



# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Dear Families and Friends Who Trust in the Lord,

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24)

With eager anticipation, the faculty and staff at Trinity Lutheran School look forward to the start of the 2020-2021 school year which begins on Monday, August 24, at 8:15 am. However, with COVID-19 still present in our communities, Trinity Lutheran School wishes to communicate with you the following mitigation strategies and common-sense approaches that will be in place for the upcoming school year as we meet face-to-face.

Please read through the attached information entitled “Returning to School After COVID-19”. While this document addresses the majority of the information in our return to school, I would like to highlight the following:

As parents, Trinity Lutheran School expects the following:

- Keep your student home if they display symptoms of COVID-19. This will require taking each student’s temperature each day before leaving for school. Notify Trinity Lutheran School if any COVID-19 symptoms occur in your student.
- If your student displays symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be moved to an isolated room on campus. Parents are expected to pick-up their student immediately if this occurs.
- Notify Trinity Lutheran School immediately if your student tests positive for COVID-19.
- Consider the possibility of vaccination against COVID-19, if and when one becomes available.

At Trinity Lutheran School, the following expectations will be in place:

- Emphasize the importance of good personal hygiene practices and implement such practices on a regular basis during the school day.
- Emphasize the importance of personal space and implement strategies that respect that personal space.
- Lunch will be conducted in the student’s classroom. There will be no hot lunch opportunities during the 2020-2021 school year.
- The drinking fountains will not be available for use. Please have your student bring their own water bottle which can be refilled at the sink in their classroom.
- Recess will be conducted outside whenever possible. If recess will be conducted inside, a staggered schedule will be in place to limit the number of students in the gym at any one time.
- For the time being, there will be no opportunities for the school to sing during Sunday worship.
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched areas and items will take place.
- Parents are to remain outside when dropping-off or picking-up students as part of the school day.

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*Our mission at Trinity Lutheran School is  
to assist the parents of our congregation with the Christian education of their children  
and to reach out to our community with the gospel by making our school available to families outside of our congregation.*

- Visitors will have limited access to the school building during the school day.
- At this time, Trinity Lutheran School is not requiring the use of facial coverings nor is Lakeland Bus. However, if parents would like their student to wear a facial covering on the bus or during the course of a school day, Trinity Lutheran School will respect that decision. It will be the parents' responsibility to provide the facial covering.
- The Oneida County Health Department will be notified of any active cases of COVID-19 at Trinity Lutheran School.
- Trinity Lutheran School reserves the right to close the school for a determined amount of time due to COVID-19 concerns at the discretion and guidance of the Oneida County Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Health and/or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. If this were to happen, Trinity Lutheran School will transition to a required period of Distance Learning.

While the items listed are our current plan at Trinity Lutheran School, we also understand and appreciate that this situation is very fluid. Circumstances may change, which would cause our response to change as well. We at Trinity will do everything in our power to keep the lines of communication open.

Trinity Lutheran School will be in need of the following donations throughout the school year:

- Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol)
- Clorox Wipes
- Disinfecting Spray (Lysol)
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues (Kleenex)

One final note...there will be no Home Visits prior to beginning this school year. Teachers and/or parents may choose to conduct a teleconference or some other form of communication to help each other prepare for the school year.

It is my prayer that we all trust in God to watch over us during this age of COVID-19. This is not to say that all of us will remain unaffected by it. Some of us may already have been; some of us may be. Just know that God remains with us every step of every day, and he will bless our efforts to continue working together toward the goal of preparing our students not only for this life on earth, but the next in the glorious mansions of heaven.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matter, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I hope this finds you all well!

Michael Wieting  
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