



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

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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

“Deception is the essence of the game!”

I coach basketball here at Trinity, and our season is starting pretty soon. One of the things I teach my team is that “deception is the essence of the game.” In other words, you need to fake out your opponent to get the advantage. Fake a shot, then drive. Fake a pass, then pass another direction. Look at one teammate, then pass to another. Fake a defense, then blitz the person with the ball. I try to help them learn to trick the other team as often as possible.

I’ve done that with our Christmas tree this year. Take a look!



The tree stands about 8.5 feet tall, but it is not. We have some nice presents for the kids under the tree, but those are really empty. We cut down our tree on a farm every year. This year, the tree we chose was pretty short, so I made it look tall. It is all rather deceptive, but our tree is on a platform of beach towels, 4X4 posts, and two patio pavers. The fake presents just hide the large space at the bottom of the tree. It was fun for me to figure out how to make our tree look nice. After all, I teach in basketball that “deception is the essence of the game.”

Satan lives by the same focus on deception. *“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”*
2 Corinthians 11:3

Paul is warning Christians in the early church to be mindful that Satan uses deception to lead believers away from faithful devotion to Christ. As you look forward to Christmas, I pray that you do not lose your focus on Jesus. Satan wants us be deceived as deception is the essence of his game.

Family Discussion Points!

Talk about deception by having your child “hold” the moon or the TV hanging on the wall. Take a picture of your visual deceptions.

Parents, remind your kids that Satan is real, and he has a daily mission. It is described in the Bible verse I shared today.

Why do you think Satan wants us to lose our sincere and pure devotion to Christ?

Band and Handbell Concert this Thursday!

Even if you don’t have a student in Band or Handbells, I highly recommend coming for a short concert next Thursday evening, December 7th at 7pm in the church. It really feels like Christmas to hear the students share their gift of music so wonderfully. I hope you’ll make time to come.

Casual Dress Days coming up!

- Friday, December 8th is a casual dress day to help the food pantry with making Christmas Baskets for the needy.
\$1 non-dress code tops
\$1 non dress code bottoms (no stretch pants).
Other cash/check donations are always appreciated.
- Friday, December 22nd is a casual dress day to have fun on our last day of school before break (free).

MCREST Items Needed

Please check page 3 of the Tweet to see the list of items that we are asking our students to bring in to help the MCREST guests that will be staying at Trinity over Christmas break.

Important dates to remember!!!

Thur, Dec 7 th	Band & Handbell Concert in Church (7pm)
Fri, Dec 8 th	Casual Dress Day for Christmas Baskets for the needy
Sat, Dec 9 th	Cookie Walk 10am-1pm
Tue, Dec 12 th	Celebrate 70 th day of school (1970's clothes)
Wed, Dec 20 th	Christmas Pgm Dress Rehearsal-10am CHRISTMAS PROGRAM -7pm (K-8)
Fri, Dec 22 nd	Free Casual Dress Day
Mon, Dec 25 th -Jan 5 th	No School
Mon, Jan 8 th	School Resumes
Mon, Jan 15 th	No School - Martin Luther King Day

December Family Faith Discussion!

The scripture to talk about this month is **Luke 2:1-20**. This is the account of Jesus' birth. I'd like to have all the students very familiar with the scripture before Christmas Eve services. I'm sure you'll hear it as part of worship on Christmas Eve.

Please plan to read it together and discuss it before the Christmas program on December 20th.

Family Faith Discussion Points!

In reading the story, talk about courage. Identify all the people mentioned who exhibited courage. For instance, Mary...giving birth to a baby is very courageous! My prayer is that parents and student learn about the courageous acts of those who followed God's plan at the time of Jesus' birth.

Everyone identify their favorite courageous person and share why you chose that person.

Year-end giving opportunity!

Many people are looking to give significant gifts at the end of the calendar year for tax benefit purposes. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in a year-end gift, I'd love to have an opportunity to share a significant way a year-end gift can help Trinity fulfill its mission in the community. There is a great need here, and I would be happy to meet with anyone about making a gift. Please let me know if you'd like to talk. Thanks, Mr. Petzold.

REMINDERS!

Looking for someone to do a project!

I would like to have someone either place padding on our existing scorer's table in the gym or build a new scorer's table that includes padding. In particular, the corners of the table need to be padded. Anyone with gifts like this should talk to Mr. Petzold or Mrs. Erkinen. Thanks.



Advent & Christmas Worship Services



Wednesdays

Dec 6th, 13th, & 20th @ Noon

Dec 6th @ 7PM - Blue Christmas

Dec 13th @ 7PM - Vespers & Prayers

Dec 20th @ 7PM - School Christmas Program



Saturdays

December 9th, 16th @ 5 PM



Sundays

December 10th, 17th @ 8AM & 11AM



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

(no 8 or 11AM services)

Family Christmas - 4PM

Candlelight Worship - 7PM & 11PM



Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

Worship @ 10AM



New Year Worship

Sunday, December 31st @ 8AM & 11AM

(No evening service on New Year's Eve)



BAND & HANDBELL CONCERT

Thursday, December 7th

@ 7 PM in the Sanctuary



Everyone is invited to attend the Trinity School Band & Handbell Concert in the sanctuary.

All band students should meet in the music room in concert dress to warm up & tune by 6:30PM

Concert Dress:

Boys: black pants, white shirt, tie

Girls: long black skirt or black pants, white blouse w/collar

NO Tennis shoes, unless all black

CALENDAR

Weekly

- Dec 4 Dance Class-3:15-4:15PM
 Dec 6 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
 Advent Worship – 12PM
 Gr 1 -Kids Helping Kids 12:30-2:30PM
 LAST Cooking Class – 3:15-4:15PM
 Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
 Blue Christmas Worship – 7PM
 Dec 7 Band & Handbell Concert – 7PM
 Dec 8 Casual Day for Christmas Baskets
 (\$1 for non-dress code tops
 \$1 for non-dress code bottoms)

Monthly

- Dec 9 Cookie Walk 10AM-1PM
 Dec 10 Intermediate Handbells -8AM Worship
 Dec 11 Dance Class-3:15-4:15PM
 Dec 12 Celebrate 70th Day of School
 Dec 13 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
 Advent Worship – 12PM
 Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
 Advent Vespers & Prayer Worship – 7PM
 Dec 18 Dance Class 3:15-4:15PM
 Dec 20 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal-10AM
 Advent Worship – 12PM
 NO ART CLUB TODAY
 ALL SCHOOL Christmas Program – 7PM
 Dec 22 Casual Day – Free
 Last Day of School before Break
 Dec 24 Christmas Worship-4PM, 7PM, 11PM
 Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship – 10AM
 Dec 25-Jan 7 **NO SCHOOL Christmas Break**
 Jan 8 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 Jan 9 Talent Show Auditions
 Jan 10 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
 JV Uniform Return
 Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
 Jan 10-12 GR 7 – Outdoor Ed
 Jan 12 Mid-Term Report
 Jan 15 **NO SCHOOL – MLK Day**
 Jan 17 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
 Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
 Jan 18 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
 2:15PM
 Jan 19 Spelling Bee-12:45PM in Sanctuary

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR GIFT CERTIFICATES

Are you looking for a PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER for your student's Christmas stocking? We have gift certificates for the Scholastic Book Fair. You may purchase them from the school office in any amount that you choose & they can be used at the Scholastic Book Fair in February.

MCREST is coming!

We can help!

The Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) hosts homeless people at Trinity during the Christmas break. Trinity students have been asked to help by collecting specific toiletry items to be distributed that week. The collection will take place through December 22nd. Here's what each class is asked to bring:

- KDG—regular size shampoos
- GR 1—regular size hand lotions
- GR 2—toothbrushes (2 per student)
- GR 3—women's deodorant
- GR 4—shaving cream
- GR 5—regular size hair conditioner
- GR 6—men's deodorant
- GR 7—toothpaste (2 per student)
- GR 8—disposable razors

Items will be collected on carts in the hallway outside of the Resource Room during that time.
 Thank you for your help in showing compassion to our brothers and sisters in Christ!



BOXTOPS

Box Tops contest is hot chocolate and doughnuts for 2 classes. There will be one winner in the lower grades (K-4) and one in the upper grades (5-8). As always, class averages will be used so the smaller classes are not at a disadvantage.

The contest will end on Friday, December 22nd, the prizes will be served in January.

Please let Jodi Pace know if you have any questions. Thanks for helping earn more money from Box Tops!

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!

We still have plenty of empty slots for volunteers to help in the library on Friday mornings. If you are able to help, please use the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054facae2ca13-library2>

PLEASE CHECK THE ATTACHED LIBRARY OVERDUE LIST

(The list is too long to include!)



CHAPEL OFFERING

Chapel offerings in November &

December will go to Covenant House Michigan. Covenant House Michigan (CHM) is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides hope to homeless, runaway, & at-risk youth ages 13-22. Covenant House provides shelter, educational & vocational programs, as well as other support services, to help overcome hurdles such as homelessness, unemployment, inadequate education, violence, drugs & gangs. Covenant House's goal is to redirect homeless youth onto a path toward meaningful & successful adulthood.

SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS

The Trinity Wear Orders that were recently placed, should arrive by Tuesday, December 19th.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year when we show our extra praises to our Lord for His wonderful gift of our Savior. The Altar Guild will be selling Poinsettia's for \$11 in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Let's beautify our Sanctuary this Christmas with our love. Sale dates are December 9th & 10th. Sign up & pay in the Church Foyer.



6th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK THIS SATURDAY!

NO TIME TO BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES? We've got you covered!

Purchase your homemade cookies, candies, breads, soup mixes and much more at the **Women's League Cookie Walk, Sat. Dec. 9 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.** You can freeze your purchases until you need to make up that cookie tray for your Christmas guests. Proceeds from the sale will benefit church and community mission ministries.

ATTN: Anyone baking for the sale should bring items to church Friday, Dec. 8 between 3-6 p.m.

CEF

Make the Difference

Church Extension Fund (CEF) encourages everyone to get personally involved in reaching out to the unchurched around many communities in the Michigan District. As investors in CEF, attractive interest rates are paid on investments while these dollars are loaned to Michigan District churches and schools at reasonable rates. Call 800 242 3944 or visit www.mi-cef.org for information.

HAVE A GOOD SPARE CAR?

A Macomb Habitat family – Mom with two teens- needs a car in good shape to get to work and school, after their older car was deemed unrepairable. Budget stretched trying to keep the old one running, so must be very affordable. Contact Dave Tirsell at dctirsell2102@yaqhoo.com or 586-463-4952 for more info.

2018 STUDENT MISSION TRIP TO NASHVILLE< TN!!!

July 22nd-29th are the dates and Pastor Brian couldn't be more excited. Each year, students serve, grow and laugh as they become the hands of feet of Christ. This trip will be for students heading into 7th Grade-Seniors in High School. There is an informational meeting on Sunday, January 14th immediately following the 11AM worship service. Any questions before then send to pastorbrian@trinityct.org.

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TRINITY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING Private and confidential counseling is offered through our counseling ministry located in the Olympia building at 117 Cass Avenue in Mt. Clemens. Are you struggling with an issue that could use some Christian guidance and direction? Are you looking for some hope and encouragement during a difficult time? Have you wondered what to do next as you look toward the future? If so, call 586-468-0401 or email counseling@trinityct.org. Daytime and evening appointments are available to meet with one of our state licensed and national certified counselors: David Brown and Kristin Hardy.