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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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2009-2010 Theme: **“Christ is our Cornerstone” Ephesians 2:20, 21**

February 26, 2010

PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “Others Need to Come First!”

From Julian Petzold, Principal

We live in a culture that notifies us on a regular basis that we need to come first. We are more important than others. We certainly deserve the best and shouldn't settle for second rate anything. We should have all the best there is to offer in our marriage, home, career, recreation, and life in general. Great message – except that it isn't true! Not even remotely true, actually. Our culture may share this message, but God's Word certainly does not. Due to our sinfulness, we really deserve much worse than what we have in life. God is so very good that He still blesses us with many great things in this life. Yes, times are hard right now for a variety of reasons, but has God been unfaithful to His promise to love us? Has our salvation been in jeopardy? Are we about to lose God's love for us? Is eternal damnation a possibility? The current culture tells you that you come first. Scripture tells us that God comes first, then others. In fact, James tells us what happens when we put ourselves first: *James 3:16 “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice”*. In other words, when we put ourselves first, we can expect things to not go well for us. The same is true for our children as they grow. Children tend to be very egocentric the younger they are. Selfishness breeds disorder. Watch for it as a parent!!

Family Discussion Points!

Discuss why the culture tells us we are #1 in life (many times it is to earn our money).

Discuss and describe selfishness.

Share ways to serve others and place them above yourself as an individual and family.

SCHOOL NEWS

School information to help you stay up-to-date

K-2 Operetta is next week

Trinity's school children in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will present “Father Knows Best,” a Christian operetta, on Friday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. A dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday, March 4, at 10 a.m. The congregation is encouraged to attend this delightful performance by our talented and enthusiastic young students!

Professional Basketball Game!

The Lake Michigan Admirals are our local professional basketball team. They play at Lake Michigan Catholic High School on Saturday at 7pm. The office has flyers for a free student ticket. Stop by if you'd like one or pick on up in the display outside the school office.

National Lutheran Schools Week is coming

We have extra agendas in the office, but I will be sending reminder emails each day during Lutheran Schools Week to keep you posted!!!! Did you know that Trinity is one of 2444 LCMS Lutheran Schools and Early Childhood Centers? Your child is one of the 255,176 students in those places of love and learning!

Dismissal Procedure!

I want to ask everyone to wait until the sound of the whistle to take your child(ren) to your car at the end of the school day dismissal. Then, please wait for the two whistle sounds before driving out of the parking lot. This is for the safety of everyone. The teachers and I will do everything we can to get the children out of the building by 3:15 so you can be on your way by 3:17. Thanks for your attention to this. Mr. Petzold

Three-day School and ECC Open House coming

Our three-day Open House is scheduled for February 28 through March 2, and is open to all existing families as well as others interested in attending Trinity. The school, preschool, and childcare programs will be open for visits at any time throughout the three days, but we have some special times set aside for staff to be available to answer questions, provide materials, and give tours of the building. Please share this information with others – You may want to tear out this paragraph to give to someone with children not currently attending Trinity!

Open house dates include:

Feb. 28	12 – 2 p.m. (After Sunday services)
Mar. 1	8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (During school hours)
Mar. 1	5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (During school hours)

Tuition Incentive Program!

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please feel free to contact me at any time. Also, I will be holding these informational meetings for parents, but **you must call ahead (269-983-3056) to sign up:**

March 4th at 8:10am March 5th at 8:10am
March 4th at 8:45am March 5th at 8:45am
March 4th at 2:30pm March 5th at 2:30pm
March 8th at 5:00pm
March 10th at 5:00pm

SCRIP – Your help is needed

The SCRIP program decreases your tuition for the following year AND it provides some money to our Tuition Assistance Fund for families in need. In an attempt to increase involvement and support for the SCRIP program, we will be asking parents from certain grades to sell each Friday from 3 to 4 p.m. We will provide a “veteran” seller to teach new parents the process. Please volunteer to help sell by stopping by or calling the office (983-3056). Here is the schedule for March through May:

Mar.: 2nd and 7th grades
April: 3rd and 6th grades
May: 4th and 5th grades

Winter family retreat – Last chance!

March 6 and 7 will be Camp Lutherhaven’s Winter Family Retreat with the theme: *Picture This!* We have sign-up material in the office, and you can learn more about this great opportunity by calling 260-636-7101, or visiting www.lutherhaven.org.

Game Night!

On Thursday night, March 11th, Trinity will be celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week with an All-Trinity game night in your home. We are asking every family to begin playing a board game together at 7pm. Please take a few pictures and send one to Mr. Petzold via email (julian.petzold@discovertrinity.org) to include in a collage of pictures in the church newsletter! Thanks.

TRINITY SPIRIT

Opportunities to show your Kingsman Spirit by supporting our students

SPORTS CORNER

Reported scores, week of February 22:

Feb. 25: 3rd/4th girls vs. Christ – Great job in your last game, ladies!
Feb. 25: 5th/6th girls vs. Christ – L (30-17)

Calendar:

Feb. 28 – Mar. 2 Open House, PS-8
Mar. 7-14 National Lutheran Schools Week
Mar. 7 K-8 choir performs:
8 a.m. M-Z; 10:30 a.m. A-L

April 23 **NO SCHOOL** (K-8) Fine Arts Festival throughout K-8 classrooms
PS and CC will remain open

Lunch Menu for the week of March 1:

Mon: Pizza, corn, peaches, cookie, milk
Tues: Hot dog, chips, baby carrots, grapes, cookie, milk
Wed: Chicken patty, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, pears, biscuit, milk
Thurs: Beef enchiladas, corn, pineapple, ice cream, milk
Fri: Shrimp poppers, fries, peas, mandarin oranges, milk

*Check the lunch menu any time at the school’s Web site:
www.DiscoverTrinity.org/school.html*

CHURCH NEWS

Worship information and upcoming church activities

Please join us for Worship

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Service
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Mid-week Lenten Service