

# NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

October 2025 Edition

## Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,


I can't believe the first quarter is already coming to an end! In just a few weeks, we will host fall parent/teacher conferences. A Fast Direct message will be sent to all parents, containing a google link which will take you to the conference appointment calendar. Please sign up and reserve a time to meet with your child's teacher. Appointments are available every 20 minutes. We value this time to meet together and strengthen the home-school relationship.

There are a variety of events at Trinity in the month of October and we would love for you to join us for a few (or all of them!) From the German Meal to the Ladies Retreat, there's something for everyone. I also would like to extend a special invitation to all of our school families to join us for church on October 19. TLS students will be singing a special piece with our church choir during the service and our upper grade chimers will be playing the pre-service music. It will be a real treat!

Joyfully,

*Mrs. M*

### Stay In Touch

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Freistatt, MO 65654

  @tlcands

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 MO Scholars opens  
MO Scholars mtg 9:00am
- Oct 3 2nd-4th field trip to  
Exeter Corn Maze
- Oct 4 MO Scholars mtg 6:00pm
- Oct 6 School in session
- Oct 7 3rd-8th sports meeting  
(non-basketball only)
- Oct 8 2nd grade chapel
- Oct 9 PS/PK field trip to  
Rutledge Wilson  
End 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Oct 10 No school
- Oct 14 Last day to purchase  
Chiefs raffle tickets  
K/1<sup>st</sup> Diamond Grove  
field trip rain date
- Oct 15 1<sup>st</sup> quarter awards  
Drawing for Chiefs tickets
- Oct 17 Bible Knowledge Day @  
Immanuel Lockwood(1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>)
- Oct 18 TLC German meal 5:30-7:00
- Oct 19 Students sing @TLC 10:00am  
LYF Turkey Shoot
- Oct 20-23 Parent/Teacher  
Conferences
- Oct 22 6<sup>th</sup> grade chapel
- Oct 29 5<sup>th</sup> grade chapel
- Oct 30 PS/PK Fall parties
- Oct 31 K-8 Fall parties

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

First quarter parent/teacher conferences will be held October 20-23. Your classroom teacher will be sending a link through Fast Direct to sign up for a time. All families are asked to sign up for a conference for an in-person update on their child's progress.

## School Store Fundraiser

We will kick off our annual School Store fundraiser on October 22. Our school keeps 50% of each purchase. Our teachers receive 100% of gift cards purchased for their classroom. School Store is open the entire school year and is a great way to support our classrooms directly. If you have any questions, contact our campus coordinator Mallory Smith at [msmith@tlsfreistatt.org](mailto:msmith@tlsfreistatt.org).

## Fall Field Trips

We love field trips! We are so thankful to have so many parents who are willing to drive and help supervise field trips. Before attending field trips with your child this year, please make sure that we have your driver's license and insurance information on file in the office.




## Class 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.

## ABMD *Volunteers Needed!*

We need families to help us run our Trinity Lutheran booth during Apple Butter Makin' Days, October 10-12! ABMD is one of Missouri's most popular festivals, and has been held on the courthouse square in Mount Vernon each October since 1967. Every year, Trinity participates by hosting a booth- selling apple pie, pretzels, and apple cider. Shifts are 2 hours long, with the first shift starting at 9am and the last shift ending at 6pm. Please see the attached flyer to sign up to help! Thank you!



**DON'T FORGET**


MONDAY SCHOOL!  
School is in session for K-8th graders on October 6th!  
(No school October 10th)

## **CHIEFS** DRAWING OCT. 15

**Don't forget to purchase your tickets for a chance to win 4 suite tickets for the Chiefs/Broncos game!**

**All proceeds benefit TLS athletes through our TLS Booster Club.**

**See attached flyer for details!**



**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.

## Sports Meeting October 7th

**6:00** Cheerleading (3rd-8th)  
Track (6th-8th)

**6:30** Archery (4th-8th)



### Reformation/Fall Parties

Classroom parties are a fun time for students and parents. Each fall, we make a special effort to emphasize our Lutheran heritage by celebrating with Reformation/Fall parties at the end of October. Reformation/Fall parties center more on a fall/harvest/Reformation theme and less on a ghost/witch/Halloween theme. If you are in charge of your child's fall party, please keep this in mind as you plan. Children are welcome to wear costumes to school.

**Please only send students in costumes that they are able to remove themselves to use the bathroom. Any costumes worn to school for party day should not be scary. Weapons, masks, gore, or similar will not be allowed.**

It is important to attend this meeting if your child plans to participate in sports this year (other than basketball). We will be discussing the seasons and potential practice times, we will get parents signed up in our sports communication app (Remind), and we will discuss fundraisers for our sports program. We will also review our athletic handbook. All parents and students must sign acknowledging their understanding and agreement with the rules laid out in the handbook before being allowed to participate in TLS sports.



## Volunteer Opportunities at School



We are looking for a few extra hands to help at school- please let us know if you would be willing to help!

1. Help serve lunch and/or run the dishwasher. No experience required! Time commitment is approximately 2 hours/day (10:45-12:45), Tuesday-Friday.
2. Help check in and shelve books in the library. This can happen anytime during the school day.
3. General handiwork both inside and outside. We are looking for help to grade and redistribute the rocks on the PS-4th playground. We also have a running list of "to do's" like hanging pictures, changing out clock batteries, organizing storage areas, etc. This can happen anytime during the school day.

If you would like to help out once a month or even once a week, let us know! A free school meal is provided to anyone volunteering over the lunch hour. Call the office at 417-235-5931 to serve!

## Student Safety and Suicide Prevention Hotline

We strive to create an environment at Trinity where every child feels safe- with their teachers, their peers, and with their own emotions. We also want our students, especially as they get older, to have resources available to them if they or their friends need support. For this reason, the number for the Missouri suicide & crisis lifeline (call/text/chat 988) is posted here at school. If your child has noticed these posters and you would like help in discussing sensitive topics with your children, please contact the office or your classroom teacher. We are glad to provide assistance and support- please feel free to reach out for help at any time!

## Spirit Store Now Open!

This year we are partnering with Adrenaline Apparel for our Spirit Store. Our fall store is open now until October 31. Orders will print as they are made with the exception of the gray t-shirt with flower background. (Those orders will be screen printed and will run after the store closes and will be ready in mid-November.) Orders can be picked up at Adrenaline Apparel, delivered to school, or delivered directly to your house. These will make great Christmas presents! To shop, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2k4mv9kj>.



## What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

Lutherans take our name from Martin Luther, the 16th century German pastor, theologian, and reformer. (Not to be confused with Martin Luther King, Jr., the 20th century civil rights leader.)

It was Martin Luther who first translated the Bible into German, so that people could read the Bible in their own language. Luther also stressed the importance of relying on God's grace alone for salvation, rather than earning God's favor through good works. Martin Luther worked tirelessly to remind God's people that He is a God of love and mercy, rather than an angry judge, waiting to punish.

Lutherans do not worship or pray to Martin Luther; rather, we thank God for using Luther and the other reformers to point the church back to God's Word as the source of our doctrine and the center of our lives as His people. To that end, on October 31st, we as Lutherans celebrate Reformation Day as we remember how God used Martin Luther and others to speak up against the abuses of the church and to spread the good news of God's love for His people.

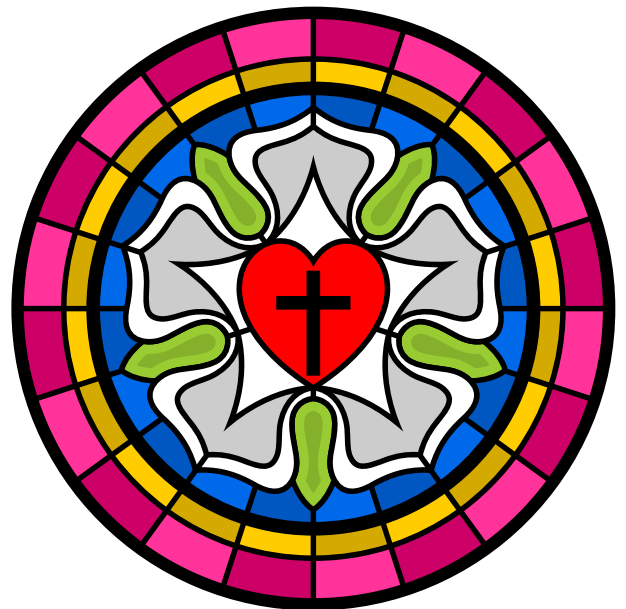
Does that mean we aren't allowed to celebrate Halloween? Nope- we like candy just as much as the next guy! But it does mean that, especially here at school, we focus more on Reformation Day, on fall, and on the blessings that God gives His people (faithful leaders and pastors like Martin Luther being one example!) Happy Reformation Day!

## Pray for Each Other

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

Families we are praying for this month:

Carnes family, Carr family, Chavez family, Choate family, Christen family, Cowherd family, Culp family, Curl family, Davis family, Diaz family, Dickens family, Dockstader family, Eicher family, Elbert family, Essary family, Essary/Worm family



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# Pick Up Procedures

Pick up in the afternoon has been very smooth!  
We know it is a very hectic time and we appreciate everyone's patience.  
Please be sure to share these safety reminders with anyone who might be picking up your child.

1. Pull all the way up and be sure to fill both lanes, even if the gates are not yet open. Gates will typically be opened at 2:30 (or shortly thereafter if an urgent matter in the school causes a delay).
2. We begin calling students at 3:15 but students who are ready to go early, will be released early.
3. Please remain in your vehicle while in the car line. Pull over in front of the ramp to buckle carseats.
4. If the lot is full, **do not pull over on the highway.** Make a circle around town or park at the church and wait for the line to get shorter.
5. The office is closed from 3:00-3:30. Any pick up changes (including picking up early), must be called into the office by 2:30pm.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!



## 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 this program!

**Applications for the 2026-27 schoolyear open on October 1, 2025.**

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

*Want to apply but don't know how?*

We will show you how! Meet at TLS to apply!

**October 1 9:00am in the Cafeteria OR**

**October 4 6:00pm in the Cafeteria**

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

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)

MOScholars Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)	
Household Size	Annual Income
	300%
1	\$86,859
2	\$117,384
3	\$147,909
4	\$178,434
5	\$208,959
6	\$239,484
7	\$270,009
8	\$300,534

# OCTOBER

The sandwich option for October 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.

<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Chili	<b>2</b> Chicken Nuggets	<b>3</b> Hotdogs
<b>6</b> <u>Monday</u> Corndogs	<b>7</b> Chicken Fried Rice	<b>8</b> Crispitos	<b>9</b> Hamburgers
<b>14</b> Waffles	<b>15</b> Baked Potatos	<b>16</b> Creamy Tacos	<b>17</b> Chicken Noodle Soup
<b>21</b> Pizza Rolls	<b>22</b> Chicken Dorito Casserole	<b>23</b> Biscuits & Gravy	<b>24</b> Beef Nachos
<b>28</b> Chicken Patty	<b>29</b> Spaghetti	<b>30</b> French Toast Sticks	<b>31</b> Pig-n-Blanket



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

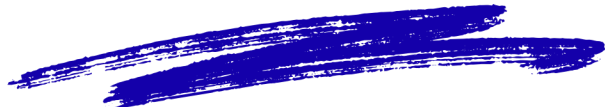
# **APPLE BUTTER MAKIN' DAYS**

**WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STAFF THE TRINITY BOOTH AT APPLE BUTTER MAKING DAYS ON OCTOBER 10TH, 11TH AND 12TH. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP— THERE ARE MANY OPEN SLOTS, AND YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKING OUR SCHOOL & CHURCH BOOTH A SUCCESS!**



**SCAN TO  
VOLUNTEER**

*Christmas Day*  
**CHIEF'S GAME**  
**RAFFLE**



**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER**  
**25TH**

**DENVER**  
**BRONCOS**

**VS**

**KANSAS CITY**  
**CHIEFS**

**7:15 P.M.**

**ARROWHEAD**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
**SCHOOL**



**PROCEEDS**  
**BENEFITING**  
**TRINITY**  
**BOOSTER CLUB**

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WANT TO HAVE AN  
UNFORGETTABLE  
CHRISTMAS?  
ENTER TO WIN FOUR  
TICKETS TO THIS YEAR'S  
CHRISTMAS DAY GAME!

**TICKET PRICES**

\$20 FOR EACH  
TICKET  
OR  
\$100 FOR 6 TICKETS



FOR TICKETS PLEASE  
CONTACT THE SCHOOL OR  
MRS. MOENNIG  
BY PHONE:  
417-235-5931

OR BY EMAIL:  
[AMOENNIG@TLSFREISTATT.ORG](mailto:AMOENNIG@TLSFREISTATT.ORG)



# DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:15PM

SUITE INCLUDES 4 TICKETS AND A PARKING PASS!

TICKETS \$20 EACH OR 6 FOR \$100; DRAWING OCT 16TH

MAKE A LIST BELOW OF WHO WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS. SEND THE LIST AND MONEY TO OFFICE. THE NAMES WILL BE ENTERED & PHOTO VERIFICATION WILL BE SENT UPON ARRIVAL OF TICKET ORDER TO THE OFFICE.

CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOSTERS. ALL FUNDS RAISED SUPPORT THE TLS BOOSTER PROGRAM!

Name & Contact Info	# of tickets	total paid

· TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP



# TURKEY SHOOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 - AT 12:30PM  
RAFFLE DRAWING AT 3PM

\$20 EACH

OR 3/\$50

- FRANCHI AFFINITY 3.5IN 12GA SEMI-AUTO
- BERGARA .308 WITH VORTEX SCOPE
- HUNTING PACKAGE (BLIND, BINOS, CHAIR)
- 1/2 HOG X2
- CENTERPOINT AMPED G2D CROSSBOW
- \$500 BEEF PACKAGE TO 2CREEK BUTCHERY

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Trinity Lutheran Presents:

# AUTHENTIC GERMAN MEAL

Community Event

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:00 Take Out Service from Fellowship Hall  
(with pre-purchased ticket only)

5:30-7:00 Seated Service in Gym

Trinity Lutheran School, 218 N Main St in Freistatt



### MENU:

Pork Medallions & Spaetzle Noodles

Red Cabbage

German Potato Salad

Green Beans

Apple Dessert



SCAN to PURCHASE

Call 417-235-7300 to purchase your ticket by October 6

VERY LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE DAY OF EVENT after 5:30

**\$18 Adults**

**\$9 Kids 12 & under**

**3 & under free**

# Turn Our Hearts to Heaven

*"Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven."*

*Matthew 6: 9-10*

## **Fall Women's Gathering**

Sponsored by LWML Southwest Zone

All Saints Day -- November 1, 2025, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Trinity Lutheran Gym and Fellowship Hall

218 N Main, Freistatt, MO, 65654 (Park in back lot)

Ingathering: "For the Kids" resources for foster families

Please bring new socks and underwear (all sizes)

RSVP by October 18th to Connie Prater at (417) 761-0953

# Join a Trinity ministry!

## *Church Family Time and Sunday School*

Sunday mornings after Divine Service until 12:15

- Preschool - 2nd Grade in the chapel
- 3rd - 5th grade in the narthex
- 6th - 8th grade in Pastor's office
- High School in the balcony
- Adult Bible Class in the sanctuary

## *LWML*

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

First Mondays at 1:30 in the chapel

Quilting one Monday each month

Connie Prater (417)761-0953

## *Ladies Afternoon Bible Study*

Second & third Mondays at 1:30pm in the chapel

Karen Kleiboeker (417)850-0860

## *Ladies Mt. Vernon Bible Study*

Second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30pm at

Betty Sawyer's home (417) 825-5697

## *Girls of Grace*

Women's evening group every second

Sunday at 6 pm at Monica Curl's home

Monica Curl (417) 669-5413

Katrina McBlair(417) 235-9715

## *Senior Moments Bible Study*

First Thursdays at 1pm in the chapel

Bruce Sletten (417) 669-8659

Lenora Sletten (972) 408-7483

## *Family Discipleship*

First Sunday evenings at the parsonage

from 6-8pm (child care provided)

Pastor Jake(417) 393-9597

Courtney Sletten (310) 953-5027

## *Trinity Lutheran School*

Chapel every Wednesday at 8:15.

Contact our principal for  
volunteer opportunities!

Amanda Moennig (417)235-5931

## *Trinity Lambs Cottage*

Contact our daycare board for more  
information and ways to serve!

Blair Obermann (417) 316-2560

## *Lutheran Youth Fellowship*

Every fourth Sunday 6-8 pm at  
the Stockton's home.

Jeanell Stockton (417)737-0698

## *Friends in Christ*

Social and devotional gatherings

Susan Senninger(417)235-9744

## *Braille*

Mondays at school

from 9-11:30 am and 1-3 pm

Pastor Ken Lampe(417) 366-3597

## *Adult Choir*

First and third  
Wednesdays at 6 pm at church

Carol McIntyre(417)316-0394

## *Handbells*

First and third  
Wednesdays at 5 pm at church

Lori Evatt (417) 366-0507

## *Men's Glee*

First and third  
Wednesdays at 7pm at church

Carol McIntyre(417)316-0394

## *Hymn Sing at Lacoba*

Every third Monday at 6:30pm at

Lacoba Nursing Home, Monett

Doris Meyer (417) 737-0284

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>