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**Monday, August 23, 2021**

<p><b><u>Important Dates:</u></b>  <b>August 25:</b> Preschool Open House 6:30PM</p> <p><b>August 25:</b> Partners In Education Meeting (PIE) 7 PM in church</p> <p><b>September 1:</b> Early Dismissal</p> <p><b>September 6:</b> No School</p> <p><b>September 12:</b> Festival of Friendship</p> <p><b>September 17:</b> Scholastic Book Orders Due</p> <p><b>September 19:</b> Golf Classic Fundraiser</p> <p><b>September 27:</b> Pastor Rixe's Birthday</p>	<p>[Jesus said] "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." John 6:44</p> <p><b>Spend Time With Jesus</b></p> <p>In his younger years, renowned Christian writer C. S. Lewis was an avowed atheist. When he was a young boy, his mother died. Her death so wounded him that it took him down the path of renouncing God. Left to himself, he would have continued in that path throughout his life.</p> <p>But he was not left to himself. Little by little, the Lord rattled his presumptions and exposed him to the reality of his existence. Little by little, the Lord gave him passing encounters with the message of the good news of what Jesus Christ came to do. One key encounter involved a long walk he took after an evening meal. He took this walk with an old friend, J. R. R. Tolkien (yes, that J. R. R. Tolkien—the man who wrote The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings). As a result of these various encounters with the message of Jesus, C. S. Lewis came to faith in Christ as his Savior from sin.</p> <p>Later in life, Lewis wrote about his conversion. When he did, his candor about it was disarming. According to his autobiography, Surprised by Joy, Lewis describes himself in his conversion as "the most...reluctant convert in all of England...dragged into the kingdom kicking, struggling, ...darting his eyes in every direction for a chance of escape."</p> <p>In his own C. S. Lewis-like way, he made it clear that he could not take the credit for coming to faith in Jesus. On the contrary, he trusted in Jesus as Savior because the Lord had drawn him in through the power of the gospel.</p> <p>Jesus himself acknowledged the same thing. He said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44).</p> <p>Perhaps you are in a period in your life where you don't know what to make of Christianity. If so, keep spending time learning all that Jesus has done on your behalf. And know this, too. The Lord is at work in your life.</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b>        Heavenly Father, in those moments when I struggle, fill me with your Spirit. Draw me closer to your Son. Amen.        (wels.net)</p>
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**Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting:** Our first Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting will be **Wednesday, August 25 at 7:00**. We will meet in the church. Please plan on attending so we can discuss the events for the first semester including our Festival of Friendship which will be held on Sunday, September 12 this year, we will also be going through some schedule items, field trips, picture day, and the Thanksgiving meal.

**2:00pm Early Dismissal:** Our first 2:00pm Dismissal Wednesday is **Wednesday, September 1st**.

**Bel- Air Visits:** We will not be making monthly visits to Bel Air for the foreseeable future. While we miss our friends there, we pray they all stay safe and healthy.

**Preschool Open House:** Mrs. Stromquist will be hosting an Open House for all preschool families on **Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30pm**. She will be going through important information for the preschool families this year. Please join us for the PIE meeting following Open House.

**Festival of Friendship:** The Festival of Friendship will be held on **Sunday, September 12**. We will have an outdoor worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. You are asked to bring your own lawn chairs. Following the service there will be games that our school families/parents will help run. We will then each lunch. Following lunch there will be hayrack rides. As a school we are responsible for the games. Please bring your ideas to the PIE meeting on Wednesday, August 26.

**Box Tops for Education:** We receive money for Box Tops items you purchase in the store or online. Please select our school when you use the app and scan receipts. We also still save clipped Box Tops if you have items that still have them on it. There is a box at the information center in the church hallway to put these in, or just drop them off with a teacher and they will get them to the appropriate place.

**Hot Lunch:** We are working on filling in the the Hot Lunch schedule, if you have a date in mind that you'd like to bring Hot Lunch, just let Ms. Smith know.

**No School:** We will have no school on **Monday, September 6** for Labor Day.

**Chapel Services:** We will have weekly chapel services on Thursdays at 9:30am. Children are invited to bring an offering each week in their reusable offering envelope. This is not required, but it is a good way to start teaching children about showing our thanks to God for all he has given us. This first semester our offerings are going to Friends Network which supports missionaries in Vietnam and China.

**Monthly Calendar:** The calendar is able to be viewed on our website at [www.trinityinhoskins.com](http://www.trinityinhoskins.com) under the school heading. You can also put this link into the URL bar in order to access the calendar: <http://bit.ly/2bFggBX> Our hope is that this will make it easier for parents to access event information

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and dates as well as sending reminders about upcoming events. Please let Miss Smith know if you have any questions.

**Saint Sports:** We are invited to participate with St. Paul's Lutheran School and their sports programs. These usually start at 4th grade.

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### Miss Smith's Room News

We had a great start to our school year! I am happy to be back in the swing of things and we're all adjusting quickly to the school schedule!

This week we will be starting full classes for each subject and each grade. Kindergarten reading will start with our first SuperKid- Cass who likes to cook and has a cat named coconut. First grade reading will be focusing on our review unit which takes us through a quick review of each letter and basic reading concepts. Second grade is also doing a review before we dive into the Superkids material for second grade. Third grade will start their first story in our new reading curriculum.

We will also be jumping right into math lessons and reviewing concepts learned in the previous year. We will also be starting spelling for first, second, and third grade- practice tests will be on Wednesday. Final test on Thursday. If students get 0 wrong on Wednesday they do not need to take the final test on Thursday. Memory work will start Tuesday morning. We will also be writing the obligatory "What I did this summer" story.

Our Christ Light Lessons this week will be "Creation of Man and Woman" and "The First Sin."

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**Newsletter in a nutshell (Pastor will be using this information to communicate with the congregation what things we have going on at school, feel free to share this same information with your friends and family.)**

We had a great first week back to school. It was great to be back in the classroom! We are blessed with 13 Kindergarten- Third Grade students (we do not have any students enrolled in fourth grade) We are hitting the ground running and adjusting quickly to our school schedule. This week we are diving into all our subjects and working on school routines. We started with our first Word of God lesson, "Creation" This school year we are working through Old Testament Bible lessons. We look forward to the start of Preschool on September 7th.