



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK EDITION

Securing Each Child's Future—For a Life of Service

As you come to Him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2: 4 & 5

Perhaps many of you have heard this story before. A man passes by a group of construction workers everyday, watching as the bricklayers slapped mortar on the wall, grabbed a brick and placed it into position with great skill and speed.

One day this bystander casually asked one of the workers what he was doing. "Laying bricks," he replied, with no emotion. As the bystander moved along he asked a second worker the identical question. That worker proudly and very enthusiastically said, "I'm building a cathedral!" The first worker focused on the immediate task, while the second recognized the beauty of the building was taking shape as he worked.



Peter describes Jesus as the cornerstone of a building. He compares Christ's people to the other stones of a building: "... you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house." Along with you, the parents, the teaching ministers at Trinity are builders. They shape children for service to the "spiritual house," the community of believers.

Lutheran teachers build cathedrals. As they come to work each morning they bring to the building site a love for our Savior, a love for their students, a love for what they teach, and a love for communicating it all. As part of their tool collection, they know that this world belongs to the Father, that God's Word is truth, and that each child is uniquely gifted to serve Him.

Cathedral builders don't always see the end product as they work on the building, but they do see the "spiritual house," the kingdom of God, as it is being built. Together, home and school, we can build a marvelous cathedral, one dedicated to serving the Lord and His kingdom. May His peace be with all of us as we build together in the name of Jesus.

OPEN HOUSE ... TUESDAY, MARCH 30TH FROM 8 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT TRINITY and visit the classrooms!



TRINITY'S ANNUAL TALENT FESTIVAL

is scheduled for Friday evening, March 12. Over 40 acts are participating in a variety of talents including keyboard, vocal, percussion, and instrumental. Thank you, parents, for your encouragement to the students to use their God-given talents. Thank you, students, for being involved in this awesome experience. Two performances are scheduled for March 12; one at 12:30 in the afternoon, and the second at 7 p.m. Please join us for either one or both performances!



ACHIEVEMENT TESTING for students in grades 2 - 8 is scheduled to begin Monday, April 19. Students will be testing all week and perhaps a little into the following week. **Parents, it is really important all students are in attendance for these tests, simply from the standpoint of administration of the tests.** Make-up testing is very hard to arrange and removes students from the regular classroom. The results of these tests should be available in May or early June.



Achievement tests are just one means of evaluating our students and the curriculum at Trinity. The students' attitude in class, willingness to work at their greatest potential, and performance on daily work and tests are all factors that account for progress in school.

The students in Kindergarten will participate in the Metropolitan Readiness Test during the same time period.

PTL INFORMATION ...

MARKET DAY NEWS...

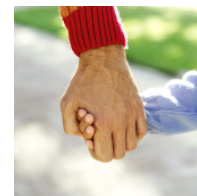


Our next delivery is Saturday, March 27, between 11 – 11:30 a.m. Grade 4 families are needed to assist in the pick-up process and should arrive by 9:15 a.m. Orders are due Friday, March 19, with Internet orders due Wednesday March 24 by 11 p.m.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Schoon who have graciously taken on the chairmanship for Market Day.

Dad/Daughter Dance...

is scheduled for **Saturday, March 20, 2010**. The dance is open to all school and church members, their families, and friends. This will be a great evening for dad and daughter(s). Get your tickets NOW by contacting the school office, Mrs. Chris Mikitka (708-479-2415) or Mrs. Nicole Radowski (708-460-9862).



THE SPRING CHILDREN'S RESALE...

Mark your calendars and tell your friends, family and neighbors to shop at the **Spring Children's Resale on March 27, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** There are bargains galore! We have infant to adult size clothing and shoes, toys, books, movies, baby equipment, highchairs, strollers, bikes, dolls, ride on toys, games, sports equipment and so much more! There is a \$1 entrance fee that will be donated to the 8th graders to help them defray the cost of their class trip. Sale is cash only. Matching funds from Thrivent for Lutherans have been requested.



COFFEE AND...

The next scheduled Coffee And... is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Trinity Room. This activity is designed for parents, the principal, and a member of Trinity's Christian Day School Board to meet and discuss educational issues. Please join us for a lively discussion and answers to your questions.



"The King will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25: 40

Enroll Now

ENROLLMENT for the 2010 - 2011 school year is now underway. If you know of an individual or a family who would like information regarding Trinity Lutheran School, has any questions, or would like to enroll their child, please have them contact the school office (532-3529). **ONCE AGAIN FOR 2010** will be the option of parents choosing an **ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN** session or a **HALF DAY** session. Remind others of the two remaining Open Houses for them to visit our school: Tuesday, March 30 from 8:00 - 2:30 and Sunday, April 25, from noon until 3 p.m.

LAWN SIGNS ...

Would you help Trinity Lutheran School promote its awareness in your community. Lawn signs are available to help others know what a great school we have! If you are willing to put a sign in your yard or parkway, please contact the school office and one will be waiting for you. Thank you for your help!



**NEXT TRINITY TRIBUNE:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010**

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS for March will be celebrated at the Lenten service on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. on **March 17**. Please note the change from March 24. You may honor your student's baptismal birthday with a gift to Trinity's Library.



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.

♥ **THANK you!**

Trinity's teachers have very graciously and willingly opened their classrooms for the recent Open Houses. Not everybody has an audience while they work. Thanks teachers - you are truly awesome!

DINNER THEATER COMING ... On

Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, many of Trinity's Junior High students



will be involved in presenting "Fools," by Neil Simon in the fourth bi-annual Dinner Theater. This group of young Christian actors has been rehearsing on a weekly basis for a few months already. Please ask our heavenly Father to bless the efforts of these young Christians. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for dinner and theater!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FIFTEEN NEW NJHS INDUCTEES ...



The Trinity Faculty Council recently met to discuss and decide which students who submitted an Activity and Information Form would be inducted as a member of the National Junior Honor Society - Scholarship and Service Club. Eight (8) students from grade six, along with five (5) seventh graders, and two (2) eighth graders were inducted in a formal ceremony Monday evening, March 8.

Congratulations to the following students:

SIXTH GRADE:

Curtis Fortin Dana Gerler Michael Lallky
Sarah Lallky Jacob Meline Madelyn Mikitka
Kyle Radgowski Brianna Rizzuto

SEVENTH GRADE:

Samantha Furlong Katie Glotz Jack Horan
Timothy Chesna Haley Reiher

EIGHTH GRADE:

Grace Furlong Cody Starostka



OPERETTA NEWS ... The students in grades Kindergarten through three are busily rehearsing for their operetta, "Oh, Jonah!" scheduled for Friday evening, May 7th. Mark your calendar for a very entertaining evening.

"When the one Who knew no sin became sin for us, when the sinless one was covered with all the sins of all the world, God didn't call his army of angels to save Him. He didn't, because He knew He would rather give up His Son than give up on us."

Max Lucado

SCHOLARSHIP FUND... The Wolfrum Family Lutheran Teacher's Scholarship is available to any member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, who is at least 19 years of age and is studying to be a parochial school teacher in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. If interested in applying for this scholarship, or if you are interested in receiving more information pertaining to the Wolfrum Scholarship, please contact either Steve Stec or Pastor Strand.



STUDENT CHURCH WORKER FUND ...



A little over seven years ago Trinity began a new fund specifically designed to encourage and assist those young adults between the ages of 17 and 27 who are interested in attending one of the synodical colleges or universities for the specific purpose of training for a church vocation. Those young Christians whose course of study is directly related to a profession within the church, i.e. pastor, teacher, deaconess, musician, etc. may be eligible for financial assistance. Please contact Steve Stec for an application.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

- March 28: Palm Sunday services at 8, 9:30 and 11 A.M. The Rite of Confirmation for Trinity's 8th Grade at 2 p.m.
- April 1: Maundy Thursday services at 1:30 and 7 P.M.
- April 2: Good Friday services at 1:30 and 7 P.M.
- April 4: Easter Sunday services at 6, 8, 9:30 and 11 A.M.



TRIBUNE PRAYERS ... Prayers of thanks are extended to our Lord for His guidance and protection to our girls' volleyball teams and the many adults who travel with them as they participate at different schools. We pray for God's hand of protection upon all those serving in the armed forces and ask for an end to conflicts soon. Please remember Mrs. Schweda in your prayers as she continues to recover from shoulder replacement surgery. Prayers of thanks are offered also for a successful Lutheran Schools Week, and the many activities that involved the students of Trinity. We ask our Lord to bless all Lutheran schools as the 2010 - 2011 enrollment drive has begun. We thank our God for all who will exhibit their God-given gifts at the Talent Festival on Friday.



SPORTS CORNER ...

All three girls' volleyball teams (5th, 6th, and varsity) have seen game action recently as the season has begun. Thanks to all our coaches for giving of their time, talents and energy to help our young athletes. Please check the school Activities Calendar and come and support the Lady Vikings!



Track season begins next week!

BAND CONCERT ... On Tuesday evening, March 23, Trinity's bands will be performing their annual Blue and Gold Concert beginning at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. Everyone is invited to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Trinity's Spelling Team! At the South Suburban Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 20, Trinity's Spellers captured a **2nd place!** All sixteen members of the team were an integral part of the success. Congratulations to:

- First graders Mya Williams and Melanie Piunti. Melanie earned a 5th Place ribbon!
- Second graders Mason Barseth and Zoe VanderVelde. Mason captured a 3rd Place ribbon.
- Third graders Justin Meline and Alexandra Seielstad.
- Fourth graders Erik Herold and Gabrielle Lynch.
- Fifth graders Joel Seielstad and Laura Lewis. Laura achieved a 1st Place ribbon and Joel earned a 5th Place award.
- Sixth graders Michael Lallky and Jacob Meline. Jacob was awarded a 2nd Place ribbon, while Michael achieved a ribbon for 5th place.
- Seventh graders Robert Lallky and Leah Seielstad. Leah achieved a 1st place ribbon, and Bob gathered a 4th Place award.
- Eighth graders Nick Frangella and Sarah Herold.

Way to go Vikings Spelling Team!

ATTENTION PARENTS ...

Please be sure all students exit their vehicle on the passenger side and that all vehicles are next to a sidewalk or parked in a location designated for parking. Also, please note: **USE ONLY ONE LANE** when dropping off your students in the morning. Passing other cars IS VERY DANGEROUS! Thank you for your cooperation!

