



VOTERS' ASSEMBLY REPORT
May 27, 2010
MINISTER OF EDUCATION REPORT



As our awesome God continues to allow me to minister to the children of Trinity Lutheran Church and School by His grace, along with the dedicated faculty members and staff, I realize how wonderfully blessed we are to be able to share the love of Christ every day with the children God places before us. I also realize how much the ministries of our church and school depend upon volunteers. Our congregation and school is so richly blessed to have such a wonderful variety and diversity of volunteers sharing the Gospel message alongside the professional church workers and staff members. We have a phenomenal team at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. It is a team whose goal is to bring the love of Christ and the knowledge of His Word to the children.

You may ask, if we have such a great team, who is the leader of this team? Our leader is JESUS CHRIST. Trinity Lutheran School is different from other schools because of our Leader. A Christian education is different, and our Leader, JESUS is the reason. In my opinion, nothing is more important in life than the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. What could be more important than the saving knowledge of the grace of God? At Trinity the students learn about His world, but more importantly they learn about HIM and how they can be a witness for Him. It is my prayer His grace, love and peace fills the heart of every child.

Christian education is a choice and an opportunity. It's a choice for parents to place their son or daughter in an atmosphere where Christ is shared – in all that they do! It's an opportunity to give their children the greatest gift on earth - knowledge of their Savior. The choice is significant. Their very lives depend upon it.

Trinity Lutheran School does not exist without Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you, members of Trinity, for your tremendous support of Christian education through your Christian day school. It is my pledge to you, Trinity's faculty and staff of Trinity will use all their energy and their God-given gifts to proclaim His saving message and teach students about His world.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS OF TRINITY, FOR ALL YOUR COOPERATION, ENTHUSIASM, AND TIME, ALONG WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE MINISTRY OF CHILDREN. TRINITY LUTHERAN IS BLESSED WITH TERRIFIC STUDENTS, WONDERFUL PARENTS, A TALENTED AND DEDICATED FACULTY AND STAFF, AND A SUPPORTIVE CONGREGATION. WE RECEIVE ALL THIS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US. PLEASE THANK OUR GOD DAILY FOR THESE GIFTS.

Trinity's students are continuously involved with many projects within the community and the congregation, exhibiting their faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Lutherans for Life Essay Contest, Pennies for Patients, The Lutheran Education Walk-A-Thon, Jump for Heart, and cards and letters to Shut-ins are just a few of the activities in which the students participate for the benefit of others. Trinity's Student Council and National Junior Honor Society are also continually reaching out to the church, the community, and beyond by sharing their talents and their faith with service projects.

THANK YOU to the many members who contribute to the school memorial funds, and are able to have their donation matched through their employer. These dollars are used for the benefit of the students and educators of Trinity. What a wonderful blessing! **THANK YOU** for thinking of the students and staff at Trinity.

- **THANK YOU** to the unbelievable number of moms and dads who spend a great deal of their time as volunteers. **Many of Trinity's programs and activities would not be available to the children and faculty if not for these dedicated parents. THANK YOU** Hot Lunch helpers, lunch monitors, room moms, label collectors, counters and cutters, Market Day Committee, PTL Executive Committee, T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction) coordinator, coaches, classroom assistants, operetta helpers, library volunteers, Board members, and on and on and on. **YOU ARE A BLESSING TO TRINITY.**
- **THANK YOU** to the faculty and staff members who also give of their time outside of the classroom setting to enhance the program of Christian education through extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and events.
- **Trinity Lutheran School** will be recommended for full national accreditation this summer. Thanks to the many faculty, staff and parents who worked diligently on this project for the last year. A huge thank you to the members of the NLSA Steering Committee for the many hours and late evenings in which they were involved. A copy of the NLSA Visitation Team's Report is available through the school office.
- Thanks to Trinity's PTL for their efforts in raising funds to benefit the students and staff.
- Post-school teacher workshops begin June 7th.
- Congratulations to Margot Stevens, Valedictorian and Sarah Herold, Salutatorian Class of 2010.
- Recent Operetta, "Oh, Jonah," involved over 90 students and numerous adults and staff. Thanks to all who helped.
- Correspondence with Trinity Shut-ins is a blessing for the students and the Shut-ins.
- Graduation for 23 eighth graders is May 30 at 11:30 a.m.
- Last day of school for the 2009 - 2010 school year is Friday, June 4, with a closing worship service at 8:05 am. - Please join us!



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- Encourage the congregational leadership to begin involvement in a Strategic Ministry Plan.
- Work with the Marketing Committee to assist in encouraging families to enroll their students at Trinity.

- Find additional resources for funding the Student Scholarship Fund.
- Work with Trinity's PTL and the Christian Day School Board in hosting and leading Coffee And... along with supporting Trinity's PTL in their educational and fund raising efforts.
- Begin work on the School Improvement Plan as outlined by the NLSA Visitation Team.
- Continue to assist in worship services as needed and requested.
- Along with Pastor Schauer, continue to lead a Sunday morning Bible class.
- Continue serving as a small group leader and host.
- Continue serving as a member of the Northern Illinois District's Education Executive Advisory Cabinet. Responsibilities call for administration liaison for South Suburban Lutheran School Administrators.
- Continue serving on the Northern Illinois District's Administrative Services Committee.
- Continue serving as a SSAC (Strengthening Schools and Congregations) consultant as requested.
- Continue to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.
- Attend district, regional, and national LCMS conferences as needed and able.



Trinity Lutheran Church and School has been blessed by our heavenly Father with an avenue to proclaim Christ's words of salvation, grace and peace, to children through a Christian Day School. This is a tremendous and humbling responsibility. Those who serve the Master must do so with all the physical and spiritual strength God has given them. I want to again thank the members of this congregation for supporting your excellent Christian day school. I want to thank the teachers and staff members who work tirelessly to share God's Word and teach the children about His world. I want to thank the parents for their trust, cooperation, and companionship as we daily share the message of God's great love for all of His creation.

May our gracious Lord continue to grant each of you a great measure of His peace. Please remember to pray for Trinity's students, faculty, staff, parents, and each other daily.

Serving The Master Teacher,

Steve Stec, Minister of Education