

NEWS & NOTES

Trinity Lutheran School

September 2025 Edition

Principal Post

Dear Trinity Families,

I am so excited to have everyone back together again for the 2025-26 school year! We have now added 15 new families and have 162 students enrolled!

Our theme verse for the year is Nehemiah 8:10, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength." This year, we will be focusing on the promise of God to be with us in all situations. Good or bad, easy or hard, God will be with us!

Our staff loves the Lord and we are always searching for ways to build up our students and families in their faith. If you do not already have a church home, please join us for worship at Trinity on Sundays at 10:00am.

As the year progresses, please reach out at any time with questions, concerns, and especially with prayer requests. It is truly a joy to serve here at Trinity and I look forward to growing with everyone this new school year!

Joyfully,


Mrs. M



Upcoming Events

- Sept 2-5 NWEA testing (3rd-8th)
- Sept 2 LJHA applications due
- Sept 4 Donuts with Grownups
- Sept 9-12 NWEA testing (K-2nd)
- Sept 10 LJHA Induction Ceremony
- Sept 12 Mid quarter
- Sept 14 Rally Sunday
- Sept 17 4th grade chapel
- Sept 24 3rd grade chapel
- Sept 25 Picture day
- Sept 28 TLS students sing in church- 10:00 am
- Sept 30 K/1st field trip to Diamond Grove Adventures
- Sept 30 K-6th basketball meeting

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Accelerated Reader

All students in 1st -8th grade participate in our Accelerated Reader program. A pamphlet came home with students at Back to School Night with more information about this program and how it works. All students will bring home a goal sheet explaining their reading goal for the quarter. We ask that every child read (or be read to!) for at least 15 minutes daily. Those small numbers really add up over time!

Early Childhood Waitlist

Early Childhood classes at TLS are already filling up for the 2026-2027 school year. We want to make sure that our current church and school families are on the list! If you have a child that will be three years old by August 1 in 2026, 2027 (or beyond) contact the office now to be added to the list. We only have 1 spot remaining for the 2026-27 school year so don't delay!

NWEA Testing

In the coming weeks our K-8 students will be completing this year's first set of NWEA tests. These tests are on our school-issued chromebooks and help our teachers to establish a baseline for the year, giving them an idea of where students are excelling and where to spend a little extra time. Please encourage your children to get enough sleep, eat breakfast, and to try their very best! If your child might need assistance using the chromebooks, please let his or her teacher know.

† Chapel at Trinity †

Throughout the year, each class (K-8) will have the opportunity to lead our school's chapel service. Classes typically put on some kind of skit and lead the responsive part of chapel. Parents are invited to attend chapel anytime, especially when your child is helping to lead the service. (Chapel is 8:15-8:45) If you would like to attend chapel, please simply park as normal and enter the gym through the drop-off doors. We hope to see you at chapel this year!

K-6 Basketball Meeting

If your child is interested in playing basketball this year, please join us on September 30th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall for our Kindergarten-6th grade basketball meeting. Coach Flatterm will be discussing the upcoming season and answering any questions you may have. All other Trinity sports will have a different meeting later in the year. 7-8th grade students will be co-oping with our local public schools for basketball again this year. (7th & 8th grade parents, please see Mrs. Moennig for any questions regarding sports co-ops)

TLS Athlete Spotlight

Even though Trinity’s in-house sports have yet to kick off for the 2025-26 school year, our 7th & 8th graders are able to co-op with local public schools for sports not offered at Trinity. This fall, we have one student playing football. Over the winter season, we’ll also have students participating in basketball. Let’s get out there and support our student athletes! Go Knights!

FOOTBALL
MT. VERNON

- 9/11@McDonald Co
- 9/18 Seneca
- 9/25 Aurora
- 10/2 Monett
- 10/9 @ Nevada
- 10/23 @ Cassville



PISTOL

Picture Day is Almost Here!

Thursday, September 25th is picture day! We will start with class and individual pictures first thing in the morning.

Please remember:



- Cash or check only
- Return order envelopes by Tuesday, September 23rd.
- Orders will NOT be submitted without payment, and CANNOT be ordered at a later date

Rally Sunday

September 14th

Please join us after church on September 14th for Rally Sunday!

There will be a lemonade stand (and cookies!) and a ministry fair where you can learn more about all our different church groups and activities. We would love to see you there! Contact Mrs. Wormington or Mrs. Choate with any questions.



New Procedures

Everyone is doing a great job with our new drop off/pick up and notification procedures! It is definitely a group effort, both inside and outside the building, and I appreciate everyone working together for a safe drop off and pick up, as well as streamlining our communication about student pick up changes or absences. Thank you for helping to make things run smoothly here at Trinity. Keep up the good work!

-Mrs. Moennig



*Office closed 3-3:30 pm

*Pickup changes to office by 2:30

*Please call before coming to school

*Two pickup lines, into one at sidewalk

What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?

“What Does It Mean to be Lutheran?” is our monthly column dedicated to explaining some of the things that we here at Trinity think are pretty special about being Lutheran Christians. As always, if you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Jake or Mrs. Moennig. We would love the opportunity to talk with you!

If you have ever attended church or chapel here at Trinity (or watched online!), you may have noticed that one of the hallmarks of Lutheran worship is that we say some of the same things each time we gather.

Lutherans are generally pretty big on “liturgy”, which simply means that our worship services tend to follow a structure, or pattern. That structure is specifically and thoughtfully designed to give glory always and only to God, to teach us about Him, to hide His word in our hearts, and to give us words that we can use “to give a reason for the hope that [we] have.” (1 Peter 3:15) In fact, almost everything the congregation speaks together in worship comes directly from scripture!

Lutheran worship services tend to follow a “back and forth” pattern: the pastor speaks God’s word to His people, and the people respond. Our focus is always on God first: on His gifts, on His Word, on His forgiveness. After we receive His good gifts, we respond in faith: with His Words, songs, prayers, and as we go out into the world, serving our neighbors in thanksgiving for God’s goodness to us.

In church and in chapel, we hear God’s Word, and we speak that Word together. We speak the Creeds (statements of belief) of the church, we pray the Lord’s Prayer. We hear God’s Words to us, and we speak them back to Him in faith. We learn and grow together, and we rejoice!

Gathering for worship is a crucial commitment as we teach our children the faith. We strive to communicate this truth to our students- that’s why we record church and Sunday School attendance (any church counts, not only Trinity!) and give attendance awards each quarter. Worship is so important, especially as we help our students grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord. We pray that you will join us in encouraging our students as they grow in faith towards God and in love for one another.

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:

Adams family, Arnold family, Austin family, Barber family, Bates family, Baumgartner family, Beckman family, Bennett/Woods family, Brafford family, Broderick family, Brown family, Burks/McCullough family

SEPTEMBER

The sandwich option for September is bologna & cheese. Salad bar is also available and is included in the hot lunch price. One milk is included, extra milks are available for \$0.50.

2 Beef Nachos	3 Chicken Patty	4 Waffles	5 Baked Potatoes
9 Meatball Subs	10 Baked Chicken	11 Cream Tacos	12 Fish Sticks
16 Chicken Alfredo	17 Pizza	18 Chili	19 Crispitos
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**7:40 AM THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4TH**

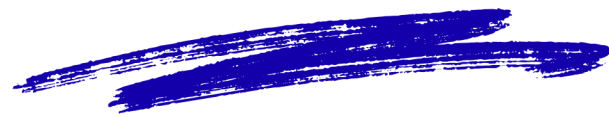
Come through normal drop off doors, then proceed to fellowship hall



**PARENTS! AFTER DONUTS WITH
GROWNUPS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
SHORT AND SWEET T.E.A. MEETING
IN THE CAFETERIA- COME MAKE
SOME NEW TLS PARENT FRIENDS!**



Christmas Day
CHIEF'S GAME
RAFFLE



THURSDAY
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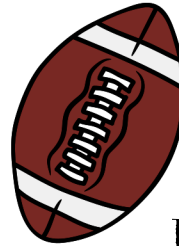
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KANSAS CITY
CHIEFS

7:15 P.M.

ARROWHEAD

TRINITY LUTHERAN
SCHOOL



PROCEEDS
BENEFITING
TRINITY
BOOSTER CLUB

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

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TLS Internet Safety

Protect yourself
when you're online!

We want our students to be safe online both at school & at home. These are some of the safety guidelines we teach.

MAKE SURE AN ADULT KNOWS BEFORE YOU USE A DEVICE.



Make sure to ask a trusted adult or caregiver for permission before using any device. *Every device. Every time.*

USE YOUR DEVICE IN AN OPEN SPACE.



Use your device in the living room or kitchen table where an adult can be there to help if you run into trouble.

DO NOT SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE.



Do not share your name or address with anyone on the internet without getting permission from your parent or guardian first.

DO NOT USE CHAT FEATURES ONLINE.



Chat features should be turned off. Do not chat online without getting permission from your parent or guardian first.

STAY SAFE ONLINE! STRANGER DANGER!

Just like you would not talk to a stranger out in public, do not talk to a stranger online.

ALWAYS tell an adult IMMEDIATELY if something unsafe happens to you while you are using your device.



Trinity Lutheran School 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

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Aug 4-8 Staff Work Days
 Aug 11 K-8 Orientation Night
 Aug 12 EC Orientation Night
 Aug 14 K-8 First Day
 Aug 19 EC First Day
 Sept 8 Staff Work Day
 Oct 6 Monday in Session
 Oct 9 End of 1st Quarter
 Oct 10-13 Fall Break (ABMD)
 Oct 20 Staff Work Day
 Nov 10 Staff Work Day
 Nov 24-28 Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 1 Staff Work Day
 Dec 15 Monday in Session
 Dec 18 Out at 12:15
 Dec 18 End of 2nd Quarter
 Dec 22-Jan 5 Christmas Break

Jan 5 Staff Work Day
 Feb 2 Staff Work Day
 Feb 23 Staff Work Day
 Mar 2 Monday in Session
 Mar 5 End of 3rd Quarter
 Mar 6 Out at 12:15 CARNIVAL
 Mar 9-16 Spring Break
 Mar 30 Monday in Session
 Ap 3-6 Easter Break
 Ap 13 Staff Work Day
 May 14 EC Last Day
 May 18 Monday in Session
 May 20 Out at 12:15 Last Day
 May 20 End of 4th Quarter
 May 22 Staff Work Day

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

THANKFUL THURSDAYS

What are Thankful Thursdays?

Thankful Thursdays are a great way to let our TLS teachers and staff know how thankful we are for them! Families sign up for their own date or can work together to show some love to our TLS teachers & staff.

Think baked goods, flavored water, personal notes, flowers... anything to remind them how much we appreciate their love for our students!

If you would like to volunteer to bless our TLS teachers & staff in this way, please return this form by September 5th. TEA will compile a list and contact you with your assigned date and more details (number of staff, where to drop off items, etc.) Thank you for your support!

Family name: _____

- Yes! I would love to bless our teachers!
 - I prefer this date: _____
 - no preference, just assign me a date
 - I'll take two dates, if you have any left!

Yes! I would love to help, but I'd like to team up with another family.

I can't commit to this right now, but I'll let you know if that changes!

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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