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*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

April - May, 2018

Dear Trinity Lutheran School and Early Childhood Family,

The **GIFTING TO SERVE** stewardship emphasis is vitally important to the ministry of our congregation, school and early childhood programs. With God's blessings our goal is that we will be able to raise \$1,000,000 over a three-year period to help with our ministry plans described in the enclosed brochures. The 4-page school-emphasis brochure highlights projects and goals of a school-specific purpose totaling about \$200,000. The 8-page brochure outlines the entire campaign.

We are encouraging all our school and ECE families to pray about what God is asking them to give in support this emphasis – and then to act in faith as they commit to those gifts. We are not suggesting a specific amount of money that families must give. We do however, want to provide the opportunity to participate together in something bigger – to further God's kingdom. No gift is too large or too small. Before deciding on an amount to give, however, please reflect on the love Jesus has demonstrated to each of us:

- † the love that freely gives heaven to you and your loved ones.
- † the love that freely adopts you into God's family.

Then, in response to that love we encourage you to consider a **GIFTING TO SERVE** gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, School, and Early Childhood Education Center.

You may ask, "How much should I consider giving?" Your packet contains the following resources: the Gift Tree, both brochures and a pledge card that may be useful in your decision making process. Some guidelines to consider:

1. **One-Time Gift:** For those who are financially able, would you pray and consider making a one-time gift to this campaign effort?
2. **One-Time Annual Gift for Next Three Years:** For those who are financially able, would you please prayerfully consider making an annual one-time gift for each of the next three years?
3. **Percentage In Giving Gift:** For those who have been financially blessed, would you pray and consider giving a gift above tuition costs reflecting a percentage of the cost to educate a child at Trinity? The annual cost to educate a child at Trinity is about \$9,000 per year. The difference between this number and the actual tuition investment shows Trinity's commitment and support of the educational programs at our school and ECE. Please consider a percentage gift of any amount. Some examples: 5% (\$450), 10% (\$900), 25% (\$2,250).
4. **Unique Opportunity Gift:** For those who have been financially blessed, now may be the time to consider a unique opportunity gift: portion of a tax-refund, an investment that has matured or any other unique asset you may have that would be a blessing to the *Gifting to Serve* campaign.

Whatever your decision, please make your promise out of love for our Savior. Be assured that your promise card will be handled confidentially. Even if you cannot make a promise gift at this time, please sign the card, indicating your prayerful support, and return it to the school office on or before our last day of school on Wednesday, May 16. We also would like to extend an invitations for you to join us for special Celebration Events on Saturday, May 5 and our Celebration Sunday on May 20 to celebrate benchmarks and update total giving of *Gifting to Serve*.

Please prayerfully consider God's direction in your involvement in the *Gifting to Serve* campaign. You **will find joy** in your prayers and gifts, as you see all the blessings God will provide through *Gifting to Serve*!

Serving Jesus with you,

*Rev. Glenn Meyer*  
Pastor

*David Kumm*  
Principal

*Melissa Green*  
ECE Director

*Chris and Molly Cassidy*  
Trinity Lutheran School Parents