



2017

2018

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**CELEBRATING**  
a year of blessings

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER.

HEBREWS 13:8



## CELEBRATING OUR PAST INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



Did you know that as a member of the Trinity family, you are part of an amazing story that has been unfolding over the course of more than 175 years? God has been accomplishing extraordinary things through the people of Trinity Lutheran Church and School for nearly two centuries – and you are connected to this powerful ancestry!

We are celebrating a pivotal time in the life of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. It is apparent that God is working in amazing ways, preparing and shaping us for a purposeful future. We are eager to see how He will use our church and school to positively impact our community and the lives of those around us.

We hope that as you read about the successes of our amazing school year, you are proud of your roots at Trinity and continue to help us bring the Gospel message to those around us.

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2016, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church initiated a \$3 million renovation and expansion project aimed at improving both our historic downtown sanctuary and our 70,000 square foot school building. An estimated \$1.2 million in improvements were identified at the school facility.

The following projects have been completed or are in progress:

- Boiler system replacement
- Roof repairs
- Outdoor brickwork and window sealing

The following will begin this summer:

- Bathroom remodeling
- New flooring in the halls and classrooms
- New treads and painting of the stairways
- Foundational waterproofing

We are blessed with a wonderful school facility, and we are thankful to all those who have already contributed and continue to support the capital campaign. Your generosity has made these important facility improvements a reality!



## MISSION-MINDED

Trinity Lutheran School is the primary mission of Trinity Lutheran Church. From the school's inception many years ago, our members have supported the school through prayer, volunteering, and financial support.

Each year, church members contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars through tithes and offerings in support of our school ministry.

Much of what takes place at the school would not be possible without our church members who volunteer. From assisting in the classrooms, helping to maintain the school grounds, and facilitating family-friendly events, our school is blessed to have the support of our congregation.

**70%**

of the school's funding comes from Trinity Church as a result of tithes and offerings.

**30%**

of the school's funding comes from tuition.

## COMING THIS SUMMER: E-GIVING

Electronic giving is a convenient and consistent way to contribute to Trinity's ministry. The new system will be in place July 2018 and, once it is, you will be able to give in any of the following ways:



In Person



Text



Giving App



Online



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We fell in love with Trinity when our oldest daughter was in preschool at Trinity four years ago. Last year, we had a tragic loss in our family - our children lost their sibling. While it was a very difficult time in our lives, our Trinity family helped our children every step of the way. We are beyond blessed to be a part of this amazing school family!

– The Bennett Family



## THE ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS



Throughout its extensive history, Trinity has regularly demonstrated an innovative approach to ministry. This characteristic was evident three years ago when the leaders of Trinity Lutheran School identified the need to adjust our educational model to more effectively meet the demands of our rapidly changing culture. The leaders wanted to implement an innovative program that would differentiate our school and position Trinity for a strong and thriving future.

The process included a partnership with an outside consultant and careful review of our mission, research into best practices and educational models of thriving and excellent schools, and interviews with Trinity School parents.

When asked what they would like their child's life to look like at the age of 30, the answers given were striking in their consistency.

- Be strong in their faith walk
- Be financially independent
- Be part of a happy family structure
- Be contributing members of their community

These responses combined with insights gathered from best practices of excellent and thriving schools led to the development of the Elements of Success.

During the National Lutheran School accreditation process, the Validation Team recognized Trinity with the NLSA Powerful Practice for the development and implementation of the Elements of Success program.

**COMPASSION** Showing kindness to others  
**COMPOSURE** Showing self-control and patience  
**CITIZENSHIP** Caring for our belongings, our school, our community and our nation  
**CLEAR THINKING** Evaluating information and making wise decisions

## Elements of Success

**CURIOSITY** Asking questions and exploring the world  
**CREATIVITY** Thinking of new ideas and learning how to make them happen  
**COMMUNICATION** Expressing thoughts and feelings clearly and confidently in many ways  
**COLLABORATION** Working and playing well with others



## AN INTRODUCTORY YEAR

This first year of the Elements of Success focused on an introduction to the Elements. To lay the groundwork for the future, teachers exposed students and families to the program in a variety of ways throughout the year.

- Every student received an Elements of Success t-shirt.
- Parents received guides at home visits and monthly letters with practical home applications.
- The Elements were introduced in Tiger Talk, church bulletins, lobby screens, and Facebook.
- Teachers incorporated the Elements definitions and applications of the Elements into their instruction.
- Teachers led monthly school-wide Elements of Success projects.
- Sunday Bible study for adults focused on the Biblical connections within the Elements of Success.
- Students participated in short videos, which were released via Facebook and YouTube.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> graders assisted in creating the final two Element videos.



Watch the Elements of Success videos on YouTube at [TrinitySpfldIL](https://www.youtube.com/TrinitySpfldIL)



## A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN



All families of Trinity School are supporting members of our unique Parent-Teacher League (PTL). The group's mission is to support the teachers, students and their families. In addition to fellowship activities held throughout the year, PTL supports initiatives in the school that cannot be met through the regular budget. Below are some of the items funded by PTL this school year:



**\$2,600**  
Water fountain with bottle filler



**\$1,000**  
Teacher Appreciation Week



**\$840**  
School library



**\$900**  
Lutheran High School scholarships



**\$520**  
Faculty hot lunches



**\$500**  
Grandparents' Day lunches



**\$390**  
Bus rental for the symphony field trip



**\$210**  
5<sup>th</sup> grade engineering competition t-shirts

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Sharing my love of sewing and quilting with Trinity students has been so enjoyable. I love watching them learn a skill that they may not otherwise acquire. The community atmosphere at Trinity Church and School has been such a blessing to me.  
- Marge Penick, grandmother, Trinity quilter & life-long Trinity Church member



## BUDDY CLASSES

Trinity's classroom buddy program gives older students the opportunity to mentor the younger students. Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students benefit from the guidance and support of these young role models while the mentoring students learn leadership and responsibility skills.



## TECHNOLOGY

Trinity students learn about technology through coding, robotics, stop motion and video editing. Students are enthusiastic technology consumers and pick up on the latest trends with ease. As educators, we instruct them on the proper use of technology and instill the critical thinking skills and creativity necessary for them to grow into the innovators of the future. Today's technological advancements will be quickly replaced by tomorrow's next hot trend. Students need to acquire the healthy digital citizenship skills to properly handle the tools available to them and the thinking skills necessary to adapt in this rapidly changing environment.

## ATHLETICS

Trinity is blessed with a dedicated coaching staff that includes many former collegiate, semi-pro and professional athletes. Our coaches not only guide Trinity student-athletes in the fundamentals of their sport, but also reinforce our core values and help to build character and sportsmanship. The 2017-2018 school year included many athletic accomplishments across all our teams. This was the first year in Trinity School history that both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams qualified for the State Basketball Tournament. The track team again had multiple athletes qualify for State.



## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish classes were introduced this past school year, for students in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. From basic vocabulary to exploring Hispanic culture and learning to sing in Spanish, students have embraced the new curriculum. We are delighted to announce that beginning next year, Spanish will be offered at every grade level, preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## MUSIC

Trinity has a long history of music education. From our chapel and Christmas programs to band and the spring musical, Trinity students have many opportunities to explore the arts of instrumental and vocal music.

This year, three students were chosen to represent Trinity Band in Peoria at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Illinois Lutheran Honor Band Festival. This fall, Trinity will introduce a well-rounded music curriculum beyond choir and band at every grade level.



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Every autumn, Trinity 6<sup>th</sup> graders spend three days and two nights at Camp CILCA for class in the great outdoors. Teachers use God's creation to lead the class through a curriculum of science, physical education, literature, art and more. The students also learn about protecting the environment and working as a team. Trinity has been involved in outdoor education for many years, and many alumni say that the experience was a highlight of their grade school years.



I am excited to come back to a community that was instrumental in my educational, personal, and spiritual growth. I hope to have a similar impact on the students at Trinity.  
 – Zack Klug, Trinity Principal

# TRINITY ALUM RETURNS TO LEAD

“There were just too many Holy Spirit moments that were leading me back to Trinity,” says Zack Klug, Trinity’s new principal. Mr. Klug joins a list of long-term Trinity principals with a passion for innovative learning.

Along with 6 years of administrative experience, Zack has many years of coaching and teaching, including upper level math. Much of Zack’s experience involves 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning, which will be a complement to Trinity’s Elements of Success program.

“We often discuss in school board meetings that the traditional classroom with the teacher instructing in front of neatly arranged rows of desks is not always the best way for students to learn,” says Sue Gwillim, Board of Christian Day School Chair. “He understands the importance of faculty and family relationships.”

Zack stresses that it’s important for students to have choices in their learning, for teachers to work with students at their level and for creativity to be encouraged and embraced early and often. “Even my own children don’t learn the same way,” says Zack of his three children, Elijah, grade 8; Avery, grade 5; and Oliver, grade 1. Zack and his wife, Alicia, are also expecting their fourth child in August.

“There is so much for our families to be excited about with Zack’s arrival,” Gwillim says. “We have been blessed with an experienced leader who understands how the teaching-learning environment has evolved, and he’s not afraid to adapt or help implement changes.”

Please join us for Zack’s installation and luncheon on August 19.



## AN EXPERIENCED TEAM

Trinity’s faculty is comprised of experienced and enthusiastic teachers, who are deeply invested in the development of their students.

Next year’s teaching team is poised and ready for a great school year and look forward to meeting with your family.

Next year’s assignments:

Preschool	<b>Rebecca Logan</b>	16 years	
Preschool	<b>Miranda Fiore</b>	1 year	
Preschool	<b>Dara Jean Merino</b>	8 years	<b>Welcome to Trinity!</b>
Preschool	<b>Michelle McWilliams</b>	9 years	<b>Welcome to Trinity!</b>
Kindergarten	<b>Caitlin Reichert</b>	5 years	
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	<b>Jill Schaefer</b>	27 years	
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	<b>Susan Rodgers</b>	33 years	
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>Brett Moll, MS</b>	11 years	
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Melissa Boehme</b>	8 years	
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Wendy Boehme</b>	6 years	
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Pam Sausaman, MS</b>	31 years	
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Kimberly Garvue, MA</b>	19 years	
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>Morgan Grillot, MS</b>	12 years	
Music Director	<b>Laura Fliege, MA</b>	42 years	
Science	<b>Brian Biggs</b>	17 years	
Resource	<b>Rosalyn Bone, MS</b>	17 years	
Study Skills	<b>Sara Schlichting</b>	38 years	

On behalf of the entire Trinity community, a heart-felt “Thank you!” to Pam Sausaman for her service as interim principal for the past two years. Pam’s dedication has left Trinity ready for a great future!





# SHAPING HEARTS & MINDS



Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Springfield Lutheran High Association. As an association member congregation, Trinity is able to offer Christ-centered education for students ages 3-years-old through senior year of high school.

Armed with an incredible team of faculty and staff members, Trinity's Preschool is thriving.

The introduction of the Elements of Success created a great deal of excitement among preschool students this year. Students were introduced to a new element each month through a preschool-wide assembly and hands-on activities. They earned colored paper chain links for demonstrating the featured skill and celebrated their progress by connecting and measuring their chains.

Spanish - With "hola!" and "gracias!," our preschool students are learning the fundamentals of Spanish language and culture.

Technology - All our preschool students experience various forms of technology from time in the computer lab to lessons on tablets, SMART boards, and the SMART table.

Physical Education - Indoor and outdoor gym classes introduce our preschoolers to the benefits of staying active and working as a team. Toward the end of the year, the students participated in the Preschool Olympics where they showcased their gross motor skills and good sportsmanship.

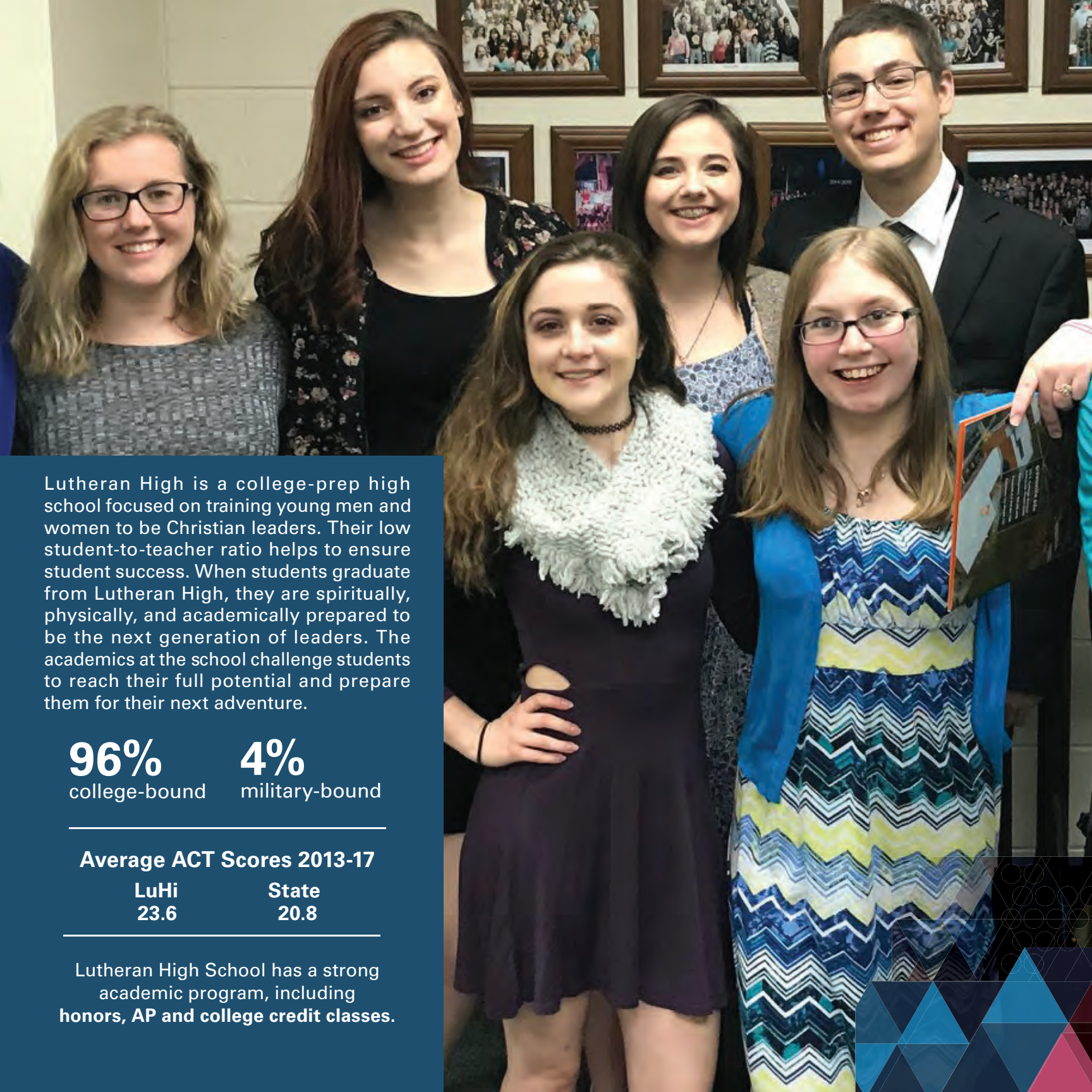
# 100%

- preschool staff are CPR & first aid trained
- preschool staff have early childhood learning credentials
- lead classroom teachers hold at least bachelors degree or are in the process of completing them

# 23%

preschool enrollment growth

2016-18



Lutheran High is a college-prep high school focused on training young men and women to be Christian leaders. Their low student-to-teacher ratio helps to ensure student success. When students graduate from Lutheran High, they are spiritually, physically, and academically prepared to be the next generation of leaders. The academics at the school challenge students to reach their full potential and prepare them for their next adventure.

# 96%

college-bound

# 4%

military-bound

## Average ACT Scores 2013-17

LuHi  
23.6

State  
20.8

Lutheran High School has a strong academic program, including honors, AP and college credit classes.

# SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE



Trinity Lutheran Church is committed to serving God's people in our neighborhood, within the city of Springfield, and throughout the nation and world. We pray that God will continue to bless us to be a blessing to others, and we hope that you will join us in reaching out to our community with the loving message of Jesus Christ!

## In our neighborhood

Twice a year, we assemble Blessing Bags that include snacks, small toiletry items, and important seasonal items such as gloves and hats or sunscreen and rain ponchos. The bags are provided to church members to give to people in need in the Springfield community.



Trinity's Community Outreach team, with the help of dedicated volunteers, prepares and delivers meals for the Helping Hands Homeless Shelter in Springfield.

Every month, the Food Pantry Ministry dedicates a weekend to collecting items for the local food pantry.



Trinity Lutheran Church provides financial support to Contact Ministries, a local organization that serves the greater Springfield community by providing food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance, referrals, and life skills education & training through Christ's love and compassion.

In addition to the outreach programs sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, members of our congregation seek to serve Christ in Springfield and the surrounding community by volunteering with various organizations such as Basket of Hope, Habitat for Humanity, Capital Area Concert Band, Ronald McDonald House, Friend in Deed, Memorial Transplant 5K, and many others.



Mark your calendars now and join us for these upcoming neighborhood events. Invite a friend or check out our website or Facebook page for more information.

**Vacation Bible School** - June 26-28  
(for 3 years to 6th grade)

**Clothing Giveaway** - August 4

**Block Party** - August 11

**Trunk or Treat** - October 31



## LEARNING TO SERVE

Serving our communities and meeting the needs of those around us are priorities at Trinity. Our students are taught the value of service from a young age and are encouraged to care for God's people in any way they are able. This year, school service projects included local, national and even efforts that will have world-wide impact!

### Community-focused

- Raising funds for Lutheran High School scholarships
- Collecting food for local food pantries
- Making valentines and decorating fall pumpkins for patients in hospice
- Making quilts with the Trinity Church quilters for local homeless shelters
- Filling eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Raising money to support Camp CILCA
- Raising money and preparing baskets for local children for the local chapter of the Basket of Hope

### At the national level

- Participating in Jump Rope for Heart to raise money for the American Heart Association
- Collecting personal care items for seminary students

- Collecting and reselling outgrown boots and snow pants to pay for postage to send cards and packages to those serving in the US military

### Around the world

- Each year, students participate in an online mission trip to regions of the world in need of help. Students learn about the region through a week-long virtual mission trip, and their chapel offerings support local mission work in that area. The Online Mission Trip for the 2017-18 school year was to Cambodia.
- Sending quilts to those in need all around the world through the Lutheran World Relief.

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I love demonstrating how easy it can be to be a positive influence and make a positive impact on our community. I'm thankful that Trinity encourages this in my child's education and gives families opportunities to be a part of helping!

- Jessica Noble, second-grade mom



# GROWING TO SERVE

In addition to the many improvements at the school facility, our downtown church location is also getting a makeover.

A 2500 sq. ft. addition has been constructed on the east side of the church building offering additional space and improved accessibility. The addition provides a convenient entrance, church nursery, restrooms, offices and fellowship space, all on the main level of the church.

Improvements have also been made throughout our historic church building, including:

- New flooring throughout the main floor
- New lighting with modern digital dimming systems
- Wider risers for choirs and bands in the balcony
- Rebuilt and refurbished organ
- Expanded space between pews
- New landscaping and sidewalks
- New interior paint
- ADA spaces near the front of the sanctuary
- Tuck pointing and sealing on exterior brickwork
- Roof repairs
- New hardware on entry doors
- New, high efficiency boilers and air vents

## COME CELEBRATE OUR BLESSINGS

Join us as we celebrate the re-opening of the Trinity Lutheran Church building at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe.

**Dedication Service**  
Sunday, June 24 at 8 am & 10:30 am





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