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. Over the weekend, Pastor Ben reminded us that Advent is a season of longing for God to draw near, and to fulfill His promise in Christ. Advent invites us to name the ache in our hearts and lift it to the One who comes to redeem and restore.

Scripture is full of this kind of longing. Isaiah speaks of it when he writes, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). God's people longed for that Light, for rescue, for peace, for a Savior who would step into the brokenness of the world. As Pastor Ben shared, they waited for 14 generations!

Paul describes this longing, too, in Romans 8:23, "We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons." The world is not as it should be. We feel this truth in our homes, in our relationships, in our work, and even in our own hearts. However, this longing is not despair. It is hopeful expectation, the confident trust that Christ has come, is present with us now, and will come again in glory.

As Christians, we confess that Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise of God. Advent teaches us that our longing is not wasted. It is met in Christ, His forgiveness, His mercy, His presence, and His return. Our longing shapes our prayers, our waiting, and our daily trust that God is at

work even when we cannot yet see the full picture.

So, as we light the candles each week and prepare our hearts for Christmas, may Advent remind us that God hears our longing. He steps into the darkness with His light. He meets us in our weakness with His strength. He promises a future where every longing is perfectly and joyfully fulfilled in Christ. May the Lord bless your family with hope and steadfast faith as we continue this Advent journey.

Family Discussion Questions

What are some things your family longs for this Advent—peace, healing, patience, joy?
Why do you think God allows us to feel longing instead of giving us everything we want right away?
How does Jesus fulfill the deepest longings of God's people?
Where can you see God at work in your family even while you are waiting?
What is one way you can practice hopeful waiting together this week?

ALL-WEEKEND BAKE SALE (AND SO MUCH MORE) This coming weekend, the Trinity Church Women's League will be selling 1 lb plates of assorted Christmas cookies, numerous other baked goods, as well as soup and chili mixes, jams, dog treats, hand made gifts and SO MUCH MORE! The event will be in the Church Foyer and is open to the public.

- Saturday, December 13 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13 before/after 5:00 Worship

• Sunday, December 14 – before/after 9:00 & 11:00 Worship

Stop by early for the best selection. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be used to support missions and local nonprofits.

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 starts on Monday, December 15 with auditions immediately after

Christmas break. Please see the flyer or Mrs. McMahon for more information.

CHRISTMAS MEAL LETTER Last week Tuesday, an email was sent from Mr. Brown about a confidential sign-up to receive a complete Christmas meal basket. We want to ensure that all our families have the opportunity to share a wonderful meal together this holiday. If you haven't signed up and would like to, please use THIS LINK by Wednesday, December 10.

CHRISTMAS BASKET UPDATE Thank you to everyone who donated on Friday for the Christmas food baskets. We will still be collecting through Monday, December 15 for anyone who still would like to donate or missed the chance for Friday's dress-down day. Items requested include ham, canned yams/sweet potatoes, corn and green beans, frozen pies, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jam or jelly, spaghetti sauce and noodles.



LUTHERAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Spirit Wear Christmas Shopping Event! Monday, December 15 from 5:00-7:30 pm in the Cafeteria. This is a cash or check only event.

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, <u>please sign up HERE</u>. 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.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Lutheran Special Education Ministries. LSEM reaches, serves and supports children with various learning needs in Lutheran schools around the world, including ours! 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 earning money by doing chores. It's a great Christian life lesson.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND CEF is a savings program that students may support every Friday. You can ready 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 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			
December 25 January 5	10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship School Resumes			
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January 5	School Resumes			
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January 5 January 7 January 14	School Resumes 8:20 Chapel 8:20 Chapel			
January 5 January 7 January 14 January 16	School Resumes 8:20 Chapel 8:20 Chapel 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 cancelations 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.

ADVENT CROSSTALK DEVOTIONS—These short, daily 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.

BLUE CHRISTMAS—This servce is intended for those who have experienced a significant loss in their life: a loved one, job, home or hope. Anyone is welcome. If you know someone who could benefit from this service, invite them. It is this 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