



# Trinity Tidings

March 1, 2021

**Principal's Corner** I am very blessed by God. My life is not perfect, far from it. Every day I make many mistakes. I am not in perfect health, I have had allergies my whole life and often wondered why I had to deal with the sneezing, running nose, itchy eyes. While others were not affected at all by pollen. Yet, as I grow older, I see how God has blessed me beyond measure. Sometimes we focus on the things in our life that are not the way we think they should be. Doing this can lead to many negative thoughts and bad moods. But I am choosing to focus on the many blessings God has given to me that I do not deserve. The meaning of the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer says it well,

*We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.*

By God's grace we receive the many blessings He pours out on each and every one of us.



**Friday, March 5, 7:00-8:10 am**

Dads, come and enjoy some special time with your son or daughter and have some donuts and coffee or juice! If Dad can't come, maybe Grandpa or a favorite uncle would be able to come. To provide more space this year, PTL is holding this event **at the Discipling Center at the church**. We are asking that **everyone wear a mask** except when sitting at tables. Dads, please make sure your child(ren) get safely back to school.

## The Annual AR Challenge

*We are on the final stretch.*

If you are in grades 1-8, how much more reading and testing can you get done by this Friday, the last day of the challenge? With last week's data posted, and compared to all other participating schools, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are in 3<sup>rd</sup>, with 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 6<sup>th</sup>. Overall, our school is currently in 12<sup>th</sup> place! **LET'S KEEP READING!!!**



## Lutheran Schools Week Celebration March 7-12

The kickoff will take place on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the **TLC Discipling Center**, with the finale of the TLS Silent Auction, the PTL Brunch To-Go, and the Bookfair. We will celebrate at school all weeklong. A complete schedule and event flyers are being sent out today.

### TLS Silent Auction

- Opens for viewing and bidding Wed, March 3. Will be open Wed-Fri 8 am-5:30 pm, TLC regular hours.
- Find directions for placing bids and purchasing cash & carry cards at the Welcome Center.
- Bids close Sunday, March 7, 1:00 pm
- Items will be posted on the school's Facebook
- Contact: Kendra Hoehn, 507-995-4849 or [khoehn@trinityjanesville.com](mailto:khoehn@trinityjanesville.com)

### 39<sup>th</sup> Annual PTL Brunch

- Sunday, March 7, 9 am – 1 pm
- To-Go Only -- pre-orders are encouraged at the school and church offices
- Free-will offering
- See SignUp Genius email to help/give donations
- Drop off food items to church kitchen & sign in the items. Place refrigerated items in the refrigerator.
- Drop off times: Mon-Fri 8 am-5:30 pm / Sat 1-5 pm
- Contact: Tina Schoenfeld, 507-573-3894 or [blondi7199@yahoo.com](mailto:blondi7199@yahoo.com)

### Bookfair

- Located in church library
- Sunday, March 7, 9 am – 1 pm
- Mon-Fri at 3:00 pm
- Sunday, March 14, before and after church services
- Available to teachers/students during school days
- Contact: Tina Schoenfeld, 507-573-3894 or [blondi7199@yahoo.com](mailto:blondi7199@yahoo.com)

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**Tribute to Trinity**, our annual Dinner and Live Auction fundraiser, has been rescheduled for Friday, April 9. **We are still looking for donations for this event...** new merchandise, gift certificates, getaways, or monetary donations. Contact Kendra Hoehn with any questions at 507-995-4849 or [khoehn@trinityjanesville.com](mailto:khoehn@trinityjanesville.com).



*The purpose of Trinity Lutheran School is to equip the child to grow and serve as a disciple of Jesus Christ.*

**Midterms for grades 3-8** will be sent home on Tuesday, March 2. Please contact the classroom teacher with any concerns. The midterm report is to be signed and returned to the teacher. Thank you.

**March Chapel Offerings** will be given to the **TLC Caring Fund**. This fund assists families in the community with financial needs, such as helping with utility bills to help keep them warm and gas for vehicles so they can travel.

**Students will be participating in our Servant Project** during our National Lutheran School's Week celebration March 7-12. NLSW's theme this year is **Sent to Serve**. We have expanded on that... **Sent to Serve in FAITH offering HOPE with an open HEART**.

This year's servant project will reach out to some of the key "Essential Workers" in our community. We will be putting together **Care Baskets** with goodies along with notes of appreciation. It has been a tough year on many of us and we want to say Thank you!

Please check out the extra flyer asking for certain donations from each grade. Your child's donations can be given to their classroom teacher anytime during NLSW. Thank you in advance for your support!



The Trinity All-School Spelling Bee for students in grades 1-8 will take place on **Friday, March 12, at 2 pm**, in the church. Letters have been sent to the parents of the top two spellers in each classroom,

who will represent their class in the all-school bee. The first-place winners have the opportunity to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Spelling Bee at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Truman on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. If the first-place speller is not able to attend, the second-place winner will have the opportunity to participate.

**Two parents per participating student** will be allowed to attend our school Spelling Bee on March 5, 2 pm. Masks are required. Parents are to wait in the narthex until they get the go ahead to enter the church to watch the Spelling Bee. (Students will be in the church prior to this for Closing Devotions.)



A huge thank you to those students and families who raised money for the American Heart Association the last few weeks! You are the real Heart Heroes! As

a school we raised over \$1,800! We reached our goal! Because of you, kids and adults will continue to be saved with the money and resources you gave for heart research and care. We pray that God will bless what has been given to share with those with heart concerns.

The **MN Lutheran State Basketball Tournament** took place this last weekend at Concordia University-St. Paul. It was uncertain in November and December if we would have a season, much less a chance to have the state tourney. Thankfully, we had people who did the legwork and burned the phone lines finding teams to play. The outlook for a state tournament looked bleak when we were told the National Lutheran Tournament was cancelled. Concordia stepped up to ensure there would be an opportunity for kids to have the experience of ending their season and their career playing in the state tournament.

While our boys took 6<sup>th</sup> place, they played some close games, with the last game ending in a 4-point loss. The girls played very well, placing 1<sup>st</sup>. This championship game ended with a TLS victory by 2 points! It was a rematch of an earlier nail-biter against Immanuel-Silo, a triple-overtime sudden death win by 1 point.

I thank our Heavenly Father for granting safe travel to all this season, that our kids were able to use their gifts and talents to His glory, and for the wonderful sportsmanship shown by our fans, coaches, and players as representatives of Him.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this season happen!  
*Bruce Mertens, Athletic Director*

