

NEWS & NOTES

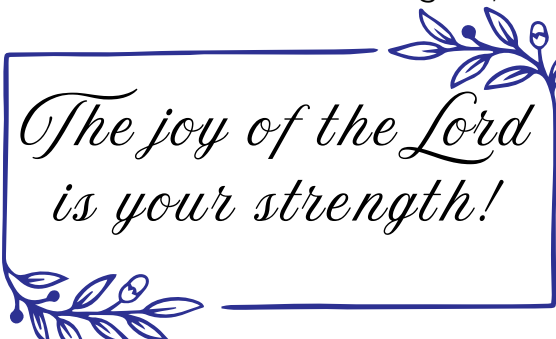
Trinity Lutheran School

February 2026 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

As our school prepares to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week in March, I want to say THANK YOU for investing in your child's faith life by sending them to Trinity Lutheran School. There are over 1800 Lutheran elementary schools in the US where we can proclaim and celebrate God's work among us, and we are grateful to God that you are part of God's work with us here!



*The joy of the Lord
is your strength!*

I am so grateful for our Trinity school family and the opportunity that we have to offer an excellent academic and religious education. It is not by chance that each one of you have arrived here at our school, and we are so thankful for each and every child and family here at Trinity! We are doubly blessed with a dedicated staff and caring families, which is just one of the many reasons our theme verse for the year is so fitting, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) What a joy it is to see God at work daily in the lives of our Trinity families!


Joyfully,

Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- Feb 1 Students sing@TLC 9:30a
 - Feb 4 3rd grade chapel
 - Feb 6 Mid-quarter
 - Feb 7 Archery @ Pierce City
Basketball @ Lockwood
 - Feb 11 4th grade chapel
 - Feb 12 EC Valentine's parties 2p
 - Feb 13 K-8 Valentine's parties 2p
 - Feb 14 Archery @ Joplin
Bball tournament round 1
 - Feb 17 MLS Geography Bee
 - Feb 18 Ash Wednesday chapel
Ash Wednesday service
@ TLC 7:00pm
 - Feb 19 K-8th Bball & Cheer
Recognition Night 6p
 - Feb 21 Archery @ Gloria Deo
Basketball tournament
round 2
 - Feb 25 5th grade chapel
SLHS visits TLS
 - Feb 28 Archery @ Lamar OR TLS
- Sports Schedule: Please see pg. 5




**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 with combined balances will be returned. Thank you!

Stay In Touch

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Need a Sneak Peek?

The carnival auction website is up! Auction items will be added as they are received—start planning your bidding strategy now! (The auction is currently view-only. Bidding will not go live until the week of the auction)

www.32auctions.com/tlsauction2026



MONDAY SCHOOL!

Don't forget:
School is in session
for K-8th graders
on March 2nd!

Carnival is Coming!

Save the date! Friday, March 6th is our annual school carnival. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and includes an online auction (with special projects from each class), a home cooked chicken dinner, games, prizes and more. School will release at 12:15 on carnival day, and the fun starts at 5:30pm. This year, while dinner will still end at 7:30, the games and cake walk will be open until 8:30 for even more fun!

The online auction will be live all week prior to the auction and will end on Thursday night, March 5th. All Trinity families are asked to donate one item to the online auction and to help out to make this special night a success.

Auction items will be due back to school by **Wednesday, February 25th**.

Look for more information and work assignments coming home soon.

Students Singing at Church

Mark your calendar! Our students work hard all year in music class, and it is so special when they are able to share their beautiful voices with our church family here at Trinity. TLS students will be sharing their special music at Trinity Lutheran Church during our 9:30 am service (please arrive by 9:15) on February 1st, March 1st, and March 29th. Please join us!



Valentine's Parties

Party day is so much fun at TLS! Each family is assigned to a party for each of their children. There are usually 3-4 families assigned to each party. Your child's teacher will contact you before the party to get you in touch with the other party parents. Parents work together to plan snacks, crafts, games, etc. Parties are from 2:00-3:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend, even if you're not assigned to that particular party! If at all possible, please consider child care for younger siblings while you are spending this special time with your child.

It is a Valentine's Day tradition here at Trinity for students to make and bring a special Valentine box to store all of their special treats on party day. This is not required; it is just a fun extra. Students must make their boxes at home, no class time will be given for making Valentine's boxes. Your teacher can send home a class list if you would like to send Valentine's cards for classmates (also optional and not required)

New Member/Information Class Starting 2/11

A new member class will begin at Trinity Lutheran Church starting on Wednesday, February 11. This 7 week class will be taught by Pastor Jake every Wednesday night from 5:30-6:45pm until April 1. If you are interested in joining Trinity Lutheran Church, or have been wondering about what Lutherans believe or what we teach in our religion classes here at school, this is the class for you!

There is no obligation to become a member at the end of the sessions; this class will be a great opportunity to learn and ask questions. We will meet in the chapel at church. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jake at waterandtheword@outlook.com.



Volunteers Needed for Basketball Tournament

On February 14th, TLS will be hosting the first round of our basketball league's championship tournament for 6th grade girls. All of the 6th grade girls teams from our league will be here on campus throughout the day.

We are excited to show off our amazing school and facilities!

We will need lots of help to make the day run smoothly for everyone, so we are looking for volunteers for the day. If you can commit any amount of time from 8:00am-4:00pm please contact Mrs. Moennig no later than Tuesday, Feb 10. Volunteers will be supervising the Fellowship Hall area, directing visitors to the gym, taking out the trash, or taking money at the gate and of course, running the best concession stand in the league!

Please let us know if you are willing to help and, of course, make sure to come out and support our girls as they compete here on their home court!

SPORTS PICTURES ARE TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

Please KEEP YOUR UNIFORM until sports picture day. For all sports except track, you will turn in your uniform on sports picture day (please be sure to also bring your warm ups). A sports pictures order form will be sent home in March.

Sports pictures will be for:

- *archery
- *basketball
- *cheer
- *scholar bowl
- *track

*individual athletes of co-op sports, by request (7th & 8th grade only)

TITLE 1 INTERVENTION

This year, we are fortunate to be able to use Title I funds for academic support during the school day. In the past, these funds were used for after school tutoring; this year we are able to provide the additional support of tutoring, but during the school day! We are so thankful to have Anne Garoutte (a retired teacher) during the school day to provide this support for our students as needed for any particular skill or subject. If your student might benefit from this program, a note will be sent home first. Students will not miss active classroom learning time (or recess or specials!).

Archery

Mondays & Fridays
3:30-5:30

No practice 2/13

Competitions:

Feb 7- Pierce City

Feb 14- Joplin

Feb 21- Gloria Deo

Feb 28- Lamar OR Trinity

Archery Recognition Night:

March 16th @ TLS

Basketball

Tuesdays

3:30-5:00 - 3rd-6th girls

5:00-6:30 - 2nd-6th boys

Thursdays

3:30-5:00 - 2nd-6th boys

5:00-6:30 - 3rd-6th girls

**EXCEPT: practice on 2/19 will
be moved to 2/18**

FINAL practice is 2/18

Games:

Feb 7- AT Lockwood

9:00- 6G v Lockwood

1:00- 5G v Jasper

2:00- 5B v Lockwood

5:00- 3B v Golden City

Feb 14- League Tournament

Round 1 locations:

3B@Sarcoxie

5B@Jasper

6G@TLS

Feb 21- League Championship

@ Liberal

Basketball/Cheer Recognition

Night: Thursday, Feb. 19 @ TLS

What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

Ash Wednesday will be here before we know it! Ash Wednesday (on February 18th this year) kicks off the season of Lent in the church. Lent is traditionally a time for penitent reflection as we remember the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus for us, prior to the great celebration of His resurrection on Easter.

We begin the Lenten season with a special chapel on Ash Wednesday, where Pastor Jake will discuss the meaning and importance of Ash Wednesday, as well as the practice of imposing ashes. The ashes are typically derived from the burned palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday and are a powerful reminder of what we need: the purifying, cleansing power of the Holy Spirit to remind us of our sin and, most especially, our need for a savior.

Students will be invited to have Pastor Jake place ashes on their forehead or hand in the shape of a cross. This is not mandatory or expected, and students may, of course, choose to decline the ashes. Please contact Pastor Jake or Mrs. Moennig if you have any questions, or would like to learn more about this traditional Christian practice.

Pray for Each Other

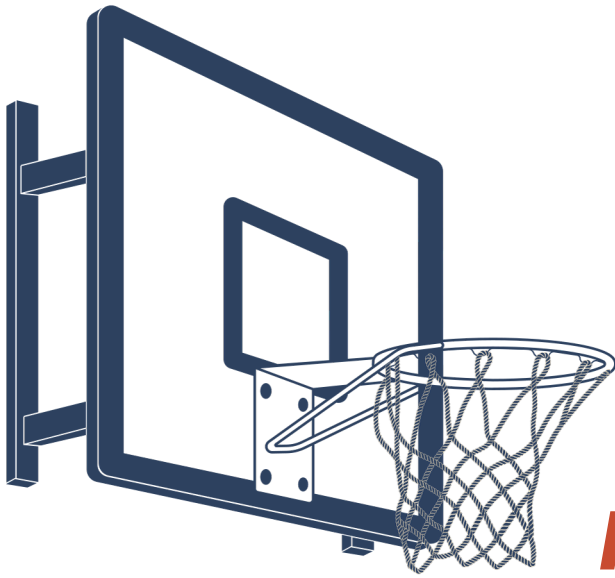
All of our families and staff rotate through our prayer calendar as "featured families". If you have a special prayer request, please contact Mrs. Moennig or Pastor Jake so we can pray with you privately as well.

Families we are praying for this month:
Scharbach family, Schmidt family, Schrock family, Seaton/Harmsworth family, Short family, Sletten family, Smith families, Spooner family, Stangl family, Stewart family, Stockton family

FEBRUARY

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

3 Pancakes	4 Chicken Patty on a Bun	5 Tacos	6 Crispitos
10 Biscuits & Gravy	11 Pizza	12 Cream Tacos	13 Hamburgers
17 Chicken Nuggets	18 Beef Stroganoff	19 French Toast Sticks	20 Broccoli & Cheddar Soup
24 Pizza Rolls	25 Chili	26 Egg & Sausage Rollups	27 Hot Dogs



TLS

***RECOGNITION NIGHT
& ALUMNI SCRIMMAGE***



***K-8TH GRADE
BASKETBALL & CHEER***

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 ATHLETE RECOGNITION
EVERYONE WEAR UNIFORM ON BLUE SIDE

7:15 5TH-8TH GRADERS VS. PARENTS/ALUMNI
PARENTS, LET COACH K KNOW BY FEB 13 IF YOU CAN PARTICIPATE ON THE PARENTS/ALUMNI TEAM

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR KNIGHTS!



2025-2026 BASKETBALL/CHEER RECOGNITION NIGHT

Basketball/Cheer Parents,

We will have our end-of-season recognition night on Thursday, February 19, starting at 6:00pm. We would like all basketball players K-8th to join us for a fun night! We will feature each group in a fun activity and announce the team for the crowd. (And, of course, we'll have time for pictures!)

K-2nd grade players will be recognized, 3rd-8th grade players will receive their participation pin, and our graduating 8th graders will be individually recognized.

Athletes should come wearing their uniforms on the blue side. (Make sure to hold on to your uniform at the end of the night so your child still has it for sports pictures on March 24th.)

Below is a tentative schedule:

6:00 Prayers & Pledges; Recognition of Volunteers & Coaches
6:05 K-1st Graders
6:20 2nd Grade Girls
6:30 Cheerleaders
6:40 3B League Team
6:50 4th-6th Girls League Team (6G)
7:00 4th-6th Boys League Team (6B)
7:10 8th Graders (MJ, Pistol, Delaney)
7:15 5th-8th versus Parents/Staff/Alumni

If you are a basketball parent and would like to join our parent/staff team vs. the 5th-8th basketball players, please let Coach Flattem know by February 13th.

⚡ **TLS 8TH GRADE CLASS** ⚡

CHILI COOK-OFF

BRING THE HEAT!

Trophy for the best chili!

9:00am Chili Drop-off

11:45-12:45 Meal

12:15 Voting by 8th Grade Class

12:30 Live Dessert Auction

**TRINITY
LUTHERAN**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL
218 N MAIN
FREISTATT**

**SUNDAY
MARCH 1**



**ALL DONATIONS
SUPPORT THE 8TH
GRADE CLASS TRIP**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT:
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TRINITY
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, MARCH 6
5:30-8:30PM

GAMES

UNLIMITED
GAMES:
\$20

UNLIMITED
CAKEWALK:
\$10

SINGLE TICKETS FOR
GAMES, CAKEWALK OR
FACE PAINTING: 2 FOR \$1

cash or credit card accepted

FOOD

Dinner served
5:30-7:30

Ham
Baked Chicken
Potato Casserole
Green Beans
Corn Fruit
Salad Rolls
Drinks

DESSERTS!!

free will donation

AUCTION

Online auction begins
Monday, March 2nd
6:00pm

Auction ends
Thursday, March 5th
8:00pm

Shop the auction online all
week; pick up your items
Friday at carnival!

Shop the auction here:

[32auctions.com/
TLSauction2026](http://32auctions.com/TLSauction2026)



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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