



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

TRINITY TRIBUNE ~ OCTOBER 14, 2009



“GROWING IN FAITH”

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10 & 11

Trinity is celebrating its 150th year of sharing God's love and grace through worship and education. This Sunday, October 18th, all three worship services will celebrate God's grace to His church in Tinley Park as a culmination activity. Later in the afternoon over 600 people will gather to again celebrate God's love while enjoying fellowship and refreshments at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Trinity Lutheran Church and School has been blessed immensely.

For over 150 years faithful pastors, teachers and members of the congregation have been worshipping our awesome God and the gift of His Son Jesus as our Savior. In the above verse the apostle Paul tells the people of Ephesus to be "strong in the Lord and His mighty power." Then he tells them how ... "put on the full armor of God." As one continues to read in Ephesians 6, we are reminded our struggle is against the powers and authorities of the dark world within we live and against the forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We then are reminded to put on the following: "the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God, and our feet need to be fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace."

St. Paul reminds us of the "armor" we need as Christians. This is a truth that has been shared for 150 years with all ages, races, ethnicities, and genders. The most important truth we can share with each other and especially our children is the power of the Gospel. Regardless of what occurs to us in our life time on this earth, God's love for us will never fail, and He will give us all that is needed to battle the struggles of this world. His love and His grace is all we need. Could there be a better message to share, especially with those precious to us - our children? Each child is a gift from the Father. We must assist the gift through the trials and temptations of this earthly life. We must also nurture the gift, care for the gift, and then return the gift to the Giver.

Thanks be to God for the blessings of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Thanks be to God for the members of Trinity who, with their prayers, time, talents and treasures, support the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word. May those who come after us celebrate with joy the blessings and grace of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God's richest blessings to you this week and always!



COFFEE AND ... scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday October 15, at 1:30 in the afternoon in the Church Library. Do

you have questions for the Christian day School Board members or the principal? If so, please attend on the 15th at 1:30 p.m. This activity allows parents the opportunity to learn about different facets of the school program through question and discussion - along with munchies and a drink.



SCHOOL PICTURES ... If your son or daughter missed the first picture day - don't fret. Monday, October 26, is the day established for re-takes and for those who were absent. Any students having re-takes need to have their original picture package with them to return.

The journey that we're on each day
Has many roads to choose;
But as we trust the Lord to guide,
Our way we cannot lose.

Sper

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 11th & 12th. Information regarding the scheduling of times came home last week. Your child's first quarter Student Assessment Report will be discussed at the conference; however, the reports will be sent home with your student on Monday, November 9th. If you have a few minutes on the 11th or 12th, please feel free to stop in the office and chat with the principal.



TRIBUNE PRAYERS ... Thanks to our heavenly Father for the many people He sends to assist with the education of the students of Trinity Lutheran School. We also ask our God to be with Mrs. Lapsansky as she



undergoes surgery, and pray for a speedy recovery and a return to Trinity soon. Please continue to pray for the many families struggling economically or physically. We remember the many men and women serving in the military in all parts of the world, especially one of Trinity's graduates Mark Reule, injured in Afghanistan.

TRINITY CELEBRATES DRUG FREE WEEK: OCTOBER 26th - 30th.



During the week, all students and staff will receive items as reminders of the danger drugs can do to God's temple of the body. We are asking all students, faculty and staff to wear

red on Thursday, October 29, to indicate their decision to be **DRUG FREE**. Please help your student support these activities.

Praying for our children is a noble task. If what we are doing, in this fast-paced society, is taking us away from prayer time for our children, we're doing too much. There is nothing more special, more precious than that time that a parent spends struggling and pondering with God on behalf of a child.

-Max Lucado

CLUB NEWS ...



The Chess Club began meeting on September 30 with 15 seventh and eighth grade students, while the Spanish Club has begun with seventeen (17) students from grades K - 5.

PTL NEWS... Fall Fundraiser: Thank you to the families who participated in and supported the recent PTL fundraiser. Our profit was just over \$5,000 dollars! Congratulations to our top 3 sellers: Kayli Hilliard, grade 2, Ronnie Underhile, one of Trinity's kindergarteners, and



Randy Eichmann, a fifth grader. Please plan to pick up your items on Monday, October 19, immediately after school by the office. The drawing for the weekend getaway to "The Cove" in Lake Geneva will also take place on Monday, October 19. Any student with an order of 10 or more items has a chance to win!

All have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory, and all need to be made right with God by His grace, which is a free gift.
Romans 3:23 - 24

Market Day: Thank you to everyone who shopped our September Market Day and helped us raise over \$460! We welcomed seven new families from school, church and neighborhood last month and hope you might join us in October.

If you have never tried Market Day groceries please look over the 64 page "Cooking Companion" sent home last week with your youngest student. It contains photographs and descriptions of the hundreds of foods, snacks and family meals offered by Market Day this year. Please retain your product guide for future reference because it contains complete cooking instructions and nutritional facts for all products.



Also sent home was an October order sheet featuring two FREE items for qualifying orders: Ground Beef and Large Shrimp. See page 9 for details and use the required "secret code" when ordering on-line. This month we are working to grow our monthly sale by 10% over last October, with a goal over \$4500. Market Day will reward Trinity with a 10% bonus on our monthly profit if we are successful. Perhaps you could help by giving an order sheet to a neighbor or another family member. Extra copies are available outside the school office and the Trinity Room.

Our pick-up date is Saturday, October 24th from 11 to 11:30AM. Paper orders are due to Trinity on Friday, October 16th and internet orders at marketday.com can be made through 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21st. Parents and 7th graders are needed from 9:15 to noon to assist with the distribution on the 24th. Please call your Room Mom if you can assist.

We have a special fund raising opportunity coming in November featuring fourteen delicious desserts for your Thanksgiving table. Again this year the 8th grade class will benefit from all orders placed in November, either through a student or on-line. Last year we sold over 160 desserts and earned \$1.75 per item. This year the 8th grade class could earn \$2.75 per item if they can sell 250 desserts. Please get your sweet-tooth ready!

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED Culver's Kickback Night on Tuesday, October 6th. Your support is truly appreciated. A check for \$260 will be coming to Trinity. The next Kickback Night is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Next PTL Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

WREATHS AVAILABLE... The eighth grade class will again be selling live Christmas wreaths. They will also be offering garland, door swags and holiday centerpieces this year. Any eighth grader will have information and gladly take your order. Orders are due by October 26th. The profits are used to help offset their class trip in May and assist in the purchasing of a class gift to the school. Thank you for your support.



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY... Trinity's fall Voters' Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 21, beginning at 7:00 pm. All members of Trinity are invited. If you are not currently a voting member, please join us in October and begin the process to become a member of the Voters' Assembly.

INSTRUCTIONAL FEES ... Parents, if you made partial payment of Instructional Fees at one of the registration dates in August, the third of four payments is due on October 30. Please send your checks, payable to Trinity Lutheran School, to the school office. Any questions may be directed to the school bookkeeper, Mrs. Cecile Fortin.



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS for October will be celebrated on **Wednesday, October 28th**. Please join us for worship and the baptismal remembrance celebration.



PACK THE GYM NIGHT ... is scheduled for **Friday, November 13** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Five basketball games are scheduled for the evening involving many Trinity students as players and cheerleaders. The goal of this activity is to demonstrate Christian friendship to a family struggling with medical and financial needs by offering the family gifts of love through contributions and donations.

ALL dollars raised for this event will directly benefit the Meekma family. Sydney Meekma is a 5 year old girl diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML). This is the second bout with cancer in her young life. Sydney is home from the hospital but is on strict isolation for 100 days and is unable to see visitors to prevent any type of infection. Thrivent Financial will be contributing \$800.00 to the evening's donations.

To help raise additional funds all classes, various clubs, groups, and organizations will be donating gift baskets to be raffled during half time and after the final basketball game of the evening. Tickets for the raffle baskets will be sold on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. by Trinity's school office. Tickets will also be sold on Friday, November 13th from 8:00 a.m. until halftime of the boys' Varsity basketball game (approximately 9:15 p.m.). Tickets for the raffle baskets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win. If you would like to donate or assist in some manner, please contact Nancy Moses (708-532-3529 x 265). Thank you.

**NEXT TRINITY TRIBUNE:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
2009**

TRINITY PARENTS ... "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Matthew 18:20

Do you sometimes find it difficult to set aside time for prayer? Yet our heavenly Father wants us to come to Him daily, with all our cares and concerns. Prayer is a very powerful force for the Christian.

Here at Trinity we are offering the opportunity for parents to come together and pray. You are invited to join others at 8 am on Tuesdays in the church nave. Those gathered would be in prayer about all the needs and concerns of our children, parents and the staff of our school and church. Any prayer requests may be placed in the mailbox outside the school office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Val Ashack at 815-464-9829.

TRINITY'S FALL ATHLETIC TEAMS will soon be greatly involved in tournament play. The boys' soccer team finished the year with a first place in regular season play and is preparing for the conference tournament on Saturday, October 24, as the number one seed. The girls' basketball teams have a number of games remaining and participate in their season ending tournament November 4 – 8. Check the activities calendar and come support the Trinity Vikings.



WINTER TEAMS will begin practicing this month as well. Check the Activities Calendar for times of practices, etc.

REMINDER TO PARENTS - if your student will be participating in the winter athletics program, both parents and student must attend the mandatory athletic meeting on Tuesday evening, **November 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Jesus does not forgive us on the basis of what we have done. He forgives us on the basis of who He is – God's son, our Savior

THANKSGIVING FEAST ... The annual Thanksgiving Feast is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18th. As in the past, this is a free meal to all the students, faculty and staff of Trinity.



LUTHERAN COLLEGE NIGHT ... On Tuesday evening, October 27, representatives from 17 Lutheran colleges will be in Trinity's gymnasium to share information with interested parents and students from 7:30 - 9 p.m. A Financial Aid Seminar will also be presented beginning at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to receive information about many colleges and universities. Thrivent Financial for Lutheran is sponsoring this event.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS ...

- ✚ The first event of the year is a dance for students in grades 7 & 8 planned for Saturday, November 21, 2009. Watch for more information in the upcoming Tribunes.
- ✚ "Dress in your Favorite Decade Day" on Friday, October 23.



"...And surely I will be with always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20b

