



THE TRINITY TWEET

“HOPE”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Issue No. 2

www.trinityct.org

September 12, 2017

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

“Finding Our Rhythm and God’s Rhythm!”



In the past few years, I’ve heard more and more people talk about the rhythm of their life. Phrases like: “We are still trying to find our rhythm as a family,” “I’m looking forward to school starting to get back into a more structured rhythm,” “I feel like I’ve lost my rhythm in my life,” and so on seem to be things I’ve heard more often in recent times. So often, in fact, that yesterday I even said to myself: “This sinus infection is really messing up the rhythm of my work week.” On my way to the doctor, I was listening to the radio replay the events of September 11, 2001 when America was under attack by terrorists. I sat in the waiting room and watched fresh images of Hurricane Irma on the TV. I thought about a friend with a water pipe leaking in his house and having no water. WOW – talk about a break in the rhythm of life. I began to think of lots of things that disrupt life and break our rhythm. It made me think of all the times parenting is a rhythm-less activity of interruptions, side-tracks, and inconveniences done out of love for our children.

However, I also considered what is constant. Morning and evening have always happened. The sun hasn’t burned up. Fish live under water. God’s love for humankind has never changed. My love for my children, even when I have to discipline them, has always been a constant.

I think it is good to embrace the lack of rhythm in parenting and in life for one simple reason: Jesus did! Jesus came down from heaven to redeem us through His death and resurrection. *[Jesus said] “For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.” John 6:38* I’m so thankful He did because it demonstrated His extreme love for us. The same is true of parenting. Breaking our rhythm to meet the needs of our children is a demonstration of extreme love. Keep up the great rhythm-less work of parenting.

Family Discussion Points!

Everyone share a favorite thing you like that your family does almost every week.

Everyone share a recent disruption that you didn’t like.

Discuss how Jesus endured the interruption of heaven to come into the world to save us from our sin and provide the promise of eternal life with Him.

PRINCIPAL COLUMN

Sharon Meseke Retirement Recognition!

On Sunday, September 17, 2017, Trinity will honor Mrs. Sharon Meseke on her retirement from Trinity. Mrs. Meseke has served Trinity for 25 years, and she served six years at St. John, New Haven previous to coming to Trinity. We want to celebrate her 31 years of service at the 8am and 11am

services, and we will have a coffee hour in her honor between services in the church foyer. There will be a basket for cards in the foyer as well. If you wish to give a monetary gift to Mrs. Meseke, you need to write your check payable to “Sharon Meseke.”

Teaching Position in 2nd Grade!

Trinity is in search of a second grade teacher this school year. While there is a long-term substitute in place, Mr. Petzold is assembling an interview committee to seek a permanent replacement. **All resumes and letters of interest are due by Friday, September 22nd at 4:00pm.** If you know someone who might be a great fit to join our ministry team, please have them email jpetzold@trinityct.org as soon as possible with a resume and cover letter.

Teacher Assistant Position in 1st Grade!

I have a few people who have inquired about the position of Teacher Assistant in 1st Grade. I want to fill the position for the year, but I want to allow a few more days for anyone interested to be able to contact me. Nicole Gianino has been helping Miss Howe so far, but I want to finalize this position right away. Please let Mr. Petzold know if you, or someone you know, are interested. jpetzold@trinityct.org

Monthly Family Faith Discussion for September!

This month, the Bible passage for all families to read and discuss is John 13:34-35. I'll type it out this month, but in future months, you'll need to find your Bible and look up the verse. Jesus is speaking here:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

Some discussion points:

Jesus is giving a new command instead of the old command of "follow the rules" that believers had been living with. Loving is a higher calling than simply following the rules.

Jesus only asks us to love because he loved us first. That is a critical point.

Finally, others will know we are different than the rest of the world when we show love to others. In other words, love will be noticeable (vs 35).

Parents, this is due by Friday, September 29th. Once you do it, just email your child's teacher, and they will receive an A recorded for Memory. Thanks.

(Remember, memorizing is great, but it is NOT the point. Having faith discussions in the home is the main point.)

Items for Hurricane Harvey victims!

Trinity is collecting items to send to Texas, along with others from Michigan, to meet a critical need. The items are needed to help all the people displaced from their homes. If you'd like to donate any of the following items, you may bring them to the school office, and we will get them to Pastor Gary Richard as he is heading this up. Items include:

Bath towels	Dental Floss
Wash cloths	Toothpaste
Large trash bags	Comb
Soap (must be in original wrapping)	Deodorant
Toothbrushes	

"Joining Jesus on His Mission" Bible study coming October 1!

Parents, I would love to have as many of our parents join a study of the book "Joining Jesus on His Mission" as we launch a church-wide study on the topic of simple and practical ways to share Jesus with others. I have almost completed the book, and I hope and pray that you'll consider joining a group on Sunday morning (that's when I'm attending) or joining a home study group. In fact, if you'd like to have a group in your home, that'd be great. I'll help you get it going. If you are interested in being a leader to get a group from your child's grade together, let me know. **I really think people will be blessed by joining this study!** I hope you'll make it a priority! (See more details later in the Tweet)

REMINDERS!

LHN GRADE SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME

Calling ALL grade school students! You are invited to our home football game on Friday, September 15th at 7pm. All students will get in for FREE and we have some fun activities planned. Come join us so you get a chance to cheer on the LHN Mustangs, meet students from the other Lutheran grade schools and have some fun!

Dismissal!

Dismissal has been going great! Thank you again for all your efforts in making things go so well. A few years ago, I made a little video presentation to help everyone. The link is below. Just ignore the parts that talk about last year.

http://69b2d52b232552404e01-07c386a1079e846d38fb82020b401212.r58.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/s/0e4496078_1441218061_school-drop-off-and-pick-up-procedures.mp4

Remind 101 Information!

Text this number: 81010

Text this message: @mrpetzold

You will then be able to get reminders from me about important school information. Feel free to share with others in your family!!!

Emergency Drills!

I just want all parents to remember that we'll have lots of emergency drills (fire, tornado [severe weather], and lockdown) this fall. I'll certainly let you know if we have a real emergency at any time.

School WIFI!

WIFI password in the lobby is: **ResponsibleGuest**

It is all one word with the two capital letters.

Glow Kids Book

Sometime in the future, we will begin a study with the book "Glow Kids." Please watch for more information.

CEF Stamps are available every Tuesday morning!

CEF Stamps is a savings program for our 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 on a regular basis. Feel free to ask me any questions if you aren't familiar with the program.

NOTE:

- There will have a drawing each Tuesday for an extra \$1 to be added to a student account. You must invest that day to be considered for the extra \$1.

- At the end of the month there will be an additional drawing for a larger sum of money to be put into a student's account. Every time you invest, your name goes into the end of the month drawing.

Weekend Church Services

Saturday, September 16, 2017
@ 5 PM

Sunday, September 17, 2017
@ 8 AM & 11 AM

CALENDAR

Weekly

Sep 13 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Sep 13-15 Grade 6 – Outdoor Ed
Sep 14 Financial Peace University 7-8:30 PM
Sep 15-17 Grade 7–Confirmation Camp Concordia
Sep 17 Sharon Meseke's Retirement Coffee Hour
Sep 17 First Bible Class – Grades 1 & 2 @ 4 PM

Monthly

Sep 18 Life with Jesus Class 7-8:30 PM
Constitution Day
Sep 20 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Gr 8 – Kids Helping Kids (Gleaners) 12:30-2:30 PM
Sep 21 Financial Peace University 7-8:30 PM
Sep 24 Good News (Gr 3, 4 & 5) sings @ 11 AM Worship
First Bible Class – Grades 1 & 2 @ 4 PM
Sep 25 Life with Jesus Class – 7-8:30 PM
Sep 27 See you at the Pole Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Sep 28 **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!**
Financial Peace University 7-8:30 PM
Sep 29 Casual Dress Day for Guatemala (\$1 for non-dress code tops \$1 for non-dress code bottoms)

REGISTRATION DAY \$\$

Mrs. Knopf is planning to send invoices to your ParentsWeb **by the end of this week**. Thank you for your patience. If you are still having trouble creating your account, please call the office as soon as possible for help.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Thursday,

September 28, 2017

Students may wear dress code or **better!**

Order forms are coming home next week & need to be returned to their teacher by Wednesday, September 27th.

Order portraits now at mylifetouch.com using **Picture Day ID LM717091Y0**.

CHAPEL OFFERING

Groundwork Guatemala, one of Trinity's Impact Mission, will receive the school chapel offering this month. **Please** encourage your child to intentionally bring a chapel offering each Wednesday to support this mission. We want to promote sacrificial giving among the children – giving a portion of their allowances, or earn money by doing chores, which they can then donate. It's a great Christian life lesson.



Parish Pizza Pumpkin Picnic

October 8th from 3-6 PM.

Please plan to be part of the fun! Pony rides, face and pumpkin painting, storytelling, pizza eating, and games. Sign up in the church foyer, the school or early childhood center office. Pizza is provided and please bring a dessert or salad to pass if possible. **We also need volunteers!** Can you spend ½ hour to set up, clean up, or supervise pumpkin painting? Please sign up in the church foyer, school or early childhood center office or email Nicole Demopoulos at ndemopoulos@trinityct.rog. Thank you!

Clubs are coming!

Dance Class for Grades 1 & up begins Monday, September 25th, 3:15-4:15 PM. Please contact Sarah Gunter at sasue1017@aol.com or 586-557-0465. Cooking Class is coming soon. Please watch for information in the days ahead.

BOX TOPS

Our first Box Tops contest began on Monday, September 11th. We will be starting out with a "Pick Your Prize Contest." There will be a variety of prizes to choose from, including the highly sought after Fancy Lunch! All prizes except for Fancy Lunch will cost 25 Box Tops, Fancy Lunch will cost 50 Box Tops. Contact Jodi Pace 586-260-2074 with any questions.



SCRIP

Do you frequently visit the same business (for example Meijer or Target)? Are you taking a trip (Delta Airlines) or making a purchase for your home (Lowe's)? Maybe you eat lunch regularly at the same place (Wendy's, Subway, Chipotle)? Or gas up at the same station every week (Speedway)? By purchasing **SCRIP** for these businesses & over 400 more, you can earn money towards tuition & help Trinity in the process. **It's now as easy as ordering from AND paying with your smart phone!** **SCRIP** isn't just gift cards - it's so much more! No longer does purchasing **SCRIP** take pre-planning. Purchases can be made from your electronic device while standing in the checkout line & paid for digitally on the spot. Also, existing **SCRIP** gift cards can be reloaded online. Plus you earn money for both Trinity School & tuition for your family or a family of your choice. Even better? Your friends & family can link up to earn money, too. For more info, go to shopwithscrip.com or visit Rachel Nyboer in the school lobby on Friday mornings to enroll, ask questions, or learn more.



PICTURE DAY

HELP WANTED: the Early Childhood Center is seeking a morning preschool assistant in the 4 year old full day preschool. 8:50-11:50 Monday through Friday. For more info or to apply: please call 586-463-8803, stop in the Early Childhood Center for an application or apply on line at www.trinityct.org . Go to the Early Childhood Section and click on Employment. Thank you!



HAVE A "GOOD" MARRIAGE? If you have a "good" marriage but are looking for a way to boost your relationship to higher levels, check out the next "Lutheran Marriage Encounter" weekend. You'll learn ways to talk and listen with your spouse like never before. The next Michigan weekend is coming up September 29 – October 1 in Battle Creek. Want more details? Check out www.Godlovesmarriage.org



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY – Are you looking for positive and practical ways to build up your savings, reduce your debt load and gain some peace, rather than stress from your finances? Check out www.fpu.com for details. We're hosting another of these Dave Ramsey video based studies here at Trinity for nine weeks starting Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Register online. You can

purchase the household membership kit here the first night of class. (Cost: \$100). Questions? Contact David Brown 463-2921 x. 108 or dbrown@trinityct.org

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION – a 10-week congregation wide small group "study-discussion-equipping" process to learn how to engage the world more effectively in everyday life. Would you like to serve as a table group leader or as a small group host? Training happens on Sunday, September 24th at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. Contact David Brown, 463-2921 x. 108 or dbrown@trinityct.org to get your advance copy of the book and to sign up to help.

A graphic for a health fair. It features a background image of a person's arm being measured with a blood pressure cuff. Overlaid on this is a green circular logo with a white cross and a recycling symbol. To the right, the text reads "Trinity Lutheran Community Health Fair" and "Saturday, Oct. 14 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m." Below this is a list of services offered, including flu and pneumonia vaccines, blood pressure screenings, mental health counseling, dental information, nutrition information, fall prevention information, stroke awareness, advanced directive planning, and more. At the bottom, the location and contact information for Trinity are provided.

Trinity Lutheran Community Health Fair

Saturday, Oct. 14 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join Trinity's Health Ministry team for:

- Flu and pneumonia vaccines from Walgreens
- Blood pressure screenings
- Mental health counselors from Trinity's Counseling Center
- Information about Baker College's dental program
- Nutrition information
- Fall prevention information
- Stroke awareness
- Advanced directive planning
- And more

Trinity is located at 38900 Harper, Clinton Township, MI 48045
For information, call 586-463-2921 or email lriviera@trinityct.org.