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# 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.

*Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23*

If you were in church on Sunday, we heard about what it means to be a **fully devoted follower of Jesus**. If not, here is a quick follow up devotion that I hope is meaningful for your family. Many people call themselves *Christians*, which is a wonderful name because it means "belonging to Christ." However, Jesus calls us to something deeper: to be His **disciples**.

**A Christian** is someone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior.

**A disciple** is someone who not only trusts Him, but also follows Him closely, learning from Him, obeying His Word, and living in His ways.

All disciples are Christians, but not all Christians live as disciples. Jesus wants us to be both.

Pastor Ben shared some ideas from *Practicing the Way* by John Mark Comer. In the book, Comer explains that in the time of Jesus, disciples were students who wanted to be just like their rabbi (teacher). They devoted their whole lives to three things:

1. **Being with your Rabbi** – The first goal of a disciple was to spend as much time as possible with the rabbi. For us, this means being with Jesus daily in prayer, worship, and His Word (John 15:4–5).
2. **Becoming like your Rabbi** – Disciples didn't just learn information; they wanted their rabbi's character and way of life to rub off on them. As disciples of Jesus, the Spirit shapes us to look more like Him in kindness, humility, grace, peace, and love (Romans 8:29).
3. **Doing what your Rabbi did** – Disciples copied the rabbi's actions. They did this by serving, teaching, showing mercy. We follow Jesus by loving our neighbors, forgiving others, and living out our faith in word and deed (John 13:15).

Here are a few ways to practice being fully devoted followers of Jesus together this week:

**Be with Jesus:** Set aside time as a family to read the bible before bedtime.

**Become like Jesus:** Ask each other, "How can I show Jesus' love at school/work tomorrow?"

**Do what Jesus did:** Pick one way to serve someone else. You could write a note, share lunch, or pray for a classmate.

**Closing Prayer** *Lord Jesus, thank You for calling us not only to believe in You, but also to follow You. Help us to be with You each day, to become more like You, and do the things You have taught us. Keep our hearts devoted to You above all else. Amen.*

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**THE UNIFORM RESALE TABLE** is out in the Coffee Oasis until September 12. The gently used uniform items are \$1 per piece. Happy shopping!

**DANCE CLUB** Mrs. Suzette D'Andrea will be leading Dance Club again this year after school in the mini-gym from 3:15 to 3:45. The first session starts this week. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

**GIRL SCOUT TROOP** Trinity girls in grades 2 and 3 and their parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Meeting Rooms. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**CONSTITUTION DAY** is Wednesday, September 17. Please have your student wear red, white, or blue dress code as we learn about and celebrate the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

**SMILE! PICTURE DAY** will be on Thursday, September 18. Flyers from Kaiser studio will be coming home in backpacks this week. Students should wear dress code attire or better. If students want to dress up, that is fine. However, all attire should be appropriate. Students have done a great job with this in the past. Students do NOT need to change clothes after their picture is taken.

**CONNECT DAILY** in the Coffee Oasis with other parents after drop-off in the morning! Feel free to stay and enjoy a coffee with others. There are also activities for small children in the drawers of the benches like puzzles and books.

**MEDICINE REMINDER** For the safety of every student, any medication for your child should be left in the school office. This includes both prescriptions and over-the-counter medicine like cough drops.

**STUDENT ABSENCES** When an absence is necessary, parents should always contact the school office (not just the teacher). Please call (586) 468-8511 first thing on the day of the absence to indicate the student name, grade, and reason for the absence. If it is before 7:30 a.m., please leave a voicemail. Email is also an acceptable way to share an absence and may be sent to Mrs. Nyboer and Mrs. Steenkamp with an explanation.

**CHURCH EXTENSION FUND RETURNING SOON** CEF is a savings program that students may support each week. 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. Stay tuned for which morning we will begin CEF again this year.

**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).

**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

**EMERGENCY DRILLS** Parents, please remember we will be having many emergency drills this month and into the fall (fire, severe weather and lockdown drills). I’ll certainly let you know if we have a real emergency at any time.

**IF YOU ARE USING THE L’ANSE CREUSE BUS SYSTEM** for after school pick up, please let the school office know so they can keep an updated list of bus kids.

**SEPTEMBER CHAPEL OFFERING** [Groundwork Guatemala](#), one of Trinity’s Impact Mission, will receive the school chapel offering for the month of September. 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!

**RAISERIGHT** Do you frequently visit the same businesses (like Meijer or Target)? Are you taking a trip soon (Delta Airlines or Hilton)? Maybe you eat lunch regularly at the same place (Subway, Chipotle, Panera)? Or gas up at the same station every week (Speedway, Marathon)? By purchasing gift cards through the RaiseRight, you can earn money towards your school tuition and help Trinity in the process. Around 500 vendors participate and it’s as easy as ordering online. Friends and family can also link to your account and help you earn even more! Explore anytime at [raiseright.com/](#)

#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

September 8	NWEA testing begins
September 10	8:20 Chapel
September 17	Constitution Day (red, white, blue uniform) 8:20 Chapel
September 18	School Picture Day
September 24	See You At The Pole – Chapel Outside

October 1	8:20 Chapel <b>HALF DAY – 11:30 DISMISSAL</b>
October 2	<b>NO SCHOOL – LEA CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS</b>
October 3	<b>NO SCHOOL – LEA CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS</b>
October 8	8:20 Chapel
October 8-10	Grade 6 to Outdoor Education
October 10	Midterm (Grades emailed Monday)
October 12	Grades 7 and 8 sing at 11:00 Worship
October 13	Mid-terms sent
October 14	4:00-8:00p Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 15	8:20 Chapel 4:00-6:00p Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 16	<b>HALF-DAY DISMISSAL 11:30</b> 12:30-4:00p Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00p Parent Teacher Conferences
October 17	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 22	8:20 Chapel

## VOLUNTEER CORNER

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**LIBRARY SIGNUP** Library volunteers are needed every Friday in the school to help with checking books in and out for the students, as well as reading to small groups or individuals. Please only [sign up for one spot](#) until after September 6th when we will open the vacant slots to everyone again. **A Parent Participation Form is required to volunteer.** For questions contact Mrs. Pace at (586) 260-2074.

**KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS** Mrs. Chilcutt is seeking volunteers to help in the school kitchen this year on specific days/lunches. 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!](#)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP COFFEE HOUR** Please consider being part of the Trinity Hospitality Hour! On Sunday mornings there are three different opportunities for volunteers: Donut Donator, Snack Sorter, or Counter Cleaner. (Coffee will be made by a Hospitality Committee member.) Descriptions for each role are in the [online sign-up](#).

## CHURCH INFORMATION -----

### WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00

**CONFIRMATION MODULE REGISTRATION OPEN** If you have a sixth, seventh or eighth grader, it's time to register for confirmation modules. Head to [trinityct.org/confirmation](http://trinityct.org/confirmation) and select the modules that fit within your schedule. If you have questions about confirmation, contact Katie Erkkinen at [kerkkinen@trinityct.org](mailto:kerkkinen@trinityct.org)

**LIFE WITH JESUS CLASS** This fall, the new member series takes place over 4 weeks, in which you may choose between Sunday at 12:30 p.m. OR Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. each week. These classes are required for official Trinity membership, but taking the classes does not obligate you to become a member. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 14 or the coordinating Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Both classes are held in the Community Center. New Member Weekend is Oct. 18/19 at all services. Childcare is available if needed. For more information, including how to register for childcare and lunch on Sundays, visit [trinityct.org/lwj](http://trinityct.org/lwj)

**E3 KICKOFF** E3, our Wednesday evening gatherings, will resume Wednesday, Sept. 17. Life with Jesus is available for those who want to become members, but the new format makes it engaging for all adults. The youth group meets in the Youth Lounge, a children's program and the nursery will also be available. Watch for more information.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER -----

**PRESCHOOL IS ENROLLING STUDENTS** Trinity's Early Childhood Center is enrolling for the traditional half-day three and four-year-old preschool program and in the FREE Great Start Readiness Program for this fall. Find out more at Trinity's website at [trinityct.org/ecc](http://trinityct.org/ecc)