

THE KINGSMAN NEWSLETTER

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The Kingsman Newsletter

New sletter purpose

The Kingsman new sletter is a school publication printed weekly for parents, students, faculty and friends of Trinity Lutheran School. The new sletter serves as a communication vehicle for the school. Weekly editions are emailed to school families, and are available in the school and church offices, or at www.trinitystjoe.org. The article submission deadline is noon each Thursday, or noon on the next-to-last day of the school week.

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Trinity Lutheran School

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Center is to reach the world for Christ, making disciples by proclaiming the Gospel in Word and Sacrament through worship, Christian education, community outreach and contagious sharing of the faith in word and deed.

Rejoice!

For students, parents, teachers, and staff of Trinity Lutheran's school ministry, May is usually marked by a flurry of activity as we approach the end of the school year. Of course, this year, we are still approaching the end of the 2019-2020 school year, but our activities and our celebrations are markedly different. When we left in March we didn't know that our students wouldn't be returning to Trinity until the fall.

It has given new meaning to: REJOICE! "In Him our hearts REJOICE, for we trust in His holy name" (Psalm 33:21). We are reminded that our rejoicing is not in human ceremonies or traditions, but it is in HIM! At times such as this, the importance of a strong Lutheran school ministry rings true. We will surely continue to REJOICE with our students even as our year ends in a very different way than we expected. Our teachers and leaders will find unique and creative ways to honor the hard work, academic excellence, and grit that our students have demonstrated at Trinity Lutheran School all year long.

As we learn to REJOICE in these new ways, we are reminded that we can do so because we put our trust in Him. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Our students know this because our congregation has provided a place for them to come and hear the Good News each day. And while we have not been able to gather at Trinity to hear it, our teachers have worked continually to provide an online alternative that meant our students would continue to grow academically, but most importantly, spiritually.

I want to take a moment to point out the amazing people that our congregation calls, hires and supports as they do professional church work. Thank you to our teachers: Kelly Johnston, Katie Hartfield, Kim Kelly, Amy Roth, Heather Steffens, Laurie Mantei, Alison Jakubs, Michael Johnson, Paula Steuernagel, Robyn Adams, Becky Liebich, Deb Boughner, Bonnie Johnson and Jill Lubbers. To our cooks, Sherrie Wetzel and Jeannie Scharnowske who continue to provide for our students. Thank you to our administrative and support staff: Jenna Wood, Tracie Berghaus, Nathan Chaffee, Sue Moore, and Betty Perrone. Thank you to our church office staff: Pastor Michael Roth, Vicar Schmeisser, Deacon Scott Kizer, Deaconess Chelsea Schmeisser and Melissa Graham. Thank you to our custodial team: Louie Miltibarger and Richard McClintok. We, as a congregation, could not do the very important work of Lutheran school ministry without YOU! Because of your commitment to Jesus and

His message, our students have been able to continue REJOICING in Him as they continue to learn at home. Each and every one of the people listed here and many more volunteers and others elected to congregational offices have made a huge difference during this very strange time in history. I am humbled and honored to be the principal of the school ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Will you please join me in lifting up all the faculty, staff, and students of Trinity Lutheran Church and School as we finish our final month of the 2019-2020 school year from home? Many hearts will be hurting, but we know that Jesus is right there with them, and His deep love for us gives us a reason to REJOICE even when the world says we should not. May God bless and keep us as “in Him our hearts REJOICE for we trust in His holy name” (Psalm 33:21)!

Rejoicing in Him,

Mrs. Terry L Bird

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SCHOOL NEWS

School information to help you stay up-to-date

Enrollment Information

Reserve your spot for the 2020-2021 school year. You may pay the total fee of \$250 or put down \$50 per student. You can print an enrollment form and scholarship form here:

<http://www.trinitystjoe.org/school/info>. Scholarship applications for 2020-2021 need to be turned in by July 1st for consideration for a scholarship. Scholarships do not cover enrollment fees.

Kingsman at Home!

Lyric Poem – Ben Ward, 7th grader

Quarantine o' quarantine oh how you make me rage,
Every day feels like I'm stuck on the same page
You gotta wear a mask and keep your hands sanitized,
My boredom is fully maximized!

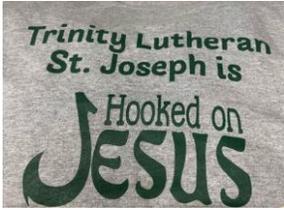
They tell us not to touch our face,
But it doesn't matter anyway, because we're stuck in one place
Now that life isn't the same in any way,
I feel like I'm living in Groundhog Day!

LIBRARY BOOKS

If you have a library book at home, please contact your teacher or the school office to let them know and we can arrange for a drop off in the coming weeks.

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4th

Let's show our teachers our appreciation for them all week long!

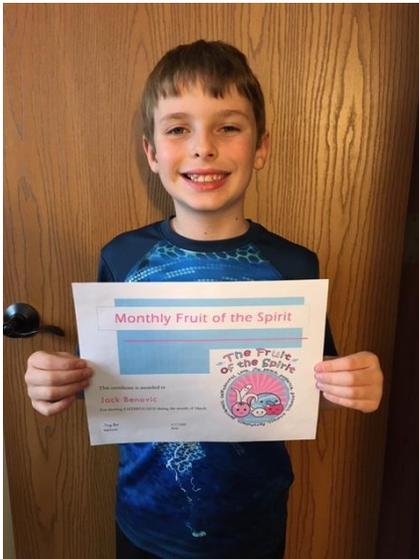


Hooked on Jesus T-Shirts - \$5.00

We have a few T-Shirts left that have our school years theme. Sizes left are Adult 3XL, 2XL, L and S. Contact Jenna Wood to buy one!

Fruit of the Spirit

Here are some pictures of students showing off their Faithfulness award!



Mom's in Prayer

"Mom's in Prayer" meets the first Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom!! If you would like to join, please contact Shontel VanderLugt at shontelvlugt@yahoo.com.



Get your Pictures in the Yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/414913674>
If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 414913674
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 06/5/2020.

Cookie Dough

Trinity has some cookie dough for sale for immediate pick up. They are \$15 each.

We have:

- 1 Peanut Butter
- 2 Chocolate Chip
- 4 Sugar
- 3 Candy
- 3 White Chocolate Macadamia Nut

- 1 Buttery Caramel Popcorn
- 2 Chicago Style Popcorn



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FUNDRAISING

Opportunities to raise money for Trinity and its students



Superbooks are Still Available!

The cost for each book is \$40.00. Contact Jenna Wood if you would like to purchase one.

Box Tops News – Almost to our Goal!!!

Thank you to those who have been collecting Box Tops for Education. Do you know that last year Trinity has raised **\$443.70** with the Box Tops that were turned into the office last school year? Let's reach our goal of \$500.00 for the 2019-2020 school year! We are almost there at **\$485.80!** Keep on clipping or just download the Box Top app and create an account. All you have to do is take a picture of your receipt! **Thank you for supporting your school in a very easy way!**



Live and Silent Auction

Please stay tuned on when and how we will reschedule the School Auction!

LUNCH

Trinity is still serving lunches. Pickup is on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm. If you would like to pick up lunch for any child in your household under 18, please contact Terry Bird or Jenna Wood.

CALENDAR

May 22 Last Day of School

Dates Pending on Events
8th Grade Graduation
Confirmation

Aug 20 Parent Information Night 4-7pm

CHURCH NEWS

Worship information and upcoming church activities

REGRETTABLY WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL:

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Our staff has decided to cancel this year's VBS for the safety of our community and congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Graham at Melissa.graham@discovertrinity.org.

ALL (IN PERSON) CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

- **Join us on our Facebook Page for our Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Go to our Website: www.trinitystjoe.org and click the link at the bottom of the homepage to go to Facebook, or you can view the worship on the website. As of this week, we hope to have both locations available at the same time. This allows anyone who does not have Facebook to be able to view the service in a timely fashion.**

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW ARE IN NEED OF HELP DURING THIS TIME:

- If you are in need of Financial Assistance, you can call 211, this is a referral system run through United Way. Let them know what your needs are and they will try to direct to the right resources.
- If you have lost your job, you should also apply for assistance through the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHS). You can fill out an application on line at <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs>
- Once the Stay Home Order is lifted, Trinity also offers Benevolent Fund Assistance for Disconnect Bills or Evictions, but you will have to request assistance from DHHS first.

IF YOU ARE STUGGLING AND NEED SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH:

- **Stephen Ministers are available to do Telecare during this Pandemic.** Telecare means that all meetings are done over the phone: via calls, text, facetime, skype, etc. Call to find out more! Stephen Ministers are Lay People that have gone through over 50 hours of training and are equipped to share God's Love with you, through listening, praying, and caring.

If you just want someone to talk with, especially if you struggling with the impacts of isolation, contact Betty Perrone at 269-470-0745 or email betty.perrone@discovertrinity.org to get connected with a Stephen Minister.



Find us on Facebook! Search for "Trinity Lutheran School St. Joseph" and "TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL" Non-Discrimination Policy: Trinity Lutheran Church and School, of St. Joseph, Michigan, admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school administered programs.

Trinity Lutheran School and Preschool Tuition Schedule

2020-2021 School Year

PRESCHOOL & YOUNG 5

Enrollment Fee: 3 and 4 year old Traditional Preschool = \$100
Young 5's Program = \$150

A non-refundable enrollment fee is due in full at time of submitting enrollment form.

Tuition Rates:

Tuition is set as an annual tuition, but we divide it across a number of months so that we can assist families with a manageable monthly tuition rate. Preschool tuition is spread across 9 months (September – May).

<u>Program</u>	<u>Trinity Family</u>	<u>Community Family</u>
3 Year Old PS (TuTh)	\$1307/yr - \$145.00/mo	\$1422/yr - \$158.00/mo
4 Year Old PS (M W F)	\$1640/yr - \$182.00/mo	\$1816/yr - \$202.00/mo
5 Year Olds (5 days/wk 8-11:15am)	\$2200/yr. - \$244.50/mo.	\$3852/yr. - \$428.00/mo.
5 Year Olds (5 days/wk 8-3:10pm)	\$2700/yr. - \$300.00/mo.	\$4800/yr. - \$533.00/mo.

There are no additional child discounts available for preschool at this time.

KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE

Enrollment Fee-returning students: A non-refundable enrollment fee is due for all returning students based on the following time table:

February 1 – March 15:	\$250
March 16 – June 1:	\$275
After June 1:	\$300

\$50 per student may reserve your spot when paid by March 15th. The balance will be paid by June 1, or be assessed using the enrollment fee time table.

Enrollment Fee-new students: A non-refundable enrollment fee of \$250 is due upon enrollment.

Technology Fee for all students: \$50.00 Annual fee per K-8th Grade student

Tuition Rates:

Tuition is set as an annual tuition, but we divide it across a number of months so that we can assist families with a manageable monthly tuition rate. Kindergarten – 8th grade tuition is spread across 11 months (July – May).

<u>Kindergarten – 8th Grade</u>	<u>Trinity Family</u>	<u>Community Family</u>
<u>1st child</u>		
Half Day Kindergarten	\$2200/yr. - \$200.00/mo.	\$3850/yr. - \$350.00/mo.
Full Day Kindergarten – 8	\$2700/yr. - \$245.46/mo.	\$4800/yr. - \$436.37/mo.

<u>2nd child</u>		
Kindergarten – 8	\$2000/yr. - \$181.82/mo.	\$2400/yr. - \$218.19/mo.

<u>3rd child</u>		
Kindergarten – 8	\$500/yr. - \$45.46/mo.	\$500/yr. - \$45.46/mo.

<u>4th child and up</u>		
Kindergarten – 8	no tuition fee	no tuition fee

Here are your options for tuition and fee payments:

- **Pay in Full:** This payment is made directly to the school by June 1. When this option is chosen a discount of \$150 is given per school family and \$35 per preschool family.
- **Excel in Giving:** This option is an automatic withdraw from a checking or savings account. Excel in Giving forms are available in the school office or call Sue Moore at 983-5000 ext. 403.

Scholarship Applications are available in the school office. Due date is May 1st to be considered for a scholarship. Scholarships are designed to help make Christian education possible for anyone with financial need. Please do not hesitate to contact the principal, Mrs. Terry Bird at (269)983-3056 ext. 101 or by email at terry.bird@discovertrinity.org with questions.