

January 5, 2018

LCS Newsletter

Our Mission: "To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, teach children, and assist parents in training children to be witnessing Christians and productive citizens."

Thought for the Week

"We Celebrate... God Become Man for Our Salvation"

by Rev. Eric Brown

I love Christmastime. It's something I just inherited from my mom. She'd have 4 or 5 trees up and she'd play Christmas music four months of the year and I confess that I can identify nine different versions of A Christmas Carol just by the soundtrack alone. This time of year is a Holly Jolly time for me.

I also realize that for some people, it's not. Not at all. For some, Christmastime brings with it sorrow or sadness or pain. Bad memories. Darkness. I can totally understand that-there are plenty of my own relatives who have that sort of relationship to Christmastime.

But you know what? In the Church, we don't celebrate "Christmastime." We don't deal with the "season." In the Church, our focus isn't really on any of the numerous traditions that float around. We celebrate Christmas-that Christ Jesus became Man for us and for our salvation. Our focus is this: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Our God is with us-with us in all the things that we face in this life, be it joy and celebrations, or heartache and sorrows. Whatever we come across in this life, whatever December holds, Christ Jesus is with us.

Literally. When we say that Jesus is with us, that's not just figurative speech, it's the truth. It's the great wonder of our faith. It's why the Church gathers on the 25th and celebrates Christmas with the Lord's Supper (yes, we have "mass" on Christmas-go figure!) because it is there in the Supper where Christ Jesus comes to dwell with us poor miserable sinners to bring us forgiveness, salvation and life.

I don't know how your Christmastime has been. I hope it's been merry. If not, I hope you're getting through it okay. Either way, Jesus became man to win you forgiveness and salvation, and He still comes to you in His Supper to give you that forgiveness and salvation and to give you strength to see you through good days and bad ones. In Him, you do have joy-now in part and then in full forever more. In the Name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Eric Brown serves as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Herscher, Illinois.

Students and Families we are praying for this week...

Each week in our faculty devotions and classroom devotions we lift up our LCS students and their families in prayer. During the weeks of December 18th and January 8th we will be praying for Remy Goshorn, Emalee Goss, Zoie Gray, Brock Hackman, Maddy Hackman, Jonathan Hall, Payton Hankins, Avery Harrison, Heidi and Zachary Helwig, Vivian Henry, and Gregory Hutcheson.

January Chapel Offering

For the month of January we will be collecting items for Clarity (formerly Pregnancy Care Center). Items that they are in need of include; size 3, 4, 5, and 6 diapers, baby wipes, baby bottles, baby wash, Gerber Gentle Formula, receiving blankets, and sleepers size 0-3 months.

Students may give one of the items listed above in place of a monetary offering during the month. Monetary offerings will be accepted and will be used to purchase additional items for the Clarity collection.

We will have a collection boxes located throughout the school throughout the month of January. Thanks so much for your support in this effort.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our December Chapel offering. We collected a total of 60 pairs of mittens/gloves, 70 hats, and 25 scarves for the Seymour clothing center.

Winter Weather Reminders

Just a few reminders when wintry weather threatens to cancel or delay school. Lutheran Central will be closed when Brownstown Central Community School Corporation closes due to weather conditions. If the Brownstown Central Community School Corporation is on a two-hour delay schedule, Lutheran Central will also be on a two-hour delay schedule and there will be no AM Preschool.

Parents will also be notified of any cancellations or delays via text and email through the Sycamore School Communication System if they have enabled their accounts to receive text and email notifications. If you have not yet set up your Sycamore account to receive text and email notifications we strongly encourage you to do so.

Trinity Lutheran High School Open House and Shadow Day

Trinity Lutheran High School invites students and their families to an open house on Sunday, January 28th from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. All interested eighth grade students will also receive a voucher that covers the full registration at Trinity for the 2018-2019 school year. Please enter through the commons.

Trinity Lutheran High School will also begin having Shadow Days for all eighth grade students who are interested in learning more about Trinity, and who would like to experience what a day is like as a Trinity student. Please call the school office at 812-524-8547 to learn more.



Calendar

January 6

5th Boys Bball at St. Peters Tourney, 11:45am

January 8

Chapel, 8:30am (Chapel will be led by Pastor Yeadon)

5th Girls Bball vs. BCES, 6 & 7:15pm

January 9

6th Boys Bball at Medora, 6pm

8th Boys Bball at Medora, 7:15pm

5th Girls Bball vs. Immanuel, 6pm

5th Boys Bball vs. Immanuel, 7:15pm

January 11

5th Girls Bball at White Creek, 6pm

January 13

6th Boys Bball at Trinity, Indy Tourney

6th Girls Bball at Sauers Tourney

January 15

Chapel, 8:30am (Chapel will be led by Pastor McKinley)

5th Girls Bball vs. St. Vincent, 6pm

6th Girls Bball vs. St. Vincent, 7:15pm

January 16

LEA Board Meeting, 7:00pm

5th Girls Bball at Immanuel, 6pm

6th Girls Bball at Immanuel, 7:15pm

7th Boys Bball vs. Crothersville, 6pm

8th Boys Bball vs. Crothersville, 7:15pm

Upcoming Basketball Volunteers

Game Date, Teams, Time	Concessions	Clock	Clean-up
Monday, January 8 5G vs. BCES, 6pm	Tom and Joana Wischmeier		Clay and Jessica Fritz
Tuesday, January 9 5G/5B vs. Immanuel, 6pm	Kayti Adams		
Monday, January 15 5G/6G vs. St. Vincent, 6pm			