

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

May 2026 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Parents,

I can't believe another school year is coming to a close! I want to sincerely thank each of you for being part of our school family this year. It is truly a joy to see our children grow not only in their academic knowledge, but in their faith and love for God and each other as well.

I want to give a special congratulations to our six 8th grade graduates and their families! We so proud of them; they are going to do amazing things!

I pray that you have a wonderful, restful summer. We'll have lots of summer events here at school like movie night, VBS, the annual church picnic, and our back to school bash at the YMCA. Watch our social media channels (@tlcands) and FastDirect for details. Our teachers will begin to reach out in July to make arrangements for home visits and classroom play dates here at school.

You are all invited to join us throughout the summer on Sundays for church and Bible class. I am available by email through the summer, so if you have a special prayer request please reach out to me at amoennig@tlsfreistatt.org or leave a message on the school phone. It has been my pleasure to serve your family this year; may God continue to bless and keep you!

With a grateful heart,

Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- May 4 Archery practice 12-1:30
- May 6 2nd grade chapel
Archery Nationals Send-Off
- May 7 Archery Nationals
Louisville, KY
- May 8 Last day for AR
3rd grade field trip
- May 12 PK bump up day 12:30pm
- May 13 7th/8th grade chapel
8th grade lunch- 11:15am
8th grade graduation- 7pm
- May 14 Early Childhood
last day of school
Pre-Kindergarten
graduation- 6pm
- May 15 End 4th quarter
- May 18 School in session
Sports Day
- May 19 Bump Up Day
4th quarter awards- 2pm
- May 20 Last Day of School &
Closing Chapel 9:30-12:30
- July 7-10 Vacation Bible School
- July 10 Trinity church picnic
- Aug 9 Back to School Bash
- Aug 10 EC Back to School Night
- Aug 11 K-8 Back to School Night
- Aug 13 K-8 first day of school
- Aug 18 EC first day of school

END OF YEAR EVENTS

There is a lot going on at the end of the school year! Please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher or the office if you are unsure of what to expect or have questions about any of our end of year events.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION

**May 13: Ceremony held in the gym at 7:00 pm; graduates arrive by 6:30 pm.
Everyone is invited!**

Pre-kindergarten graduation

**May 14: Ceremony held in the gym at 6:00 pm;
Pre-K students should arrive by 5:45 pm. Everyone welcome!**

SPORTS DAY

**May 18: Students participate in a variety of track and field and other sports activities.
Ribbons awarded at the end of the day. TEA will provide cold treats. Parent volunteers needed!**

Bump up Day

**May 19: Students will visit their classroom for next year for part of the day.
Students will come to their regular classroom in the morning after drop off.**

2025-2026 CLOSING CHAPEL & PICNIC LUNCH

**Students arrive at 9:00 am. DO NOT go to classrooms first;
students and families come directly to the church.
After chapel, families are invited to stay for our last day of school lunch.
(See attached flyer for details)**

GRADUATION EVENT SCHEDULE

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL - FREISTATT

May 13

8:15am 7th/8th Chapel Service (Gym)

May 13

11:15am 8th Grade Luncheon

May 13

7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation (Gym)

May 14

6:00pm PreK Kinder Graduation (Gym)

May 15

2:00pm Class of 2026
Graduation Walk

May 19

2:00 4th Q Awards & SLHS Signing

May 20

9:00am Closing Chapel & Awards at
Church followed by lunch in Gym

More Info:



call 417-235-5931

Trinity Lutheran School is proud to announce top honors for the graduating class of 2026. The valedictorian is Mark Jacob Sletten. MJ is the son of Pastor Jacob and Courtney Sletten of Freistatt and will be attending Monett High School next year. The salutatorian is Seth William Carr. Seth is the son of Will and Amber Carr of Stotts City and will be attending Pierce City High School next year.

Congratulations!



Welder Needed: Can You Help?

We have a piece of playground equipment that needs repairs. Miracle is able to tell us what to do, but we need a welder to help us get it finished.

Are you a welder or do you know anyone who is?

Please contact Mrs. Moennig ASAP! Thank you!

Area Summer School Information

Mt. Vernon



<https://tinyurl.com/MtVernonSS26>

If you would like to enroll your child in summer school this year, please use these links to access your district's registration page. Some districts have early registration cutoffs, so be sure to get your children registered asap!

Purdy



<https://tinyurl.com/PurdySS26>

Pierce City



<https://tinyurl.com/PCSS26>

Monett



<https://tinyurl.com/MonettSS26>

Mother's Day Gifts Fundraiser

On May 3 on the front lawn after church at Trinity, there will be two items available for purchase: 2 varieties of "Cookie Mix in a Jar" (chocolate chip and oatmeal chocolate chip) for \$10/jar, as well as a pack of 10 notecards & envelopes for \$20/packet. Proceeds benefit Trinity Lutheran Church & School.

Please contact Betty Sawyer with any questions.

Employment Opportunity at Trinity for 2026-27 school year

TLS is hiring! We are looking for someone to supervise our before and after school care program. Hours are 7:00am-8:00am and 3:30pm-5:30pm, Tuesday-Friday (with occasional Mondays). We are also in desperate need of a **substitute custodian** and are always happy to have more substitute teachers/staff/office workers on our list! If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Mrs. Moennig. Background check and reliable transportation required.

2026-2027 Enrollment

Thank you to everyone who has already completed re-enrollment in FastDirect. PLEASE NOTE: the system defaults to enroll all EC students into the next grade (pre-k or kindergarten). That is OK! We will reset students who are enrolling into preschool or pre-k again next year. Contact the office if you have any trouble.

Additionally, before school is out, students will come home with a blue re-enrollment folder. It will be sent with the youngest child in your family. Inside you will find everything you need to enroll all the children in your family for the 2026-27 school year, including updated tuition and registration fees. You can bring all your completed paperwork to Back to School Night, or if you'd rather not have to keep track of it all summer, just send it back before the last day of school!

End of Year Bills:

All bills are to be paid in full by the last day of school (May 20) to complete the re-enrollment process and hold your child's spot for next year. If you have questions about your bill or need to make arrangements to pay your balance, contact the office. Please remember to write a separate check for each account (lunch, tuition, school care, etc).

Stay In Touch

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Freistatt, MO 65654

📱 @tlcands

TLS ATHLETICS

We are so thankful that our 7th & 8th grade students are able to co-op with local public schools for sports not offered at Trinity! This spring, our students are playing baseball with Pierce City. Their last game of the season will be May 1st at Diamond.

Games start at 4:30. Everyone is invited to come out and support our TLS baseball players!



What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

If you have ever attended chapel here at TLS (or watched online!), you may have noticed that after chapel each week, we celebrate two special days in the lives of our students. We celebrate students whose birthdays are coming up, and we also celebrate students' baptismal birthdays.

Baptism is tremendously important because we believe what the Bible teaches us in 1 Peter 3:21- "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you...through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

The Bible talks about our salvation in terms of adoption, and as a movement from death to life. We once were not heirs of God; we once were dead in our sins. But through HIS work in baptism, God adopts us into His family and makes us alive in Christ Jesus.

This also explains why Lutherans joyfully baptize babies- because baptism is God's work, and God's work doesn't depend on anything we do. He does all the work- he does all the saving. What a wonderful reason to rejoice!

If you'd like to learn more, or are interested in Holy Baptism for you or your child, please contact Mrs. M or Pastor Jake- we'd love to meet with you!

Pray for Each Other

As we close out the school year, we give thanks to God for a wonderful year and pray that all of our Trinity families have a safe and restful summer. Please remember each other, our staff, and our school in your prayers this summer, just as we remember all of you. We pray that God would go with you and bless each of you this summer, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Summer Music Camp & Tour

Concordia Music Conservatory in Concordia, MO is offering a children's choir camp and tour this summer (June 7-14) for students in grades 4-8. The director will be Dr. Jerrode Marsh, who is also the director of the high school choir that visited us here at Trinity in March. Three of our TLS students are already planning to attend, so if your child is interested but concerned about not knowing anyone, don't worry, they'll have friends there! The following week, June 16-19, the conservatory will offer a variety of full and half-day music workshops. See the attached flyers for more details!



Class Summer Playdates



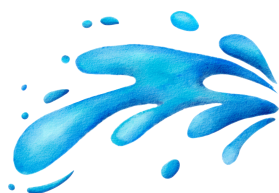
Each summer, TLS hosts class get togethers. This is a fun way for students to see friends, get to know their teacher for next year, and to just have a great time. Be on the lookout for information coming home this summer (both in the mail and on our facebook page) about when your class is getting together for some fun!



Vacation Bible School



Make plans to join us this summer for VBS- July 7th- 10th to learn more about God's love for each of us with stories, songs, crafts, snacks, and more! Keep an eye on our facebook page for more info on how to sign up to attend or as a volunteer!



Back to School Bash



TEA's annual back to school bash will be on Sunday, August 9th from 5:30-7:30 at the Monett YMCA outdoor pool. TEA will provide hotdogs, water, and a cold treat- please bring a side or dessert to share!

Dear TLS Parents,

Sports Day is just around the corner, and it is time to round up parent volunteers! We are planning our sports day as an all-day event on **MONDAY, May 18th**. The rain date will be Tuesday, May 19th if necessary. We are very excited! We cannot make this sports day a success without your help- we will need parent volunteers to help with running events so that the teachers can lead the students around that day. I am grateful to have so many wonderful parent volunteers at this school! Past sports days have been a great success because of the many parent volunteers. If you will be available to volunteer, please submit your info at the link below by Friday, May 8th, which is when I will be assigning jobs.

Thanks again for all your continued support, and I hope that you will be able to come have some fun on May 18th!

Thank you,
Mrs. Wormington



<https://forms.gle/DPAJazo1LuLoU57E7>

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION PICNIC

After chapel and class awards on Wednesday, May 20th, TLS students and their families are invited to enjoy lunch together before we say goodbye for the summer. Pizza will be provided, and each family is asked to bring a side to share:

Last name A-D: fruit

Last name E-I: salads

Last name J-M: veggies and/or dips

Last name N-Se: chips

Last name Sh-W: desserts

After lunch, students are dismissed for the summer.



MAY

The sandwich option for May 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 available for \$0.50.

			1 Creamy Tacos
5 Beef Nachos	6 Chicken Patty	7 Waffles	8 Fish Sticks
12 Tacos	13 Pizza Rolls	14 Pancakes	15 Hot Dogs
19 Lasagna	20 Pizza & Potluck	Please note: sack lunches will be available Monday, May 18th for K-8 Sports Day. The sandwich will be turkey & cheese. (No pb&j option on Sports Day)	

**Have a wonderful summer!
See you next year!**

An Afternoon of Music and Celebration

Sunday, September 20, 2026

3:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
207 North Main Street
Freistatt, Missouri 65654

Musical selections

Trinity Mixed Choir

Men's Glee

Trinity Ringers Bell Choir

Children's Choir

Pipe Organ Solos

Eight Hands at the Pianos Vocal

Solos/Duets

Piano Solos

4 Congregational Hymns

Patriotic selections in honor of our
country's 250th celebration

Summer Kinderchor Camp and Tour

June 7 - 14

Day camp: Sunday-Thursday

Weekend Tour: Friday to Sunday

St. Charles-St. Louis-

Cape Girardeau-Washington, MO

Grades 4-8

- *Choristers will overnight in hotels*
- *Chaperones will accompany the choristers*
- *All travel, meals, lodging, and excursions included in cost*
- *Cost is \$150 if you register before May 15 (then \$250 until June 1)*
- *Camp and tour led by Dr. Jerrode Marsh, CMC Executive Director*

**see website for detailed information and travel itinerary*



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CONCORDIA
MUSIC CONSERVATORY

Summer Music Workshops

June 16-19

Topics and prerequisites vary

Visit the website for complete details about age requirements, what the workshops will offer, the workshop clinicians, and any skill prerequisites

Tuesday: What is a Church Musician? (Full-day)

Wednesday: Elements of Music (Half-day)

Thursday: Strings Workshop (Full-day)

Friday: Fun with 4 & 6-Hand Piano! (Full-day)

**Full-day workshops are from 9:30am to 3:00pm and include a light lunch; cost is \$65 if you register before June 1, then \$100 until registration closes June 12*

**Half-day workshops are from 9:30am to noon; cost is \$50 if you register before June 1, then \$85 until registration closes June 12*



Trinity Lutheran School 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

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Aug 3-6 Staff Work Days
 Aug 10 EC Orientation Night
 Aug 11 K-8th Orientation night
 Aug 13 K-8th First Day
 Aug 14 Opening Chapel
 Aug 18 EC First Day

September '26						
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Sept 14 Staff Work Day

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Oct 5 Monday K-8 In Session
 Oct 8 End of 1st Quarter
 Oct 9 No School (ABMD)
 Oct 19 Monday K-8 In Session
 Oct 22-26 No School (Fall Break)
 Oct 22-23 Staff Conference

November '26						
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Nov 16 Monday K-8 In Session
 Nov 23-30 Thanksgiving Break
 Nov 30 Staff Work Day

December '26						
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Dec 7 Monday K-8 In Session
 Dec 14 Monday K-8 In Session
 Dec 17 Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal at 12:30
 Dec 17 End of 2nd Quarter
 Dec 18-Jan 4 Christmas Break

January '27						
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Jan 4 Staff Work Day
 Jan 5 Back to School

February '27						
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Feb 8 Staff Work Day

March '27						
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Mar 1 Monday K-8 In Session
 Mar 5 Out at 12:15; Carnival
 Mar 5 End of 3rd Quarter
 Mar 8-15 Spring Break
 Mar 22 Monday K-8 In Session
 Mar 26-29 Easter Break

April '27						
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April 12 Staff Work Day

May '27						
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May 10 Monday K-8 In Session
 May 17 Monday K-8 In Session
 May 19 Out at 12:15
 May 19 End of 4th Quarter
 May 24-28 Staff Work Days

Drop off begins at 7:50am and pick up begins at 3:20pm.

	Orientation Nights
	No School
	Monday In Session
	Early Out at 12:15
	Staff Work Days

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>