

Trinity Lutheran School

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Trinity Lutheran School has been a beacon of Christian hope for parents and their children since the founding of Trinity Lutheran Church in 1882. By the grace of God, Trinity has been *Gifting to Serve* God's kingdom for the past 136 years, and we are looking forward to the future plans God has for the ministries of Trinity and how He will use us through our *Gifting to Serve* stewardship campaign. Throughout a multitude of changes over these years, Trinity's mission remains the same: "Connecting People to Christ in His Word and Love."

Today, Trinity Lutheran School is focused on connecting children and their families to Christ. We believe God created each one of us unique with individual gifts from God. Trinity Lutheran School sees your children as unique creations from God. Our goal is to help each child grow into the person God would have them become.

As we move into this *Gifting to Serve* campaign, we pray the projects listed in this brochure will strengthen our mission and ministry to your children and to the children and families who will join our school. The projects listed far exceed the goal we have set for our Community School Families. Trinity Lutheran Church strongly believes in the mission of our school, so in addition to a number of projects at the church, they also hope to complete many of the school projects described in this brochure. We hope each of our Community School Families will consider a special gift to this *Gifting to Serve* campaign. We recognize the financial priority and sacrifice each of you are making just to pay tuition. Paying tuition is like church members who are making "first fruit offerings" or "bringing a tithe." Our church members and our Community School Families are strongly encouraged to consider gifts that are over-and-above tuition and regular offerings and gifts to the church and school.

Christian education is a partnership between parents, school, and church. We are humbled you have chosen Trinity as an investment in the faith-based education for your child.

As we embark on this stewardship emphasis, it will be a blessing to see how God has gifted each one of us as His children to serve in ministry in this place and beyond. I look forward to the celebration events where we will celebrate and reflect on the blessings that God will provide through this *Gifting to Serve* emphasis. Please join us in prayer, consider making a gift or pledge to the campaign effort, and seek God's guidance in service to Him.

May God richly bless each of you and our ministry at Trinity Lutheran School. And may God richly bless this *Gifting to Serve* effort that the kingdom work we do through the school will be a blessing to your children and family.

Gifting to Serve,
Mr. David Kumm – Principal
Mrs. Melissa Green – Early Childhood Education Program Director



Trinity has been like extended family! Trinity has come alongside us in training our daughters to be life-long followers of Christ. – Mark and Leanna Meyer

"Train a child up in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

KNOW HIM – SHARE HIM – SERVE HIM

Trinity Lutheran School – the Faith-based Difference

There are many educational options available to parents today. Why Trinity Lutheran School? God. Faith. Jesus. Prayer. The Holy Spirit. Forgiveness. Worship. Love. Scripture. The feeling of being part of something “bigger” – the Kingdom of God! It is these faith-based differences and faith-based opportunities, coupled with a quality educational experience, and a dedicated and caring faculty and staff that make Trinity the school of choice. The Trinity Community – Students, Families, Faculty and Staff, Pastors, our Savior and our Heavenly Father – is special. It is truly a gift. God is *Gifting to Serve* through us – the Trinity Family.

Faith Development Partnership

- Christ-centered Instruction Throughout Curriculum
- Daily Religion Classes and Prayer, Weekly Chapel
- Discovery and development of the unique God-given gifts of each child
- Faith-based values

Rigorous Academic Curriculum – integrating Faith throughout

- Education of the whole child: Academic, Social, Emotional, Physical, Spiritual
- Small Class Sizes
- Special Curriculum: Spanish, Art, Physical Education, Choir, Music, Band, and Technology
- Before and After School Club Opportunities
- Service opportunities practicing stewardship and using God-given gifts in service to others

Safe and Caring Environment

- Caring teachers that attend to each child with the Gospel message
- Discipline issues are addressed with Law and Gospel, with emphasis on the gift of forgiveness
- Caring attention to any special needs for a child: dietary, medical, educational, etc.
- Security access system with doors secure throughout the school day

Trinity “Family” Atmosphere / Community

- Trinity Family is part of something “bigger” – valued members of God’s family
- Daily communication from school office and weekly communication from classroom teachers
- Family-centered, faith-based community events and volunteer opportunities
- Prayers for Students and Families
- A listening ear and nurturing heart for each student and family
- Share in the desire to grow and nurture each child to be reach their potential

Educational Programs Available

- Early Childhood Education Program: 18 months, Toddler, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten
- Elementary School: Kindergarten – Fifth Grade
- Extended School Day Childcare: Before and After School
- Summer Camp and Vacation Bible School Opportunities
- Proud Member of Lutheran Schools of Lincoln and Partner of Lincoln Lutheran School Assn.



The music program has always made my heart swell, to hear our kids sing with their whole hearts about Jesus is so beautiful. We are very thankful to have our children in a loving environment where they can lean on God and trust Him in all things, growing in His word and maturing their faith. – Bill and Pam Miller

“Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths; guide me in your truth, and teach me for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:4-5

SCHOOL EMPHASIS - GIFTING TO SERVE

The Trinity Family extends beyond the walls of the church and school buildings: members of Trinity Lutheran Church, the families of Trinity Lutheran School and ECE program, but most importantly the lives that we will touch as brothers and sisters in Christ, God's children. We are blessed to be *Gifting to Serve*.

Because our Trinity Family is more broad, we are offering our Community School Families an opportunity to prayerfully consider supporting this stewardship effort. *Gifting to Serve* is a Stewardship Campaign effort designed to grow God's kingdom and further His ministry through the efforts of Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ECE program. Below is a summary of some of the school emphasis items that are part of the *Gifting to Serve* Campaign.

School Technology Phase 1: Goal \$52,000

Projects: *wireless infrastructure upgrade, new laptops for teachers, replacement of computer lab hardware.* Presently our wireless infrastructure and internet is not reliable. Teacher devices are a key part of the instructional and record keeping process. Our computer lab has served us well; however, the devices are showing their age.

School Playground Enhancements: Goal \$45,000

Projects: *install shade structures over the sandbox and toddler playground area, install rubber playground surface, replace the X-Wave playground structure.*

Outdoor free play is an important part of the day at Trinity Lutheran School and ECE program. We have a need for shade structures for protection from the sun to keep the areas cooler so that the playground structures and toys are not too hot. Upgrading from wood chips to rubber playground surfacing is an important investment in these critical spaces for our children.

School Technology Phase 2: Goal \$75,000

Projects: *interactive technology for classrooms, iPads and Chromebooks for classrooms, ongoing professional development and training for staff, STEAM Emphasis: 3D printers, Green Screen Technology, LEGO Robotics, LEGO Simple Machines.*

We are blessed with a quality teaching staff that facilitates a great academic curriculum. In today's world, technology integration is an essential educational experience. These projects will greatly enhance collaboration at all grade levels, research, instructional delivery, presentation skills, preparation for transition to middle school, etc. The STEAM emphasis would provide the opportunity to provide unique educational experiences such as programming, robotics, and 3D printing to name a few.

Downtown Childcare Study: Goal \$10,000

Projects: *conduct a feasibility study for addressing growth potential and facility requirements.*

Childcare is a necessity for many families. And there is a need for high quality, values based programs. Our ECE program is highly respected in the community. Considering the location of our church, there may be opportunity to meet a need and expand our ECE program ministry and this study will help us evaluate this opportunity.

School Exterior and Grounds Enhancements: Goal \$20,000

Projects: *install a sprinkler / irrigation system, waterline to garden, and fix ball field drainage.*

This project will enable us to be better stewards of the beautiful grounds we have been blessed with.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: In what order will the projects listed be completed?

A: Projects will be completed as gifts are received according to a prioritized list approved by the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church as included in this booklet.

Q: Will gifts from Community School Families only be directed to the School Emphasis?

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Q: Can Community School Families direct their gift to a specific project that is part of the School Emphasis?

A: No, the order of the projects has been carefully planned according to their priorities. We want to make sure we fully accomplish one goal before moving onto the next goal.

Q: How much do we hope to raise from Community School Families?

A: The project goals for the school total approximately \$200,000. We hope to raise \$25,000-\$75,000 from Community Families. Our goal with these funds, coupled with the Congregation support of *Gifting to Serve*, is to accomplish our project goals. The Faith Promise Card in your packet outlines how gifts can be spread out over months or given as a one-time gift as part of this three-year campaign. Each family is encouraged to consider a special gift based on their situation.

Q: What if I want to know more specific information about one of the projects?

A: Please direct your questions to Mr. David Kumm – Principal, or Mrs. Melissa Green – Early Childhood Education Program Director

Q: How can I afford to give a gift to *Gifting to Serve*?

A: Pray. Seek God's guidance in how to be good stewards of the gifts He has given to you. Think about the investment you make in your child's Christian Education. A gift to *Gifting to Serve* represents an investment in the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and ECE program, and represents a commitment to the growth of these ministries over-and-above tuition and other regular financial support to Trinity Lutheran School.

Our son goes to Trinity Lutheran School and attends their ECE program. He absolutely loves it at Trinity! We are so pleased with his response to being there, as well as the great staff and wonderful program they have for him. We look forward to our daughter, Carmen, joining McCartney at Trinity this summer when the summer camp session begins! We couldn't be more happy about it and want to extend our thanks to all of those who are there each day for all of the kids! Your efforts go a long way. – Heidi and Craig Patak

It's wonderful to believe that every day when I drop my daughter off at school, it is a family type of atmosphere and a safe environment. We love our experience at Trinity Lutheran School.

– Gary and Ann Miller



Ask, Seek, Knock -- Matthew 7:7-8

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you; for everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.