

# Trinity Tidings

November 1, 2021



**Principal's Corner** Happy All Saints Day! What is all Saints Day and why do we celebrate it? Students, and sometimes adults, have a lot of questions. In my devotional and bible readings in recent weeks, this has come up frequently. It seems there are two types of questions. First questions are for understanding. God is fine with these types of questions. When people asked Jesus questions from this perspective, he usually replied in a kind way. The story of the rich young ruler comes to mind. He asked Jesus what he must do. After some back and forth, Jesus looked at him, loved him and then gave his answer.

Then there are those questions the pharisees asked of Jesus, questions to try and trick and trap him, or to get an answer that would support their practices. These are not the type of questions we should be asking each other. We should not look to trick or trap people but look to gain understanding and to do it in a good way.



So back to the question of why we celebrate All Saints Day. It is a day to remember not the saints of long ago but all of those within our church who have passed on with the sign of faith whose lives and deaths were mostly ordinary, but who are nonetheless important to us. **Happy All Saints Day!**

**November Chapel Offerings** will be given to the **TLC Caring Fund**, which 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.

**NO SCHOOL Monday, November 8** -Teacher Workday

**End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter** is Friday, November 5. Be sure all homework is completed and turned in. Report cards will be given to parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for students in K-8 will take place on



**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**Tuesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 11.** If you are unable to attend at your scheduled time, please contact the teacher or call the school. Thank you!



Last month chapel offerings were collected to defray the cost of sending shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This month we are asking that Trinity families pack at least one shoebox with one wow item and then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Information on **How to Pack a Shoebox** was sent home with each student today and includes a label for the box. If you would like more information or if you would like to view some videos on how peoples' lives have been impacted by this ministry, check out their website <https://www.samaritanspurse.org>

We did receive \$292.96 in the October chapel offerings to help fund the shipping of the shoeboxes @ \$9. This will cover the shipping cost of 32 boxes. If you would like to contribute to the shipping cost, you can pay and track your box online or send in money marked for shoeboxes.

Be sure to **wrap your shoebox in such a way that the cover can be removed/opened**. Shoeboxes need to be received **by the end of the school day on November 18.**



**Coaches Needed!** Trinity's basketball season is approaching, but we are still in need of coaches to help our athletes. We need head and assistant coaches for our **girls' B squad**, which is 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, and head and assistant coaches for our **boys' A squad**, which is 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We also need assistant coaches for our girls' A squad and boys' B squad. These are compensated positions. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bruce Mertens by email, [bmertens@trinityjanesville.com](mailto:bmertens@trinityjanesville.com), or by phone at (507) 317-3272.

**PTL Meeting** All parents are invited to the next PTL meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 7pm at the church library, to discuss and plan future events. All parents are welcome to attend. *Please consider joining in to help and support our school!*



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



## Christmas Programs

Please keep these dates open

**Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 pm - Grades K-2**

**Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm - Preschool**

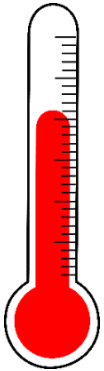
**Wednesday, December 22, 6:30 pm - Grades 3-8**

Programs for grades K-8 will take place at the Discipling Center; the preschool program will take place in the gym.

**Grades 3-8** We are beginning to rehearse and assign parts for our Christmas musical. If you are not going to be here the evening of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, please let your child's teacher know so they can plan accordingly.

## Cold Weather Clothing

What to wear when the weather turns cold? Here are the guidelines we use to determine what the students should wear outside. Be advised that we are very firm on these rules, so please make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing that is needed.



**Below 55**, they need long sleeves.

**Below 50**, they need a sweatshirt or jacket.

**Below 45**, they need a winter coat, head covering (hat, headband or earmuffs, NOT just a hood), and gloves or mittens. If they do not have the correct type of coat, or head covering, they will need to borrow from someone else, or use something from the Lost and Found. We do not have kids stay inside unless they are sick.

**To play in the snow**, they **must** also have snow pants and boots. They will need to stand on the sidewalk if they do not have either of these items.

If it is **muddy** outside, we will require the students to wear boots, even if there is no snow. This is to make sure we don't track a lot of dirt into the classrooms.

**SLEDS** that are soft/foam or roll up may be brought and left at school.

**EVERYONE** should have a pair of tennis shoes that stays at school for gym class and if they forget their shoes.

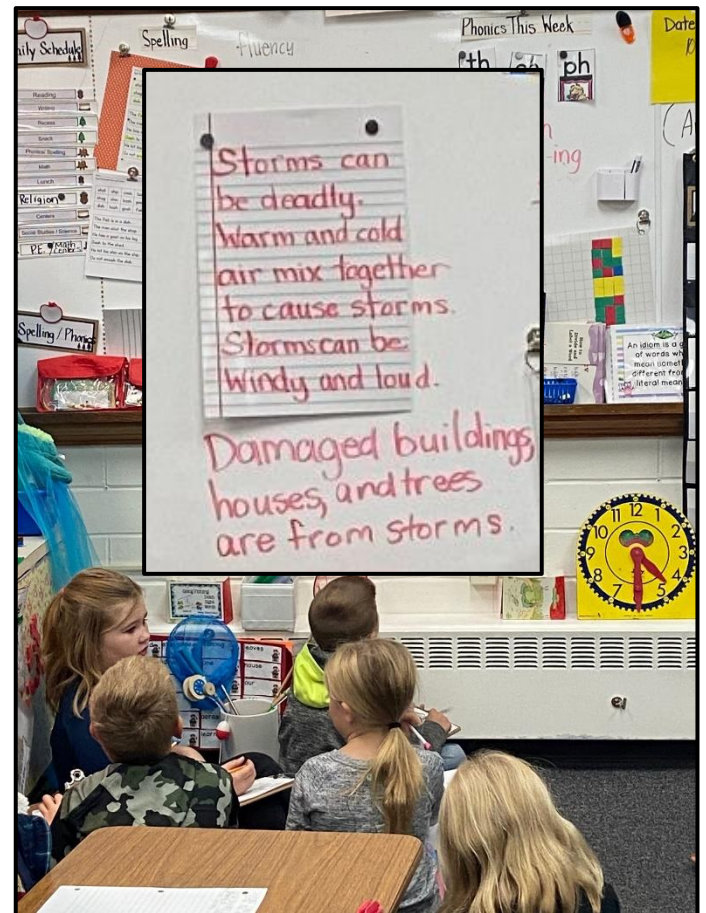
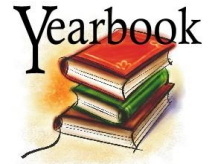
**Thanks to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and to the Janesville Rotary Club**, about two miles of the ditches along Highway 14 were cleaned up on October 14. This has been a great ongoing community service project in the fall and spring, with Rotary members leading our students along the ditches to clean up debris left by passing motorists.

**Fall Harvest Parties** for grade K-4 will take place on Friday, November 5. Each teacher will let you know any important details. Students will not be dressing in costume but will play games and have treats to eat.



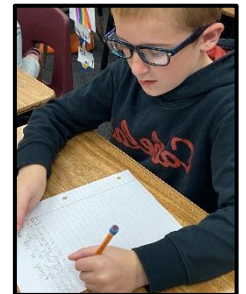
## 2020-2021 Yearbooks

Yearbooks were sent home today with students who ordered them. We do have extra copies for sale in the office at \$16 each. Just send in payment or stop in the office.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders Learning to Write

Second graders are reading the story, Super Storms. They wrote all about what all storms have in common. As a group, they wrote four sentences. Then each of them chose a specific storm, such as a tornado or blizzard, and wrote their own fifth sentence.







## THE BIG BAD MUSICAL

The 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade musical was a success! The students did an awesome job sharing their talents with their family and friends Friday night. Thank you to those who came to our performance, we hope you enjoyed it!



### Upcoming PTL Sponsored Events

**Fall Festival - Nov 6, 1-4pm - Playground Area**  
Will need some parent volunteers to assist

**Parent Night Out – Nov 13, 2-4pm, at the Indian Winery**  
We hope you can come out and meet other TLS parents.

Child Care provided 1:30-4:30pm at the Trinity gym.

A link to sign up will be sent out to make sure there is enough interest to hold the event and also to know how many people would like to use the babysitting service.

Contact Tina Schoenfeld, PTL President, with any questions at 507-573-3894 or blondi7199@yahoo.com

# TLS Fall Festival

**When:** Saturday,  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
1 – 4 PM

**Where:** Trinity Lutheran School,  
Janesville  
**Playground Area**

**Free Will  
Donations  
Appreciated!**

**Games/Activities:**  
 Cake Walk  
\*Please bring store-bought cake to play\*  
 Hay Maze  
 Balloon Darts  
 Pumpkin Painting  
 S'mores Station  
 Corn Search  
 3 Legged Race  
 ...and more!!

**Sponsored By: PTL**



### Uptown Trick or Treating

There was a great turn out even though the weather wasn't ideal. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the booth. Kids enjoyed glowsticks and Jacqie Malzahn set up and decorated the booth for families to get some awesome photos.



## Fall Sports Wrap Up

Our A Volleyball Team had nine players this fall season: 8th graders Tiera Anderson and Victoria Blomstrom; 7th graders Stella Ziemke, Madi Donahue, Morgan Dimmel, Elsie Owens, Liv Lee, Raylen Blasing, and Bella Eaton. Our season record was 14-3. We played in two tournaments; taking 1st place at Faribault Lutheran School, and 3rd place at King of Grace in Golden Valley (out of 6 teams). Two of our season losses came from playing Holy Cross in Webster; however, we were able to beat this team at the FLS tourney - which was a really fun win! These girls worked hard to improve every practice and game day this fall.



The B Volleyball Team also had nine players: 6<sup>th</sup> graders Claire Bartelt and Reese Johnson; 5<sup>th</sup> graders Ava Anderson, Kiana Wilson and Ashlynn Wolff; 4<sup>th</sup> graders Ryder Britton, Catherine Manthe, Tenley Sprengeler and Norah Welvaert. The beginning of the season saw the girls getting used to position on the court and communicating with each other. As the season progressed, though, their confidence and experience increased. The girls' record was 9-7 at the end of the season



Our Soccer Team kept our new coach very busy with 21 players this year: 8<sup>th</sup> graders Jayden Gehring, Jude Gehring, Travyn Shoultz, and Daniel Sipe, 7<sup>th</sup> graders Brayden Blasing, Morgan Dimmel, Jacey Jensen, and Kurt Trahms, 6<sup>th</sup> graders Olivia Eaton, Gage Frechette, Jaxon Gehring, Jacob Leiding, Landon Rutt, and Brennan Welvaert; 5<sup>th</sup> graders Aiden Andreen, Bethany Benson, Oliver Dimmel, Samuel Hoehn, Ava Trahms and Riley Winter. Their first game of the season was a tie with Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato. Their second game ended with a win 11-2. They went on to take second place in the silver bracket at the Friendship Cup tournament. Out of 12 games this season, they won 7, lost 3 and 2 ended in a tie.

Thank you to the families who supported your athletes, to our Soccer Coach Brian Rutt, A Volleyball Coach Heather Dimmer, A Volleyball Assistant Coach Gabbie Just, and B Volleyball Coach Bruce Mertens, and to Bruce Mertens as our Athletic Director for all the things he did to make it a successful season. We hope this season inspired our athletes to be the best teammate they can be on and off the court and field!

