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## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL & ECC

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

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October 16, 2009

### **PARTNERS IN PARENTING: “Stages of Development!”**

From Julian Petzold, Principal

The other morning, I went running. During my run, the sun came up to warm the new day. As I turned onto a street in my neighborhood, I was stunned by the beauty of a huge maple tree. The sun shone against the leaves that were a remarkable array of yellow and red. I kept running thinking that I couldn't wait to do my second loop and come around that same corner again. On my second pass, the tree looked entirely different as the sun was higher in the sky. The tree was still amazingly beautiful, but it was not as awe-inspiring as it was just a short while earlier. Same tree, but boy, did it ever look different. As I continued my run, I thought about how my kids each seem so different as time has gone by just like the sun on that tree. They were each babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kids, and next comes teenagers, young adults, college students, fiancés, spouses, and even parents. They are still my children, but they have changed over time in their appearance, attitudes, relationships, strengths, weaknesses, character traits, and relationship with God. These changes will continue. It is called human development.

They will remain my children the rest of their lives, but God has designed them to continue to grow and change throughout their earthly life. Think about how different you are today than 15 years ago. I think frequently about how I used to avoid public speaking like it was a death sentence. It doesn't bother me any longer. We all develop and change from the time we are born until the time we die. In the book of Acts, Luke writes about a major change in a person – Saul. Saul was on a mission to eliminate all Christians (Acts 9:1, 2). After Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus, he was different (Acts 9:20-22). His name was changed to Paul and his goal was to support all Christians, share Jesus Christ with ALL people, and grow the church. God was at work in him and altered his course of development. He is doing the same with our children as they develop as well.

#### Family Discussion Points!

Share some things with your children about what they were like as a baby, toddler, young child, teenager, etc.

Each family member share something about themselves that has changed from the past (like: “I used to be afraid of the dark.”)

Discuss how God has developed each family member into the person he or she is today.

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#### **Fever-free for 24 hours!**

Please remember that Trinity's policy is (and has been for years) that children must be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. This applies to childcare, preschool, and school children. We have had a few children with low-grade fevers in school this week. We are sending any child home who has a fever of any kind. We want to keep everyone here as safe as possible, so please be prepared to have your child at home if it becomes necessary. Thank you for being prepared.

#### **Update on Logan's surgery!**

Jenny and I want to thank everyone for your prayers as Logan had surgery on his right ear on Wednesday. You may have heard about it from your child as there were many prayers for him here at school. He is home and doing great. He should be back in school on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your love and concern shown to him (and mom and dad too) through your prayers. It means so

#### **Annual cookie dough sale ends on Monday, October 26th!**

All orders must be turned in to the office on Monday. We appreciate the effort the students (and parents) have put into this sale. The money raised will be going toward our improvement of technology for the students.

#### **Talented Students Perform!**

Come one, come all, to the 2009 Trinity Lutheran Variety Show! You won't want to miss the fun skits and serious talent that will be presented in the gym on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00. Students from every class (1st through 8th) will be performing and there will even be a few surprises from the school staff! Afterwards, join Trinity friends for an Ice Cream Social. See you there!

**ROSALES FAMILY BENEFIT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

On October 7<sup>th</sup> a Benefit Dinner & Auction was held to help the Rosales Family with their medical expenses incurred from a serious traffic accident in July. The Benefit was a HUGE success! At this point we have raised \$8,266.50, before the matching gifts from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

We want to thank the Stevensville Pizza Hut for preparing the spaghetti dinners. We served 529 meals and had 93 items donated for the auction. Thank you to everyone who helped put the Benefit together, who volunteered to work the event, donated desserts, donated items for the auction, attended the Benefit, bid on items and made donations for the family.

I know that the family feels blessed by the outpouring of support they have received from Trinity Church & School and the community. Please continue to pray for this family to receive God’s peace and comfort. Praise to God for the way He blessed this event!

**Book Fair update!**

I want to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Cheri Fogel and Mrs. Julie Urness for leading the Book Fair this year. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to make this happen as well. You are all appreciated!

**SCRIP Program**

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, think of using our gift card program called SCRIP. You can purchase gift cards to many different stores and use them across the entire United States. Stores like Kohl’s, Martin’s, Walmart, and Marathon are only a few of the gift cards that we have available to you. The greatest benefit of all is a discount on your child’s tuition for next year. If you have not purchased SCRIP in the past, please feel free to pick up an application located outside the school office or call Candy Briney (SCRIP Coordinator) at 269-208-7091. If you would like to get more involved in the program, we are in need of volunteers. Simply call Candy to volunteer. Ordering online will soon be available as well - stay tuned.

**CEF stamps are available each Thursday morning!**

It has been great to see all the participation in the Christian Education Fund (CEF) Stamp Program already this year. Students saved over \$80 this week toward their futures as well as supporting CEF in building churches and schools here in Michigan. Great job, students!! If you need information about the program, contact Jennifer Petzold at 269-429-5902.

**Athletic Announcement!**

Boys basketball is just around the corner. Boys season runs from November to December (7/8 runs into January). 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys received a practice schedule for the month of October, with a complete schedule to follow. First practices start in about one week. Please have sport physicals in as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Steffens 983-3056 ext 117 or heather.steffens@discovertrinity.org.

Volleyball Parent Night – Thursday, October 29  
5-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls will challenge their parents to an exciting match. Who will prevail? 5/6<sup>th</sup> graders take the court at 4pm with 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders taking the court at 5pm. Come support your team, parents or students.

**SPORTS CORNER**

**Games for the week of October 26:**

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4 p.m.: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> volleyball vs. Christ at HOME

6 p.m.: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> volleyball vs. Christ at HOME

**October 27**

4 p.m.: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> volleyball at St. Paul

Basketball season begins this week with practices!

**October calendar:**

Oct. 25	SW MI Reformation Service – held at Trinity (Jubilate choir performs) - 4 p.m.
Oct. 28	TLS Variety Show, 7 p.m., school gym
Oct. 29	NO SCHOOL: Teacher in-service
Oct. 30	NO SCHOOL: Teacher in-service
Nov. 6	Report Card come home

**Lunch Menu for the week of October 19:**

Mon:	shrimp poppers, fries, peas, pears, milk
Tues:	soft tacos, corn, mandarin oranges, ice cream, milk
Wed:	chicken femurs, swamp taters and goo, froggy parts, green slime, scary stuff, milk
Thurs:	NO SCHOOL
Fri:	NO SCHOOL

**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**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