

# 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.

The message from Pastor Ben this past weekend wasn't sugar coated, but he shared some remarkable truths with us as we looked at Matthew 2:13–23. In this account, we learn of King Herod's anger at the birth of the Messiah and the violent action he took, killing every Bethlehem boy aged two and younger. This is not a peaceful or sentimental post-Christmas scene; it is a sobering reminder that evil is real and destructive in our fallen world.

The coming King Jesus was not sheltered from fear, violence, and evil, but born directly into it. Matthew's Gospel does not allow us to deny or soften the reality of sin, but neither does it leave us without hope. As Pastor Ben shared, **the presence of suffering does not mean the absence of God**. He is Immanuel, God with us. Still.

The Gospel assures us that evil does not have the final word. As John proclaims, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"* (John 1:5). Though the coming of the King was met with opposition, God's saving plan moves forward. Even in the chaos, the Lord is at work, faithfully carrying out His purposes.

As Lutheran Christians, we confess that Christ has entered our darkness fully. He bears the weight of sin, suffering, and death, and through His cross and resurrection, He defeats them. This does not mean life will be free from hardship, but it does mean we are never without Hope.

We come before God with humility, asking Him to keep our hearts tender and watchful. We pray for eyes that see the brokenness of the world honestly, and faith that trusts God's presence even in the darkest moments. The King is coming, and nothing, not even evil itself, can stop His redemptive work. May this truth anchor your family in hope and courage this week.

Use these questions to continue the conversation at home:

- What surprised you about Jesus' early life in Matthew 2:13–23?
- Why do you think the Bible does not hide the reality of evil from us?
- How do people sometimes respond to darkness, by ignoring it or becoming used to it?
- What comfort does it give us to know that Jesus entered the darkness with us?
- Where can your family look for God's light this week?

**DANCE CLUB FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY** Dance Club with Ms. Suzette starts again this week and runs for eight weeks. This session will perform at the Trinity Talent Show at the end of January. Please see attached flyer for all the details.

**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.

**TRINITY TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS** will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday THIS WEEK during lunch and recess in the music room. That's January 6, 7 and 8. Permission slips should already have been turned in; if not, bring it with you to audition. Students should have the lyrics typed or printed, and digital music files should be sent to Mrs. McMahon at [jmcmahon@trinityct.org](mailto:jmcmahon@trinityct.org)

**NO SCHOOL** In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, there will be no school on Monday, January 19. The staff will be having professional development with other area schools.

### **NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK IS COMING!**

January 25 – 31 is National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) for Lutheran Schools around the world. The theme this year is from Psalm 98:4, Make a Joyful Noise. Stay tuned for more information about the fun we will have that week!

**RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**, including tuition costs, will be coming home at the end of the month in a separate email from Mr. Brown for the 2026-27 school year.

**SCHOOL AND ECC OPEN HOUSE** Trinity's School & Early Childhood Center Open House is Sunday, February 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It's an opportunity for new families to visit the classrooms, meet with teachers, experience the facilities and learn about the programs Trinity offers. Tell your friends why Trinity is a great place for an exceptional Christian education and invite them to attend! To learn more visit [Trinityct.org/admissions](http://Trinityct.org/admissions) or call 586-468-8511.

**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT** is Tuesday, February 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. We will meet in the church for a devotion, and learn more about the school and kindergarten program. Invite anyone you know who is interested in attending Kindergarten at Trinity next year. This event is for parents only. For information, call the school office at (586) 468-8511.

**DINNER DANCE TICKET SALES END JANUARY 26** 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent or Mrs. Nyboer in the school office to purchase. We hope to see you there!



**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.

**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.

**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).

**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

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 5	School Resumes
January 7	8:20 Chapel
January 14	8:20 Chapel
January 16	Mid-term
January 19	<b>NO SCHOOL – MLK/Staff Professional Dev.</b>
January 20	Midterm grades emailed
January 21	8:20 Chapel
January 25	Grades 3 and 4 sing at 11:00 Worship
January 25-31	National Lutheran Schools Week
January 28	8:20 Chapel
January 29	Talent Show Rehearsal
January 30	12:45 Geography Bee 6:30 Talent Show
February 1	10:30 – 1:30 School & ECC Open House
February 2	NWEA Testing begins
February 3	6:30 Kindergarten Information Night
February 4	8:20 Chapel 12:45 Spelling Bee
February 11	8:20 Chapel
February 16-17	<b>NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK</b>
February 18	8:20 Chapel
February 22	Grades 7 and 8 sing at 8:30 Worship
February 25	8:20 Chapel
February 28	Dinner Dance Fundraiser

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

**SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR** The hospitality team is looking for more help between services with snacks and hosting. If you can help, please [SIGN UP HERE](#).

**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!

**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 8:30 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00



**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING**—The Michigan District hosts the Michigan High School Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island Sunday, June 28-Wednesday July 1 at Mission Point Resort. Trinity plans to send a group of kids to this unique experience. Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. To learn more, an information meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

**CHOIR MEMBERS STILL WANTED**—Just because Christmas is over doesn't mean we don't have opportunities for people to sing in church! The Trinity Music Ministry is always looking for vocalists and instrumentalists to help enhance our weekend worship services. If you've thought about joining us, the new year

could be the perfect opportunity! From Adult Choir to our Contemporary Praise Team, we have a spot for just about everyone middle school aged through 99. Please reach out to Erica Batkins at [ebatkins@trinityct.org](mailto:ebatkins@trinityct.org) with questions, opportunities, and audition information.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**—Our Life with Jesus new member classes have changed format! Classes begin Sunday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. The session is scheduled to run for five weeks, including Christianity 101, baptism classes for all planning to be baptized (or have a child baptized) and First Communion for adults and students in fifth grade and up. To sign up for the new member class, go to [trinityct.org/lwj/](http://trinityct.org/lwj/). For questions, contact Ashley in the Church Office at [abutts@trinityct.org](mailto:abutts@trinityct.org) or 586-463-2921.

† Sunday, Jan. 18—Christianity 101, which also serves

as our standalone Baptism class. This may be taken independently and (required for anyone not coming from a Christian background, but seeking membership).

† Sunday, Jan. 25—Engage God (LWJ 1)

† Sunday, Feb. 1—Engage God's People (LWJ 2)

† Sunday, Feb. 8—Engage the World (LWJ 3)

† Sunday, Feb. 15—(Community Center) is Lutheran 101, which also serves as our standalone First Communion class for 5th grade through adults (required for any new member not transferring from an LCMS church).