August 17, 2020
To Trinity Lutheran Christian School families, Trinity congregation members, all personnel and prospective families.

In our letter to you on August 6th we hoped to open the 2020/21 school year with on-site classes. However, on August 11th, further updates were received from Oregon’s governor, Department of Education and the OR Health Authority. In addition the COVID-19 metrics (guidelines) for reopening will not be met by September 2nd for our first day of school. (The required low positivity rate in OR state and Multnomah county must be in place for 3 consecutive weeks.)

Using those factors and the desire to best ensure the safety of our students and staff during this time of COVID-19 as the primary reasons . . .

Trinity Lutheran Christian School will open for the 2020/21 school year on September 2nd with online classes for all grades, Kindergarten through Grade 8 (Comprehensive Distance Learning). This method will continue until the end of the first quarter, October 30th.

The Board of Education along with Mrs. Wolfe will continue to monitor all necessary requirements for Oregon schools to determine what the status will be after October 30th. We will keep you informed as we get information and make necessary decisions.

Teachers will be coming together this week to begin their teaching year and planning for our school program. They will work together to:

- Schedule Home Visits with families. This is a Trinity school tradition and may look different this year, perhaps meeting outside at homes or following protocols already in place for coming into the school building.
- Prepare plans to hold or adapt Trinity’s Back To School event.
- In the August 11th update, new Limited In-Person Instruction guidelines allow teachers to have students come individually or in small groups to their classrooms for short periods of time for tutoring, testing, social interactions, etc. Specifics about this option will be reviewed so that each teacher can provide additional and valuable support for their students.
- Review last spring’s remote learning experiences to change, improve or enhance as needed.

While this may not be the opening the majority of our TLCS family was hoping for, we are prepared to continue our excellent educational experience for our students.

Please continue to join us in praying for the safety of all during these challenging times and especially for our teachers, students and families as they prepare for the 2020/21 school year. Include prayers for those who are making decisions about the school year asking that they have wisdom and discernment as they do so.

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