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WINTER BREAK

Enjoy your day off
Monday.

Silent Auction

If you are interested in helping with our silent auction or donating a basket for the auction, please contact the Mrs. Andreshak. This is a great opportunity for gathering with fellow Trinity families.

The Auction will be held March 31 and April 2.

Watch for more information to come.

Notes From Pastor Gerue

WI private school tuition credit

Tax Day is coming up on April 18, 2017. Don't forget to claim your private school tuition tax deduction! Thanks to advocacy by WCRIS, state law allows Wisconsin parents to deduct private school tuition on their taxes.

Regardless of income, parents and legal guardians are eligible for a maximum deduction of \$4,000 per child in grades K-8 and \$10,000 per child in grades 9-12. Students transitioning from eighth to ninth grade are eligible for both deductions. The Schedule PS is available for download by following: www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/2016-SchedulePS.pdf

In order to assist you in filling out the forms for the tuition tax deduction you will need the following information:

Trinity Lutheran School Menasha
300 Broad St. Menasha, WI 54952
(920) 725-1715 Tax ID: 39-0978444

Baby is Coming Soon!

By the end of the month Trinity will welcome a new member with the birth of Baby Barthel. We are doing a diaper shower for the Barthel's. If you would like to bring a package of diapers to the school office please do so before February 24.

WHAT IS LENT AND WHY?

Lent starts Wednesday, March 1. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

Trinity's Fish Fry

March 3 and 31 from 5-8pm.
Come and join us for this event.



CHESS CLUB

If you want to learn to play chess correctly you first need to learn the basics. Understand the pieces - we'll show you how they move, go over key concepts you should think about with each piece, and then show opening principles and discuss things that every chess player should know when they approach the beginning of a chess game. On Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 pm beginning March 7, we will have chess club for all who are interested. We will meet in the Conference room in the school.

Hot Lunch Menu for February 20-28

- Feb. 20 No School
- Feb. 21 Soft Taco's w/ Fixins, Corn, Tropical Fruit, Bread
- Feb. 22 Cream Of Chicken over Rice, Green Beans, Pineapple, Bread
- Feb. 23 Ravioli, Corn, Mixed Fruit, Bread
- Feb. 24 Fish Stix, Hashbrowns, Carrots, Peaches, Bread
- Feb. 27 Mini Corn Dogs, FF, Green Beans, Pears
- Feb. 28 Hamburger on Bun, Chips, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit

Check out our website by scanning the QR code.



Upcoming Dining Out Events

Mark your calendars, we have the following dining out events already scheduled before the end of the school year. We are still try to add one or two more events:

Monday April 10th, Pappa Murphy's in Neenah

Tuesday May 2nd, Parker Johns in Menasha

Free Tables

We have a couple of free tables available to a good home. They are metal framework and legs with a wood laminate top. Most are 8 feet long, but we also have a few 6 foot tables.

These are great for home rummage sales, storage and more. Don't miss out on the opportunity to pick them up, when they are gone, they are gone.

2017 Re-Enrollment

Forms for the 2017-2018 re-enrollment were sent home yesterday on bright pink paper. If you did not receive one, please stop by the office or send me a Fast Direct message to send another one home. Please return the form to the office as soon as possible and please take advantage of the early re-enrollment fees. You do not need to send payment at the time of returning the letter, but the payments must be in by March 24th to take advantage of the reduced fees.

This form helps us plan for next year for class size, classroom materials, staffing and more, so thank you in advance for returning them as soon as possible.

If you need to pick up or drop off your child after 8:30pm, you must enter through door #7 on Tayco Street. All students dropped off after 8:30 will need a pass tardy pass to get to class.

Thank you for your cooperation. **If you child is going to be absent, please let the office know.**

Basketball Notes

Today is the parent-student end of year basketball game and pizza party. We'll see you there!

SCRIP Notes

Scrip credits have been sent home, so you can apply them to your February or March tuition payments. You can also bank them for next years school tuition as well, just let Mr. Dahms know your intention. With spring being just around the corner, don't forget to stock up with SCRIP for those home improvement projects.

There is still time to get on board for our "Year Long Challenge" which is designed to increase participation in our SCRIP Program.

Please Note: this is not a monthly challenge, but a cumulative challenge for the period of October 2016 through May 2017.

Here are the details:

- ◆ If, during the calendar year ending August 28th, you averaged between \$0 and \$200 in monthly SCRIP purchases (or are new to the SCRIP program), we challenge you to increase your average monthly purchases to \$300 monthly from October through May of 2017. Prize= \$100 SCRIP gift certificate
- ◆ If, during the calendar year ending August 28th, you averaged between \$201 and \$500 in monthly SCRIP purchases, we challenge you to increase your average monthly purchases by 50% each month from October through May of 2017. Prize= \$150 SCRIP gift certificate
- ◆ If, during the calendar year ending August 28th, you averaged over \$500 in monthly SCRIP purchases, we challenge you to increase your average monthly purchases by 25% each month from October through May of 2017. Prize= \$250 SCRIP gift certificate

If you meet the challenge goal, you will qualify for one of the three great prizes. Start now to increase your participation in SCRIP, support our Lords Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church & School, and get your family qualified to win!!!

No School Monday February 20th; Winter Break!

QUESTIONS?

If you have any suggestions or things you would like put in Tiger Tracks, please let me know at ndahms@trinitymenasha.com.

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The Good Shepherd!!

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life
Psalm 23:6a**

Future Events, Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ February 17th; Parent student basketball game and end of season party.
- ◆ February 22nd; K4 Field trip to Grand Opera House to see Biscuit
- ◆ March 3rd; Popcorn Friday
- ◆ March 10th; Trinity Fish Fry
- ◆ March 17-19th; Dinner Theater
- ◆ March 31st; Fish Fry

Band Lessons

Band lesson charges have been entered through February 15th, please check your Fast Direct account for your current balance and send payment to the office. Band les-



sons are available for students in grades 5-8, so if your child is in 4th grade this year and is interested in lessons, please contact the office.

Popcorn Friday

The next popcorn Friday is coming soon, mark you calendar, March 3rd is the date.



Ice Melt and Salt Needed

We are still in need of ice melt and salt, if you are able to help out, even just one bag would be great. Let Mr. Colby or the office know if you'd like to help. After each snow or ice event, it takes quite a bit of salt make our driveway and sidewalks safe to walk on.

Parade Help Needed

If you would like to help organize and coordinate either a Memorial Day or Flag Day parade, please let us know. We have an opportunity to be in both parades and have access to a trailer, we just need someone to organize the event and coordinate decorating the trailer and items to hand out along the parade routes.

Spring Silent Auction

We are up and running with our Spring Silent Auction. Please review the attached forms on Tiger Tracks, and the ones that are coming home with your child today. This is a great way to fill your volunteer hour requirement as well.

Please stop by the office or let Pastor GeRue know if you can help in any way

Referral Program

Don't forget our Trinity referral program, which gives you the opportunity to reduce your tuition for next year. We are booking tours now, so please pass the word to prospective families!



Lenten Services begin Wednesday March 8th 10:30 and 6:30

Gift Basket Silent Auction Information (Items/ Baskets due to school March 16th)

For the past several years Trinity has a gift basket silent auction fundraiser that is held with the Spring Musical. A letter is sent to various businesses looking for monetary donations as well as gift donations to be used in the baskets.

This year we are requesting families to either:

1. Fill a basket and bring it in.
2. Bring in some items for various baskets. Ideas are posted on the back and the students will be putting together baskets in Chapel families.

Send in a monetary donation.

Basket bidding will be open Friday, March 31st & Sunday, April 2nd

***We will be putting the baskets together on Friday,
March 17th at 2pm if you would like to help the Chapel Families
with their baskets.***

*****This would be a great opportunity to fill in your volunteer hours!
Mark your calendar!***

We are also in need of baskets for the auction. If you have any that you would like to donate please bring them to the school office. We will continue to send you updates regarding this important fundraiser.

Basket Ideas or Item Ideas for Baskets the Kids Will Make

Cooking Fun

Arts & Crafts

Games

Reading Fun

Movie Night

Sports