Trinity Tidings

December 10, 2018

Principal's Corner In the Old Testament lesson about Balaam and his donkey, when the donkey saw the angel with the sword in his path three different times, he veered off the path and pushed up against the side of a wall, hurting his foot. The last time he saw angel, he just laid down. Balaam was upset with the donkey until his eyes were opened and he saw the angel himself. The lesson I took from this for this Christmas season is to open our eyes to how God is at work in our lives, the lives of those around us and the community. It is so easy to focus on the things of this world and to lose sight of God and all that He is doing for us every day. If the donkey could see the angel before Balaam, it shows that we do not have to be a scholar or person of great learning, we just need to look around to see God at work in our lives.

Chapel Through December, the chapel offerings will go toward paying for shipment of the **Samaritan's Purse Operation – Christmas Child shoeboxes** and to support **Trinity's Caring Fund** which assists families in the community with financial needs.

Thank you to everyone who filled shoeboxes, we were able to send 70 shoeboxes. The cost to ship the boxes, at $9 each, was $630.00. So far $460.69 has been received to help pay for shipping. Please consider increasing your chapel offering to support this project.

Trinity Treasure Trunk, where students can shop for their parents and other family members, will take place Thu & Fri Dec 13 & 14, 9:30-3:00, in the multi-purpose room. The items for sale will be from $.50 - $5.00. For younger children, please send their shopping money in a marked envelope or baggie, along with a list of names for whom they are to purchase. Proceeds will go to the Secret Angel Fund to help families who need tuition assistance. Thank you to all the ladies for helping with this annual event!

Santa Hat Day Friday, December 14. Come dressed in your Santa Hat and/or favorite Christmas shirt.

Midterms for grades 3-8 will be sent home on Tuesday, December 11. Please review, sign and return to school. Contact the teacher with any concerns.

Below are the dates for this year's Children's Christmas Programs. Our students and choir directors are practicing hard toward successful and enjoyable Christmas celebrations! Keep these dates open.

Dec. 12	Wed	6:30	Grades Preschool (PM) - 2
Dec. 18	Tue	6:30	Preschool (AM & PM)
Dec. 19	Wed	6:30	Grades 3 - 8

Everyone is invited to join our PK - 2rd Grade students in their presentation of

to share the **Good News of Christmas**

Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 PM

at Trinity Lutheran Church

There is a free-will offering meal at the church starting at 5 pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy a meal ahead of time. Students should with their parents until 6:15. All students should be in the Discipling Center by 6:15. Teachers will then take over to put on costumes and take group pictures.

Our 6-8th Grade Choir will share the Joy of Christmas when they go Caroling at the Janesville Nursing Home on Wednesday, December 19, at 2 pm.

Trinity/JWP Band Concert will take place on Monday, December 17, at 7 pm. 4-6 Band will play first, followed by 7-8 Band. Band students should report to the JWP band room by 6:30pm.

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

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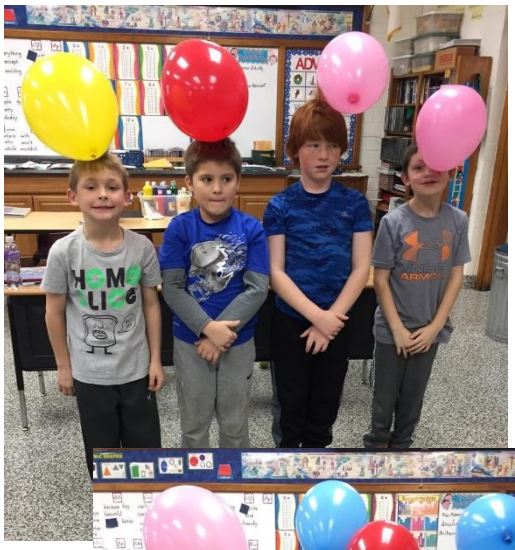

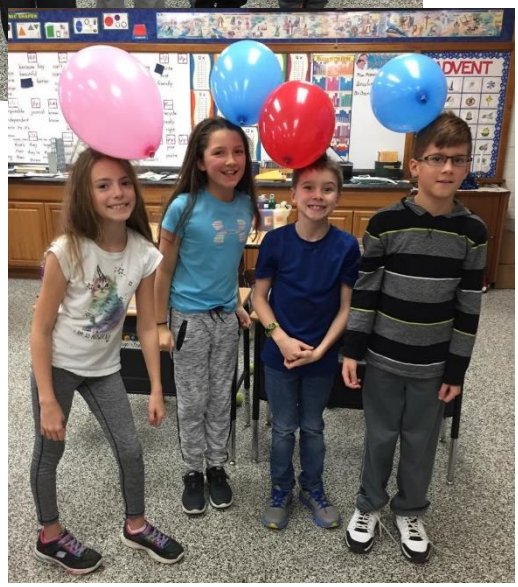

Zap! Static! Electricity!

The third grade class has learned about static electricity, which is a charge that builds up on an object. By rubbing a rubber balloon on their heads, the students discovered an electric charge.
By the end of the science class, they looked like little Einsteins!

Opportunities to Earn Parent Service Hours

Home Games - December 11

Concessions, Clock, Score Book & Referee

Shifts are flexible.
You can sign up with Google Docs at the link that Kendra Hoehn sends via email, or contact Kendra directly.

Come Cheer on our Cardinals!

Tue, Dec 11 - Home Games vs. St. Paul's Fairmont

4:30 B Boys
5:30 A Girls
6:30 A Boys

Classroom Geography Bee to be held in the 4th- 8th grade classrooms on Wednesday, December 19. The school Geography Bee will be held Tuesday, January 8, at 9 am in the gym.

Classroom Christmas Parties will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, December 21.

Look for Letters to Santa from our 2nd graders published in the *Waseca County News*.

Thank You to Simply Save Thrift Store. With the generous donation of $2,300 that we received from the Simply Saved Thrift Store, we recently made a purchase to expand our STEM LEGO kits. This donation enabled us to purchase enough sets that all students in the class will be able to work with LEGOs at the same time. Thank you Simply Saved Thrift Store for making this possible for our students.

Grant Received We are happy to announce that Trinity Lutheran School has received a $1,000 grant from the Janesville Area Foundation. It will be used to purchase Little Bits for our STEM lab. Little Bits are electronic components that are connected through magnetic forces in the components. The components can be connected to make many different electronic devices, allowing students to learn about circuits and electricity in a safe way and to understand how different electrical devices work. We are so thankful to the Janesville Area Foundation for this grant to improve our school and offer our students another great opportunity to learn.

TLS Basketball Tournament Concessions Trinity PTL is looking for 3 people to be on a committee for the TLS "A" Squad Basketball Tournament, January 25-26. This committee will plan the concession stands and be responsible for setting up and running the them on both Friday and Saturday. If interested, please contact Bridget Gehring via email or phone.

Scrip Gift Cards – Shop Early! To receive by Christmas, orders must be placed by Friday, December 14th. You earn money for your tuition, youth account and Trinity. Low denomination gift cards, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving, are also available this time of year.

Christmas Crossfire Praise and prayer led by teens for teens in the TLC Balcony at 7:31 pm on Sunday, Dec. 23. Open to all teens 7th – 12th grades.