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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.

Overrated Glory, Underrated Love *Matthew 18:1–20*

There is a question we probably don't say out loud very often, but if we're honest, we ask it in a hundred different ways: **"Where do I rank?"**

Am I successful enough? Are my kids doing as well as everyone else's? Did I get recognized? Did someone notice what I did? Who made the team? Who got the award? Who has the better grades, the nicer house, the bigger title, or the more impressive life?

The disciples apparently weren't immune to this either. They came to Jesus and asked: "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" — Matthew 18:1

Jesus' response to the disciples turns definition of greatness upside down. Pastor Chris explained this thinking of Jesus in his weekend message, **"Overrated Glory, Underrated Love."** Jesus brings a child into their midst and says: "Whoever takes a lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:4) In other words, *You're worried about being great. I want you to learn how to become small.*

Pastor Chris challenged us to bring three concepts into our homes this week:

1. Prioritize the Underrated Our world celebrates being first. Jesus celebrates humility. Our world tells us to make a name for ourselves. Jesus tells us to serve. Our world asks, **"What do I get?"** Jesus asks, **"Who can I love?"**

That is especially important for our children because they are learning what matters by watching us. They notice what gets our attention. They notice what makes us proud. They notice what we celebrate. Of course we can celebrate good grades, athletic accomplishments, performances, awards, and achievements. Let's make sure our kids also hear us celebrate the things Jesus calls great: "I saw you include that person." "I noticed you helped without being asked." "I'm proud of the way you apologized." "Thank you for standing up for someone." "I saw you put someone else before yourself." Those things may be underrated by the world, but they are precious in the Kingdom of God.

2. Search for Everyone, Everywhere Later in Matthew 18, Jesus tells the story of a shepherd who has 100 sheep and realizes one has wandered away. "Will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

I love the idea Pastor Chris emphasized: **seeking out our "one more."** Who is the one additional person God has placed around us? One more student who needs a friend. One more family who needs encouragement. One more neighbor who needs an invitation. One more person who hasn't been to church in a while. One more child who needs to know that they matter. One more person who desperately needs to hear that Jesus loves them. Jesus doesn't look at the 99 and say, *"Good enough."* He goes after the one. And here is the incredible part: **we were once the one.**

Jesus came searching for us. He entered our brokenness, carried our sin to the cross, and gave His life to bring us home. We don't seek the lost so that God will love us. **We seek the lost because in Christ, God first sought and loved us.**

3. Bring People Together The rest of Matthew 18 isn't really about winning arguments. It's about **restoring relationships.** Pastor Chris described it as **restoring humanity.** That's something our world desperately needs. We are really good at dividing people into categories: us and them, right and wrong, winners and losers, people we agree with and people

we don't. Jesus teaches His followers something different. Go to one another. Talk to one another. Forgive one another. Restore one another. Bring people together. And then comes this beautiful promise: **"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."** Matthew 18:20

In line with our theme this year, standing firm takes on a new meaning. It doesn't mean planting our feet and demanding that everyone recognize that we're right. Sometimes standing firm in Christ means being secure enough in Him to humble ourselves, seek the person everyone else overlooked, forgive someone who hurt us, or take the first step toward reconciliation. Because Christian strength looks different. **The world says greatness is being above others. Jesus says greatness is kneeling to serve them. The world says protect what is yours. Jesus says go after the one who is missing. The world says divide and choose sides. Jesus says seek restoration.** That's underrated love. And it's the kind of love our children, and our world, need to see most.

A Family Challenge This Week At dinner or before bed, ask one simple question:

"Who is our one more?" Who is one person your family could intentionally notice, encourage, invite, pray for, serve, or reconnect with this week? Then do something about it. Because Jesus didn't just tell us that the one matters. **He came looking for us.**

THE UNIFORM RESALE TABLE is in the Coffee Oasis through September 18. The gently used uniform items are \$1 per piece. Happy shopping!

SMILE! PICTURE DAY will be on Thursday, September 17. Picture flyers have been sent home. 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.

CONSTITUTION DAY is also Thursday, September 17. Because it is picture day, students will not wear red, white, or blue dress code, however teachers will still share a lesson on this holiday about the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

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.

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. CEF will begin again on Friday, September 11.

DANCE CLUB STARTS THIS WEEK! 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. Money should be sent in an envelope with the student's name. Please see the attached flyer for all the details.

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.

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 - @trinityk2

3-5 - @aeh3738

6-8 - @trinity68

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! For more information and to join, see the attached flyer. Or speak with Mrs. Nyboer in the school office to get the enrollment code. Explore anytime at raiserright.com/

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 8	NWEA testing begins
September 9	8:20 Chapel
September 16	8:20 Chapel
September 17	School Picture Day Constitution Day
September 23	See You At The Pole – Chapel Outside
September 30	8:20 Chapel
October 7	8:20 Chapel
October 7-9	Grade 6 to Outdoor Education
October 11	7/8 Choir sing at 11:00 Worship
October 14	8:20 Chapel
October 15	NO SCHOOL
October 16	NO SCHOOL
October 19	Mid-terms emailed

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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 7th 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!](#)

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

YOUTH PROGRAMS RESTART SEPT. 13--Youth Bible Study and Sunday Night Youth Nights are back! Both begin Sept. 13, and run most weeks between Labor Day and Memorial Day. For the Youth Bible Study, we open God's Word to discuss and learn together. Sundays 9:45-10:45 a.m., in the Youth Lounge. Sunday Night Youth Night is a place to hang out, have fun, build friendships, and grow in faith. Sundays 6-7:30 p.m., in the Youth Lounge. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome! For more information, reach out to Mr. Dan at dpotoczak@trinityct.org

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY--The adult Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center. For those who want to be part of the study, but can't make it in person, join the Bible Study Zoom at <https://bit.ly/4xx8y5b>

SUNDAY SCHOOL--Sunday school also returns on Sunday, Sept. 13. Those in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend groups that talk about Jesus in age-appropriate lessons. Meet in the Commons at 9:45 a.m. and get a name tag from the Welcome Center when you check your child into Sunday School.

LIFE WITH JESUS CLASS FORMING FOR FALL—Our new member class, Life with Jesus, is scheduled to begin the week of Sept. 20. Life with Jesus is for anyone who would like to attend, and is required of those considering membership at Trinity (but does not obligate you to become a member). Sign up through our website at Trinityct.org/LWJ. The website contains more information about the class as well as dates and times.

SATURDAY WORSHIP PAUSED—Trinity is assessing our service time needs. While we complete the study, we will continue to worship on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. and pause the Saturday evening worship services which typically resume in September. We hope to make a decision regarding service times and days before the beginning of October.

ATTENTION 2026 CONFIRMANDS--An email went out from Katie Erkkinen with information about this fall's confirmation service. If your child has completed all the module requirements for confirmation but you did not receive the email, please reach out to kerkkinen@trinityct.org