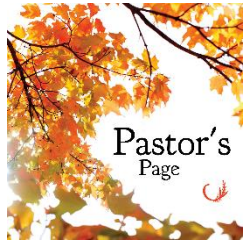


News from the



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November 2022

November is here, and the first thing people usually think of in November is Thanksgiving. As Thanksgiving comes near the end of the month, it is often the bridge between the mild weather of Fall and the cold weather of Winter. For us here in the US, Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday season, and the day after is the start of the shopping season for Christmas.

But, as often as is the case, we tend to look past the true meaning of our holidays. The holiday of Thanksgiving is intended to be set aside for us to stop and reflect on all that we have in our lives, and to be *thankful* for what we have. The tradition goes all the way back to the pilgrims as they gave thanks for beginning a new life in North America.

But what does Thanksgiving have to do with Christianity and God? Well, even though it's not an official date in the Church calendar, it is a holiday that is acknowledged in many congregations, including ours. And it makes sense when we focus our Thanksgiving to God as the giver of all we have. When we give thanks, to whom do we give the thanks to?

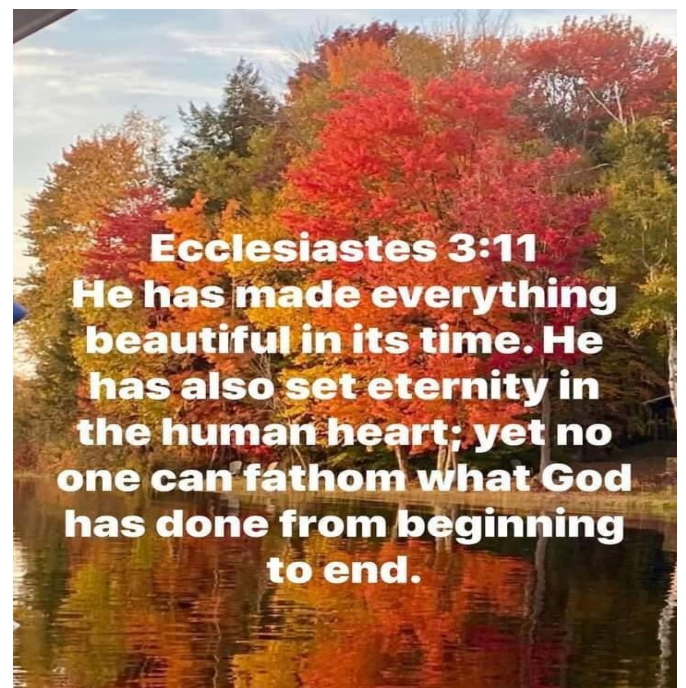
Acknowledging God the Father as the Creator, giver, and sustainer of all gives the holiday of Thanksgiving a distinctly Christian perspective. God tells us to be thankful for what we have as opposed to bemoaning what we don't have. No matter how difficult things are, there is always someone who has struggled more. And when we consider what God has given to us versus

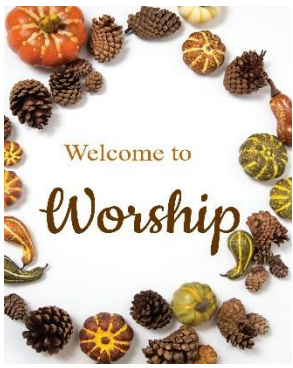
what we deserve by nature, then we can be very thankful for God's unmerited mercy and grace.

So, please celebrate Thanksgiving this year with great joy. Spend it with the people you are most thankful for. Count your blessings. Be thankful for what you have. But please also make sure that God is remembered as that source of giving that we receive from. And, as you do, please make time to worship Him as part of your Thanksgiving festivities. Have a Happy and blessed Thanksgiving, have a great November, and see you in church!

In Christ,

Rev. Wagner





Scheduled services

9 a.m. Sundays

In-person and live-streamed

7 p.m. In-person only

Bible Study on Sundays is at 10:30 in the Sanctuary – Enjoy Coffee & after church services and prior to Bible Study.

Thanksgiving Service see bulletin insert

First Advent midweek service – Nov 30th 6:30pm w/meal served

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 is livestreamed on [Facebook @TrinityLombard](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard) and on Trinity's website at [Trinitylombard.org](https://www.trinitylombard.org).

Facebook:

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.



October was an exceptionally busy and enriching month for the students as well as the teachers.

We are in full swing with stimulating learning activities for all age groups. Trinity always keeps up with current, healthy, and effective teaching practices that are in line with academic and spiritual education from a Christian school. Our students are fully prepared to enter the challenges of High School when they graduate from Trinity, both socially and academically.



Lutheran Early Childhood Educators from around the Northern Illinois District gathered at Trinity for "Bible Story Stretchers" as

they shared creative ideas for bringing Bible stories alive with younger students. We give



thanks for all Lutheran educators and are very appreciative of their hard work to educate our children. Trinity

Lombard is known for its excellent Early Childhood program.

We will be hosting a **Hands-on Family Fun Night** for 2-year olds through kindergarten. FREE and open to the community. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022—5:30-7 pm. The evening includes COMPLIMENTARY pizza, salad and fruit dinner at Trinity Lutheran School. At 6 pm enjoy exploring the world of animals through a variety of hands-on creative activities led by Trinity's Early Childhood Education teaching

staff. Invite your family, neighbors, friends. Please RSVP to secretary@trinitylombard.org or 630-627-5601 with your separate totals of adults and kids.

The teachers attended the LEA Convention in Milwaukee, Wisc.(Lutheran Education Association)



Our Kindergarten teacher, Deb Scott said of her experience, “Worshiping God with 3000 other Christians was truly inspiring. I laughed as the Skit Guys used volunteers to retell the story of David and Goliath. I cried as Olympian Scott Hamilton spoke of his faith and health struggles. Team building, working with families, and sharing Jesus with young children were a few of the excellent sectionals I attended.”



Worshiping with 3000 educators and believers.

Blessings,

Julie Messina, Principal
7th & 8th grade Teacher
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630.627.5601, ext. 205



Trinity Lutheran School is hosting a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, November 5, 2022, in the school gymnasium, from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm with Chili Contender set up at 4:30 pm. We are looking for participants for the Cook-Off.

To be a contender in the Chili Cook-Off, sign up through the link [Chili Contender Sign Up](#) or contact the church office. Your special recipes will be sampled and voted on by all who attend!

We will see whose chili is the best in the following categories:

- **Best Over All**
- **Hottest (Spiciest)**
- **Mildest**
- **Most Unique**
- **Best Presentation**



Keep your eyes open! Trinity School is also planning a Live Nativity for Saturday, December 10th. We're hoping to have live animals. Mark your calendars. If you care to help with any of these projects, call the church office and let us know you wish to participate.



Hands-On Family Fun Night

for 2-year-olds - kindergarten

FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Monday, November 7, 2022

5:30 - 7 p.m.

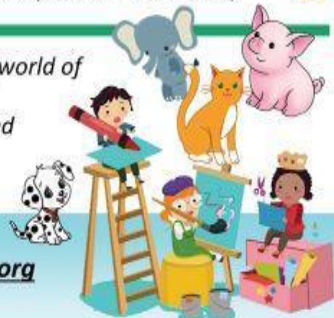
includes COMPLIMENTARY pizza, salad & fruit dinner

at **Trinity Lutheran School**

(located on the northeast corner of Roosevelt & Westmore-Meyers Rd in Lombard)



At 6 p.m. enjoy exploring the world of animals through a variety of hands-on creative activities led by Trinity's Early Childhood Education teaching staff.



Please RSVP to
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feature an on-site lunch, free Kids Korner supervised activity tables, baked goods, and a popular resale area, Aunt Teak's Beautiful Junque Emporium.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Lombard
presents the 42nd Annual
Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, November 12, 2022
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

homemade gifts - holiday trim - home décor
one of a kind jewelry - fashion accessories - inspirational items
sports fan must-haves - pet pleasers - toys and dolls
soaps, scents and skin care - unique art
Vendor Village & Pet Adoption Event

Roosevelt & Westmore-Meyers Roads - Lombard, IL 60148
TrinityLombard.org - 630.629.8765 - events@trinitylombard.org

Plenty of Parking - Concessions
Free Kids Korner - Resale Emporium

TRINITY'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Don't miss Trinity's popular annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are invited to shop, come for lunch, or volunteer to help make the magic happen!

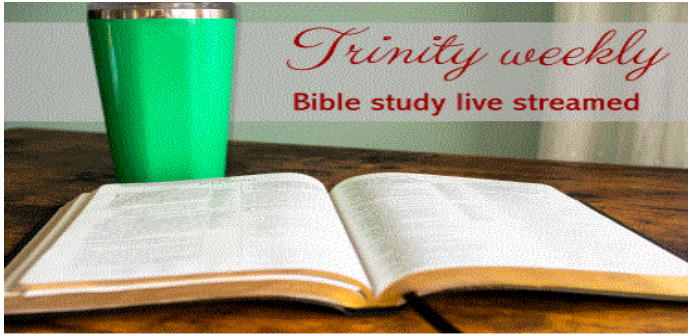
Invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworker to browse, shop, dine, and have a good time.

The craft show features a large assortment of purveyors of handmade, homemade, or one-of-a-kind items, as well as a Vendor Village and pet adoption station. The festive event will also

Donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, or objects for the rummage sale will be accepted in Trinity's gymnasium, via the back parking lot, Thursday, November 10, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 11, between noon and 9 p.m.

Proceeds from the event support the service work of Trinity's Mary Martha Guild. Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with set-up or on the day of the craft show, contact Arlene Solyom at 630.620.0599.

Studying God's Word together is important!



Wednesday morning in-person bible study is an informal study of God’s Word. Join in as we develop a special bond as Christians. We begin each week with coffee and conversation at 9:15am in the Parish Hall. Pastor opens with prayer at about 9:30 and we conclude at 10:30 am. **Come and join in! You will be made to feel welcome!**



Pastor offers Online Bible Study, Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. LIVE on Facebook @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



And when you pray tonight.. Pray for a fighting spirit. May you never give up no matter how difficult life gets. The reality is no one is immune to challenges. You need to overcome them and have a story to tell. May you never run out of strength and continue to fight. With Christ, all things are possible.



Fall Fest Thanks

A huge thanks to all who helped with or participated in Trinity’s Fall Fest Trunk or Treat. More than 400 people attended the fun event. We are grateful to the LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) for the Kaleidoscope Grant that is helping Trinity to fund several community outreach events this academic year. We are very appreciative of the PWTL (Parenting with the Lord) parent group that worked very hard to produce the fest. Hugs and high fives to those who opened their trunks and their hearts, along with a “way to go” for all who invited family, friends, and neighbors to come out and join the fun. We enjoyed the delicious offerings from **Serna’s Grill** and **Billy Bricks Pizza** food trucks. And we offer a tip of the hat to **The Donut Experiment**, who not only gave Trinity a small cash donation but contributed some canned items to the food pantry. The Donut Experiment is relatively new in town, opening it’s Lombard location in November 2021. You can visit them at 2770 S Highland Ave #80, across from the Yorktown Mall. Billy Bricks is a longtime fixture in downtown Lombard at 132 W St. Charles Rd., and Serna’s Grill is found at 9750 Grand Ave, in Franklin Park.





Something You Probably Don't Know About Sunday School

Sunday School originated in late 18th century Britain, as Christians sought to serve poor children who often spent 70 to 80 hours a week working in factories. Unable to attend school, these children were not learning to read. As Sunday was the only day the factories were closed, churches opened the door to the needy young ones, helping them learn to read from the Bible, and often feeding them.

Sunday School did not set out to serve the children already attending church. Rather, it began as a community outreach to help empower working-class children to break out of the cycle of poverty. The Bible was their textbook.

Scripture tells us in Isaiah 55:11 that God declares His Word "shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose." God used their dire circumstances to draw those poverty-ridden English children into His fold.

At Trinity, it is easy to allow your children to spend time in God's Word. Sunday School meets in the parish hall following after church fellowship on Sunday mornings. Parents can also be blessed with the Bible's wisdom and riches by attending Adult Bible Class, which meets concurrently in the sanctuary.

Lori Solyom, Sunday School Superintendent

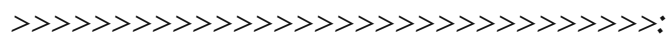


Recipes Passed Down

"Easy-peasy" recipe to share for Fall. Enjoy!



Add all ingredients to taste. You can make a cup, a pitcher or a punch bowl full.



Online Webinar
November 17
Save on Taxes through Giving

Webinar Explains How to Easily Save on Taxes and Support Trinity: November 17

You may have heard about Empower Illinois, a way that you can earn state credits and help

benefit Trinity Lutheran School. Illinois Invest in Kids Act is a well-known but little-used tax program that allows you to allocate a portion of your income taxes to the private K-12 school of your choice.

- Are you a parent, grandparent, alumnus, or friend of **Trinity**?
- Would you like more control of your State of Illinois income tax dollars?
- Is tax efficiency an important part of your financial plan?

It may sound too good to be true but it's real. And it is not as hard to do as it seems.

You are invited to a FREE webinar that will help simplify this process. November 17, 2022, from 6 to 7 p.m., join the experts from Fairhaven Wealth Management to learn how it all how it all works. Register at: <https://www.fairhavenwealth.com/event-details/take-control-of-your-illinois-tax-dollars/form>.



Updates &

Welcome to the Lord's family.....

Luke 18:15-16 ¹⁵ "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ 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."

Owen Robert Byrd, the son of Ryan and Shelby Oppegaard Byrd, born on February 1, 2022, was Baptized on October 16th, here at Trinity. Welcome to the Lord's family, Owen.



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."

Henry W. Buchholz

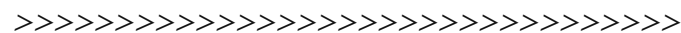


Aug 1923 - Oct 2022

We share the news of the passing of Henry Buchholz. Our longtime friend was called home to our Heavenly Father. Heartfelt prayers for the family of Henry

Buchholz, of Lombard, who went home to the Lord at age 99, on October 12, 2022. His wife Marion preceded him in death. What a grand reunion they will have. A funeral for Henry was held here at Trinity on Monday, Oct 17, 2022.

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Lord, thank you God for always listening to our prayers. Help us to trust that You are always listening and caring for all those we love, even when they are far from us. In Jesus name we pray.



All news articles for the next month's newsletter may be submitted if possible by the 20th of the month in order to get proofread and approved by Pastor by the 1st of the month. Thank you. Send to vinjud60@yahoo.com Questions ... call or text - Judy Cuchetto (630)698-2208 at any time.