



# THE TRINITY TWEET

## *Connected*

From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Eph. 4:16

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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.**

The principal's message from Mr. Brown will return next week.

**GO LIONS!** The playoffs are in full swing, and the Detroit Lions are doing awesome. In anticipation of their upcoming game on Sunday, everyone is invited to wear Lions gear or Honolulu blue this Friday, January 19. Free dress down! No Lions gear, no problem. You're still able to dress down.

**FRIENDZY** Students are now in the fourth unit of our Friendly social emotional curriculum. This unit is about being responsible for our reactions and emotions. Students will learn that it is their responsibility to control how they respond in stressful and emotional situations. Use these discussion starters for your conversations at home:

- Share about a time when you reacted poorly in a situation. Talk about how you can respond instead of react next time. NOTE: You get to model how we learn from our mistakes.
- What are ways you can listen to your body to help recognize emotions and identify how you are feeling in a frustrating or stressful situation?
- God knows us better than anyone. What are ways we can get to know God more?

**CHAPEL THIS WEEK** will have a late start of 10:15 as we welcome Ayla Kennedy from Camp Concordia to lead us through worship. Join us! Due to a funeral, the chapel service will be held in the gym. If you plan to come, please enter through the school doors, and sign in at the office. A flyer with the 2024 summer camp schedule is attached.

### **FOR THE LOVE OF BREAKFAST - CEREAL BOX COLLECTION**

Our school will be collecting boxes of breakfast cereal from now until Tuesday, January 23. The cereal will be shared with our church food pantry, the Macomb Foster Closet and the food pantry at St. Paul of Tarsus church. To make the

collecting more fun, we will be setting up all the donated boxes for a domino display through the hallways on Wednesday, January 24 as a fun activity for Lutheran Schools Week. Collection boxes are located in the Coffee Oasis now. Also, please use the Box Tops for Education app to earn money for our school. All General Mills cereals are included and there are a bunch of bonus opportunities now as well.

**CAKE AND COOKIE DECORATING** Students in grades 5-8 are invited to sign up for the Cake and Cookie Decorating Club. It will be held on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30, January 17 - February 28. Students will learn frosting techniques to decorate cupcakes, cookies, and cakes. During classes 1 and 2, students will learn new skills, and then decorate cupcakes and cookies during weeks 3, 4, and 5. They will make flowers and decorations on week 6 used to decorate a cake on the last day of class, week 7. The total cost is \$20 which includes all practice frosting, real butter cream and royal icing, all cupcakes and cookies, as well as all tools needed to practice with and decorate. Kids will need to provide a cake for the last day of class. Please reach out to Karen Pitters at 586-630-1817 or [karen.pitters@gmail.com](mailto:karen.pitters@gmail.com) to sign up. The class is limited to 8. Hope you will join the fun!

**HEY BATTER, BATTER!** Trinity is participating in the Mel Ott Baseball League this year again this year. The teams play other Lutheran churches in the district, and the program is open to both boys and girls who are **school and/or church members**. T-ball will be offered for 4 year old preschool -1st grade, Machine Pitch for 2nd-3rd grade and Kid Pitch for 4th-6th grade. More information will be coming home in your student's folder in the coming week. Any questions feel free to email Nicole Thomas at [tctbaseball@trinityct.org](mailto:tctbaseball@trinityct.org)

**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** is next week, January 21-27! NLSW is the opportunity to celebrate with 2,594 Early Childhood programs and K-12 schools nationwide, and give thanks to God for the gift of Lutheran education to students, families, and communities.

Like our school theme at Trinity, the NLSW theme this year is Connected. It is based off Jesus' words in John 16:1-6. *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

To celebrate NLSW at Trinity, we will be having special themed dress days during the week. School dress code will not be required, but all clothing should be in good taste. Here's everything your students can look forward to:

**Monday** – Salad Dressing Day

Ranch: Cowboy, Cowgirl, Farmer, Western

House: Clothes you'd wear at home

Thousand Island: Beach or island attire

\*TCT Alumni who attend Lutheran High North will visit.

**Tuesday** – 80s/90s Day

Today is the 90<sup>th</sup> day of school! Celebrate by wearing clothes from the 1980s or 1990s.

\*Music bingo will take place in the morning.

\*Super U! Assembly will take place in the afternoon:

Nickelodeon's Double Dare meets Minute to Win It, all while promoting respect and responsibility.

**Wednesday** – Travel Day

Show off your souvenir t-shirt from your family vacation, or dress like a tourist on a trip.

\*Cereal boxes that are collected will be used for a giant domino effect through the school, hopefully *connecting* us to the Church and ECC!

**Thursday** – Swap Day

Trinity staff and students swap. Dress like any Trinity staff person; staff will dress like students.

\*Talent Show rehearsal will take place.

\*A *Connected* group photo will be taken after the rehearsal.

**Friday** – Comfy Cozy Day

Need we say more? Bring on all the cozy clothes for this cold Friday.

\*Geography Bee, Talent Show

**THE ANNUAL GEOGRAPHY BEE** While the sponsoring organization, National Geographic, is no longer organizing the Geography Bee, we will continue to hold one at Trinity. It will be held on the afternoon of Friday, January 26.

**RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**, including tuition costs, will be coming home at the end of the month in a separate email from Mr. Brown for the 2024-25 school year.

**SCHOOL AND ECC OPEN HOUSE** Trinity's School and Early Childhood Center Open House is Sunday, February 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It's an opportunity for new families to visit the classrooms, meet with teachers, experience the facilities and learn about the programs Trinity offers. Tell your friends why Trinity is a great place for an exceptional Christian education and invite them to attend. To learn more visit [Trinityct.org/admissions](http://Trinityct.org/admissions) or call 586-468-8511.

**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT** is Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. We will meet in the church for a devotion and learn more about the school and kindergarten program. Invite anyone you know who is interested in attending kindergarten at Trinity next year. This event is for parents only. For information, call the school office at 586-468-8511.

**DINNER DANCE TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL JANUARY 26**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class parents are selling tickets for the annual dinner dance fundraiser held on February 24 at the Italian American Cultural Center. Tickets are \$65 each this year and include dinner, dancing, an open bar, plus a bonus chance to win big. Bring some extra cash for all the fun games and drawings! It's a great night out, so gather friends and purchase your tickets from any 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent, or see Mrs. Nyboer (also an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent) in the school office.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS** will always be communicated from Mr. Brown in three ways: Remind 101, a RenWeb email, and local media outlets. Typically, Trinity will close for inclement weather if L'Anse Creuse closes for inclement weather, however, please confirm Trinity is closed by using one of the three methods listed.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX UPDATE** Mrs. Huff has let us know that our boxes were shipped and headed to Mexico as well as two "Hard to Reach" countries. Customs and cultural or religious reasons can make access difficult, but these gift-filled shoeboxes give local believers a sensitive way to initiate ongoing relationships with those who may not know Christ. Our shoeboxes are sharing God's love in tough places. THANK YOU!

**JANUARY CHAPEL OFFERING** is going to Lutheran Special Education Ministries. LSEM reaches, serves and supports children with various learning needs in Lutheran schools around the world, including ours! 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 earning money by doing chores. It’s a great Christian life lesson.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

January 17	10:15 Chapel – Camp Concordia
January 19	Mid-term
January 21-27	National Lutheran Schools Week!
January 23	Mid-term grades emailed
January 24	8:20 Chapel
January 25	Talent Show Rehearsal
January 26	12:45 Geography Bee 6:30 School Talent Show – Gym
January 28	Grades 1 and 2 sing at 11:00 Worship
January 29	NWEA Testing
January 31	8:20 Chapel
February 4	10:30 – 1:30 School and ECC Open House
February 6	6:30 Kindergarten Information Night
February 7	8:20 Chapel
February 9	Spelling Bee
February 11	Grades 7 and 8 sing at 9:00 Worship
February 14	Ash Wednesday, 10:00 Worship (no chapel)

**CHURCH EXTENSION FUND STAMPS** are available this year on Tuesday mornings before school (7:30am to 7:55am). CEF Stamps are 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 Mrs. Brothers any questions if you are not familiar with the program lizabeth1076@me.com or you can see her at the CEF table on Tuesday mornings.

**SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101!** Mr. Brown will be using Remind again this year to send school cancellations or other quick messages. Please text the code below to 81010 to get signed up. You only need to sign up for one group – all messages will be the same.

@92623f	K-2 Parents only
@242hb8	3-5 Parents only
@49k2g6	6-8 Parents only

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** Join us in earning cash for Trinity by using the Box Tops app. It’s so easy! All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!)

and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and they add up fast! Twice a year, our school receives a check to help pay for whatever we need - equipment, supplies or experiences the kids love. Use this referral code SEIN3AMK when you sign up and you’ll get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2024, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app here:  
[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jldifkw?referral\\_code=SEIN3AMK](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jldifkw?referral_code=SEIN3AMK)

**SOUP AND OTHER ALA CARTE ITEMS** Mrs. Chilcutt’s chicken noodle soup is back on the menu every Friday! It is an ala carte item and costs \$1 which will be billed to your lunch account.  
Per government lunch guidelines, students must have either a lunch from home or a school meal to go with the soup or any ala carte item ordered – ala carte items cannot be the only thing a student is eating for lunch. If they do not have food from home to go with an ala carte item, they will be given a meal and it will be charged to RenWeb. Thank you.

**FRIDAY 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 dress-down 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 non-jeans/non-uniform bottoms.

No Thrivent shirts (we love them, just not on Fridays)

*Please continue to follow the guidelines so we may keep Spirit Wear Fridays!*

**CHURCH INFORMATION -----**

**WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES**

Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00  
Saturdays at 5:00

**E3 CONTINUES THIS WEEK** E3 is Trinity’s Wednesday evening programming for all-ages. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. Join us beforehand for dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria! It’s all free!  
† **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Pastor Gary leads “Fruit of the Spirit,” with the first six weeks focused on love, joy and

peace. This series helps you produce the fruit God calls you to bear as a believer. It features biblical examples and teaching from the Old and New Testaments.

† **YOUTH GROUP**—The middle and high school youth groups will start as a larger group and break into smaller groups for deeper discussion. There are activities while also drilling down into God's word and how it applies to their lives.

† **PRETEEN GROUP**—The 4th and 5th graders meet weekly with Ms. Elizabeth for topics that focus on their pre-teen needs and relate to things they are experiencing in life.

† **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**—Students five and up meet for fun activities and projects and learning about Jesus' love.

† **NURSERY**—Babies are cared for by trained staff in the nursery, where they can play or sleep until class is over.

**FIRST BIBLE STEPPING STONE STARTS NEXT WEEK**—If you are the parent of a first grader, or other elementary school student who hasn't participated in the First Bible Stepping Stone, a new session is planned for January. Join Ms. Elizabeth on January 22 and January 29 at 6 p.m. in the

Community Center. These meetings are for parents and kids together. Come learn about the Bible and what you can do at home to encourage your child's faith development. The Bible presentation is Sunday, February 4 at 11 a.m. Register at [trinityct.org/firstbible/](http://trinityct.org/firstbible/)

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**—Have you felt stuck with no new ideas on what to do next? Would you welcome the chance to "hear yourself think" and gain some new strategies to do things differently? Want to have encouragement and guidance from a distinctively Christian viewpoint? Looking for ways to improve and enhance your personal relationships: spouse, child, friend or co-worker? In the counseling session, you'll set goals, describe your desired outcome, and discover your role in making those changes. You'll identify new approaches and strategies you may have overlooked. For more information on our confidential Christ-centered professional counseling, call us at 586-468-0401 or email [counseling@trinityct.org](mailto:counseling@trinityct.org) Our offices are located in the Normandy Center, located on Harper south of 16 Mile Road.