

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

December 2025 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

This past month we were grateful to celebrate our Veterans. We are forever indebted to our parents, grandparents, community members, and their family members who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms. Thank you to our students and teachers for all their hard work in preparing music, artwork, and readings to honor our Veterans. We added a tribute wall and are excited to make it an annual tradition!

Christmas is a busy time of year! There are several things we do at Trinity to prepare for the birth of our Savior and to keep our eyes fixed on the true meaning of Christmas. Please know you are always welcome to join us for our mid-week chapel and Advent services. We would also love for you to join us at our Early Childhood Nativity program (more info on page 3). The highlight of our Christmas celebrations is our Christmas Eve service. This special service is hosted by the students and includes special music, such as "Silent Night," sung by candlelight.

This is my favorite time of year and I look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with each of you!

Joyfully,

Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- Dec 2-4 Christmas Store
- Dec 3 Advent service @ TLC 11:30am & 7pm
- Dec 6 Archery @ Willard
- Dec 9 School picture retakes
- Dec 10 Advent service @ TLC 11:30am & 7pm
- Dec 11 PS/PK Nativity play TLS gym 2:00 & 6:00pm
- Dec 13 Archery @ Branson
- Dec 14 Students sing in church
- Dec 15 SCHOOL IN SESSION
- Dec 16 Early Childhood Christmas parties 2:00pm
- Dec 17 Advent service @ TLC 11:30am & 7:00pm
- Dec 17 Christmas parties 2:00pm
- Dec 18 Dismiss @ 12:15
End of 2nd quarter
Christmas Eve practice after school
- Dec 19- Jan 5 Christmas break
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve service
- Jan 6 School resumes

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Scholar Bowl: Tuesdays 3:30-4:30

Cheer: December 4, 11 & 17 3:30-4:30

Archery: Mondays & Fridays 3:30-5:30

* On 12/8, practice will be from 3:00-5:00.

* On 12/15, practice will be from 3:30-5:00.

* No practices are scheduled over Christmas break at this time; any additional practice opportunities will be announced on Remind.

~See page 2 for basketball schedule~

Practice Schedule		Games Schedule	
Dec 1	5:30-7:00 3 rd -6 th boys	Dec 8	5:45 Kinder vs. Pierce City 6:30 1 st & 2 nd girls vs. Pierce City 7:30 3 rd - 6 th girls vs. Pierce City
Dec 2	3:30-4:30 kindergarten 4:30-6:00 1 st & 2 nd boys	Dec 9	6:15 1 st -3 rd girls vs. Carthage (scrimmage) 7:00 4 th -6 th girls vs. ILS
Dec 4	3:30-5:00 1 st & 2 nd girls 5:00-6:30 3 rd - 6 th girls	Dec 15	5:45 Kinder vs. Pierce City 6:30 1 st & 2 nd girls vs. Pierce City 7:30 3 rd - 6 th girls vs. Pierce City
Dec 9	3:30- 5:00 1 st & 2 nd boys	Dec 16	6:00 Kinder scrimmage 7:00 3 rd - 6 th girls vs. ILS
Dec 10	3:30-5:00 3 rd - 6 th boys		
Dec 17	3:30-5:00 1 st & 2 nd boys 5:00-6:30 3 rd - 6 th boys		



It's Almost Time for Christmas Store!

Each year, our students love shopping for friends and family at our Christmas store, which will be Dec. 2nd-4th. Please remember that students will only be allowed to shop for the people on their list.

Our Christmas store elves work very hard to get everything just right, but PLEASE double check the gifts your child brings home. If you notice that something is missing or otherwise incorrect, please contact the office immediately so that we can get it fixed before the Christmas store closes! Thank you!



Early Childhood Nativity Play

Please join our preschool and prekindergarten students as they share the story of God's wonderful love for us! Performances will be on Thursday, December 11th, at 2:00pm & 6:00 pm.



ORNAMENT MAKING

One of our special traditions at TLS is ornament making. During the month of December, each student will make two ornaments—one to keep and one to give. The ornaments to give are taken to local hospitals and nursing homes. We are so glad our students are able to share God's love at Christmastime!



REMINDER!

Trinity students sing in church Sunday, Dec 14th!

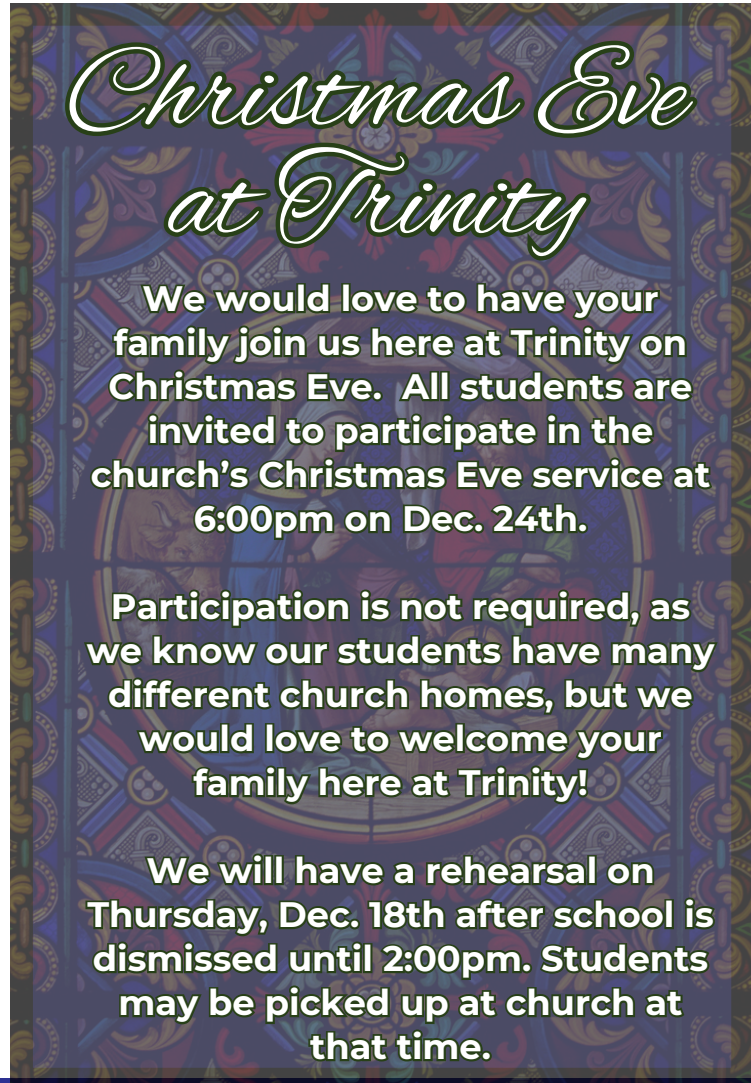



Christmas Eve at Trinity

We would love to have your family join us here at Trinity on Christmas Eve. All students are invited to participate in the church's Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm on Dec. 24th.

Participation is not required, as we know our students have many different church homes, but we would love to welcome your family here at Trinity!


We will have a rehearsal on Thursday, Dec. 18th after school is dismissed until 2:00pm. Students may be picked up at church at that time.





DON'T FORGET

MONDAY SCHOOL
School is in session Monday, Dec. 15th!



Please check your balances!

Check your outstanding balances regularly in Fast Direct. We ask that families keep their lunch and school care balances below \$100. Please do not combine balances when writing a check. A separate check must be written for each (lunch, school care, tuition, etc.) Checks sent with combined balances will be returned.

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Cold Weather Reminders

Please remember to send a coat with your child as the weather gets cooler. We try to get outside as much as possible- if your child is in need of a coat, contact the office, we are glad to help!

As we approach the winter months, please make sure your contact information is correct in FastDirect, especially if you would like to receive text notifications for school delays or closings. If school is delayed or cancelled, announcements will be on local tv stations, Facebook/Instagram, and FastDirect.

ALSO, please help us keep ahead of sickness this season. Wash coats, outerwear and nap bedding frequently. Remember that students must be fever, diarrhea, and vomit-free (without the aid of medication) for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Sports Updates via Remind

If your student is playing a winter sport, please make sure you have downloaded the Remind app and signed up for the correct group. Sports updates/schedule changes are NOT sent through FastDirect, they are ONLY sent through Remind.



- TLS Kinder BB: @trinitykbb
- TLS 1-2 BB: @trinity1-2
- TLS 3 BB: @trinity3bb
- TLS 4-6 Girls BB: @trinitygbb
- TLS 4-6 Boys BB: @trinitybbb
- TLS Cheer: @tlscheer
- TLS Archery: @tlsarchery
- TLS Scholar Bowl: @tls-sb
- TLS Track: @tracktls

Thank you, thank you to our wonderful donors! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to purchase both an additional tornado shelter (we have 3 now!) AND a generator for our school (that's the big shipping container you see in the back parking lot). Also, special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to install the generator. Thank you for helping us ensure that our students are safe, no matter the weather!



If your family is experiencing hardship, please contact your classroom teacher or Mrs. Moennig. We have many people here in our Trinity family who would love to help! If you are in need of food, warm clothing, winter coats, etc., please do not hesitate to ask. You are not alone- we are a family here at Trinity, and you are loved! Requests for any type of assistance are always kept confidential.

Christmas PARTY

Classroom Christmas parties will be on Tuesday, December 16th for Ps/Pk and on Wednesday, December 17th for grades K-8. Parties are from 2:00-3:00pm. Teachers will be contacting party parents so that they can organize snacks, crafts, and games. Thank you so much for helping to make Christmas parties a memorable experience for our students!

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Here at Trinity, we want to encourage our students to be on the lookout for ways to love their neighbors. At Christmastime, we get to care for our neighbors through our food drive! We will be collecting non-perishable pantry items through **Dec. 9th**, which can be placed in the big box inside the drop-off/pickup doors.

Food will be distributed to Freistatt Homes (approx. 20 apartments). If you would like to volunteer to help assemble bags or distribute, please contact the office.



What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

This month, Lutherans celebrate the traditional season of Advent. Advent, from the Latin word for “coming”, is a time of repentance and anticipation as God’s people wait for the coming of Christ. We prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth at Christmas, but we also wait in joyful expectation for His coming on the Last Day.

The paraments (colored cloths around the church) are often blue for Advent, to symbolize our anticipation and hope. Some churches may use purple paraments to recognize Advent as a time of preparation and repentance, as well as it being a royal color in honor of our coming King!

Since the time of the reformation, Lutherans have observed Advent using Advent wreaths. These wreaths, in the shape of a circle and often decorated with evergreen to represent eternal life, have four candles around the outer ring and one in the center. One candle is added each Sunday of Advent until finally on Christmas Day the center candle is lit.

Advent wreaths can often be found in homes as well as churches, as families light the Advent candles during their daily devotions. This is a wonderful way to set the tone for Advent within your own family- a reminder to take a breath, to hear God’s promises to you, and to rest in the peace that only Jesus gives. (Plus, kids really like blowing out candles!) If you are interested in incorporating this beautiful tradition into your own family’s prayer and devotional life, please contact your classroom teacher, Pastor Jake, or any of our office staff. We’d love to tell you more!

Pray for Each Other

All of our families and staff rotate through our prayer calendar as “featured families”. If you have a special prayer request, please contact Mrs. Moennig or Pastor Jake so we can pray with you.

Families we are praying for this month:

Ingle family, Jelinek family, Jenkins family, Kean family, Kennell family, Kleiboeker family, Knight family, Lawmaster Hudson family, Mayab family, Medel Ortiz family, Meier family, Miller family, Moennig families, Moore family, Moriondo family, Morris family, Myers family

DECEMBER

The sandwich option for December is peanut butter & jelly. Salad bar is available every day and is included in the hot lunch price. One milk is included, extra milks are \$0.50.

2 Chicken Nuggets	3 Lasagna	4 Chicken & Noodles	5 Hamburgers
9 Tacos	10 French Toast Sticks	11 Chicken Patty on a Bun	12 Pizza Rolls
15 (Monday) Biscuits & Gravy	16 Christmas Dinner	17 Corndog	18 Sack Lunch Dismiss @ 12:15



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Christmas Events

November 11- December 9 Food Drive

December 2-4 Christmas Store

December 11 Early Childhood
2 & 6pm @ TLS gym Nativity Play

December 16 PS/PK Christmas Parties
December 17 K-8 Christmas Parties

December 18 Christmas Eve
12:30-2:00pm @ church Dress Rehearsal

December 24 Christmas Eve
6:00 pm @ church Service

December 25 Christmas Day
10:00 am @ church Service

Join us for Advent Services:

December 3 11:30am & 7:00pm

December 10 11:30am & 7:00pm

December 17 11:30am & 7:00pm

Journey of Promises

by Joseph M. Martin

Community Choir Concert

Directed by Carol McIntyre

December 20, 2025

7:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Freistatt, Missouri

You're invited to join Trinity's

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB!

Celebrate your birthday by giving the gift of reading!

What is the Birthday Book Club?

You are invited to donate a new book to the TLS library in honor of your birthday or half-birthday! Your gift book will have a special personalized bookplate with your name and age placed on the inside front cover, you will be the first to check out your donated book, and your picture will be featured on our Birthday Book Club bulletin board!

How do I choose a book to donate?

Please purchase books only from our carefully selected Amazon wish list (QR code and link below). Purchase a book (or books!), and ship it to your home or directly to our library with a gift note that states your name, birthday month, and grade so we know who donated it.

Birthday books are the gift that keeps giving for years to come!

Birthday Book Club Amazon Wish List:



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