



# MINISTER OF EDUCATION REPORT

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

I begin this report rejoicing with the addition of two (2) new members to Trinity's faculty and five (5) new faces to Trinity's staff. God has blessed our church and school with Miss Laura Piel, a 2011 graduate of Concordia University, Chicago and Mrs. Karen Rohder, also a Concordia graduate. Miss Piel is Trinity's middle school language arts instructor, while Mrs. Rohder is instructing the three (3) year olds and assisting in Trinity's 4 Pre-Kindergarten program twice a week.

Mrs. Janet Fasciana, Mrs. Tracy Griffin, Mrs. Jill Hanssen, Mrs. Amy Greenspan, and Mrs. Corine McCartney have joined Trinity's staff as part-time early childhood educational assistants. What great additions to Trinity.

**THANK YOU** to the phenomenal number of volunteers who assist with the programs at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Many physical changes occurred to the church and school buildings this summer. Without the generous support of the volunteers it would not have occurred. Many of the programs offered by Trinity Lutheran School would not be available - they would not exist - without the assistance and leadership of volunteers. **THANK YOU**

I am blessed to daily minister with wonderful people whose purpose in life is to share God's love and grace, through His Son Jesus, to children as they instruct them about His world. Trinity has an incredible group of talented, dedicated and extremely hard working Christian educators and staff members. Each of them sees every child as a precious gift from God. I am also blessed to be a trained school and church consultant for one of our Synod's Strengthening Schools and Congregations (SSAC) teams.

Trinity students continue to be involved within the life of the church and the community. A few examples of their involvement are:

- Corresponding with Trinity Shut-ins
- Student Council members and National Junior Honor Society members helping the student body reach out to all parts of the world with their mission projects
- Participation in the various regional essay contests
- Collecting funds for Lutheran Malaria Initiative
- Participation in the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Poster Contest
- Weekly Chapel Offerings
- Musical and choral concerts performed at nursing homes
- Peer Assistance programs



**THANK YOU** to the many members who contribute to the school memorial funds. There are four memorial funds to which one may donate:

- The School General Memorial Fund - funds collected here help improve the quality of education through needed equipment and curricular items.
- The School Technology Fund - dollars donated to this fund go directly to assist students and educators in the realm of technology. Recently two families donated dollars for the purchase of 7 SMART interactive boards and laptop computers, and one family has donated over one dozen computers for use in our computer lab over the past year. What a wonderful blessing!
- The School Library Fund - the money collected for this fund goes directly to improve the school library through books or equipment.
- The Richard Claus Memorial Walcamp Fund - these dollars, in memory of one of Trinity's teachers, assist families who would otherwise be unable to afford the outdoor education experience which is part of Trinity's fifth grade curriculum.

Often a member's gift is matched by his or her employer, and the blessings are doubled!

Trinity Lutheran School also has a **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND** to help families who struggle with the cost of tuition. Donations may be made to this fund at any time. For more information on how you might be able to assist a family, please contact me.

**THANKS** to all of you, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, for your contributions of time, talent, treasures, and prayers for the students, faculty, and staff. Trinity is blessed to rank in the top ten in student enrollment in the NID for K - 8 schools. Your offerings and donations are greatly appreciated and used wisely by the men and women serving you and teaching His lambs.

Trinity continues to assist those individuals struggling from the devastating tornado in Joplin, Missouri this summer. First quarter school chapel offerings are being sent to Martin Luther School in Joplin to help the church and school members who suffered great losses due to the storm.

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

Peace,

Steve Stec, Minister of Education



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*Trinity Lutheran School exists to challenge and enable young people to grow in both Christian Spirit and academic wisdom, and to prepare them to be witnesses in God's Kingdom.*

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