



# THE TRINITY TWEET

## “Let your Light Shine”

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven...” **Matthew 5:16**

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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.

## Partners in Parenting

### “I Fooled the Police!”



On Friday night last weekend, I used my right blinker to make a turn, but the blinker began to blink rapidly. This feature on my truck indicates that I have a burned-out bulb. I didn't think much of it until Sunday afternoon when going to get gas. A Macomb County Sherriff Patrol Car was behind me as I approached the gas station. I remembered my bulb, so I had a decision to make:  
Should I turn right into the gas station without using my blinker? (possible ticket)  
Should I turn right into the gas station using my broken blinker? (possible ticket)  
Should I keep driving and make only left turns until I find a gas station? (no ticket, but I could run out of gas)

I didn't make any of those choices. Instead, I decided to rhythmically turn my blinker on and off to simulate the pattern it normally blinks and make the right turn into the gas station. It worked! I fooled the police, but I also went straight to the auto parts store afterward and fixed the bulb. It seems the fear of a ticket increased my motivation to fix that bulb.

Kids can fool their parents. Spouses can fool each other. Friends can fool foes. People can fool people. However, people cannot fool God. God knows everything. I could fool the police, but God knew everything.

Parents, it is good to remind your children that God knows everything. It is convicting (when we do something wrong) and comforting (when we understand His care for our greatest need – forgiveness). God knows we need a Savior, and He provided Jesus to take away our sins! Our God who knows us also knows our needs! That is love!!  
*“For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.” 1 John 3:20*

### Family Discussion Points!

Parents, play a simple game of true or false with your kids at dinner this week. Make a statement about your childhood, and have them guess whether it is true or false. See if you can “fool them.” Then share some stories from your childhood. Talk as a family about whether it is both convicting and comforting to know that God knows everything about us. Each person may feel very differently about how this feels. That is fine!  
Remind your family members that God knows each of us well enough to send a Savior!!

## PRINCIPAL COLUMN

### January Family Faith Discussion!

The Bible verse to look up together as a family and discuss is **John 4:7-11**. Please look that up together and have a discussion sometime during January.

#### Some discussion points:

God loves us, and He asks us to love others with the love He's given to us.

Do you think people can love others well without having God's love in them?

How many times in these verses does the word “love” appear? Do you think loving is pretty important to God? Why??

**Parents, this is due by Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Once you do it, just email your child's teacher, and they will get an A recorded for Memory. Thanks.**

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

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome to 2019 everyone! I pray you and your family had a great Christmas and New Year's celebration over the past few weeks. It is good to be back, and I hope the students feel that way too. **Please read the calendar of events very carefully as the schedule is really full in January.**

### **National Lutheran Schools Week is coming!**

January 27-February 1 is National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) for Lutheran Schools around the world. We will be sending home an agenda of celebration events for the week to you later this week. Please look for it and plan to join us for any of the events that we have planned!

### **Reenrollment 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.

### **Playground Update!**

There is another section of swings going in on the playground that was not shipped during the first shipment. That section should arrive and be installed early next week. I wanted to keep you informed regarding the use of funds from the Walk-a-thon last year.

### **Talent Show Auditions are coming!**

Students will need to be ready to audition for this year's Talent Show. Information has been sent home previously, but if you need information, you can always call the school office (586-468-8511).

### **80<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration!**

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** is the day to dress up to celebrate!!! In the past, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school like most schools in America. But now, we've started changing things up the last few years by celebrating a decade instead. This year, we'll be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> day of school as a whole school by celebrating the 80s! I wanted to prepare you for having fun with big hair, parachute pants, rolled up collars, and rolled up jeans. We'll wait to celebrate it a few days later, Dude! Totally!

### **NO SCHOOL!**

Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **Spelling Bee!**

The Spelling Bee is on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm in the sanctuary.

### **Geography Bee!**

The Geography Bee is on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45am in the sanctuary.

### **Talent Show!**

The Talent Show rehearsal is Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30pm in the gym. The Talent Show is Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the gym.

### **Snow Days!**

I wanted everyone to be aware that I will notify everyone of a SCHOOL CLOSING via multiple communications, and I'll do it in this order:

1. Remind 101 text message (you must be signed up to receive this – contact Sandy in the school office if you are not signed up and would like to be)
2. RenWeb email
3. Media outlets

### **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 -1:30pm on **Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All visits will start in the school lobby.

### **Kindergarten Information Night**

**Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** is Kindergarten Information Night. 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.

### **REMINDERS!**

#### **Accreditation Process is coming soon!**

Parents, every five years, Trinity has the opportunity to go through the accreditation process. It is a self-study done by faculty, staff, parents, students, and other constituents of the school to review all the aspects of the school. I will be applying for beginning the accreditation process in late January, and committees will begin to form in the early spring. Please look for me to request volunteers to serve in 2019. I'll keep you informed.

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Ruble Store Helpers needed!!**

Parents, we have need of a few parents to help run the Ruble Store at the end of each trimester. I would like to have a few parents take it over since the previous coordinators are not involved any longer. It really is a fun day of allowing the students to "shop" after earning all their AR points for the trimester. Please call the office to let us know if you'd be willing to help out. Thanks so much!

#### **Weekend Church Services**

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM  
Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8AM & 11AM

## CALENDAR

### Weekly

Jan 9 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)  
Jan 9-11 Grade 7 to Outdoor Ed  
Jan 11 Last Day for Mid-Term

### Monthly

Jan 13 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Stepping Stone 9:30AM  
Jan 14 Mid-Term grades available  
Jan 18 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)  
Jan 18 Celebration of 80<sup>th</sup> Day of School!  
Jan 20 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Stepping Stone 9:30AM  
Jan 21 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King  
Jan 23 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)  
Jan 25 Spelling Bee-12:45PM in Sanctuary  
Jan 27 1<sup>st</sup> Bible Stepping Stone 9:30AM  
Gr 3-4 Choir -11AM Worship  
Jan 30 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)  
Jan 31 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 1:30PM  
Feb 1 Geography Bee 9:45AM -Sanctuary  
Talent Show 6:30PM  
Feb 2-3 Girls @ Frankenmuth Tournament  
Feb 3 OPEN HOUSE 10:30AM-1:30PM  
Gr 1-2 Choir – 11AM Worship  
Feb 5 Kdg Info Night-6:30PM –Sanctuary  
Feb 6 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)  
Gr 7 – Gleaners  
Feb 8-9 LHNW Boys BBall Tournament  
Feb 10 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
8AM-1:30PM for Gr 8 Class Trip  
Feb 13 Chapel 8:15AM (Parents Welcome!)

### 8th GRADE DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendar for February 23, 2019! 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 the **Italian American Cultural Society and Banquet Center**. 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 2019. Please contact the school office or any of the 8th grade families for tickets and more info.

**\*LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS** – You are at YOUR BEST when you do what you NATURALLY DO BEST. This 6-week journey will help you uncover, affirm, and celebrate your areas of greatest talent. Your “Top 5” strengths impact all your relationships and all you do! Discover ways to live more intentionally as God uniquely created you. This 6-week class will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 22 – Feb. 26, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room 3. Sign up at the Welcome Center to ensure enough materials are available. Childcare is available if requested.

### FIRST BIBLE STEPPING STONE

**\*\* FIRST GRADE PARENTS**—Our First Bible Stepping Stone begins NEXT SUNDAY at 9:30 a.m. In this 3-week stepping stone, Parents and their children learn the how-to's of getting around a bible. AND, more importantly, how the bible is used to help grow faith. This stepping stone is designed for 1st graders and their parents (or 2nd or 3rd graders who've not done it). To help us with materials, please RSVP to Robin Shuell at [rshuell@trinityct.org](mailto:rshuell@trinityct.org). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Brian at [pastorbrian@trinityct.org](mailto:pastorbrian@trinityct.org).

### KITCHEN HELPERS PLEASE

We **DESPERATELY** need help, especially on Fridays.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa5af2cabf94-kitchen1>

### ECC LOOKING FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Trinity Early Childhood Center is seeking a full-time assistant director. Applicants must meet licensing standards for a program director, have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, is or will become an active member of Trinity Church. Must be available from 6:30 am – 6 pm Monday through Friday. This is a salaried position with retirement/disability plan, paid time off and health benefits. To apply, go to the Trinity website at [www.trinityct.org](http://www.trinityct.org) and submit an application that can be found in the Early Childhood Section on the employment page.

### LUTHERAN NORTH OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m.– noon. Meet many of our dedicated, talented school leaders and discover why Lutheran North is the outstanding high school option in Macomb, Michigan! Registered attendees will receive... a FREE GIFT & a two-week extension of the \$150 registration fee (2/15). For more information, check out, [www.lutherannorth.com/openhouse/](http://www.lutherannorth.com/openhouse/)

### ELEMENTARY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Lutheran North will host an elementary chess tournament on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. for students in grades 4-8. Participants are guaranteed a minimum of 2 games. All levels of experience are welcome. Event is FREE. Prizes awarded! Please follow the link to register: <https://www.lutherannorth.com/events/2019/2/2/elementary-chess-tournament>.

### CHURCH POSITION OPEN

Trinity Lutheran Church is seeking to fill the part-time position of Assistant to the Minister of Worship and Music. This person would work in the church under the direct supervision of Paul Finazzo. Duties include preparing weekly worship bulletins, slide presentations and assisting in the organization of music and services. Anyone interested in this position should submit their resume and letter of interest as soon as possible to [pfinazzo@trinityct.org](mailto:pfinazzo@trinityct.org).

### THE WAY OF THE MASTER BASIC TRAINING

This 8-session course will equip you to confidently share the Gospel with family, friends, and strangers. You won't be at a loss for words and you don't need to be an expert in apologetics. Instead, you will learn the forgotten biblical principle of bypassing the intellect (the place of argument) and speaking directly to the conscience (the place of the knowledge of right and wrong) – the way Jesus did. Meets Sundays, Jan. 13–March 3, in Meeting Room 3. For information, contact Sue von Fange at [svonfange@trinityct.org](mailto:svonfange@trinityct.org).

### ARE YOU SPORTS ORIENTED?

UPWARD K-6 coed basketball and Cheerleading begins the week of January 6. Many people, grade 7 - adult, make this outreach ministry happen! For more information on how you can serve as a prayer warrior, in concessions, or as a coach, ref, or scorekeeper concessions, email [upward@trinityct.org](mailto:upward@trinityct.org) or leave a message at 586-463-2921 ext. 198, or talk with Vince or Lisa Behnke.