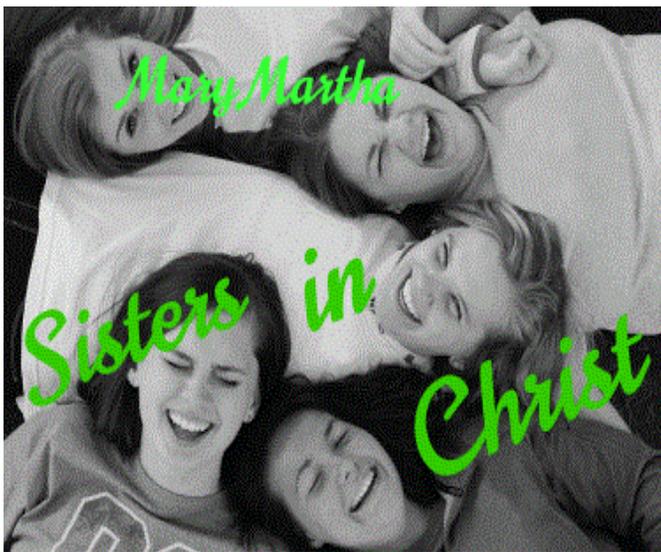
**Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE** on Facebook [@trinitylombard](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylombard). Pastor Wagner welcomes any of your Bible related questions.

\*You can interact online as the study is going on.

You can also view it on the internet using

[www.TrinityLombard.org](http://www.TrinityLombard.org)

\*All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook



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

**Mary/Martha will have the annual "Cook Out" on June 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join in the fun evening in the back yard at 118 S Ardmore, Villa Park, the home of Judy Cuchetto.

Bring a dish to share. An entree will be provided, along with dessert and drinks.

**All women of Trinity are considered a part of Mary/Martha and LWML. There is no membership, just an invitation to gather together as sisters in Christ's name.**

**You are personally invited to come and enjoy a time of friendship.**

**To RSVP, for more information, or any questions, text or call Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764**

Look for upcoming info on summer Bible studies with Mary/Martha

If you were to travel around the nation, what one thing would you find repeatedly? The answer may surprise you — especially in light of the violence rocking our nation, the disintegration of common values, the rampant crime, and the breakdown of morals.



Board of Evangelism

Fox News [reports](#): "A New York man who has been cycling to all 50 U.S. state capitals has revealed that no matter where you go in the country, you're likely to run across one thing: churches." Bob Barnes, the cyclist said he is not a religious person, yet he says, "I appreciate churches," and he was surprised to see how ubiquitous they are in his bicycle journey through the states:

*"You can go anywhere in this country, and you're going to see a church...It's fascinating. All over this entire country...They change — like in the South, we're at a Baptist church...In the North, it'll be something else."*

Because secularism is the prevailing worldview of the elites who control so much of the thought and activity in this country, the cyclist's observations may seem startling. But when you consider so much of our nation's history, it's not surprising.

The hope of America is Jesus Christ. And the hope of America is the revival of its churches, by the grace of God. May God revive the works of His hands.\*

You are the one to reach out every day.

May you be refreshed in His goodness and grace.

Blessings,  
Board of Evangelism

*\*this article was gleaned from the Christian Post*

## What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in Luther’s Small Catechism.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

*“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”*

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

*“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”*

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that

the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

*“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”*



Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. But how easy it is for us to forget about this!

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving. As stewards of what He has given to us, we pledge our time, talents, and treasure to do His will.

Trinity Board of Stewardship

[lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

## Lutheran Women in Mission



*Mite boxes support ministries world-wide!  
Here are some of the National grants:*

### 2021–2023 Mission Grants

Each month we will highlight one of the grants approved at the last LWML convention.

**June Focus:** We put the spotlight on...

**LWML Mission Grant # 24.** [Reaching the Homebound with God's Word](#) — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA *Worship Anew*), \$100,000



Lutheran Ministries Media reaches the homebound and aging with the life-saving message of the Gospel through the weekly broadcast ministry of *Worship Anew*. With an aging population, the need exists to have accessibility to faithful teaching and understanding of the Bible as taught in our creeds and Lutheran confessions. The broadcast currently reaches areas of New York, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Lutheran Ministries Media wants to expand their broadcast area by securing on-the air broadcast time on a new nationwide station and also enhance their online presence. The grant funds will be used to pay the broadcast fees and the internet expansion.

*Worship Anew has six regular pastors who appear on Worship Anew plus guest appearances from church leaders and the speaker of The Lutheran Hour. These homilies are about 10 minutes and bringing a message of comfort to those who hear. We find ourselves in*

*extremely tumultuous times. It seems so easy to be filled with anxiousness and uncertainty. For those unable to attend church, this ministry is a source of great comfort. And even for many who still attend church, it is another great opportunity to be built up in the faith. This is why, even with the significant growth and success of Worship Anew, there is still an incredible challenge to reach people in many other areas around the United States, where the program does not currently go. Support from the LWML will be vital in ensuring thousands more each week will hear God's Word proclaimed on Worship Anew.*

**Please join LWML in supporting this mission grant. Your mites can be contributed toward the grants at any time.**

- Use an LWML Mite box for cash or checks (Mite boxes are located on the back table in church) you can put the whole box in the big mite box and take another box.
- Or make a check out to Mary/Martha and designate it for LWML and put it in the basket for contributions.

**Twenty-five percent** of all of the LWML mite contributions made, go to each local district. For our area it is the NID (Northern Illinois District). A separate convention is held in each district, in addition to the national convention. Each district then votes on the submitted grants for that district's convention year.

**June Focus:**

**DORCAS PROJECT – LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR WOMEN IN GHANA**, Goal: \$17,000 Paid: \$14,674.03



This project will help educate women in Ghana so that they can share the Gospel with people in their communities and mentor other young women of the church in how to handle their finances.



### 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 [duke3579@comcast.net](mailto:duke3579@comcast.net). Look for the Prayer Partners coming each month to your email address.

## Appreciation Baskets

Thank you for your service. God bless you.



**You are not alone. That's what we want the First Responders in Lombard and surrounding communities to know when we drop off Appreciation Baskets. These men and women of our**

**Police and Fire Departments are providing support to the communities they serve. Our desire is to let them know that we keep them in prayer. Pastor includes a letter in every basket.**

The Board of Evangelism is requesting donations to keep this outreach going. Store bought items such as granola bars, crackers and fresh fruit are welcome. The K-9 dogs like treats as well.

**You can place items in the Parish Hall kitchen and mark them for First Responders.**

**Blessings on your generosity and for sharing God's love.**

**Board of Evangelism**

*"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Hebrews 13:5

## Thanks for Supporting the Food Pantry



Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

When we were putting your recent donations into the pantry, we noticed the jar of spaghetti sauce listed these ingredients: tomato puree (water, tomato paste), salt, olive oil, sugar, dehydrated garlic, spices, garlic powder, and onion powder. One important ingredient was missing. The same was true for the box of pasta. And the soups, the cereals, the pancake mixes. The labels list everything that is good for the body, but they all leave off the one ingredient that is good for the soul – love! Nothing says “love thy neighbor” better than helping put supper on somebody's table.

The members of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Pius X Catholic Community are very thankful for the support you give to our food pantry. We rely 100% on donations from the generous people of our local community such as yourself to keep the pantry running.

The number of neighbors we serve continues to be as large as ever, so you can be sure that your donations are being put to good use right away. The cash donations help to fill in the gaps when donated items don't fill all the categories our neighbors need.

Again, thank you for your recent donation of groceries, paper products and personal care items. And, of course, for the love. It may not be on the label, but we know every jar, box, and bag is filled with it!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Any questions about donations or use of the food pantry can be directed to Ron and Dawn Tyler.

Thank you for your continued support in restocking the Pantries at St Pius – St Vincent DePaul, York Center and First Bethlehem. Reaching out in this tangible way to show the love of Christ is a blessing to many who have been struggling.

**Hours for the pantry at St Pius are:**

- Monday and Friday 9 a.m. - noon
- Wednesday 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- 2nd and 4th Saturday 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Ron and Dawn Tyler continue as faithful caretakers of our food pantry and will be more than happy to pick up your donations if bringing them to church is a problem for you.

*“And they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”*

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## Updates & ...

### The Lord receives His own!

*John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

It is with great sadness that we are sharing the news of the passing of Phyllis Floyd. Our loved and longtime member was called home to our Heavenly Father on Saturday, May 28. Phyllis L. Floyd, nee Lyons, age 90, of Crown Point, Indiana, formerly of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late James David Floyd; loving mother of Kathleen (Lawrence) Ladner, the late David and the late James Floyd; devoted grandmother of James David Teniya; fond sister of Mary, the late Edward, and the late Lawrence. Greatly missed by her extended family, especially the Lam and Das Family and Claire Lenihan.

Phyllis was a past President of Trinity’s Lutheran Woman’s Missionary League.

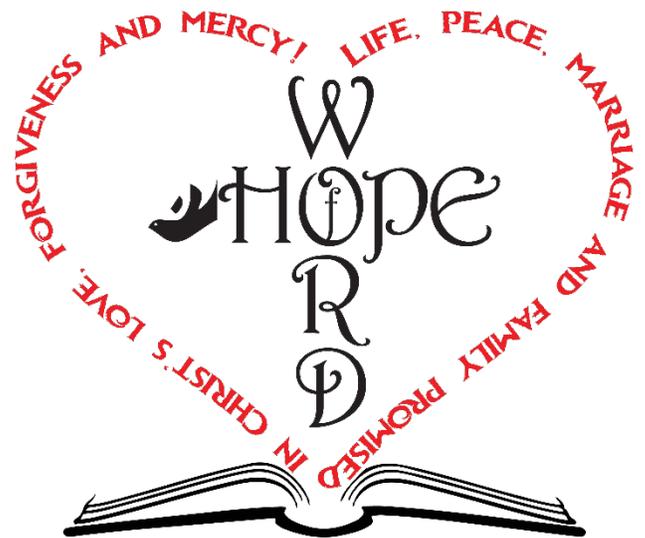
She received a Christian funeral on June 3 at Knollcrest Funeral Home, followed by a Christian burial at Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. For info: 630.932.1500.

## Directory of Info:

### Midwest Center for Hope & Healing: Christian Counseling - a few steps away

Would you or your family benefit from Christian counseling? Whether you struggle with stress and anxiety, are trying to overcome depression or substance abuse, or think you might need support while coping with the loss of a loved one, or if you are dealing with financial strains, infidelity, or communication issues in relationships, you do not have to feel alone. Midwest Center for Hope & Healing offers a full range of in-person and teletherapy counseling services.

Trained and experienced licensed counselors are available with offices at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard, Trinity Lutheran Church in Lisle, and in Oak Brook. Call 630.560.1100 or visit <https://mchhcounseling.com>



### THERE IS HOPE...

If time alone leaves you struggling with feelings of depression, guilt, grief, anger or regret and there’s an abortion in your past, **Word of Hope** can help. Word of Hope offers confidential counseling, support, resources and referrals for anyone dealing with the after-effects of an abortion. If you or someone you know is suffering from grief over an abortion, call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org). It’s caring and completely confidential.

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## Dislike Paying State Taxes?

If you dislike paying state taxes a financial gift to Trinity Lutheran School can get you a 75 percent credit on your state taxes - IF YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT AS AN INDIVIDUAL THROUGH EMPOWER ILLINOIS. It's simple math - if you are going to owe at least \$750 in state taxes in 2022, and you are willing to give Trinity Lutheran School \$250 in 2022, giving a gift of \$1000 through Empower Illinois gets you a \$750 Illinois tax credit AND Trinity receives the entire \$1000! It's not magic, it's not manipulative, and it's not hinky accounting. It is an opportunity to make your gift to Trinity go farther, and it's even better than a 1:1 match. And it works for gifts of any amount from \$100 to \$20,000. Contact Trinity's office to be connected to someone who can walk you through the process or learn more at [empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org).

## OTHER ONGOING GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES:

God's blessings to benefit the kingdom work of Trinity Lutheran Church and School...

Give while you shop!

- **Amazon Smile** – select Trinity as your designated charity and a small percentage of everything you buy comes back to Trinity
- **Shop with Scrip** – gift cards purchased physically or online return varying percentages to Trinity, while you get the full-face value of what you spend

Designate a gift to Trinity...

- To pay a bill.
- To support a Trinity ministry.
- To be used where most needed.

If you have questions or need assistance in making charitable gifts to Trinity, please reach out to Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) and the Board of Stewardship can connect you with a variety of helpful giving resources.



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Caring Network has been used by God to save many thousands of lives!

Their goal: We work to honor and glorify Jesus Christ, the author and creator of life, by bringing His love and compassion to abortion minded women and equipping them to choose life – both physical and spiritual.

*"For God did not send His Son to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."*  
John 3:17

Learn more about this Christian pro-life ministry at [caringnetwork.com](http://caringnetwork.com).

You can give to Caring Network directly or through your offering envelopes (please label).



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 be proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Thank you.

Send to [vinjud60@yahoo.com](mailto:vinjud60@yahoo.com).

Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions.

Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto, 630.698.2208, at any time.