

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

March 2026 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

During the first full week of March we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW). As we gear up for this fun event, I want to share with you how grateful I am for our entire Trinity family. It is truly a joy to see our students grow and learn more about their Savior. I am thankful for the many ways God has blessed our school!

Please join us in celebrating NLSW and the ministry we have at TLS. We will kick off the week in worship together as the students sing at the 9:30am service on March 1st- be sure to stay for the 8th grade chili cookoff after church!

We are in school on Monday and we will have a dress-up and activity theme for each day. (See pg. 3) School is dismissed at 12:15 on Friday and we will close out the week together at our TLS carnival on March 6th from 5:30-8:30pm. There will be a full meal (the meal ends at 7:30), games, cake-walk, prizes and more! The highlight of our carnival is the online auction. Be sure to follow along (and bid!) all week at www.32auctions.com/tlsauction2026. Bidding begins Monday, March 2nd at 6:00pm and ends Thursday, March 5th at 8:00pm. Thank you for supporting our mission at TLS and for helping to make a Christian education possible in southwest Missouri.

Joyfully,

Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- Mar 1-7 National Lutheran Schools Week
- Mar 1 Students sing @ TLC- 9:30am
8th grade Chili Cookoff
- Mar 2 School in session
TEA online auction opens
Archery practice- 3:30-5:30
- Mar 4 6th grade chapel
Quilts of Valor presentation
Lenten services
@ TLC- 11:30am & 7:00pm
Singing Saints
@ St. John's Monett- 7:00pm
- Mar 5 Singing Saints visit TLS
Online auction closes- 8:00pm
- Mar 6 Dismiss@12:15 (no childcare)
TLS Carnival @ 5:30pm
End 3rd quarter
- Mar 9-13 Spring Break
- Mar 9 Archery practice 3:30-5:30
(state qualifiers only)
- Mar 11 Lenten services
@ TLC- 11:30am & 7:00pm
- Mar 13 Joplin Globe Spelling Bee
Archery practice 3:30-5:30
(state qualifiers only)
- Mar 16 Archery recognition night
- Mar 17 School resumes
Cheer party 3:30-4:30
- Mar 18 Chapel & 3rd quarter awards
Lenten services
@ TLC- 11:30am & 7:00pm
- Mar 18-20 State archery- Branson
- Mar 23-26 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mar 25 Kindergarten chapel
Lenten services
@ TLC- 11:30am & 7:00pm
- Mar 26 Vision & Hearing Screening
- Mar 29 Palm Sunday & Confirmation
- Mar 30 School in session

8th Grade Chili Cookoff

On Sunday, March 1st, come support our TLS 8th graders as they raise funds for their class trip with a chili cook off and dessert auction!

Please drop off chili entries by 8:45 am; dessert donations are also welcome!




Spring at TLS is Track Season!

Track & field at Trinity is for 6th-8th graders; 6th graders will compete when possible, but will not participate in every meet. The first track practice of the season will be Tuesday, March 17th.

Please contact Mrs. Flattem with any questions.

We're looking forward to another great season!




DON'T FORGET

MONDAY SCHOOL!
School is in session for K-8th graders on Monday, March 2nd & Monday, March 30th!



Don't forget to bid in our TLS auction at: www.32auctions.com/tlsauction2026

Remember that the auction closes at 8pm on THURSDAY, March 5th and you can pick up the items you win at the carnival on Friday!



QUILTS OF VALOR

There will be a Quilts of Valor Award Ceremony after chapel on Wednesday, March 4, at 9:00 am in the gym. Six veterans associated with our church and school will receive their Quilt of Valor. Please join us as we present their quilts and show our appreciation to them for their service to our country.

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Sunday

Let's make a joyful noise!

Students: Wear your school shirt to church
Families: Wear any TLS shirt



ALL STUDENTS SING IN CHURCH- 9:30 AM
8TH GRADE CHILI COOKOFF AFTER CHURCH

Monday

Joyful noise in worship

School is in session!
Wear something with a cross on it to remind us of Jesus!




DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2026

Let's Make Joyful Noise

PSALM 98:4



Tuesday

Joyful noise in praise



Pajama day- the joy of the Lord brings us comfort!



MOVIE IN THE GYM



Wednesday

Joyful noise in community



Wear your favorite color- God made each of us special!

DANCE PARTY IN THE GYM

EVENING FAMILY ACTIVITY: SINGING SAINTS AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN IN MONETT- 7PM

Thursday

Joyful noise in service



Wear camo OR red, white and blue- we are thankful for those who serve!



MAKING CARDS/CRAFTS FOR OUR LOCAL HEROES

CHORAL WORKSHOPS WITH ST PAUL HIGH SCHOOL'S SINGING SAINTS

Friday

Joyful noise in Christ alone



Wear your school shirt- we find joy in our identity in Christ!

SCHOOL OUT AT 12:15 (NO SCHOOL CARE)
CARNIVAL 5:30-8:30



Who's Who at TLS



We have so many wonderful people on staff here at Trinity, it can be hard to keep track! In this section, we'll introduce you to a staff member (or two!) each month.



Mrs. Connie

Connie and Layna Essary are our dynamic duo in the kitchen! They are the mother-daughter team that works hard to make all of our delicious TLS lunches. Mrs. Connie and Ms. Layna love making our Trinity kiddos smile and are always happy to add students' favorites to the menu or to whip up a special dessert! We are so thankful for their dedication and for how well they feed us all here at TLS! Ms. Layna and Ms. Connie are mom and grandma to TLS students Grason and Lydia.



Ms. Layna

SPLHS Singing Saints to visit TLS!

On March 5th, we are excited to host the Singing Saints of St. Paul Lutheran High School (Concordia, MO) at TLS! SPLHS is our church body's only boarding high school (more than 50% of the student body lives in the dorms) and has welcomed students from 80 different countries! The Singing Saints will NOT be doing a concert here at Trinity; rather, they will be hosting two choral workshops with our students. The Singing Saints will be singing most of their concert repertoire during the 7pm Lenten service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Monett on Wednesday, March 4th. We encourage you to attend- this is a great opportunity for our students and families to enjoy wonderful music together, and to prepare students for their choral workshop!



What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

We began the Lenten season on February 18th with a special chapel for Ash Wednesday, where Pastor Jake discussed the significance of Ash Wednesday, as well as the practice of imposing ashes. (See Feb N&N)

For the six weeks following Ash Wednesday, the Church observes the season of Lent. 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 Sunday.

Many Lutheran churches have special mid-week services during Lent to help us slow down, to reflect, and to repent. Lent is also a time for Christians to practice specific spiritual disciplines, traditionally: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (that is, giving money or food to the poor). The spiritual disciplines are a form of “strength training” for the soul- they aren’t easy! Spending time in focused prayer, giving something up (whether certain foods, screen time, or anything else), and giving generously to those in need- these are all difficult but worthwhile things. We keep the spiritual disciplines not as a way to prove how good we are or to earn favor with God; rather, we keep them to help us grow in faith and to remind us of our own weakness and need for a Savior.

If you would like to learn more about Lent, spiritual disciplines, or our wonderful Savior, please reach out to Pastor Jake or Mrs. Moennig. We would love to answer any questions you may have and to tell you more about the wonderful gifts of God in Christ Jesus!

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 individually.

Families we are praying for this month:
Tettenhorst family, Tillis family, Trokey family,
Ulmer family, Wallace family, Wammack family,
Wilkinson family, Wormington families,
Wright family



Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

It is almost time for spring parent/teacher conferences! Unlike our fall conferences, our spring parent teacher conferences are encouraged, but not required. If you have questions or concerns about your student(s), or if you would just like to check in and see how they're doing, please sign up for a time to meet with their teacher(s).

Our Title I Teacher, Mrs Anne, will also be available for conferences. If your child has been using Title 1 services or if you are curious about our Title 1 program, sign up for a time to visit with Mrs Anne!
She would love to meet you!

Conference scheduling links can be found in the FastDirect message sent to all families on Friday, February 27th.

When scheduling a time, please remember to check the time zone in your google calendar- you wouldn't believe how many times this has tripped us up!

During parent/teacher conferences, please know that here at Trinity, it is important to us that all of our students and families are treated with courtesy and respect. Please remember that teachers are not, under any circumstances, allowed to discuss students with anyone but their own parents. If you have concerns about your child, we absolutely want you to bring them to the teacher; however, please understand that she cannot discuss other children with you- this includes behavior, academic or sports performance, and medical information. We understand that can feel frustrating, but it is an important boundary so that everyone can know their children's privacy is respected here at school.



Have you heard of MO Scholars???

Your child might qualify for a scholarship through this program!
 For the 2025-26 school year, 8 TLS students qualified for a
full tuition and registration scholarship through MO Scholars

Applications for the 2026-27 school year are due by April 3, 2026

Students who qualify:

Entering ANY grade and has had an IEP
 (including speech) at any time in the last 36 months
 (does not have to be currently active)

OR

Total family income is below amount ⇒

AND

Will enter Kindergarten or 1st grade in 2026-27

OR

Attended public school in 2025-26 (tell your friends!)

Want to apply but don't know how?

We can help! Attend either of our enrollment workshops:

March 17 at 8:15am in the cafeteria

OR

March 17 at 3:30pm in the cafeteria

Be sure to RSVP to the TLS office for one of these sessions or call with questions!

MO Scholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026)

Household size	Annual Income
1	\$86,859
2	\$117,384
3	\$147,909
4	\$178,434
5	\$208,959
6	\$239,484
7	\$270,009
8	\$300,534

Items you will need to bring with you to complete application:

1. 2025 tax return (digital or physical copy)
2. Mail for address verification (such as utility bill, drivers license, etc)
3. IEP if student has one (digital or physical copy)
4. Student age verification (such as birth certificate or passport)

MARCH

The sandwich option for March is pb&j. 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.

<p>2 Meatball Subs</p> <p>3 Biscuits & Gravy</p>	<p>4 Chicken Patty</p>	<p>5 Corndog</p>	<p>6 Sack Lunch (Bologna & Cheese)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>SPRING</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SPRING</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BREAK</p>	<p>13</p> <p>BREAK</p>
<p>17 Chicken Nuggets</p>	<p>18 Waffles</p>	<p>19 Tacos</p>	<p>20 Pig-n-Blanket</p>
<p>24 Pancakes</p>	<p>25 Hamburger</p>	<p>26 Spaghetti</p>	<p>27 Fish Sticks</p>
<p>30 MONDAY Library Bingo Class Choice</p>	<p>31 TUESDAY Pizza Rolls</p>		

⚡ **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:
Trinity Lutheran School
218 N. Main - Freistatt, MO
417-235-5931

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:



<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/30823PPNUVH6U>