



THE TRINITY TWEET

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And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

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The mission of Trinity Lutheran School is to assist families to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ through Christ-centered education.

The Advent wreath, with its four candles, offers a beautiful way for us to journey through the season of Advent, preparing our hearts for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Each candle represents the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world. As we light the last two candles of Joy and Love, we are reminded of the profound gifts God gives us through His Son.

The third candle – Joy – is a symbol of the jubilant anticipation of Christ's coming. The Scripture reminds us that this joy is not fleeting or based on earthly circumstances, but is a deep, unshakable joy rooted in God's love and faithfulness, despite the storms we may face. As the angel proclaimed to the shepherds on the night of Christ's birth, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10, NIV). This joy is ours because of the salvation Christ has won for us. As it is written in Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."



The fourth candle is the "Love" candle. It symbolizes the love that God has for His people and the love that is now revealed in the coming of His Son. The love of God is personal and sacrificial. We see this most clearly in the birth of Jesus, who came to dwell among us, to live perfectly, and to die for our sins. As John writes, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16, NIV). In the face of our brokenness, God's love is not passive; it is active and redemptive. It reaches into our darkness to bring light and life. As we light the Love candle, we are reminded that God's love is perfect and complete.

As we reflect on these two candles—Joy and Love—our hearts are filled with hope, not because of anything we have done, but because of Christ's work for us. The Lutheran Confessions affirm that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Our joy is not found in our own merits, but in the perfect love of God revealed in Jesus.

Merry Christmas to all of you. God's blessings as you celebrate the birth of Jesus!

REMINDER: NO OMELETS ON THE MENU THIS WEEK

Omelets will return to the menu after Christmas break. The main entrée menu has not changed, and there will still be hot dogs available as an alternate entrée option.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! FREE DRESS DOWN On both Thursday and Friday this week, students may dress down for free.

NO CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY - SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18 and is called The Bethlehem Beat. Students have been working hard on their performances! The dress rehearsal will be held

at 10:00 a.m., and is open to anyone who would like to watch it earlier in the day. The evening performance is at 6:30 p.m. and will also be livestreamed from Trinityct.org. We are looking forward to seeing you.

MCREST COLLECTION LAST CHANCE! *Biggest needs are full size shampoo, conditioner and body wash! Please bring by Wednesday! *

For decades, Trinity has assisted the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) by hosting homeless at Trinity during Christmas break. With the new MCREST building in Mt. Clemens, those displaced people are

now served there, however Trinity still supports the MCREST mission annually with meals, transportation, and other necessities. School families have been asked to help collect some items (you may recognize these from the Giving Tree in the church foyer). If you would like to participate, donations are due by Wednesday, December 18. There is a collection box in the Coffee Oasis; bring gift cards to the school office. Thank you for your generosity!

- Juice boxes
- Bottled water
- *Body Wash
- *Shampoo and Conditioner
- Gas cards, Meijer or Walmart gift cards
- Individually wrapped snacks

DANCE CLUB FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY Dance Club with Ms. Suzette will pick up again after Christmas break and run for eight weeks. Please see attached flyer for all the details.

TRINITY TALENT SHOW Attached to the Tweet is a permission slip for students to participate in the Trinity Talent Show at the end of January. The sign-up started today, Monday, December 16 with auditions immediately after break. Please see the flyer or Mrs. McMahan for more information.

DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE—The 8th grade hosts its annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser to support the class's spring trip to New York City. The event is Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Italian American Cultural Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. for an evening filled with prizes, raffles, basket and an open bar. Tickets are \$65 each and available from any 8th grade parent or by email grade8fundraising@yahoo.com At this time, there are not tickets available in the school office.



TRINITY MATH CHALLENGE Trinity students will be challenged to master level-appropriate math facts and win free dress down days for their effort! The skills include:

- K— Counting skills
- 1/2—Addition/Subtraction
- 3/4—Multiplication tables 1-10
- 5/6—Multiplication tables 1-12
- 7/8—Formulas and other facts

If you are interested in having your student(s) take on the challenge, [please sign up HERE](#).

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Did you know Trinity participates with Kroger in their Community Rewards

program? If you are a Kroger shopper, you can designate Trinity Clinton Township as a recipient of Community Rewards money from Kroger! Use the app [or the website](#) to check your account and enroll for Trinity (organization number WL 109).

SOUP AND OTHER ALA CARTE ITEMS Mrs. Chilcutt's chicken noodle soup is back on the menu every Friday! It is an ala carte item and costs \$1 which will be billed to your lunch account. Per government lunch guidelines, students must have either a lunch from home or a school meal to go with the soup or any ala carte item ordered – ala carte items cannot be the only thing a student is eating for lunch. If they do not have food from home to go with an ala carte item, they will be given a meal and it will be changed to RenWeb.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST). Their mission is to provide homeless and displaced individuals the opportunity for successful transition to independence. As the largest nonprofit homeless agency in Macomb County, MCREST helps homeless men, women, and children find emergency solutions and housing resources. Please encourage your child to intentionally bring a chapel offering each Wednesday to support this mission. We want to promote sacrificial giving among the children – giving a portion of their allowances, or earn money by doing chores, which they can then donate. It's a great Christian life lesson.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CEF Stamps are a savings program for our kids to begin saving for their future. The students "purchase" stamps, and the money gets put into an account for them at Church Extension Fund (CEF). Parents must be on the account with their minor children. The money earns interest, and you'll get statements regarding the balance on a regular basis. Feel free to ask Mrs. Brothers any questions if you are not familiar with the program. She will be greeting interested students at the "T" in the hallway. The students will need to see her before the bell rings.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 18	10:00 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 6:30 Christmas Program
December 19	JV Basketball Awards Night
December 20	HALF DAY – 11:30 DISMISSAL
December 23	NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS
December 24	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship for families 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
December 25	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
January 6	School Resumes

January 8 10:15 Chapel – Camp Concordia
 January 15 8:20 Chapel
 January 17 Midterm
 January 20 **NO SCHOOL – MLK/Staff Professional Dev.**
 January 21 Midterm grades emailed
 January 22 8:20 Chapel

FRIDAY DRESS CODE On most Fridays during the school year, theme shirts or Trinity spirit wear tops may be worn with uniform bottoms (free) or jeans (\$1). This is NOT a dress-down day, therefore there are intentionally less options. Please take note of the following guidelines:

ALLOWED:

Theme shirts from current or past school years
 Trinity spirit wear tops
 Uniform bottoms (free) or Jeans (\$1)

NOT ALLOWED:

No Michigan State Spartans clothing
 No sweatpants, joggers, leggings or other non-jeans/non-uniform bottoms.
 No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays)
Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!



LUTHERAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
[Spirit Wear Christmas Shopping Event!](#)
 Thursday, December 19 from 5:30-8:00 pm in the Cafeteria. This is a cash or check only event.

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00
 Saturdays at 5:00

CROSTALK AUDIO DEVOTIONS Trinity creates Advent audio devotions available to download from our website or iTunes, Google or Alexa. Listen during dinner, at work or while you commute.

RETROUVAILLE Presents under the Christmas tree are wonderful gifts, but can they heal a hurting marriage? Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying

relationship is a "gift that will keep on giving" and can be done with the help of Retrouvaille. This Christian peer ministry is specifically designed to help heal troubled marriages. This very well could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!The next Retrouvaille program begins Friday, January 10, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230, or visit helpourmarriage.org

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING—Trinity is sending 17 youth and adults this summer to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Over 25,000 participants from across the globe will be traveling to New Orleans, July 19 - 23 to be encouraged through the theme "Endure" based on Heb 12:1-3. Please consider helping in the following ways:
 † Pray for Trinity's group of 17 youth and adult attendees
 † Pray for the National Youth Gathering
 † Please help us "CLEAR THE BOARD" by taking an envelope from the sponsorship board in the Narthex. Write the donation amount on the inside envelope, and return it to the church office by Dec. 15. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the memo line: National Youth Gathering. Thank you for supporting these youth and adults and making this National Youth Gathering a possibility!

Christmas Eve December 24

- † 4 p.m. - Worship for Families - Christmas worship for families with children of all ages
- † 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. - Candlelight Worship - Christmas worship with orchestra by candlelight

Christmas Day December 25

- † 10 a.m. - Festival Worship with Holy Communion