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. This week in worship, Pastor Ben reminded us that discipleship doesn't stop with us. His love always flows outward. As Jesus says in *John 3:16–21*, God's love is not meant for a select few but for the whole world. His light shines into the darkness so that all may know the hope and life found in Him.

Our church's mission statement calls us to "make fully devoted followers of Jesus" by engaging God, engaging God's people, and engaging the world. To engage the world means that we step into the brokenness around us with the love, compassion, and courage that come from Christ. As *Romans 8* describes, all creation longs for restoration, and *Psalm 14* reminds us of humanity's deep need for God. Into this longing, God sends us to share His message of life.

At school and at home, we live this out when we show kindness to someone who is lonely, when we forgive quickly, when we pray for others, and when we speak of Jesus' love. We engage the world not because it is easy, but because God loved it first.

Family Reflection:

- Where do you see brokenness or hurt in your neighborhood, school, or community?
- How can your family bring hope and light into that place this week?
- Take time to pray together, asking God to give you courage to engage the world with His love.

SHORT WEEK Reminder: we have a half-day this week Wednesday with an 11:30 dismissal time, as well as no school Thursday or Friday. The teachers and Mr. Brown will be traveling to St. Louis for the LEA Conference. Keep them in your prayers as they learn and fellowship with other Lutheran educators.

GIRLS SCOUTS FAMILY INFROMATION MEETING Families with girls in grades 2 and 3 are invited to an informational meeting about Girl Scouts on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. This will be held in church meeting rooms 1 and 2. RSVP is needed. See attached flyer for more information.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULING Parentteacher conferences are coming soon. A letter with directions was emailed home on Friday afternoon regarding the online sign-ups. It is attached if you missed it. Please read and be sure to schedule your appointment(s) by Friday, October 10.

BAPTISM CLASS FOR SCHOOL PARENTS Pastor Jeremy sent an email last week to school parents about two baptism class opportunities coming up in October and November. If you'd like more information, please visit the <u>Baptism webpage</u>.

WAVE PROJECT is a non-profit organization which provides a mobile shower service to homeless men and women every week, as well as some new and gently used clothing. One of our parents is involved with their organization and is collecting new or gently used jeans, hoodies, and winter coats for adults. A collection box will be in the Coffee Oasis for the month of October if you are interested in donating. ADULT SIZES ONLY, PLEASE.

SECURE STORAGE LAW All schools are required to send information home to parents and caregivers on the safe storage of firearms. This is in accordance with the "Safe Storage Laws," MCL 28.429, MCL 380.1313a, and MCL 380.1313b. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provided this information to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) for distribution.

What-is-Secure-Storage-Law Safe-Storage-Notice

LIBRARY LIST Attached to every mailing of the Trinity Tweet is a library overdue list. This will let you know which books your students have not returned. Books are checked out each Friday for two weeks.

TRINITY TRUNK OR TREAT Trinity will be the host site again this year for a parent-organized Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 17. Students are welcome to dress up and visit the trunks in the parking lot where treats will be passed out. Trunks should be family friendly, not scary or decorated in a way that might frighten younger children. Set up for Trunks will be from 6-7pm with Trick or Treating from 7-8pm. Food trucks will be there and available at 6:15pm. This is a rain or shine event. We are looking forward to sharing time outside of school together! For questions, please contact Crystal Albensi or Nicole Thomas.

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 OCTOBER 10 CEF is a savings program that students may support each week. 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. CEF will begin on October 10 and be on Fridays 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).

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 dressdown 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 nonjeans/nonuniform bottoms.

No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays) Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!

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

OCTOBER CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way by sending gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Thank you for supporting this ministry through chapel offerings this month.

RAISERIGHT By purchasing gift cards through 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 raiseright.com

SCHOOL CALENDAR

October 1	8:20 Chapel
	HALF DAY – 11:30 DISMISSAL
October 2	NO SCHOOL – LEA CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS
October 3	NO SCHOOL – LEA CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS
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	HALF-DAY DISMISSAL 11:30
	12:30-4:00p Parent-Teacher Conferences
	5:00-8:00p Parent Teacher Conferences
October 17	NO SCHOOL
October 22	8:20 Chapel
October 24	Advanced Band to LHNW
October 26	Reformation (9:00) Confirmation (11:00)
	Grades 3 and 4 sing at 9:00 Worship
October 27	Grade 8 to Future Mustang Day at LHN
October 29	8:20 Reformation Chapel
	Picture retakes after Chapel
October 30	Fall Sports Awards Night
October 31	Reformation Day
	Paid Casual Day \$1 tops, \$1 bottoms

VOLUNTEER CORNER

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 INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00

Saturdays at 5:00

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES—Trinity's Sunday morning schedule has some new additions:

- Adult Bible study—A pastor-led Bible study is offered every Sunday in the Church Lounge at 10:10 a.m.. It focuses on the scripture used in the service each week
- Youth Group—A Bible study group for those in grades 6-12 meets in the Youth Lounge beginning at 10:10 a.m.
- Sunday School—Beginning Oct. 5, Sunday School beings between services for those in grades K-5. Learn more about Sunday School and how to volunteer to get involved at the table in the foyer.
- The nursery is available between services for infants through preschoolers who need a place to go during these events.

E3 CONTINUES 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. Programming begins at 6:30 p.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER -----

THE ECC IS HIRING—The ECC is looking for a compassionate and dedicated childcare provider who will have a passion for nurturing and teaching children, creating a safe and engaging environment for their growth and development. This role involves caring for children of various ages, from 2 to 14 years old. The position is full-time, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (35 hours). Complete an application at trinityct.org/eccemployment