

News from the Pews

September 2020



Well, ready or not, school has begun again! Another year of dropping the kids off for school, helping with homework, parent-teacher communications, fundraisers, and all with the COVID social distancing measures that are necessary these days.....I'm getting tired just thinking about it! But, if this is so exhausting, why do we do this?

Of course, we take our kids to school because getting an education is a very important part of growing up. School teaches our children all of the skills needed as an adult. School helps to develop those gifts and talents that God has given each of us. We at Trinity are truly blessed to have a great school here!

But what about us adults? Do we need to learn as well? Of course! We adults learn every day just as we did as children. We constantly learn about our jobs, our loved ones, and our world as we continue to grow into well rounded adults, serving God as we serve our family, our employer, and our society and country.

But we sometimes forget that schooling and learning involves more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It involves more than learning adult stuff. We also need to grow in knowledge and understanding in the Lord and in His Word. God's Word is the very anchor for all our lives. It gives our lives the guidance and the purpose that we need. It tells us how to live in a God

pleasing and blessed way, and it tells us how and why we are saved by God's grace in Christ Jesus.

Once again, this is why our church is so important. It reminds me of the story of Mary and Martha from Luke 10. Martha is running herself crazy trying to manage life's demands, but Mary chose the one thing necessary (Luke 10:42) – hearing the Word of God. Getting caught up in life's rat race is very easy, especially with the challenging circumstances in our world today, but at the end of the day, there is only one thing necessary, and that is Jesus – and you find Him in church in Word and Sacrament.

Jesus is your Savior. Jesus paid the price for all your sin. Jesus gives you eternal life, and Jesus leads you through the joys and pitfalls of this life. The world would swallow us up without Jesus, but He is here for you in Word and Sacrament. So, this school year, please remember the one thing necessary for families or singles alike – hearing God's Word preached and receiving His body and blood. Have a blessed September and see you in church!

Blessings In Christ,

Rev. Wagner



TEMPORARY
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

In person services

9 and 10:30 a.m.

If you have already attended either the 9 or 10:30 service, please keep that

same time frame until we resume our "all together" service time.



**Sunday/
Monday**

SUNDAY/MONDAY worship schedule: Sunday 9:00 a.m. as well as 10:30 a.m. will still be in place, The Monday 7:00 p.m. will be added back into the schedule beginning September 14. 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 me pastorwagner@trinitylombard.org with your preference.

ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE MASKS ARE still REQUIRED.

Please read Trinity's Guidelines for reopening: <https://www.trinitylombard.org/church-reopening>.

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*

Trinity Lutheran School has begun its 160th academic year, and while there are some unusual circumstances to this back to school season, we are diving in with enthusiasm.

We believe that children get the most benefit out of in-person learning. Our small classes and willingness to adapt make that possible. Trinity is in the classroom five full-days a week.

By the grace of God, we have 72 students enrolled at Trinity. The kindergarten through 4th-grade classes are filled to capacity, as we have limited each room to twelve students. Preschool has a couple of openings left as the early childhood wing has multiple rooms, and there are a few seats left in the upper grades.



This year classrooms look a little different: children and teachers are wearing face masks, desks are spaced widely apart, and students have their own baskets of supplies that would typically be shared.

And we are getting used to new routines: having your temperature scanned before leaving the car each morning, sanitizing hands and surfaces frequently through the day, and walking single file down the right side of the hallway.

New constraints have also brought fresh blessings to Trinity. As public schools have made decisions to offer only e-learning, new families have come to Trinity desiring education in the classrooms for their students. Teachers are using creative approaches; maximizing smart boards or Apple TV, and converting outdoor spaces into classrooms for part of the day.

Keeping students, families, and staff safe is very important. Trinity is maintaining 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.

Now that school is underway, 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.



Pastor welcoming students on the first day of school this year. Thank you Lord for our Pastor.

We covet your prayers for Trinity Lutheran School: for good health, for classroom productivity and educational enrichment, and most of all, that the Holy Spirit would enable us to fulfill our mission – To know Jesus Christ and to make Jesus Christ known.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

Principal

7th & 8th Grade Teacher

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WEDNESDAY MORNING CHAPEL AT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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 implantation 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 \(trinitylombard.org/chapel\)](https://www.trinitylombard.org/chapel) and also at [trinitylombard.org/sermons](https://www.trinitylombard.org/sermons).

BACK TO SCHOOL: IN LOMBARD AND LIBERIA...



We're back in school! And that means students have gathered all their school supplies for the new academic year. In our country, basic school supplies are inexpensive and readily available, but in Liberia school supplies are hard to come by – a luxury that is treasured and used carefully. Trinity will once again support missionary Joe Boway in his work of sharing the Good News of Jesus along with a good education to children in Africa. Joe began this ministry with one school in Liberia, a country where children would have had little opportunity to learn to read, much less learn about Jesus. Liberian Children's' Ministry now operates Lutheran schools serving over 3,000 Liberian children.

Trinity is collecting the following school supplies for Liberian Children's Ministry between now and October 18:

- spiral bound notebooks

- pencils
- new or gently used backpacks
- monetary gifts to help cover shipping costs (*checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church or enveloped cash should be clearly labeled LIBERIAN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY and place in offering plate or delivered to Trinity's office – please submit by October 1*)

Donated supplies may be placed in marked boxes located in the church parish hall and school entryway.

Joe Boway will be the guest at a special Trinity school chapel service on Tuesday, October 20, at 8:45 a.m. (Central). Please join us via livestream on [Facebook @TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) or at [TrinityLombard.org](http://www.nl4u.org). Learn more about Liberian Children's Ministry at <http://www.nl4u.org/ministries/l.c.m.>

Studying God's Word together is important! We are still not meeting on

Sunday mornings for Bible Study at this time out of caution for all concerned.

Pastor offers Bible Study, at 6 pm on Thursdays 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



BLESSINGS!

Trinity had the blessing of witnessing several baptisms last month. Praise God for calling these new brothers and sisters into His family.

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, ...” (Mk 16:16)

Daniel Woods, Josephine Woods, Penelope Woods, Liam Brown, and Monica Wade ... welcome into the Lord's family and welcome to Trinity.

God called new members to our church as well last month. (Romans 12:4-5) **“Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another.”**

Maria Gronwold and Julia Lesch (through confirmation), Catrice McMahan, Patria Jones, Daniel and Amber Woods, and Carl Comer have chosen Trinity to be their family of God..



**You're invited to
Mary Martha
September 3rd,
6:30pm.**

Women getting together in Christ's name as sisters. Yes, we will be having a Salad Supper. This year it will be an outdoor event, held with plenty of fresh air around us to socially distance. In case of rain, there is a screen

house. ALL women are invited, there is no membership ... just friendship offered.

Please join in and bring a salad of some kind to pass. Everything else will be provided.

We will meet at the home of Judy Cuchetto, 118 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park.



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.

Come and get to know just how Mary/Martha Women's fellowship serves the church, if you have any questions about how to get involved. There is always lots of laughter and good desserts. This is a very casual group.



TRINITY'S 2020 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW POSTPONED

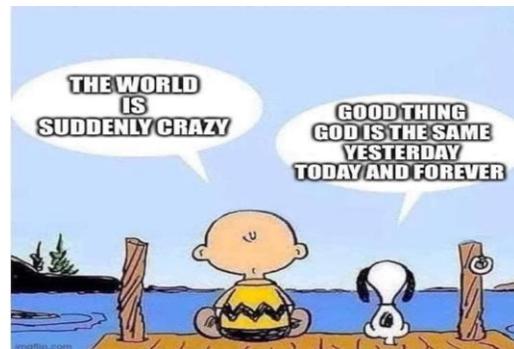
Trinity's 41st Annual Holiday Craft Show will **not** take place on the

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.

The 2019 holiday shopping extravaganza was the biggest craft show that Trinity has hosted, featuring over 70 artisans, crafters, and unique vendors – along with a debut pet-adoption event. More than 600 shoppers attended

during the five-hour fair. Always eager to share the Gospel, every year each person coming through the doors is handed a small brochure bearing Christ-centered holiday greetings with information about Trinity Lutheran Church and School and an invitation to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas services.

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).



No
Jesus,
No
Peace!
Know
Jesus,
Know
Peace!

Blessed Trinity, use the violence and division in our deeply troubled land to reveal the Prince of Peace to many through the means of grace and mercy that You have shown to us as believers. As the Father revealed Jesus to Peter, may many in our time also boldly confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. May every knee bow, trust, and give witness to the fact that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! Lord Have Mercy!
Lord, I pray so many may know Jesus, and so that many may know Peace! Thanks be to God!
Amen

Yours in Christ,
Robert Lustrea

Board of Evangelism

Trinity's Sunday School remains on hiatus.



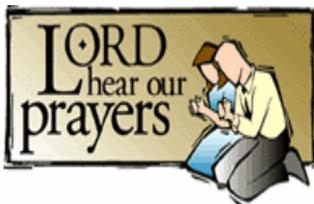
Update ...once again, until Adult Bible Class begins in person on

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.

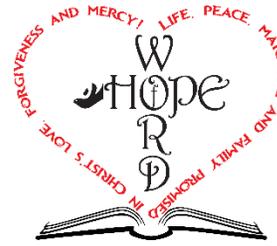
Blessings in the Name of Our Risen Savior Jesus Christ,
Lori Solyom



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.



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.



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD

"With liberty and justice for all."

OFFERING ENVELOPES...

If you are not yet able to attend services at Trinity and need your envelopes delivered, please let us know at 630.629.8765 or email secretary@trinitylombard.org.

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 ideas or your requests.



Artichoke Dip

This is one was passed around from Sharon Kruse Cohrs, a former long time member, who also says hello.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 ½ cup of shredded mozzarella
- 1 16oz can artichoke hearts drained & cut up

Mix all together and bake at 350 for 20-30 minutes Serve w/ Triscuits or crackers

Enjoy,

Sharon

Updates & FYI's

TRINITY'S EXTENDED REACH

What do South Dakota, Arizona, Minnesota, Florida, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Washington, Oklahoma, and Texas have in common? Aside from being states, they all have residents joining Trinity for livestream church services on Sunday mornings.

Who are these distance worshippers? Some are members or former members who have moved out of the area. Others are friends and family of current members, alumni of Trinity

Lutheran School, and people who have discovered Trinity via our website, TrinityLombard.org, or social media channels – [Facebook @TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard), [Instagram \(trinitylutheranlombard\)](https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard), or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/).

Now that Trinity is able to have in-person services there are people in the sanctuary, but each video streamed service has people viewing it live and later – usually between 200 and 300 every week.

One Trinity member who is unable to attend in-person services reported that she never misses a Sunday, though sometimes she “goes to church online with Trinity later in the day.”

A 1976 alumnus from Trinity Lutheran School emailed Pastor Wagner to thank him for his Biblical messages. The Trinity grad watches weekly from his home in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

LCMS Lutherans from around the Northern Illinois District joined Trinity for familiar liturgy and hymns while their own congregations were unable to broadcast or worship together physically.

And dear to our hearts are Trinity's homebound members and those unable to attend in person for a variety of reasons, many related to the implications of COVID-19 exposure for people in high risk groups.

The beauty of the internet is its effortless global reach. A livestream broadcast, shared and shared again, can literally bring Christ to the nations.

Perhaps next week, whether you are sitting in Trinity's socially-distanced sanctuary or viewing from the comfort of your living room, you can say a prayer for all those joining you –

from different states, diverse zip codes, and different life situations. And remember, when you support Trinity Lutheran Church you are helping the fulfill Jesus' command to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," given in Matthew 28:19.

You can always find easy to share links to Trinity services, sermons, and Bible classes on Trinity's website: trinitylombard.org/sermons.

CALLING ALL TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL SIGNS

If you have been kind enough to display a Trinity Lutheran School sign in your yard - THANK YOU! We are grateful.

Your efforts have paid off and we are completely full to current capacity in kindergarten through 4th grade! There are still a couple of openings for students in preschool and room for more 5th through 8th graders, but the Lord has blessed us with a healthy enrollment of 72 students as we begin the 2020-2021 academic year.

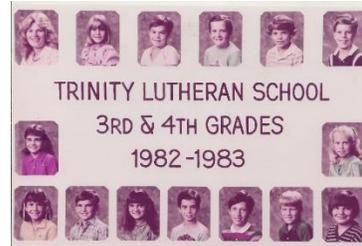
IT IS NOW TIME TO PULL DOWN THE YARD SIGNS. You may return them to Trinity by placing in the parish hall when you come to a church service or make arrangements to do a "drive-by" drop off at the office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on a weekday.

If you prefer to retain your sign to display when we reopen registration in February/March next year - please let us know that you are doing so. Thank you again for your ongoing support of Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

THE WINNER IS.....

In last month's NFTP, the questions were asked, "How many students can you name?" "Who is the teacher?"

Mrs. Pat Perez, is of course the teacher. And like all of Trinity's great teachers, she lovingly remembers her students well. As an aside, a good portion of these 4th grade students are still friends as today.



Mrs. Perez is the winner of a \$5.00 Culver's gift card. Thank you, Mrs. Perez!

News about Trinity family members.....

Caroline Norderud has moved from her home in Lombard, to Providence Nursing Home, 3460 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, IL unit 143 630-779-3189

Caroline says she is doing well. She loves to hear from her Trinity family. She prays all the time and still has a very keen mind.

Bob Gehrt has been moved to the Skilled Nursing & Rehab center of Park Place 1050 Euclid Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126 630-936-4568

Bob is in Hospice and is not able to get out of bed. I spoke with him the other day and he asked for prayers from his Trinity family. Bob is strong in his faith and spirit.

Steve Klein has been in Marianjoy Rehab facility since he suffered stroke. Marjorie said he's anticipated to be released on September 10, if everything continues to progress as well as it has so far. Marjorie has been blessed to have her sons (who will be leaving to go home) with her since Steve went into the hospital. God has put a wonderful neighbor in her path that has been a big help to her. Steve's sister will come next week. Keep both in prayer.

Sometimes you just need a hug.

Jesus is never far away from us as He sends friends and family to give us those hugs. It is like He himself is hugging us.



With all of the chaos in the world around us on a consistent basis, these Scriptures come to mind.

[1 John 4:16](#)

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

[Romans 8:38-39](#)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor

things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

News from the Trinity community is distributed via email and Trinity's website – www.TrinityLombard.org, and social media sites – Facebook www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard and and Trinity's website – www.TrinityLombard.org, and social media sites – Facebook www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard and Instagram www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard. School families keep up to date with the JupiterEd app.

(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

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.