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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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

April 22, 2010

PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “He Hears Your Cries”

From Julian Petzold, Principal

The other night, Jenny and I were startled awake at the same instant. It was warm enough to have our window cracked open. We heard a horrific cry moving from the front of our house to the back. It was a high-pitched cry that put the goose bumps all up and down my spine. I’ve heard that sound only once before, but I knew what it was right away. It was a rabbit that had been caught by a fox or coyote. We live on the edge of a ravine, and we have both predators living down there. That rabbit was crying for help, but no help was coming. I imagine all of us have had times of crying to the Lord for help. It may seem like there is no help coming as we ask God to rescue us, but the truth is that He answers our every prayer. He may not answer it just like we’d like him to answer it, but He does answer. Are there things you need God to help you with in relation to your family life? If so, cry out to Him, and ask for the help you desire. It may be family time, commitment to worshipping together, speaking more words of affirmation, spending money more wisely, getting stress reduced as a whole, etc. Cry out to Him! He’s listening!

“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry.” Psalm 34:15

Family Discussion Points

Every family member, name one thing you need to share with God and others that is concerning you. Pray about it as a family.

Write down your concern to see in one week, one month, etc. how God has answered your prayer.

See who can make the spookiest sound. Then discuss what to do when you become afraid.

SCHOOL NEWS

School information to help you stay up-to-date

Job openings at Trinity Church and School

There are two job openings at Trinity for positions that need to be filled quickly. Please see the last page of this newsletter for the job descriptions, and prayerfully consider applying or giving the information to qualified applicants.

Balances due

Remaining 2010-2011 **enrollment fee** balances are due no later than May 3. Please call Jessica Maynard in the school office if you are unsure of your balance.

Hot lunch balances should be monitored closely through Fast Direct as we come to the end of the year. We do NOT give your money back at the end of the year – we simply carry that balance into the next school year!

The final **tuition payment** for the 2009-10 school year is due by May 10. Remember, there is no tuition payment in June – enjoy that money for your summer vacation!

Tuition assistance applications

Tuition assistance applications are available through the school office. Please be prepared to share a copy of your 2009 tax statement with Mr. Petzold when applying.

Preschool Grandparent Day

Monday is Grandparent Day for some of the preschoolers. Please welcome the visitors who come for that special day if you happen to see them. We always want to be welcoming to others!

Coffee with the Principal

Thursday, April 29, at 8:10 a.m. and 5 p.m., will be the final Coffee with the Principal for this school year. Mr. Petzold is excited to meet with all parents to discuss the great events planned to wrap up this school year as well as look into the future. He will be sharing plans and ideas for the use of the plant sale money and improvements to the school in general. He will also share about the renovation plan that will begin right after school ends in June. It is an exciting time at Trinity, and we hope you’ll come to hear all about it.

Yearbook pictures needed

If you have any good-quality pictures from this school year’s events, please send them to Roger Meier as soon as possible for consideration for this year’s yearbook. Please limit your submissions to a maximum of 5 pictures. You may e-mail submissions to Mr. Meier at roger.meier@discovertrinity.org.

Barbott's plant sale fundraiser

Once again, Trinity is partnering with Barbott's Greenhouse in Stevensville for our annual plant sale, scheduled for April 28 through May 17. Students will receive an information and sales packet on April 28, and can begin selling after that date. Proceeds from this year's sales will go toward getting a new computer for every teacher. This is critical for the teachers as they integrate Smart Boards and other educational software into their daily instruction. If money is left over, we will explore the technology to allow us to do distance learning with anyone around the world. In other words, we could have a marine biologist at Sea World teaching the classroom about dolphins or marine life via computer and live feed. It would also allow for interaction with students. If 100% of the students in K-8 sell at least just one plant, Mr. Petzold will spend one night up on the roof of the school in May. The top seller from the student body will be able to have their parent spend the night up there with me OR have Mrs. Petzold stay up on the roof in their place. Thank you for supporting our efforts!

Plant sale volunteers needed

We need lots of volunteers to help run the plant sale. Please contact Kirstin Meier at 269-369-0869, if you can help with publicity, ordering, filling orders, data entry, or record keeping.

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). The schedule for April and May is:

April: 3rd and 6th grades May: 4th and 5th grades

Mother/Daughter Tea

You are warmly invited to attend a Mother/Daughter Tea on Sunday, May 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Trinity Lighthouse Cafe. Please join us for a light luncheon, entertainment and the laughter and love of mothers, daughters, aunts, nieces, grandmothers, and girlfriends. All are welcome!

Reservations are required. An formal invitation came home with your child(ren) last week. Additional forms are available and can be returned with payment to the school, church or ECC office. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.

TRINITY SPIRIT

Opportunities to show your Kingsman Spirit by supporting our students

Third quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following 6th -8th grade students who earned the right to be on third quarter Honor Roll:

"A" Honor Roll

Grade 8: Kim Berry, Sarah Roth and Caitlin Swim
Grade 7: Abby Buller, Grace Haase and Isabella Wah
Grade 6: Morgan Brunsting, Eric Engel, Chris Groenendal, Karah Meier, Jacob Roth, Ehren White and Leah Wojahn

"B" Honor Roll

Grade 8: Brandon Astopenia, Chandler Graham, Ben Jakubs, Andrew Mitchell and Jacob Turner
Grade 7: Hannah Kelly and Brittany Lewis
Grade 6: Clayton Bertog, Jordan Gilson, Jazmyne Pedde, Chloe Powell, Emily Raschke, Samantha Rock and Sabrina Worthington

Calendar:

Apr. 26 PS Grandparents Day
Apr. 29 Coffee with the Principal 8:10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
May 2 Confirmation, 10:30 a.m. service
May 11 Track and Field Day
May 16 Mother/Daughter Tea, 1 to 3 p.m.

Lunch Menu for the week of April 26:

Mon: Chicken tenders, tater tots, green beans, pears, milk
Tues: Shrimp poppers, fries, peas, mandarin oranges, milk
Wed: Hot dog, chips, baby carrots, grapes, cookie, milk
Thurs: Nachos, corn, pineapple, ice cream, milk
Fri: Grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, broccoli w/ dip, apples w/ peanut butter, milk

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

PS: Pre-school; CC: Child care

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
Mondays 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Service

Prayer group participation

A prayer group has been formed to meet on Tuesday evenings at 5 p.m. in the church. Anyone interested in being fervent in prayer for Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ECC is welcome to come. The focus of prayers will be pertaining to the budget process that is underway for the 2010-11 budget. Everyone is welcome.

Planet Zoom – Vacation Bible School

At Planet Zoom, children learn how little is big – just like each little bee has a job to do to help build up the hive, Planet Zoom teaches kids that because Jesus died and rose again for them, they can play a big role in God’s kingdom by sharing His love. Come to Planet Zoom, the coolest place to hang out this summer.



What: Vacation Bible School!
Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
Dates: June 21 through 24
When: 9 a.m. to noon

Kids ages 3 years old through fifth grade may plan to join us for crafts, snacks, music, games, Bible stories and more! Registration forms will be available soon. Watch the Kingsman for more information.

Volunteers needed for Vacation Bible School

We are in need of many volunteers to help us with the exciting week of VBS. Please call the church office at (269) 983-5000, or Amy Roth at (269) 556-9622, to volunteer.

Gem and Mineral Show

The Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society is having their annual “Swap and Sell” on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the St. Joseph/Lincoln Senior Center. Come see how gemstones are cut and polished with demonstrations by the Midwest Faceters Guild (www.midwestfacetersguild.org). For more information, call Nancy Wolff at (269) 983-4900, or e-mail at blossomlandgemandmineral@yahoo.com.

JOB OPENINGS

Open positions at Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Parish Nurse position available

Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint Joseph is seeking a Parish Nurse to serve its congregation. Parish nursing involves providing health education, health counseling, resourcing, referring, and helping with holistic health needs of congregants while working as a member of the church ministry team.

Applicants must be a registered nurse (RN) licensed in the State of Michigan with 2 to 3 years clinical experience, preferably in home health nursing. The successful candidate needs to be able to work independently, respect confidentiality, use good judgment, and be a “team player.”

The hours for the Parish Nurse position are flexible, equaling 20 hours per week / 40 hours per pay period. The applicant must be eligible for hire through Lakeland HealthCare.

Parish Nurse job descriptions may be picked up from the Church office. All applicants must apply on-line at www.lakelandhealth.org.

For more information or to ask questions, please call Terri Rushlow at (269) 927-5350.

ECC teacher position available

Trinity has an opening for an Early Childhood Center (ECC) Teacher. The interviews will begin the week of May 3.

Position: Early Childhood Center Teacher

Supervisor: Principal and ECC Director

Applicants must have:

- A strong love for the Lord
- Ability to support the mission and work of Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ECC
- Adequate credentials to be a lead teacher by the State of Michigan Child Care Licensing Rules–certified teacher with ZA endorsement preferred
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- A desire to work with people (staff, children, and parents)
- A strong understanding of child development
- A love for children
- Initiative in completing tasks
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to lead other staff members

It is preferred that applicants have

- Experience in Early Childhood Education
- A teaching degree or Child Development Associates (CDA) degree
- Be synodically trained or work to become synodically trained by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
- Proficient computer skills.

Contact Julian Petzold, Principal, or Linda DeLapa, ECC Director for the full position description. This position will be filled as soon as possible, so applicants should apply quickly with a cover letter and resume at the address below.

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