



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

“What Do You See Happening?”

People seem to love taking pictures with their phone. I had a friend in town last weekend, and he was constantly showing me pictures of things as we “caught up” as old friends do. Pictures can really tell a story rather well. However, I’m attaching a picture of the camera to this article today. It is the camera that captures the picture, and the picture tells the story.



As I looked through my phone last night to look at my pictures, I was struck by the fact that most every picture had a story behind it. It is then that I thought, “What if I resolved to take as many pictures this week where I found God at work?” I plan to take pictures and show them to my family and discuss God’s work in my life and the lives of others. Here are a few pictures I took today:

1. The snow falling – beautifully created by God
2. An ECC teacher helping a child with their shoe – love in action
3. Two students hugging in the hallway as friends – love in action and support

God is actually very active in our lives, but we have to be tuned in to His work. I want to encourage all parents to take as many pictures of God at work and share those pictures with your family members. (NOTE: An easy way to find a picture is to note anytime someone is kind or loving since: “We love because he [God] first loved us.” [1 John 4:19]).

God is doing something continually new and amazing in our lives, but we need to see it. Look for it, and get a picture of it as it happens.

Family Discussion Points!

Is it difficult or easy to find people caring and loving each other in your home? Get some pictures!

Who takes the most pictures in your family? Why?

Do you like the pictures more or the “story behind the pictures” more as you look at photos? Why?

Trinity Lutheran School Open House!!

Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in providing their child with an excellent Christian education at Trinity to our School and Early Childhood Center Open House. We will have faculty and staff available to meet with you and your child(ren) between 10:30am and 1:30pm on Sunday, February 4th. All visits will start in the school lobby.

Erin West’s Announcement!

Mrs. West has announced that she will no longer be serving as Kindergarten Teacher Assistant because she will be taking a ministry position with Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI). She will still be our Algebra Teacher, and here at Trinity quite often. Her new position at PLI is part-time. I wanted to keep all our families informed.

Kindergarten Information Night

Kindergarten Information Night is Tuesday, February 6th from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. We will meet in the church for a devotion together. The Kindergartners for next year will then get to go to the Kindergarten classroom to enjoy some activities while parents stay to learn more about our school and Kindergarten program. Please invite anyone you know who might be interested in attending Kindergarten at Trinity next year. Don’t hesitate to call the school office with any questions at 586-468-8511.

Re-enrollment time is coming!

Please know that February is the month to get re-enrolled for next school year. We plan to have all enrollment procedures occur online using RenWeb. You will receive a letter in the mail from me with your directions to get re-enrolled. Watch for more information soon.

“Glow Kids” Reading!

Earlier in the year, families were given the opportunity to purchase the book “Glow Kids” to read along with our faculty and staff. Here is the first assignment, if you’d like to read along:

- January 29th Introduction, Chapters 1-2 for faculty and staff
- February 2nd Discussion with parents on the above reading in school lobby from 8-9am (this is certainly not required. I will be available if you would like to join a discussion on the content of those sections of the book).

I will have assignments for the faculty and staff for future Monday’s, and I’ll let families know. I plan to have time on Friday from 8-9am for parent discussion that same week.

Hot Lunch Main Ala Carte Items

Ala Carte main entrée items will no longer cost \$1.25. Beginning February 1st an extra main entrée item will cost \$1.50. The increase is due to the government required increase in our hot lunch price over the past few years, but we have never increased the cost of our main ala carte items to keep up with those costs. The ala carte main entrée is the only increase in cost at this time.

Weekend Church Services
 Saturday, February 5, 2018
 @ 5 PM
 Sunday, February 6, 2018
 @ 8 AM & 11 AM

CONGRATULATIONS BEE WINNERS!



SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

- 1st Place: Thomas Phillips, Gr 6 (*middle*)
- 2nd Place: Joe Rosquin, Gr 8 (*right*)
- 3rd Place: Elliot Ashley, Gr 7 (*left*)



GEOGRAPHY BEE CHAMPIONS

- 1st Place: Anthony D’Agostin, Gr 8 (*middle*)
- 2nd Place: Simon Dynkowski, Gr 8 (*left*)
- 3rd Place: Ayden Hibdon, Gr 8 (*right*)

CALENDAR

Weekly

- Jan 29 Dance Class 3:15-4:15PM
- Jan 31 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Gr K -Kids Helping Kids 12:30-2:30PM
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
- Feb 4 OPEN HOUSE 10:30AM-1:30PM
Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast

Monthly

- Feb 6 Kindergarten 2018 Info Night-6:30PM
- Feb 7 **Chapel-10:15AM**
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
- Feb 10 Primary Praise @ 5PM Worship
- Feb 12 Dance Class 3:15-4:15PM
- Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday Worship @ 10AM**
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
- Feb 15 Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb 17 Miss Howe’s Wedding
- Feb 19/20 NO SCHOOL – Mid Winter Break
- Feb 21 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Lenten Worship @ Noon
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
Lenten Worship @ 7PM
- Feb 23 Casual Day- \$ Hearts for Jesus
End of Trimester
Dialogue Day
Gr 5 to Starbase

- Feb 25 Scholastic Book Fair all week-Mini Gym
- Feb 26 Dance Class – 3:15-4:15PM
- Feb 28 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Lenten Worship @ Noon
Gr 7 -Kids Helping Kids 12:30-2:30PM
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
Lenten Worship @ 7PM
- Mar 2 Last Day for Scholastic Book Fair
REPORT CARDS
Gr 5 to Starbase
- Mar 5 Dance Class – 3:15-4:15PM
- Mar 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8PM
- Mar 7 Chapel 8:15 AM (Parents Welcome!)
Lenten Worship @ Noon
Gr 7 -Kids Helping Kids 12:30-2:30PM
Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7PM
Art Club – 3:15-4:15PM
Cooking Club 3:15-4:15PM
Lenten Worship @ 7PM
- Mar 8 Music Festival @ St. John, Rochester
Varsity Basketball Uniform Return
Golf Class – 3:30-4:30PM
- Mar 9 Gr 5 to Starbase
- Mar 10 Jonah’s & Advanced Handbells @ 5PM Worship
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Begins!

NEEDED:

Miss Howe’s First Grade Class is collecting at least 24 Tall Oatmeal Containers & Paper Towel Rolls (please nooooo toilet paper).

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/409054fae2ca13-library2>

TRINITY WEAR!

Another Trinity Wear order will be placed on February 9th. There will be one more order placed sometime in April. Order forms are in the school office.

CHAPEL OFFERING

Chapel offerings in January will go to support Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM).



TGA GOLF CLASS

Open to new & returning golfers in Grades K-8. Six week spring session starts **Thursday, March 8th** from 3:30-4:30 PM in the school gym. Register at www.golftga.com/semichigan or pick up a flyer in the school office. For more info contact: Dave Robinson at 248-252-0208 or drobinson@golftga.com.



BOXTOPS

Save those Box Tops. There will be another contest starting soon for Scholastic Book Fair certificates. More details coming next week.

MOMSNEXT MEETS TUESDAY

Are you the mother of a school-aged child? Join us for MOMSnext on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Church Lounge. This month, an instructor from Living Waters Yoga will do a Holy Yoga session. Wear comfy clothes and bring a mat or a towel. For more information, contact Rebecca Thomas at rthomas@trinityct.org.

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing coats, clothes, shoes, lunch boxes? We have another mound of items that **MUST** belong to your students. Please come to the office to check the lost & found.

EIGHTH GRADE BREAKFAST

February 4, 2018



The Trinity eighth grade will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4, to support their May trip to

New York City. It will be held in the Trinity gym from 8AM to 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults & \$5/seniors & children 3 and under are free. Tickets are available in the school office. In addition to pancakes, the breakfast will include eggs, bacon, sausage, oatmeal, fruit, & much more. This is also the date of the Trinity School Open House, so check out the school, bring your friends to introduce them to the school, & enjoy a delicious breakfast cooked & served by our outstanding eighth graders & their parents. Thanks for your support!



8th GRADE DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendar for February 24, 2018! Our 8th grade class is once again

throwing the dinner dance of the year – you won't want to miss out. Tickets are \$45/person and include dinner, spirits, and dancing at Sycamore Hills Country Club. As always, there will be amazing items available in the silent auction, basket drawing & 50/50 drawing. All proceeds benefit our 8th graders' trip to New York City in May 2018. Please contact the school office or any of the 8th grade families for tickets and more info.



IT'S BAPTISM TIME! The next Baptism preparation class for families interested in having a child baptized at Trinity will be **Sunday mornings, February 11th and 18th from 9:30am - 10:30am**. The gathering is very relaxed and conversational in nature. Childcare is available at no cost. Please contact Jeremy Ashley, jashley@trinityct.org for more information regarding the baptism class or scheduling your child's baptism.



LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS

New class scheduled! You are at your best when you do what you

naturally do best. This 7-week journey will help you uncover and affirm your areas of greatest talent. They're evident in and impact all your relationships and all you do! Mark your calendar for Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., January. 27 – March 7 (*no class on Ash Wed*). Sign up available at the Welcome Center. Contact Sue von Fange for more info.

GRIEFSHARE—A new session of Griefshare, grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. The group will meet every Tuesday through April 17 from 1-3 p.m. in Trinity's Church Lounge. There will be no meeting on April 3. Registration is \$15 and includes a book. Childcare is available for infant through fifth grade with registration. To register, or for more information, contact Parish Nurse, Lisa Riviera at lriviera@trinityct.org or 586-213-1339.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN - Come for an in-depth exploration of John's Gospel. What are the main themes? How does John present Jesus and his ministry? For whom was the Gospel written? What does John tell us that is unique to his message? Leaders: Pastors Ken and Gary. Location: Chapel.

ACTIVATING GOD SPACE – *where spiritual conversations happen naturally.* You've felt that tug... a friend, co-worker, family member or someone you've just met is talking- and you sense God is nudging you to say something. But what do you say? What don't you say? How can you bring God into the conversation without shutting it down?

The Holy Spirit can do amazing things through everyday conversation. This 6-session video-based study will give you fresh insights and practical tools for connecting with others about the things that matter most. Leader: Sue von Fange. Location: Room 1.

2018 Thrivent Guide to the Markets and Economy.

You are invited to the Andiamo Banquet Facility on January 30th at 6:00pm
Randy Parpart of JP Morgan Asset Management will be our presenter.
Dinner will be served.
Please RSVP to David Collins at 493-9775 or David.Collins@thrivent.com

What Is ExtensionPlus?

The CEF ExtensionPlus is an easy-access savings vehicle from Church Extension Fund. Continue to support the ministry of CEF in providing space and place for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and be able to access your investments via your own checkbook or VISA®/ATM Card or withdraw your investment at an ATM. For more information, call them 800.242.3944 or visit www.mi-cef.org.

LHN FASHION SHOW—The 20th Annual LHN Fashion Show will be Thursday, March 15 at the Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Event features a silent auction, mystery drawing, a diamond draw and more. Tickets are \$70 each and \$75 after Feb. 23. To make a reservation, visit lhn.lhsa.com and click Fashion Show. For more information, email lhn.fashion.show@gmail.com.

DIRECT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS

Last year, Thrivent members' Choice Dollars earned Trinity \$10,218. Members' 2017 Choice Dollars need to find a home before the end of March. Designate them to Trinity Lutheran Church, School and ECC. There are two ways two options for directing Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Please take a few minutes and designate Trinity. Every little bit helps.

MOPS NEEDS CAREGIVERS—Trinity's MOPS program is growing and is in need of caregivers to tend to the young children while the mothers meet. MOPS needs the first, third and fifth Wednesday of every month from 9-11:15 a.m. Children range in age from 6 months to 5 years. If interested, contact Stacey Cox at 586-929-0329.

LIFT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—The annual Ladies in Faith Together Conference, "The Clothes Line," will be held Saturday, April 21 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Sterling Heights. The conference will feature speaker Michele Pillar, an author, speaker and singer who is also a three-time Grammy and Dove nominee. Michelle will weave her story of accepting the "garments" she has "worn " her entire life and how she found redemption and acceptance as a woman of God. Tickets are \$35 if purchased by March 25 and \$40 until April 8. This is a multigenerational conference for high school-age and older. Tickets include the speaker, buffet lunch, conference materials and vendor sale. A portion of the registration fee includes a donation to the LIFT charity: Elli's House. A registration form is available in the Church Office and at the Welcome Center. For information, contact Sue Wise at amskwise@gmail.com.

THRIVENT WORKSHOPS—2018 Thrivent Guide to the Markets and Economy will be held Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. at Andiamo Banquet Facility. Randy Parpart of JP Morgan Asset Management will be our presenter. Dinner will be served. RSVP to David Collins at 493-9775 or David.Collins@thrivent.com.