



# 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.**

## Colossians 3:13 (ESV)

*"Bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgive each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."*

Last week, Lutheran High North counselor and coach, Mr. Wenzelburger, led chapel. He spoke on the theme of unconditional forgiveness. This is a little follow up from his chapel message, and a good way to continue the conversation at home.

Every family, school, workplace, and friendship will have moments of conflict that come with hurt feelings, angry words, or broken trust. In those moments, it's tempting to hold a grudge, demand payback, or wait for someone to "earn" forgiveness. But God's way is different.

In Colossians 3:13, Paul reminds us that we are called to forgive *as the Lord forgave us*. How did Jesus forgive? Completely, freely, and unconditionally. He went to the cross not because we deserved it, but because of His perfect love for sinners.

Forgiveness is not something we earn. It is a gift of God's grace, given through faith in Christ alone. Just as we receive forgiveness daily through God's Word and the Sacraments, **we are called to extend that same grace to each other.**

Forgiveness doesn't mean the hurt never happened. It means choosing not to hold the sin against someone anymore. It means we trust that Jesus paid for that sin on the cross. Forgiveness may be one of the hardest things we do, but it's also one of the most Christ-like.

## Discussion Questions/Ideas

1. Why can it be hard to forgive without conditions?
2. What does Jesus' forgiveness teach us about how we should treat each other?
3. Is there someone in our family (or outside it) we need to forgive today?
4. Draw a cross and write the words "Forgiven by Jesus" across it. Talk about how the cross reminds us that we are all forgiven and that we can forgive others because Jesus forgave us first.

Pray Together: Lord Jesus, thank You for forgiving us, even when we don't deserve it. Help us to reflect Your love by forgiving others freely and from the heart. Teach us to live in peace as a family, showing mercy as You have shown mercy to us. Amen.



**MISS ADAMS ACCEPTS THE CALL** Our fourth-grade teacher, Miss Grace Adams, has accepted a call to Christ The King Lutheran School in Southgate. She says, "After much prayer and consideration, I have been led to accept the call to teach at Christ the King in Southgate, MI. I have enjoyed working with and learning from this amazing staff over these last 4 years...I know that God has great plans for me...I am excited for what the future holds, yet sad to be saying goodbye."

Please lift her in prayer as she finishes up her ministry at Trinity and looks to continue her ministry in a new place. We pray that her transition will be a smooth one and that God will continue to use her to share and live out the Gospel in her students' lives.

**SEX EDUCATION MATERIALS** Sex Education books were sent home on Friday for you to use with your children. We do this

every year in the spring, but these resources are available to parents at any time. The goal is that our students learn about human sexuality from a Biblical perspective with parents as their primary people of influence. We will review in school, as well, with some classes. Please read the letter and outline that was sent home on Friday with your child's materials for their grade level (K-6 only). Grades 7 and 8 have already been involved in their instruction.

**TUITION CONTRACTS FOR 25-26** Mrs. Steenkamp is starting to work on tuition contracts for next school year. You should be receiving an email from FACTS outlining your payment information for next school year, if you haven't already. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Steenkamp.

**RAISE RIGHT CREDIT** If you participated in Raise Right this year, the term ends on April 30. (A new earnings period begins on May 1.) Any dollars earned towards tuition will be credited for the 25-26 school year in your tuition contract in May.

#### **TIE DYE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THE WEEK OF MAY 5**

Mrs. Moore is looking for parent volunteers to help with upper grade tie dye. You don't have to be a 5-8 grade parent to help! Assistance is needed during class times to help fill bottles with dye, set up and clean up. No experience necessary. Let Mrs. Moore know when you can help by emailing: [kmoore@trinityct.org](mailto:kmoore@trinityct.org)

Tuesday, May 6 during classes:

Grade 7: 9:45AM -10:30AM

Grade 5: 11:15AM - 12:00PM

Grade 6: 1:30PM - 2:15PM

Grade 8: 2:15PM - 3:00PM

I can help Monday, May 5th with set up.

I can help some days after school refilling supplies.

**SOUP IS DONE FOR THE SEASON** Mrs. Chilcutt's Friday soup is all done for this school year.

**SAVE THE DATE – MOTHER/SON BASEBALL** Trinity moms and sons are invited again this year to a mother/son baseball outing at Jimmy John's Field on Saturday, May 31. It's a doubleheader with games being played at 5:30 and 7:30. The cost is \$15 per ticket, which is good for BOTH games! If you are interested, CASH must be turned into Kelly Davey or the school office by May 16. Questions can be directed to Kelly. Her contact information is on the attached flyer.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION IN ONE WEEK** [Use this link](#) for ways you can help and donate for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9.

**THE WALKATHON IS COMING!** Our annual Walkathon is just over three weeks away. It is the morning of Friday, May 24 and all parents are invited for this morning of fun. We will also need parent volunteers, so stay tuned for more information and pray for great weather!

#### **THRIVENT GRANTS FOR WALKATHON**

Mrs. Nyboer is in search of a few Thrivent Action grants to use for the upcoming Walkathon to purchase food and prizes. Please email [nyboer@trintiyct.org](mailto:nyboer@trintiyct.org) if you can help, thanks!

**DANCE COMBINED AGAIN THIS WEEK** Ms. Suzette would like to combine both dance classes again this week. All dance club kids will meet on Wednesday. No after-school session on Thursday.

**FINAL DANCE CLUB SESSION STARTS MAY 7** It will be a combined K-5 class on Wednesdays. See attached flyer for details.

**STEM CAMP** In February, we emailed Trinity parents about a free hands-on robotics camp this summer. Trinity will be partnering with Team 4810 of I.AM.Robot, a talented group of students from the International Academy of Macomb, Dakota High School, and Chippewa Valley High School, to offer an engaging camp experience focused on robotics and engineering. The camp will be held at Washington Elementary School in Mt. Clemens. Students will gain knowledge in engineering, with a focus on design, mechanical systems, electrical systems, and programming. Students will also develop essential teamwork and collaboration skills as they work together with other camp participants. Junior mentors, lead mentors, and professional engineers will be guiding the students, offering a unique opportunity to learn from and interact with experienced professionals in the field of robotics. **Registration is OPEN.** [Use this Google Form](#). As mentioned the camp is completely free. All students must commit to all 5 days to get the full experience. If anyone has any questions or concerns, contact Laura Freytag at (586) 855-0557 or email [iamroboticst4810@gmail.com](mailto:iamroboticst4810@gmail.com). The deadline to register is May 31.

#### **LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Kindergarten Art Night](#) April 29 from 6:00 – 7:00

Kindergarteners are invited to join the Lutheran North Art teacher Mrs. Wilson, along with some LHN art students, to create something fantastic and discover what the Lutheran North art program is all about!

**LIBRARY BOOK DONATION** The school library has an Amazon wish list for new books. When your family donates a

book, we will place a dedication sticker inside as a recognition of your donation. [SHOP HERE](#)

**CHAPEL OFFERING** for March and April will go to Groundwork Guatemala. Their mission is to take the Living Word, Jesus Christ, to the lost of Guatemala and equip the found for a life of service to their Savior. Your offering helps to support their ministry and keep it thriving!  
<https://www.groundworkguatemala.org>

**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).

**CHURCH EXTENSION FUND** CEF Stamps are a savings program for 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. Feel free to ask Mrs. Brothers any questions if you are not familiar with the program.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

April 29	Mid-terms emailed
April 30	8:20 Chapel
May 4	Advanced Band plays at 9:00 Worship
May 7	8:20 Chapel
May 11	Mother’s Day
	Kindergarten sings at 11:00 Worship
May 14	8:20 Chapel
May 15	6:30 K-4 Music Concert and Art Display
May 21	8:20 Chapel
May 23	<b>HALF DAY – 11:30 Dismissal - Walkathon</b>
	Free dress down day!
May 26	<b>NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day</b>
May 27	School resumes
May 28	8:20 Chapel
	6:30 Spring Concert Grades 4-8 (Recorders, Bands, Choirs)
June 3	6:30 Kindergarten Graduation
June 4	Track and Field Awards Night
June 5	1:00 Field Day
June 6	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! 11:30 Dismissal</b>
	Bagels, Yearbook Signing, Closing Chapel
	7:00 p.m. Grade 8 Graduation

**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!*

**CHURCH INFORMATION -----**

**WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES**

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

**FLOWERS, FLOWERS**, it’s time to get your flowers! Get them at Deneweth’s next weekend, May 3-4. Tell them at the register you are with Trinity Clinton Twp. Women’s League and Deneweth’s will give the Women’s League 20% of your purchase total. Too early for buying flowers? Buy a gift card and buy your flowers later when the weather warms up. Remember Mother’s Day is May 11, so buy a gift card and go shopping with Mom that weekend.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Between services, check out a new weekly Bible Study called ‘Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday-School’ based on the Scripture readings for each week. Class is led by Pastor Keith and runs each Sunday from 10:10-10:50 a.m. There is always more to the to the Lectionary readings than the sermon theme. We get behind the scenes of familiar Bible verses that sometimes make us wonder “why did Jesus say that?” “Why did God inspire the author to write that?” and “What is the story behind this verse?”

**PASTOR GARY’S RETIREMENT TICKETS**—On June 15, Father’s Day, we have one service at 10 a.m. This is Pastor Gary’s final worship service before he retires. Following the service, a celebration is from noon to 3 p.m. at the Italian American Cultural Center. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$15/ages 5-12 and children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold after all services beginning May 3 until June 1. Trinity members

Jim Chauvin, Debbie Montgomery and Kim Waller are organizing the celebration.

#### **ECC INFORMATION** -----

**IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT PRESCHOOL**—Trinity's Early Childhood Center is now enrolling for the traditional half-day three and four-year-old preschool program and in the FREE Great Start Readiness Program for this fall. This program is free to four-year-olds. Find out more on either program at Trinity's website at [Trinityct.org/ECC](http://Trinityct.org/ECC).

**ECC LOST AND FOUND** The Early Childhood Center has a large collection of lost and found items, including fall and winter gear. They will be donating everything on May 5. If your student attends SAC, please check it out!

**SUMMER CAMP OPEN ENROLLMENT**—Registration for Summer Camp is underway. Visit [Trinityct.org/summercamp](http://Trinityct.org/summercamp) to get all the information you need on how to register, fees and planned activities.

**PAID CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED**—Summer Camp Counselors work in pairs with up to 20 children and a volunteer counselor assistant to lead kids through their days. This is a full-time position, Monday through Friday with no weekends. For more information, visit [Trinityct.org/ECCemployment](http://Trinityct.org/ECCemployment) and complete the childcare job application. If you have questions, contact Pastor Jeremy at [pastorjeremy@trinityct.org](mailto:pastorjeremy@trinityct.org)