



THE TRINITY TWEET

“G.I.F.T.S. Grace Is Free To Sinners”



“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2: 8-10

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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.

Partners in Parenting

“Fads and Parenting!”

Today, Mrs. Knopf, Mrs. Howard, and I all took 30 seconds to think of as many fads as we could. Here’s our lists with times mentioned if more than once:

Tie dye (3)	cutoff shorts (2)	bell bottoms (2)	hair styles (3)
Heely shoes	hip huggers	bottle flipping (2)	Go Go boots
Tickle Me Elmo	Cabbage Patch dolls	Atari	Commodore 64
Parachute pants	Jordache jeans	disco	Fidget Spinner

We had fun thinking of fads that have come and gone over the course of time. The craze of the Fidget Spinner that is underway right now is evidence that fads will come very quickly and take Americans by storm. Fidget Spinners are receiving lots of debate and research by educational professionals regarding their benefit to student learning over the course of prolonged use. The idea makes me chuckle inside a bit because I don’t know if you can do “prolonged” research on a fad. It seems to me that today’s fads last a shorter amount of time than fads of old. I’m not sure, but I do feel very confident that by Christmas, there will be very few Fidget Spinners on anyone’s Christmas list. I could be wrong, but that is a trend I see.

Kids think they “need” whatever the passing fad happens to be. The fact is that our kids don’t need a fad, they need people who are invested in them for the long haul. Kids need parents who will love them and guide them throughout their life. Kids need teachers who will help them learn and grow no matter how difficult learning becomes. Kids need churches that partner with their parents to help provide spiritual nurturing on a regular basis. Kids need Jesus’s constant and unconditional love to guide them to salvation!

Jesus’ love will never change, and neither should a parent’s love. In the book of Acts, Peter addresses the church leaders, and they want to put him to death for his words. However, one Pharisee stepped in to remind them that if Jesus is a fad, you won’t hear about him much longer. However, if Jesus is truly risen from the dead as God, well, you’ll never stop that. All these years later, Jesus is still alive and impacting people. Jesus is not a fad. All praise to Him for that!! *Read about this amazing account in Acts 5:17-42.*

Family Discussion Points!

Parents, tell your kids about fads from when you were younger. What fad games did you play?

Find any old “fad” toys or games that you still have and share them with your family. I know someone has an old Tickle Me Elmo somewhere☺

Pray together as a family thanking God that Jesus is real and eternal. He is not like a fad that quickly gets forgotten. Thousands of years, and Jesus is still at the center of the Christians life.

STUDENT BAPTISM AT CHAPEL WEDNESDAY!

It is very exciting to have Ryan Combs, Kindergarten, getting baptized at chapel on Wednesday morning this week. **I pray lots of parents will come support his family** as they continue in their journey of growth in Christ Jesus. This is a very exciting event, and I hope you can make it!!!

Staffing Update!

In the past two weeks, Emilie Howe and Brianne Stahlecker have both visited Trinity as part of the process for discerning the calls we extended to them. Emilie Howe has accepted our call to join our faculty, but Brianne Stahlecker has declined our call.

Emilie will be teaching 1st Grade next year. She is planning to come visit Trinity again in the near future, and she plans to attend Kindergarten Graduation to celebrate with her incoming 1st Graders.

At present, I am still working to fill our 3rd Grade position as well as our 7th Grade position. The 3rd Grade teacher needs to demonstrate strength in the Language Arts area. The 7th Grade teacher preferably has strength in the curricular area of Science. Please keep the process in your prayers. I have had many leads, but I am still seeking the right person for Trinity and our families. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me. Mr. Petzold

CEF Stamps Available until May 16th!

TOMORROW, Tuesday, May 16th will be the last day that CEF Stamps will be available for this school year. We will draw the final \$50 winner for those who participate in May. Mr. Petzold will be going to CEF on Thursday, May 18th to deliver stamp books for any addition to savings accounts. NOW is the time to make any final additions to stamps savings accounts. Thanks for participating!!

Walk-a-thon – Friday May 26th!

Hopefully, you have received your student's envelope and letter about Trinity School's annual Walk-a-thon. This is our only school fundraiser, and we appreciate everyone's support in making it a huge success. This is a huge benefit to the school...and it is a lot of fun! Remember, ALL parents are invited to come help with the event or just walk with us! Please use the sign up link below to help and then just show up that morning.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054facae2ca13-trinity>

If you haven't received your envelope, please call the school office.

REMEMBER:

Students should bring in their donation envelope on:

- Friday, May 19th and/or
- Monday, May 22nd,
- Tuesday, May 23rd, and/or
- Thursday, May 25th.

Donations will be collected **before** school at the "walkathon table" in the school lobby. The donation envelope will be returned home with the student so that they can collect more donations. Receipts will also be sent home for those who requested a receipt (see your donation envelope).

All final student donations are due by **Thursday, May 25st @ 3:30 pm to be included in the prize drawing.**

3rd and 4th Grade Musical and Lower Grade Art Work!

Friday, May 19th is the 3rd and 4th Grade Musical production. The musical is coming together nicely, and the students are very excited to share their talent with you. Also on display that evening will be lots of lower grade students' artwork from throughout the year. Mrs. Laskowski is getting that all ready to display for you to enjoy!

Please remember, since the musical begins at 6:30pm, everyone MUST enter that evening through the main school doors. The Community Center may not be used for security reasons. Thanks.

Field Day – June 8th!

Field Day plans are underway for June 8th. It is a fun day for all the students, but we need lots of parents to help make the day run smooth. Mark your calendar now and plan to be involved in a fun day!

Please sign up to help at:

Volunteer Sign Up Link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548afae28a0fc1-field>

Donations Sign Up Link

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0548afae28a0fc1-field1>

There is NO MAY Family Faith Discussion!

Trinity Students Receive Academic Honors



Congratulations to Trinity eighth grade student Sarah Miller (pictured left). She is the 2017 valedictorian of this year's graduating class. Class salutatorians are Lauren Atwell, Emily Schley and Ethan Erkkinen (left to right). Congratulations, students!

REMINDERS!

Major Transition Coming!!

We are changing from Fast Direct over to a new School Information System for next year. It is called RenWeb. We will also have every family signed up to utilize FACTS for all tuition payments, hot lunch payments, etc. I do not want to give lots of details here in the Tweet, but I do want you to know that each family should have received information regarding steps you need to take. There is a lot of work for us to do here to prepare our school for the transition. However, there is a small piece for each of our families to complete once we are up and running. This move will significantly streamline our administrative processes as a school as well as provide families with great access and control of payments and student information. **We are excited to deliver this upgrade, but we also know that change can be difficult. We will be fine as we work through it together!!**

Mr. Petzold



Weekend Church Services

Saturday, May 20, 2017

@ 5 PM

Sunday, May 21, 2017

@ 8 AM & 11 AM



CALENDAR

May 17 Chapel @ 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)

May 19 Musical – GR 3 & 4 @ 6:30PM

May 21 Lower Grade Art Display
Commitment Weekend
Primary Praise sings @ 11 AM Worship
Adv Band plays @ 11AM Worship

Monthly

May 24 Chapel @ 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)

May 25 Track Recognition @ 6:30PM – Café?

May 26 ½ DAY, Dismissal @ 11:30AM
WALK-A-THON – Casual Dress – Free

May 29 NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

May 31 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)
Spring Music Concert @ 6PM
GR 4-8
Upper Grade Art Display

June 2 Ruble Store Open

June 4 **Mrs. Brown's Retirement Celebration!!!**

June 6 Track Uniform Return

June 7 Kindergarten Graduation @ 7PM

June 8 Field Day begins after lunch
Casual Day Free

June 9 **LAST ½ DAY OF SCHOOL**
8:30-9:30AM Yearbook Signing
9:30-10AM Buddy Breakfast
Chapel 10-11:30AM (Parents Welcome!)
Dismissal @ 11:30AM

RUBLE STORE

The Reading Ruble Store will be open on Friday, June 2nd. Keep reading those books & taking AR tests to get more rubles!!!

BOOM BOX NEEDED

Does anyone have a "boom box" with both a tape and CD player that they would like to donate to 2nd grade?

SUMMER MEALS SITES NEAR YOU

Call 2-1-1 or Text FoodMI to 877-877

Visit an interactive map online at

www.MCGI.State.MI.US/SchoolNutrition

SAVE THE DATE—On Sunday, June 4, 2017, Trinity will honor Mrs. Joanne Brown on her retirement from Trinity as the third-grade teacher. We invite you to join us as we celebrate her life's work. At the 8 & 11 a.m. services, Mrs. Brown will be recognized. There will be a coffee hour in her honor between services in the church foyer. Following the 11 a.m. service, there will a luncheon in the Community Center. Join us for one or all the events. If you wish to give Mrs. Brown a gift, card, personal note or monetary gift, please send to the church or school office anytime between now & Friday, June 2. All of the cards & gifts will be presented during the luncheon. Any checks should be made out directly to Joanne Brown. Please RSVP for the luncheon by emailing joannebrownretirement@gmail.com with the number of people in your party. We appreciate Mrs. Brown's hard work & dedication to Trinity. We hope you will join us in recognizing her on June 4.

SCRIP

Looking for a grad gift? How about end-of-year teacher thank you's? Don't forget about Scrip! Check out the low denomination gift cards in the school office, or browse online and place an order at shopwithscrip.com. Start earning money towards your 2018-2019 tuition! Questions? Please see Mrs. Nyboer in the school foyer.

PARENTS OF 5TH GRADERS:

Confirmation is a journey of exploring our baptismal faith; what it is we believe about who God is & what he has done. Our process of confirmation begins in the 6th grade. But, before that, students & a parent must attend our confirmation orientation. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The evening includes dinner, games, & details for your middle schooler. Please RSVP to Pastor Brian at pastorbrian@trinityct.org.

LIBRARY

PLEASE RETURN BOOKS!

Last Library check out day is Friday,

May 12th.

ALL books must be returned by Friday, May 19th!!!

BOOKS:

KDG: Laila-1bk, Noah-1bk, Zia-2bks;

GR 1: Evan-2bks, Gemma-1bk, Ella-1bk, Annabelle-2bks;

GR 2: Madeline B-1bk, Mychala-2bks;

GR 3: Mason-1bk, Cameron-1bk, Jessica-1bk, Jeremiah-2bks;

GR 5: Edie-2bks, Adrianna-1bk, Christopher-1bk, Ryann-1bk, Brooke-1bk;

GR 6: Braylon-1bk, Nacelle-1bk, Anna-1bk;

GR 8: Adam-2bks;

FINES:

KDG: Alliana-\$1.10;

GR 1: Aaron-.30;

GR 2: Madeline-\$3.50, Grace-.80, Evelyn-\$2.15, Marleigh-.90;

GR 3: Mason-.95, Alivia-.40, Jonny-.25, Joe-.25, Nick-.25, Alyssa-.25, Katie-.25, Audri-\$1.50, Jeremiah-\$1;

GR4: Addison-.15, Isabella-.15, Lily-.30, Dylan-.15, Lillian-.30, Alexis-.15, Gracelyn-.30, Aiden-.50, Alonnah-.30;

GR 5: Edie-\$2.40, Christopher-\$2, Charlotte-.50, Emily-.25, Sophia R-.25, Brooke-.75, Jamison-.90;

GR 6: Dylan-.50, Sam-\$2.20, Jacob-\$1.15, Lillie-.20, Jonah-\$1.25;

CHAPEL OFFERING

Thank you for bringing your offering to chapel. The chapel offering for the rest of the school year will support Trinity's sponsored students in Guatemala. They include Armando along with Gerson, Gustavo, Edison, Wilson, Alexander, Jorge, Martin, Dulce, Sonia, Claudia, Kimberly, Evelin, Leesly, & Libny. PLEASE don't let them down! Please encourage your student to bring in their chapel offering each Wednesday until the end of the year.



GOLF OUTING

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is pleased to host its

12th annual golf outing on Friday, May 19, at Cherry Creek Golf Course in Shelby Township. Registration begins at 7:30 am with a shotgun start at 8:30. And we are pleased to announce that singer Karen Newman will be joining the golfers to kick off the event and to sing the national anthem! You may register online at <https://luthsped.org/2017-golf-outing/> or call LSEM at [248-419-3390](tel:248-419-3390) for more information.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Registration for the 2017 St. Peter CYO Football Season will take place online through May 19. Athletes must be participating member at a Lutheran school or church, and enrolled in 4th-8th Grade on Aug. 1. Registration is limited to the first 30 players per team. The cost for the season is \$300 per player with a discount of 20% for families with more than one player. Checks should be made payable to "St. Peter Boosters" (17051 Romeo Plank, Macomb Tw., 48042). Fitting Day for Helmets and Uniforms will take place May 21 at 6 p.m. at LHN Auxiliary Gym. Practices will start Aug. 7 and run through the season end of October. Please contact Brian Teodecki with questions at splcsfootball@gmail.com. Registration and information is available at <http://www.splcs.com/wp/cyo-football/>.

IT'S BAPTISM TIME!

The next Baptism preparation class for families interested in having a child baptized at Trinity will be **Thursdays, June 8th and 15th from 7 to 8 pm**. The gathering is very relaxed and conversational in nature. Childcare is available at no cost if requested in advance. Please contact Jeremy Ashley jashley@trinityct.org for more information regarding the baptism class or scheduling your child's baptism.

GROUNDWORK GUATEMALA

NEEDS—Our Groundwork Guatemala mission team needs your support! Each year, Groundwork Guatemala provides us with an extensive list of general & medical supplies for our mission team members to bring with them to Guatemala. (Items shipped are often never received.) Although we purchase hundreds of these items in bulk online, we need cash donations, including the money raised from bottle returns, to pay for them. How can you help? In addition to donating cash or returnables, we need to collect:

- 100 washcloths
- 50 hand towels
- 50 bath towels
- 100 full size tubes of toothpaste
- 20 children's backpacks
- 20 adult backpacks

These items can be placed in the collection bin just outside the youth lounge. (Note: The backpacks, in particular, can be ordered at a savings on Amazon, or Amazon Smile.) Thank you for your continued support! Our next "pop can" collection & coffee hour will be at the end of May.

CEF

BE PART OF A UNIQUE MINISTRY - The Michigan District Church Extension Fund (CEF) uses your investments to help God's Kingdom grow while your investments grow. Invest today & help your fellow believers expand God's Kingdom. Your investments, while earning interest at competitive rates, help provide facilities in which people can be nurtured in the faith of Jesus Christ. Call CEF at 1-800-242-3944 or visit www.mi-cef.org to learn more about CEF & its ministry.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – "The Many Wonders of Heaven." Going to heaven appeals to us as the greatest adventure possible. Sooner or later everyone thinks about heaven, even those who deny it. It has constancy and tremendous appeal. There are many questions about heaven which this study will explore with answers from God's Word. Starts Tuesday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m. Leaders: Lila Tirsell and Mary Hartman. Location: Rooms 4-5.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

• **Bookkeeper**

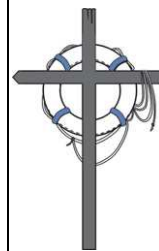
The church is looking for a full-time bookkeeper/accountant. Accounting experience and organization a must. Payroll processing a plus. Please contact Rick Wyatt rwatt@trinityct.org to apply.

• **ECC Teacher Needed**

The Early Childhood Center is seeking a qualified teacher for the Toddler Classroom. This person must meet licensing standards for a lead teacher, but a minimum of an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education is required. This position is full time and year round, Monday through Friday, from 8am-5pm. Please contact the Early Childhood Center for more information at 586-463-8803 or email Karen Pitters at kpitters@trinityct.org

• **ECC Food Server Needed**

We are looking for that special someone to serve as our beloved Food Server. This position is part time and year round, Monday through Friday, from 9am-12:15pm. This person will portion food, deliver to the various classrooms in the Early Childhood Center for snacks and lunch, and return dishes to the school kitchen. Please contact the Early Childhood Center for more information at 586-463-8803 or email Karen Pitters kpitters@trinityct.org



TROUBLED MARRIAGE? LOOKING FOR HOPE AND HEALING?

– Find encouragement, strength and inspiration through a RETROUVAILLE weekend experience. This is a Christian peer ministry for

couples in severe conflict and distress. You'll learn about the power of Christ's love and forgiveness and the hope found in Jesus. Couples discover new ways to communicate key issues and concerns and explore ways to heal their relationship. The next weekend is June 23-25 in metro Detroit. For more info check out www.retrouville.info Or call 248-382-8281 for more information.