

TRINITY TORNADO

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Friday, September 11, 2020

"Who has known the mind of the Lord." Romans 11:34

The Big Picture

We live in a crazy, chaotic world. "What is God doing?" Perhaps you have heard that question asked a few times. Maybe you are wondering: "If God really cared about us, wouldn't he stop this pandemic? Wouldn't he bring an end to all this inequality? Wouldn't he stop the violence?"

It certainly can be difficult to understand what God is doing. The Bible often reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are so much higher than our own. We do not always see the big picture of things. This can lead to frustration and anger when we do not understand why God allows certain things to happen. This, in turn, leads us to blame God or turn away from God.

"Who has known the mind of the Lord?" God may be tough to figure out at times, but just because we do not understand his plan does not mean that we can assume he does not love us. Quite the opposite, actually. When God sent Jesus into this world to die on the cross to pay for our sins, nobody understood that either. Even Jesus' closest followers tried to stop it or to talk Jesus out of it. Yet, even though they could not understand what God was planning, it ended up being a huge blessing for them and the whole world. In sending Jesus to die on the cross, God made sure that there was a way for us all to be saved. Through faith in Jesus, we are forgiven, and on the way to heaven.

We cannot always understand God's plan or know the mind of the Lord. But as we see his plan for saving us through Jesus, we can be assured of his love for us and his intent to bless us. This means we can trust him. As events around us seem to spin out of control, trust that God has a plan. He loves you and has saved you and will continue to carry out his will with you in mind.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for salvation in Jesus. While I do not always understand your plan, help me to trust you and your love for me. Help me to know that you will always take care of me. Amen.

Devotion taken from "wels.net."

Upcoming Events

Next Week:

Wednesday, September 16

- Jr. & Sr. Confirmation, 6 p.m.

Looking ahead

Sunday, September 13

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 18

- A-Team V-ball Game vs. Aberdeen Christian, 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 21

- Picture Day

Week of September 21

- MAPS Testing (Grades K-8)

Sunday, September 27

- A-Team Volleyball Practice, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, September 28

- A-Team V-ball Games vs. Warner, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.



Monday 9/14

Chicken patty on bun, French fries, fruit & veg.

Wednesday 9/16

Pizza, fruit & veg.

Friday 9/18

Super nachos, fruit & veg.

Sports Interest Survey Due Monday

A sports interest form was sent home to families with students in grades 3-8 earlier this week. If you haven't done so, please return the form by Monday so we can take your information into consideration. Forms collected will help guide with the dividing of sports teams and players for this school year. Thank you.

Grocery Receipts

Once again it's time to start saving Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2020. The proceeds from the receipts are used to purchase special items for our school. Please put your receipts into the box on the bulletin table.

Box Tops

Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the school year. There is a box for them on the bulletin table. Also remember to scan your grocery receipts for box top points for our school.

Trunk or Treat Meeting

This year the PTO is considering a "trunk or treat" in place of the Fall Festival. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss this option. The meeting is open to everyone, and your input would be appreciated.

Grandparents' Day

Due to COVID concerns this year, we will not be holding Grandparents' Day at Trinity. We encourage students to do something special for their grandparents to honor them. This year, National Grandparents' Day is on Sunday, September 13th.

Cleaning Fee

TLS has taken into account survey results and recommendations to change to a hired cleaning service. Families will no longer be asked to clean school throughout the year. A cleaning fee of \$16/month is being charged per student (K-8). You should have received your first invoice through TADS for September (\$16 per student in K-8). Billing will be monthly, through May (9 months for a total of \$144 per student for the year). You can choose to pay the lump sum of \$144 (per student in K-8) if you prefer. Please contact Mr. Behm or Kathy with any questions.

Hot Lunch Days – Request for Volunteers

Our school is looking for volunteers to help out on hot lunch days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), between 11:15 and 12:15. If you are able to help, or have questions, please text or call Trista Duns Moor at 605-228-1346, or you can contact Kathy, school secretary. Thank you.

Cold Lunch Days

Reminder: On cold lunch days (Tuesdays & Thursdays) or any days that your children opt to bring lunch from home, please remember to include silverware or plastic utensils from home for their use. Also, students will be keeping their lunchboxes in their backpacks or area designated by their teachers until lunchtime (no fridge use), so plan accordingly. Microwave use is limited to students in grades 4-8, and on cold lunch days only.

TADS Online

Please contact Kathy or Mr. Behm if you have any questions regarding billing or your online TADS account.

Fall Picture Day: September 21

Lifetouch will be here for TLS Picture Day on **Monday, September 21st**. Preschoolers and any family/group photos you may choose to have will be taken around 8:30 a.m. and noon. Grades K-8 will have their individual photos taken in between those times. If you'd like to order your package ahead of time online, go to MyLifetouch.com, Picture Day ID is **EVT7QNXSN**. (*Re-take day is planned for Tuesday, November 3rd*.)