



THE TRINITY TWEET

Unshaken

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken. Psalm 62:1-2

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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.

“TANSTAAFL” – In economics, this means “There ain’t no such thing as a free lunch”. Everything has hidden costs or costs that are built in and passed on to the consumer to cover the “free lunch”. Nothing is free! TANSTAAFL suggests that things that appear to be free will always have some hidden or implicit cost to someone, even if it is not the individual receiving the benefit.

As we celebrate Reformation Day, this economics saying is true. Our salvation, 100 percent free through the grace of God. Martin Luther spoke out against indulgences and paying for forgiveness of sins. Your forgiveness is completely free to you. There is nothing you can do to earn forgiveness. There is nothing you can do to deserve forgiveness.

However, God’s Grace does come with a price. A huge price. Romans 5:8 says, “ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” The gift of grace is covered in full through the death of Christ.

“He died and rose again for you. His preached Word creates faith in your heart, and you are now his own dear child. Once this miracle has taken place, you will love and serve (though imperfectly) those he has put into your life. He will make you his hands and his mouth. The Gospel truly is the power of God unto salvation for all those that believe – Christians included, and you included!” (1517.org)

Reformation is a time to celebrate the FREE gift of grace through Jesus Christ knowing that He paid that price for us!

Discussion

1. What comes to mind when you think about the phrase, “there ain’t no such thing as a free lunch?”
2. What comfort do you have in knowing that God’s grace is not earned, but freely given?

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. BENDER on the arrival of their new daughter, Everly! She was born on Friday afternoon, and both mom and baby are doing well. We are so excited for the Benders, and pray for God’s continued blessings on their family.

NO SCHOOL on Thursday or Friday this week as the teachers travel to Lansing for the MANS Conference.

PICTURE RETAKES are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10.

THE TRIMESTER ENDS on Friday, November 11. Report cards will be sent home with students the following week.

FREE BOOKS are still available to a good home in the school lobby. Many are children’s picture and chapter books. There are a handful for adults. Help yourself!

EXTRA THEME SHIRTS There are a handful of extra theme shirts left over ranging from size Youth Small to Adult 2XL. (We no longer have XL.) If you are interested in purchasing, they are available for \$10 each from the school office.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE information should have been sent home with your students last week. Please return your preference sheet with your YOUNGEST student by Wednesday, November 2.

STYROFOAM EGG CARTONS NEEDED Mrs. L needs some empty Styrofoam egg cartons for art classes. She uses these for paints, so they cannot be the paper kind. If you have some, please drop off in the school office. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming early this year, just in time for Christmas shopping. Mark your

calendars for the week of November 28. Details will be coming home with students next month.

SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED—Trinity is hiring a part-time Spanish teacher. If you or someone you know is qualified to teach Spanish, contact Mr. Brown at mbrown@trinityct.org

CLUBS ARE MAKING A COMEBACK! This year many of our after-school activities are returning. Keep watching the Tweet for more information about the types of clubs that will be starting, any costs associated, and how to sign up. There will be something for everyone.

OCTOBER CHAPEL OFFERING is going to Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. 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 earn money by doing chores, which they can then donate. It's a great Christian life lesson.

BOX TOPS Earn cash for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products and scan your grocery receipt. You can also submit your digital receipt! Box Tops are worth \$.10 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 05/31/2023, while supplies last! Download the Box Tops for Education app here: https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=SEIN3AMK

SAVE THE DATE—The 8th Grade Dinner Dance date is set for Saturday, February 25 at the Italian American Cultural Society. The event is the primary fundraiser for the eighth-grade class trip to New York City. Tickets will be available in December. Also, if you are interested in donating something to the auction, contact any 8th grade student or email Tanya Leon at tleon@trinityct.org.

SPIRIT WEAR FRIDAYS are underway. As a reminder, this is NOT a dress-down day, therefore there are intentionally less options. Students may pay \$1 for jeans or wear uniform bottoms for free. Please take note of the following guidelines:

ALLOWED:

Trinity 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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

November 2 8:20 Chapel
6:00/6:30 Dinner/E3 and Youth Group
November 3,4 NO SCHOOL – MANS Conference
November 6 Set clocks back one hour!
November 9 8:20 Chapel
6:00/6:30 Dinner/E3 and Youth Group
November 10 Picture Retakes
November 11 Casual Day \$\$ for Thanksgiving Baskets
November 13 Grades 1/2 sing at 9:00 Worship
November 15 Report Cards sent home with students
November 16 8:20 Chapel
4:00-6:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
6:00/6:30 Dinner/E3 and Youth Group
November 17 HALF DAY 11:30 dismissal
12:30-4:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
5:00-8:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 18 HALF DAY 11:30 dismissal
12:30-4:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
November 23-25 NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!
November 28 – Dec 2 Scholastic Book Fair
December 1 7:00 Band Christmas Concert

CHURCH INFORMATION -----

WEEKEND CHURCH SERVICES

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

PASTOR PROFILE PRESENTATION—Rev. Robert Kasper from the Michigan District Office will be at Trinity on Thursday, Nov.3 at 7 p.m. in the chapel to present his pastor profile as part of our search process for a new

senior pastor. Based on employee and leader input and the surveys, he has developed a candidate profile for someone who might best serve Trinity. Join us to hear his presentation and help shape the profile for the search committee to begin reviewing candidates.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS—Trinity is collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to those in need in the community. A list of needed items is available at the Welcome Center. Items can be brought to the Church Office, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you know anyone in need, have them sign up in the Church Office beginning Nov. 1, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Valid Macomb County identification is required.

TIE FLEECE BLANKETS – COME FOR FUN! We are tying fleece blankets in the Church Lounge on Thursday, November 10 from 8 -11 a.m. Come any time that works for you. We have scissors, but other cutting tools welcome! This Thrivent Action Team will bless staff-selected students at the Pellerin Center (an alternative high school for 14-20 years old) this Christmas. Want to make one at home instead? Contact Sue von Fange at vonfange@trinityct.org

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS—For anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, the holidays can feel insurmountable. We can help you find coping skills and address sensitive topics to help you work through grief this year. Surviving the Holidays is a one-day event sponsored by GriefShare and it will be facilitated by Trinity's Parish Nurse Lisa Riviera. RSVP by Nov. 11 to join us for Surviving the Holidays on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 12:30-3 p.m. in the Church Lounge. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, visit Trinityct.org or contact Lisa Riviera at 586-213-1339 or email lriviera@trinityct.org.

CRAFT SHOW—Trinity's Second Annual Holiday Craft show is set for Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Trinity's Non-Food pantry and several

other missions. Contact Robin Shuell at rshuell@trinityct.org or Amy Gusho at amy@amygusho.com for more information.

BETHLEHEM BREAKFAST – All ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3 for the Bethlehem Breakfast! Our topic is "A Christmas Invitation: Come to Bethlehem and See - RSVP." We host the event at the Italian American Cultural Center on Romeo Plank from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$20 and available the first three weeks in November. If you are interested in being a reader or have other questions, please contact Bonnie Young by text or cell at 586-350-3222.

BLOOD DRIVE—Trinity will host a blood drive on Tuesday, December 13 from 1-7 p.m. in the Community Center. Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, or call the Parish Nurse Lisa Riviera at 586-213-1339 or email lriviera@trinityct.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER -----

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HELP NEEDED—Do you enjoy working with young children? We have an opportunity for you in the Early Childhood Center. We are seeking a preschool assistant for our full-day preschool program. Trinity is a licensed, award-winning center with a 5-star rating. You would be part of a team of Christian, caring early childhood professionals. We need a full-time childcare staff member available Monday-Friday. To apply, go to our website at trinityct.org. Go to the Trinityct.org/ECCemployment or call 586-463-8803.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS -- Trinity's Early Childhood Center has openings in the traditional half-day three and four-year-old preschool program. There are also openings in the FREE Great Start Readiness Program for this fall. This program is free to four-year-olds who qualify. Find out more at Trinity's website at trinityct.org/ECC