
THE TRINITY TWEET

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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.

Pastor Ben reminded us this weekend that we all need wake-up calls. Paul writes in Romans 13:11, *"The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed."* Advent is exactly this kind of wake-up call, an invitation to open our eyes again to the promises of God.

From the very beginning, God created light out of darkness. But sin brought corruption, confusion, and darkness that touches every part of life. Rather than face the darkness, we drift into distraction. We bury ourselves in schedules, work, busyness, the endless scroll, or anything that might numb the chaos. These things become our way of "sleepwalking" through life.

Yet Paul urges us to wake up, not in fear, but in expectancy, trusting that God keeps His promises, and that Christ is active right now in our lives. It means living with eyes open to His mercy, His power, and His presence in every circumstance, good or painful.

Wake-up calls aren't easy. Sometimes they come through loss, crisis, or moments that shake us. Even then, God calls us not to despair, but to repentance and deeper trust in Christ.

This is what makes Mary's story in Luke 1 so extraordinary. Mary receives one of the greatest "wake-up calls" in Scripture with an unexpected, world-changing announcement. And yet, when she visits Elizabeth, we see a young woman awake to God's presence, His promises, and His redeeming work. Elizabeth recognizes in Mary a faith that expects God to act.

This expectancy is at the heart of Advent. We are called to live fully awake to the reality of sin, the joy of forgiveness, and the promise that Christ will return. We were never meant to drift through life half-asleep. We were made to live in the light of Christ.

Here is the greatest news: God is fully awake to us, to our exhaustion, our fears, our struggles, and even our resistance. His promise is firm and sure, we are children of the Light. Each new day becomes another opportunity for the advent of our King in your home, your work, your family, and your heart. May this Advent season be a holy wake-up call for all of us, to lift our eyes to the Savior who has come, who continues to come, and who will come again.

Family Discussion Guide

Where do you notice "sleepiness" in life right now, places where distraction or busyness take over?

Why do you think Paul urges Christians to "wake up"? What does he want us to see? (Romans 13:11–14)

What does Mary's response to God's promise teach us about trust and expectancy? (Luke 1:39–56)

What is one way your family can stay "awake" to Christ's presence this Advent?

CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT The Band Christmas Concert is Tuesday evening, December 2, in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend! It begins at 7:00 pm.

FIRST FRIDAYS Join other parents and available staff for coffee and treats this Friday after drop-off in the Coffee Oasis. This monthly meetup is a great time to enjoy one

another's company and get to know each other better. We hope to see you there.

THE KING IS COMING Did you pick up your family's copy of *The King is Coming* over the weekend? It's an Advent booklet designed with all ages in mind to enhance your faith walk and draw you closer to the King this Advent season. **We have extra copies, along with the weekly craft, in the school office.** Get one for your family today!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY Between the Church, School, and ECC we were able to bless 150 families with Thanksgiving food baskets this year. Thank you for your generous donations for the Pantry!

DECEMBER CASUAL DAY THIS FRIDAY Instead of cash for the casual day this Friday, we are again collecting food donations for the Trinity Food Pantry Christmas baskets. Beginning Friday, December 5 through Monday, December 15, we will be collecting the following items:

Hams
Stove Top Stuffing
Canned Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Corn and Green Beans
Frozen Pies
Mac & Cheese
Peanut Butter
Jam or Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles

We welcome any of the items on the list. Students can bring items to the Coffee Oasis until the 15th and still dress down this Friday, December 5. Thank you!

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17 and is called *Carol of the Toys*. 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. More information will come out soon about what time and where to meet that evening. We are looking forward to seeing you.



TRINITY MATH CHALLENGE IS BACK! Coming soon, Trinity students will be challenged once again to master level-appropriate math facts and win prizes for their efforts! 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](#). Anyone who completes the challenge gets a free dress down day!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2026 Mark your calendars. With Labor Day being so late next year, we will be starting school on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. The Back to School Night date is to be determined. Stay tuned.

DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE NOW The 8th grade hosts its annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser at the Italian American Cultural Society on Saturday, February 28, 2026 to raise money for the class trip to NYC. Tickets are \$65 each and include dinner, dancing, raffles, prizes and open bar. Please see an 8th grade parent or Mrs. Nyboer in the school office to purchase. We hope to see you there!

SOUP AND OTHER ALA CARTE ITEMS Mrs. Chilcutt's chicken noodle soup is 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. Thank you.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CEF is a savings program that students may support every Friday. You can read about the non-profit work of CEF [on their website](#). Students "purchase" stamps, and the money gets put into an account for them at Church Extension Fund. 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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS 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 WL 109).

GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS—With the holidays approaching, get your holiday shopping done with Raise Right and help Trinity in the process. By purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight's over 600 businesses, you can

earn money towards student tuition and help Trinity. RaiseRight offers physical gift cards as well as e-cards so you can pay instantly from your phone. AND you can link other friends and family to your account to save even more! Explore at raiseright.com/

SCHOOL CALENDAR

December 2	7:00p Band Christmas Concert - Sanctuary
December 3	8:20 Chapel
December 5	Casual Day for Christmas Baskets
December 7	Grades 1 and 2 sing at 11:00 Worship
December 10	8:20 Chapel
December 17	10:00 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 6:30 Christmas Program
December 18	JV Basketball Awards Night
December 19	HALF-DAY – 11:30 DISMISSAL BEGINS
December 24	4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship for Families 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship
December 25	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship
January 5	School Resumes
January 7	8:20 Chapel
January 14	8:20 Chapel
January 16	Mid-term

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS will always be communicated from Mr. Brown in three ways: Remind 101, a RenWeb email, and local media outlets. Typically, Trinity will close for inclement weather if L'Anse Creuse closes for inclement weather, however, please confirm Trinity is closed by using one of the three methods listed.

SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101! Mr. Brown will be using Remind again this year to send school cancellations or other quick messages. If you haven't already, please text 81010 to get signed up. Put the below code in the message body. You only need to sign up for one group.

K-2 - @ag9ff4

3-5 - @64f2ch

6-8 - @c6cagd

VOLUNTEER CORNER

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS We have had some cancellations in the kitchen, and Mrs. Chilcutt is seeking volunteers to help. Volunteers assist with lunch preparation and serving so punctuality and commitment is important. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** Please [consider signing up!](#)

CHRISTMAS TREE TEAR DOWN The church office is looking for help on January 7 at 1:00 p.m. to take down the Christmas tree in the Foyer. If you need volunteer hours and can help, please contact Tina Prosch in the church office at tprosch@trinityct.org

K/1/2 LUNCH AND RECESS VOLUNTEERS Grades K/1/2 are looking for volunteers to help each day in the lunchroom and on the playground. Duties include walking around the lunch tables, opening packages, walking kids to the restroom and waiting in the hallway, and walking the playground to monitor students with other staff members. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** No siblings, please, so attention can be on K/1/2 students. Use [THIS LINK](#) to sign up.

3/4 RECESS VOLUNTEERS Third and Fourth Grades are looking for Recess Volunteers for Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** When you arrive, please sign in to the office and pick up a volunteer badge. [Review the available slots to sign up.](#)

CHURCH HELP Don't forget, volunteering with church activities may also count towards your volunteer hours. [Read the Announcer](#) weekly to learn all the ways you can be involved.

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00

CHRISTMAS TREES—Trinity Scout Troop 157 is selling fresh Christmas trees at Stahl's Market next door. Lot hours are Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday and Friday 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday are by appointment only. More information call Geri at 586-663-8821.

ADVENT CROSSTALK DEVOTIONS—Our weekday Crosstalk audio devotions begin today! These short devotions are sent directly to your email each day. If you'd like to sign up, go to Trinityct.org/crosstalk. You can also find these devotions wherever you listen to your podcasts.

**ADVENT SOUP AND SING THIS WEEK—**

Come sing Christmas songs around our Christmas tree and join your Trinity family for a soup dinner. There will be four soups available, one being vegetarian/gluten free! This event is free and begins at 5:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, December 3 in the Church Foyer. We look forward to see you there!

BLUE CHRISTMAS—Blue Christmas is intended for those who have experienced a significant loss in their life, whether it be a loved one, job, home or hope, and are seeking the comfort of Immanuel, God with Us. Anyone is welcome. If you know someone who could benefit from this service, invite them. It is held Wednesday,

December 10 at 7 p.m. For info or to sign up, call Lisa Riviera at 586-463-2921 ext. 111 or lriviera@trinityct.org

ALL-WEEKEND BAKE SALE (AND SO MUCH MORE) Don't miss out on this Women's League's amazing event offering the 1 lbs plates of assorted Christmas cookies, numerous other baked goods, soup and chili mixes, jams, items made by crafters, and SO MUCH MORE! It begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, when it will be open to the public. The sale continues before and after all three weekend services - until we sell out! Stop by sooner rather than later. Once again, there will be several "Everything's \$1" baked goods tables! And remember, the plates of Christmas cookies can be frozen until they're needed to serve guests or given as hostess gifts. One hundred percent of the proceeds are used to support missions and local nonprofits.