



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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KINGSMAN

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2007-2008: "Made New in Christ" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Trinity Church Vision Statement: "Christians bringing healing, hope, and caring to the community"

## Partners in Parenting

### **"Making a Change in your Home Life!"**

I read this week about the importance of having a restful home instead of a home resembling a busy airport where people come and go in a hurry. With all the end of the year stuff, sports schedules, social obligations, etc., this really applied to me. So, I thought it could probably apply to you. Suggestions were given to preserve family meal times, limit busyness, establish order and routine, engage spiritually as a family, and keep communication open at all times. I think these are great ideas, but I also know that whenever a change is made, something else has to be given up. I've never been able to add more hours to the day, so when I start to exercise every day (for instance), it has to replace something I used to do. Having a family dinner will impact other things that used to occupy that time of the evening. Can you say no to those other things? It is hard. So I thought of this idea:

1. Ask your children if they think your home is a restful place or an "airport."
2. Ask your children if your home is too busy.
3. Ask your children what they would change about the busyness of your home.
4. Ask your children what they would be willing to give up to minimize the busyness of your home.
5. Be ready to listen and act.

I think it is good to ask your children what they think, but don't let them decide. Ultimately, you are the parental team, and you always will be unless you give it up!

## Sending a Thank You!

It is always nice to get a handwritten note or thank you. It's almost a lost art anymore since email has become so popular.

I don't know how many families are aware of the tremendous support to Trinity Lutheran School and each child by Trinity Lutheran Church. The people of Trinity who support our school do so because they believe in the eternal value of Christian education and want the best for your children. If you didn't realize it, I think it is good to know, and maybe you want to send a thank you to the church members. Did you realize?

- The school is not "charged" by the church for utility costs.
- The church covers approximately \$3,000 in costs to educate a child who is a member of Trinity and \$1,600 in costs for a child who is not a member.

- The church is supporting second and third children in a family at a higher rate than that.
- The church has secured gifts to make financial assistance possible.
- The church members participate and join in our fundraisers to show their support of the school
- The church is experiencing very "lean" times this year, but continues to maintain such strong support.

**If you'd like to send a thank you to the congregation, you may give it to me. I will get it to all the right people to see!** You may also send it directly to the church office at: 619 Main St. St. Joseph, MI 49085  
Julian Petzold

## Summer SCRIP Sales Dates!

SCRIP will be available on Sundays in the summer months as they have been throughout the school. The change is that it will only be available on these Sundays: June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27, August 10, 24, and 31. Orders may be dropped off at the school office. Next week we will attach to the Kingsman a more detailed schedule of order and pick up dates for the summer months. Please contact Beth Griesbaum or Jeanne Feltner if you have any questions.

## Important 2008-09 Dates!

The general dates of the school calendar have been set for next year. I wanted to make you aware of some key dates for your own personal family planning purposes. This is not a complete listing of days off school, but they are the main dates for the year. They are:

- Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school (half day)
- Thur & Fri, October 23, 24 – SW MI Teacher Workshop – NO SCHOOL
- Wed – Fri, November 26 – 28 Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break begins at end of a full day
- Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Classes resume
- Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Break begins at end of a full day
- Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Classes resume
- Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school (half day)

## Calendar for the week of May 19th:

Wednesday – Volunteer Appreciation Chapel

May 26 – NO SCHOOL Memorial Day

May 29 – K-8 School Picnic

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation 7:00 pm (Grade 5-7 choir)

May 30 – Last day of school 11:15 dismissal (no busses)

**Lunch menu for the Week of May 19th:**

**Monday-** mini corn dogs, potato stars, corn, pineapple, milk; Milk Only

**Tuesday-** pizza/salad bar; Milk Only

**Wednesday-** chicken sandwich, chips, baby carrots w/dip, apple slices w/ peanut butter, cookie; Milk Only

**Thursday-** soft tacos, corn, pineapple and mandarin oranges, ice cream, milk; Milk Only

**Friday-** cheeseburger, fries, green beans, peaches Milk Only

**Blood Drive!**

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 to 2:30 at the Lighthouse Café. Please donate at Trinity with Michigan Community Blood Center, the only provider of blood to Lakeland Hospitals. As a donor, you will be asked to write down your child's teacher's name. The class with the most participants wins a cupcake party! If you would like to donate goodies for the drive or have questions, contact Christine Bluschke at 408-1540 ext. 708 or 325-0120.

**Plant Sale Prizes!**

At this time, we need your help to make our 100% participation, which means:

We need every student in the school to sell at least one certificate for the plant sale,

So that we can turn Mr. Petzold into a Human Ice Cream Sundae!

**It's not too late!!** Orders may be turned in until May 23<sup>rd</sup> to reach our 100% selling goal.

Questions can be directed to Kirstin Meier;

[Kirstin.meier@discovertrinity.org](mailto:Kirstin.meier@discovertrinity.org) or 983-3056 x102.

**Book Fair!**

Mrs. Doroh will have a book fair in the library from May 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please stop in to see all the great books and support our library.

**Special Lunch for K-8 students!**

The Whitcomb would like to provide a pizza lunch to the students for helping keep decorations up all year long and visiting them with our students. The Whitcomb will be providing pizza for lunch on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Trinity will provide the rest of the lunch at no cost to you.

**Last Day of School Information!**

May 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for the 2007-08 School Year. That is a half day of school with dismissal at 11:15am. We will have three special services that day.

At 8:10am, we will have the awards ceremony for our K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students. At 9:15am, we will have the awards ceremony for our 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Our closing worship will begin at 10:15am in the sanctuary.

**Please plan to attend these special events with us here at Trinity.**

**Reminders!****Missions for May!**

Trinity Lutheran Church and School will be supporting Thrivent Builds and Habitat for Humanity during the month of May. Thrivent is working with Habitat for Humanity to build two homes in Benton Harbor. Each student will be writing their name on a 2X4 to be used in the homes being built. Students will then have a chance to "purchase" building materials through their offerings in chapel on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will let the students choose the building supplies that they'd like to give offerings toward. Each student will get a bank from Thrivent to use in saving for the rest of the month.

Another way for families to get involved is in working at the building site on the dates listed below. Contact Tom Milnikel if interested.

Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

**MEAP Reminder!**

I am very proud of the outstanding job our students did when taking the MEAP test this year. I've had a few people stop in to get all the details on our great scores. I'd love to share them with anyone who stops in the office. Thanks. Mr. Petzold

**Open Enrollment!**

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> was the date I hoped to have everyone reenrolled for next year. I know some people have not taken the steps necessary to secure their child's enrollment for the fall. We will be calling to get verbal confirmations of your plans very soon. Remember that financial assistance is available to anyone who has a need. Please contact the school office to begin this process if needed: 269-983-3056.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation!**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be graduating on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I would like to invite all our school families to attend this great service. Your child knows at least one 8<sup>th</sup> grader from their chapel family. I think it would be great to have the entire school body there to honor and congratulate them. I hope you'll consider coming!