



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. - Hebrews 6:19

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### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY: SCHOOL PLAY WEEK

MON NO SCHOOL- ECLIPSE DAY  
TUE Track Practice During School Day; Track Practice 3:30-4:30  
WED NO Chapel  
THU Chapel/ Luther Prep Visit; Track Practice During School Day  
FRI School Play 1:00pm & 6:30pm

### “Abide... Because Your Promised”

*This week’s devotion is based on the hymn “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (CW 924).*

The terrified toddler, unable to sleep, clutching a blankie in a death grip, pleads, “Mom, stay with me.” Divorce looming, a spouse cries desperately, “Don’t leave me!” Facing the imminent death of a loved one, the soon-to-be survivor demands angrily, “Don’t die on me now!” In the movie E.T., Elliot, realizing his alien friend would soon leave earth, interjects “Ouch.” Or, “I can’t bear it if you leave. Stay with me!”

Juliet called the saying of good night to Romeo a “sweet sorrow” because she’d rejoice to see him again. But all too often, parting brings only sorrow.

Can you imagine how the Emmaus disciples felt that first Easter? Jesus lifted them from the pit of despair by explaining what the Old Testament was all about. When he was about to say good-bye, they urged him, “Abide with us.”

We can promise people we’ll never leave them, always be there for them, and always have their back. Sometimes we really mean it and keep those promises for a lifetime. But then death intervenes.

Only Jesus always keeps every promise. “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20). “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Greek can heap up multiple negatives. In Hebrews 13:5, God promises literally: “Never will I leave you. Never, never, never will I forsake you.” Jesus’ lambs can walk through the valley of the shadow of death without fear, because they can say to their Good Shepherd, “For you are with me” (Psalm 23:4).

It’s a great blessing when one sinner assures another frightened, lonely sinner, “I’ll be there for you.” Better by far are the assurances of our God, who has forgiven our sins and conquered death for us, “I’ll never leave you.” That’s why we pray and sing confidently, “Abide, O dearest Jesus.”

**Closing Prayer:** Jesus, I’m afraid—abide with me. I’m helpless—abide with me. I’m sinful and need your grace, Word, light, protection, and love—abide with me while I live, when I die, and forever. Amen.

### Our Mission:

*Trinity Lutheran School exists to assist families in the Christ-Centered education of their children: to guide them to know Jesus as their Savior, grow in faith, and share Him with others.*

### **Registration for Next School Year:**

Please get your registration materials back to school as soon as possible. Questions about the paperwork or the online program you can use can be directed to the office. Please note that we have found the Gradelink program way, way more user friendly when it is done on a computer!

### **Missoula Children's Theater (MCT) - School Play! - Rehearsals Begin (and End) This Week!**

Our two leaders from MCT arrived last evening and will begin working with the students today. The pair works through all the auditioning, practices, costuming, etc. Watch for updates throughout the week as to how the students will need to be dressed for the show.

The play will be Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM & 6:30 PM in the gym. This year, the students will be presenting "Jack and the Beanstalk". This is a neat way for all the students to participate and train with passionate theater-folk. There will be no cost for admission, but free-will donations will be accepted to offset the costs associated with bringing the group from Montana.

We will also be displaying the many fine art projects the students brought in for the SMLAL Academic and Fine Arts Day. Just think: A Play and an Art Show at no cost - now that's a Friday night! 😊

### **Speech Screenings This Week**

This Wednesday we will have Grad students and members of the Bowling Green State University Speech Department on campus to complete baseline screenings for all students in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday Pre-K program, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades. These evaluations will help us see how the students are progressing and also allow us to determine if further screenings or intervention may be beneficial. There is no charge for these screenings. Questions? Contact Mr. Falck.

### **Ohio WELS School Academic Day -**

Congratulations to Wilber for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Spelling Bee at the Academic Day at Beautiful Savior! Also, Ida Falck earned a best in class (grade 6) at the SMLAL Event at Hope Christian. The rest of the art projects (and any awards received) will be on display at our play this Friday.

### **Special Chapel - THIS THURSDAY**

There will be no chapel this week Wednesday. Instead, the recruiter from Luther Prep School, one of our synod's high schools (like MLS), will lead chapel on THURSDAY and then tell us more about the school in Watertown, Wisconsin. All are welcome!

### **Upcoming Singing Dates:**

- The students will be singing for the Anniversary service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Please remember to RSVP to the office if you plan to join us for the meal and program following the late service.**

### **Piano Lessons -**

There should be lessons both Tuesday and Friday this week. There might be some schedule tweaks depending on casting for the play and rehearsal times. Please remember books! **Students are also reminded to PRACTICE during the week!**

*REMEMBER: The end-of-year recital for our piano students will be Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM in the church.*

## Tiger Sports - Basketball Skills & Track

There will be **NO** Basketball skills practices for grades 2-7 on Thursday this week because of the play. There will be a skills practice the following week Thursday - April 25th.

Track practices for grades 3-8 will continue this Tuesday, April 16, and will go until 4:30. We will plan on having practices every Tuesday after school through May 7. Our two main track meets will be Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at ONU in Ada and Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at HCA. Watch for updates on the local field day now scheduled for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## EdChoice Updates -

- **Attendance:** If your child is absent for any reason, you will receive an excuse form to fill out. Please fill it out, marking the reason for the absence from the provided list, and return it to the school office. (Please note that a student with an excessive amount of unexcused absences would lose the scholarship award.)
- **Renewal for Next School Year:** **The renewal window has opened. Renewal forms were sent home. Please fill it out AND provide proof of address (a utility bill from the last month works best) and return it to school as soon as possible.**
- **New Applicants (Especially Upcoming Kindergarten Students):** The new applicant window is now open! Forms were sent home a couple weeks ago with all PreK families. Thank you to those who have already submitted their forms! Extra forms for friends, neighbors, relatives, etc. are available from the office any time.

## GradeLink -

Thanks for keeping up with your child's progress on GradeLink throughout this final quarter of the school year!

## [2024-2025 Calendar](#) -

The Board has approved the calendar for next school year. The heading for this blurb is a link to the calendar. Printed copies are available in the school office.

<b><i>TLS Lunch Menu</i></b>	
Corn Dog	\$ .50
Ham & Cheese Hot Pocket	\$1.00
Pizza Bagel Bites	4/\$1
Pizza Rolls	6/\$1
Chicken Sandwich	\$2.50
Chicken Quesadilla	\$1.50
Cheeseburger	\$2.00

- **Milk is still 35 cents for those who do not get daily milk. For those who get daily milk this year, students will be picking chocolate or white for a month at a time to help with milk waste.**

### **Hymn of the Week-**

**Classes will begin working on the hymn “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (CW 924).** Remember to check newsletters for specific verses for each classroom or possible differences to the schedule!

1. Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with your grace  
that Satan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
2. Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with your Word  
and thus now and hereafter true peace and joy afford.
3. Abide with heav'nly brightness among us, precious Light;  
your truth direct and keep us from error's gloomy night.
4. Abide with richest blessings among us, bounteous Lord;  
let us in grace and wisdom grow daily through your Word.
5. Abide with your protection among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us and overcome at length.