

News from the Pews

August 2021



It's happening! It's time for school to begin! It's time for normalcy. It's time to get back to the old routine. Vacationing and traveling are winding down, and everyone is settling in for the end of summer (and the start of football). There still may be one last trip planned or one last visit from loved ones, but the start of school is just around the corner.

With all this change and hectic scheduling, how comforting is it to know that in spite of all the craziness of summer, God is still in control. God still loves you. God is still looking out for you and your family. Jesus still died for your sins. Jesus still has risen and lives. You are still saved by grace through faith in Christ.

We are very good at getting distracted. Life has a way of throwing a lot at us. It can be easy to lose our way. Thankfully, being a Christian means that it's not up to you to stay focused on God. Instead, God comes to you. God gives you His Holy Spirit, so you don't forget Him. God refreshes and strengthens your faith by hearing His Word in church and by receiving His sacrament. God loves you so much that He comes to you to give you the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Have you been able to continue to come to church regularly this summer? Great! Keep doing so, and God will continue to grow your faith. Have you been unable to come regularly

because of extra summer work or an overfull schedule? That's ok. Every Sunday or Monday can be a brand new beginning towards a closer walk with Christ. I pray all is well is all of you, have a great August, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner

Our purpose in life is to glorify God. All were created for the same purpose.



Worshipping together

In person services

9 a.m. Sunday

7 p.m. Monday

Guidelines still in place for in person worship:

- .. Please wear face masks upon entry and Exiting if you are unvaccinated
- .. You may remove your mask if seated on the Lectern side if vaccinated.
- .. Please leave your mask in place on the Pulpit side
- .. Please sit in alternating pews as marked
- .. 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](#) 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 am. and Bible studies air each Thursday evening at 6 p.m.



From the Principal's desk

Trinity Lutheran School could be the school that your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or extended family might be looking for. As the people around us express their dissatisfaction with trends in society and the direction of public education, Trinity invites you to speak up and offer the alternative of a Christian education for their children.

If there are families with school age children in your life, let them know that Trinity is...

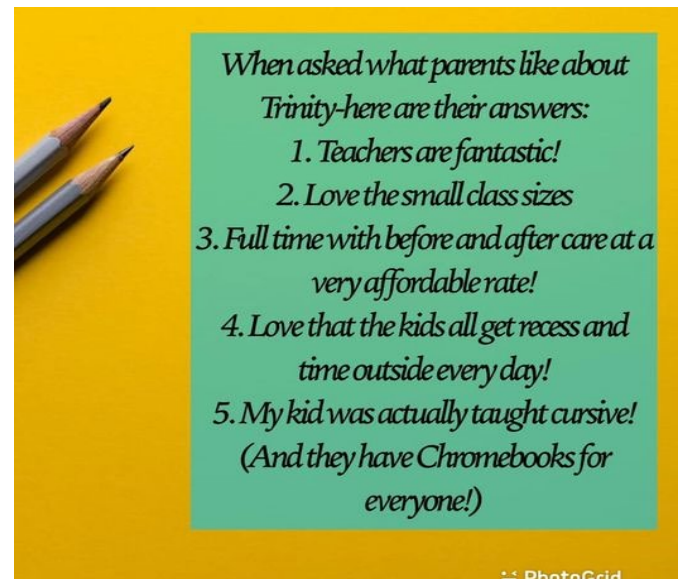
- a great school with small numbers and big hearts
- up to date with tech yet never out of step with Truth
- solid on the basics and creative with specials

Trinity's small classes, experienced accredited teachers, traditional values, and family

environment offer a positive alternative to public schools. There are tuition reduction opportunities through Trinity's Scrip program.

If you are on social media, find easy to share posts on Trinity's Facebook page. You can use the hashtags #TrinityLutheranSchool and #TrinityLombard (if someone clicks on the tags, they'll see other posts about Trinity).

Trinity Lutheran School Registration Night is Wednesday, August 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Parents and students can drop off school supplies, meet the teachers, classmates, and other school families. There will be fun "surprises-to-go" for all.



Trinity is still accepting new and returning students in all grades from 3-year-old preschool through 8th grade, as long as space allows. Trinity offers flexible preschool programming (3, 4 or 5 full or half days) and extended care for all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **The first day of school will be a half day on Wednesday, August 25.**

Invite families to schedule a tour or get more information about Trinity Lutheran School at 630.627.5601 or secretary@trinitylombard.org.

Blessings,

Julie Messina

Principal, 7th & 8th Grade Teacher

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630.627.5601 ext. 205

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT

please bring food pantry donations

August 28

9 a.m. - noon



RECYCLE

recycleables accepted:

glass - metal
plastic - paper

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
Roosevelt & Meyers Rd
Lombard, IL

AUGUST 28

WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO
BRING FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Trinity continues to partner with nearby St. Pius Catholic Church and Sacred Heart

Catholic Church in their Food Pantries.. Please note that you can bring in food donations to our

food pantry any time you come for worship services. Ron and Dawn Tyler take the food from our pantry to St Pius, once a month for the St Vincent DePaul food pantry The donated food will be available to all needy Trinity members and Villa Park/Lombard residents. If you know of someone who might benefit from this service, please pass on this information. An individual or family can go to the Food Pantry located at St. Pius X Church, Madison and Meyers Roads any Monday morning from 9:30-11:30 am for pre-packaged food. Drive up on the north side for non-contact service only. Food can be received only twice per month. You will need an I.D. and wear a face mask Please stay in your car and call 630.300.4353 when you arrive in the Madison Street parking lot of St. Pius X if no one is there outside. If you cannot drive there yourself, Call Ron Tyler at 630.696.6183.



Saturday, August 14, 2021

St. John Lutheran, Indianapolis, Indiana &

Saturday, August 21, 2019

St. Peter Lutheran, Schaumburg, Illinois
VoiceofCare.org

Celebrate people of all abilities at **Voice of CareFEST!** This **FREE**, inclusive fun fest is on **Saturday, August 14**, 10 a.m. to noon (Eastern), at St. John Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, and **Saturday, August**

21, 10 a.m. to noon (Central), at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, Illinois. This **FREE** family-friendly celebration features a complimentary Chick-Fil-A picnic lunch, an inclusive fun walk, games, crafts, and music, plus opportunities to financially support **Voice of Care's** ministry of equipping churches to serve people with disabilities and their caregivers. It's all **FREE**, but please register online at VoiceOfCare.org or call 630.231.3862.

Also: Celebrate people of all abilities at another **Voice of CareFEST!** *This* **FREE**, inclusive fun fest is on **Saturday, August 21**, 10 a.m. to noon (Central), at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Trinity's Holiday Craft Show is set for Saturday, November 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Featuring a full house of purveyors of handmade, homemade or one-of-a-kind items. Crafters and vendors are welcome to apply to participate. Find an application at <https://tinyurl.com/9sy3rv3c> and the promotional flyer at <https://tinyurl.com/5vd7b9dm>.



Mary Martha meets one evening a month, usually the first Thursday unless otherwise designated. An open invitation is extended for all women of Trinity to come and experience the joy of gathering with your sisters in spirit. There are normally no monthly meetings after the June get together until we meet again in the fall.

We look forward to getting together again on September 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a delicious Salad Super.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Lexington, Kentucky
LWML 39TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



By virtue of being a Lutheran woman, **YOU** are a part of the Lutheran women in mission. When God motivated the women to serve Him through this ministry, His plans grew to a proportion that has been blessed. **YOU** and other Lutheran women are able to engage in mission work through your “mite” giving. Read about the extraordinary work being done through the mite grants.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) welcomed **2,787** people to the LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021, under the theme *“Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”* The convention theme was based on Hebrews 12:1–2. The voting body adopted a \$2,150,000 mission goal for the 2021–2023 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund **28 mission grants** as women and men respond in prayer and mites (offerings) during the next two years. The following grants were chosen:

1. Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, \$ 81,680
2. Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses — Spirit Warrior, Central Maine, \$95,000
3. Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children — Lutheran Heritage Foundation, \$100,000
4. Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life — LCMS Life Ministry, \$92,000
5. Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach — Lutheran Deaf Outreach, \$50,000
6. Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients — Phil's Friends, \$70,000

7. Training Pastors to Serve the Church in Russia — Lutheran Theological Seminary, Novosibirsk, Siberia, \$100,000
8. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe — Mission Central, \$56,000
9. Propelling the Gospel — LAMP Ministry, Inc., \$65,000
10. Educating Pastors in Africa — Mission Central, \$100,000
11. Redeeming Life Maternity Home, Illinois Expansion — Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, \$100,000
12. Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania — Mwadui Lutheran School and Community, \$68,182
13. Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia — Lutheran Hour Ministries, \$100,000
14. Caring for and Sharing Christ with Hurting People — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, \$100,000
15. The Littlest and Least of These — St. Paul Lutheran Church and Christian Academy, Dallas, Texas, \$42,000
16. Bring the Inner-City Children to Camp — Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado, \$25,000
17. Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru — La Mision Luterana del Peru, \$56,750
18. “Ends of Earth” Scholarships — Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries, \$50,000
19. Sharing Jesus' Love in India — Lutheran Braille Workers, \$100,000
20. Mission & Outreach to the Least of These — Victory Lutheran Church, K. I. Sawyer Community, \$51,356
21. Mercy House Belize Lutheran Campus — Belize Mission Society, \$100,000
22. Ministry Vehicle Fund, Ethiopia, and Sierra Leone — Lutheran Bible Translators, \$70,000

- 23. Showing God's Love in the International District, Albuquerque, New Mexico — God Cares About You Mission, \$98,000
- 24. Reaching the Homebound with God's Word — Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc. (DBA Worship Anew), \$100,000
- 25. Missionaries to America Project — Mission Nation Publishing, \$88,000
- 26. Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho — Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church, \$100,000
- 27. Expanding God's Love in Uganda — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Regio, \$92,000
- 28. Christ-Centered Materials for Hmong Language School and Outreach — St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries, \$70,208.

If you would like to attend either the Fall Gathering or the Zone 6 Rally, please text Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764

The next LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) National Convention will be June 22-25, 2023, in nearby Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The women of the Northern Illinois District will be helping to host this event, so mark your calendars and plan of being part of this dynamic event! Learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, both nationally and in the Northern Illinois District, at lwml.org and lwmlnid.org

As it is written, "Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined, are the things God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

Opportunities to learn more about LWML

Fall Gathering

**September 25 – 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church Elgin
.....in person and online featuring Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries**

An optional meal has been added along with afternoon activities for in-person attendees

Ingathering for the Fall Gathering will be determined by the needs of Redeeming Life Home.

Redeeming Life Ministries was one of the recipients voted on and received a grant of \$100,000.00 at the LWML Convention in Lexington, KY.

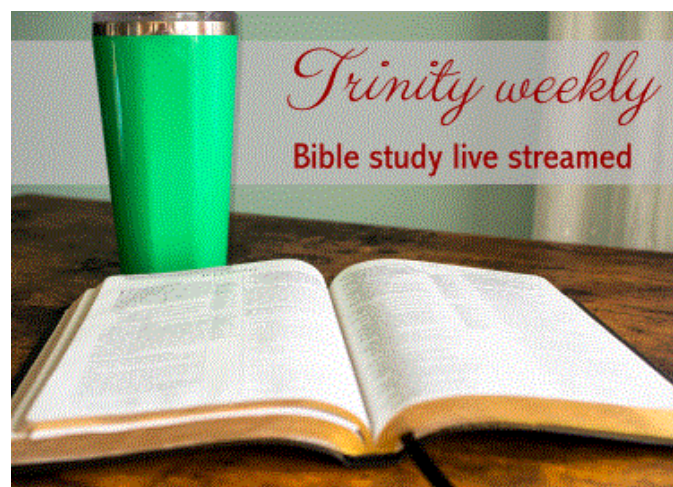
Zone 6 Rally

**October 30, 2021
Trinity West Chicago
9:00 am – 2:00pm**

Arlene Solyom, Trinity's voting delegate at the National Convention this past June, will give a report on the wonderful convention.



ONE NATION
UNDER GOD



Studying God's Word together is important! Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Thursdays 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

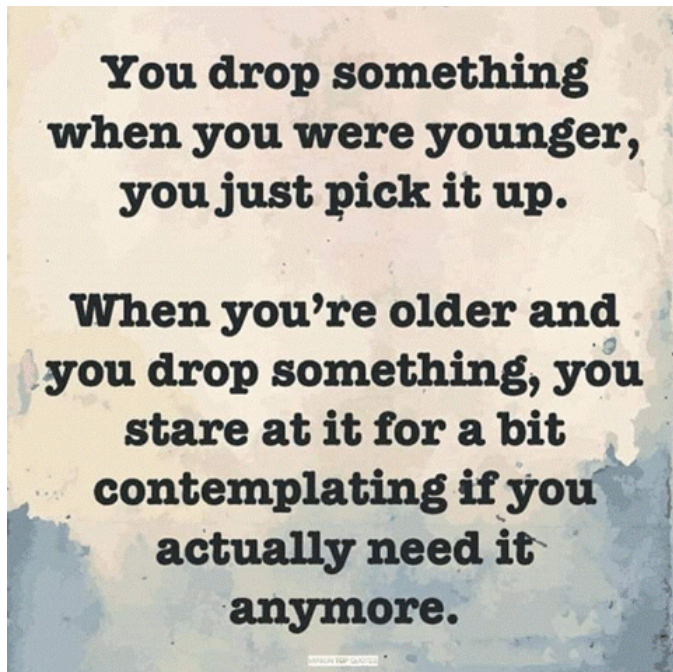
* All are welcome to participate – live interaction is only through Facebook



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.



Recipes coming from the Pews – Recipes or suggestions about food from our “church family” are welcome. If you have anything you’d like to contribute, please feel free to text, or email your ideas or your requests.



Recipes Passed Down

MEATLOAF

Sandy Goss likes this unique Meat Loaf recipe with a twist. It’s from Mama Sue’s Southern Cooking. Meatloaf meatballs. Umm good!



INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup of milk
- 1/2 cup of quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup of chopped onion
- 1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese

TOPPING

- 2/3 cup ketchup
- 1 1/2 TBS mustard
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Mix all ingredients (except topping) together.
3. Form into a loaf or balls about the size of golf balls. (we prefer the balls)
4. Mix the topping ingredients together.
5. Pour the topping over the balls and bake for 1 hour.
6. **Yield: 6** Makes approx. 12 meat balls
PREP TIME: 10 MIN COOK TIME: 1 HOUR

For Contemplation



Have you ever thought outside of yourself? No, I'm serious. The other day I was sitting out in the yard thinking, and looking down at what I could see of myself; my arms and hands, my thighs and knees, my

chest and stomach. I couldn't see the rest of my legs or my feet from that perspective, but of course I knew they were there (just like God is, even though we don't see him). I could actually see my nose...sort of...but not my head or my whole face. But I knew that was there, too (just like God is). I could see myself, but it was different. I've heard it said, I was beside myself with sorrow, or joy, or some emotion. I knew what was meant by that for the first time. I was beside myself. I was thinking outside of myself like I had a separate body and mind.

What I was thinking was, who is this person that I am? I knew then, exactly who I am. Yes I'm a woman who is a wife, a mother and grandmother. I am someone's sister, I was someone's daughter. I am an aunt, a cousin, a friend, I am finally and most importantly, a child of God. That's a lot to BE.

There were days lately when I've been working in the yard and though I'm still all of the identities that I named, it was like I had forgotten the significance of being who I am. Our world has changed so much in such a short time. I felt small and insignificant. And then I looked at the beauty of the micro world around me...the trees, the plants and flowers, the sky, the sun, the clouds, the birds and

butterflies; it's all so unbelievably beautiful. And, I'm a part of it. BUT WHY? Then I a truth came to me. The world around us may be changing but God remains the same.

I now use the time to think outside of myself (which is really meditating on God) in a different way. I begin each time, thanking God for my life, for all of it, not just the good things that I remember, but the bad things, too. I thank Him for family and friends. I thank Him for the life experiences that I've had, the jobs He equipped me for and how it all went together. I thank Him for when I didn't know Him and being able to now name the times that I can "see" that He had been there all along. I rejoice in knowing Who He is and Whose I am. Yes, I still feel small in this changing world, but no longer insignificant. Each one of us, no matter how rich or poor, what race we are, what we look like, whether we're single or married, male or female, what family we're born into, we all have the same significance in God's eyes. He knit us together. He gave us the breath of life. He loves us and He came to us in human form, suffered on our behalf, died and rose again for us so that we might confess our sin, receive forgiveness and have eternal life. We are all, that significant. I don't brag on myself when I say this. I thank God for every breath He gives. But I encourage you if you have been isolated or feeling overwhelmed by all of the changes going on around you, take a look at who you are and Whose you are. Your spirits will be lifted.

Think outside of yourself today – you are significant in the eyes of God. Tell someone, anyone, everyone...what a magnificent Savior Jesus is and how significant *they* are to Him. Blessings in His name.

Written by: Judy Cuchetto

All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted by the 20th of the month. Send to vinjud60@yahoo.com Articles of interest are welcome, as well as suggestions.

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