



2018



2019

CELEBRATING
a year of blessings

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH,
A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.
PSALM 46:1



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 nearly 180 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.

It is an exciting time at Trinity! Over the past year, we have moved closer to completing a major renovation project spanning two campuses, continued the development of the Elements of Success program, introduced new school programs, and started new traditions. Under the leadership of our school board, principal, preschool director, and pastors, you will continue to see Trinity Lutheran School strengthen and grow in the coming years!

We hope that as you read about this past school year, you are proud of your roots at Trinity and excited to work with us to continue to share the Gospel message.

FAITH FORMATION

Of all the things that take place in the life of Trinity Lutheran School, sharing the love of Jesus Christ is the most important activity. The saving message of the Gospel is woven into everything we do. As Christian educators, we are committed to providing a firm foundation; guiding and supporting each Trinity student as their faith takes root, grows, and matures.

It is our hope at Trinity that a partnership between school families, this school, and our church will help build a faith in our children that can withstand the tests and struggles of this world. As we are told in Ecclesiastes 4:12, "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken." This relationship is formed in the love and grace which God so richly grants us each and every day.



I am a graduate of Trinity and as a student here I was able to see first hand how seeking an education at Trinity Lutheran School brought my family to Christ. The education and faith development I received during my time at Trinity is the reason I am still a Christian today."

- Shaun Opperman,
Trinity Class of 1993 and
Kindergarten Parent

FAITH FAMILIES

This year, we introduced a new program at Trinity with the goal of helping students grow in their faith through strengthened relationships with kids from a variety of age groups. Trinity's Faith Families were formed by grouping students from every grade into 'families' and pairing each family with a faculty leader.

Trinity's Faith Families gathered a couple of times this year for introductions and ice breaker activities. During Lutheran Schools Week, the Faith Families competed in a friendly Teacher Trivia Kahoots competition.

The Faith Family program will be expanded next year to include monthly Bible Studies and additional activities throughout the school year. We are excited about the potential of this program and eager to see it begin to take shape, building a greater sense of community throughout our student body.





TECHNOLOGY & STEM LEARNING

Trinity students learn coding, robotics, stop motion, and video editing, while gaining the critical thinking skills and creativity necessary for them to grow into the innovators of the future.

With a 2:1 student-to-device ratio, our students are able to gain a great deal of experience with tablets and chromebooks, while allowing ample time for screen-free learning as well.

In addition to weekly time in the computer lab, students are exposed to STEM learning (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) throughout the school day. Hands-on projects, with an emphasis on collaboration and team-building, help Trinity students develop the skills they will need to be successful in the future.



ENGINEERING IN THE CLASSROOM

RUBE GOLDBERG (1883-1970) was a cartoonist and inventor, and is best known for his illustrations of the zany contraptions of Professor Butts. These inventions, also known as Rube Goldberg Machines, solved a simple task in the most overcomplicated, inefficient, and hilarious way possible.

Each year, Trinity's 5th grade class competes in the Rube Goldberg Competition at Lincoln Land Community College. Teams are tasked with building a machine made of random household items and simple parts that must accomplish an assigned task.

This year, Trinity's team received the Volunteers' Choice Award for the best looking Rube and class that worked best together!



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Our children are excited to go to school every day and we have been impressed with all they are learning. The smaller class size, centered around Jesus, is exactly what we needed. We love the family environment at Trinity! All the students know one another and the teachers are dedicated to see each student succeed. We are so thankful for Trinity Lutheran School.”

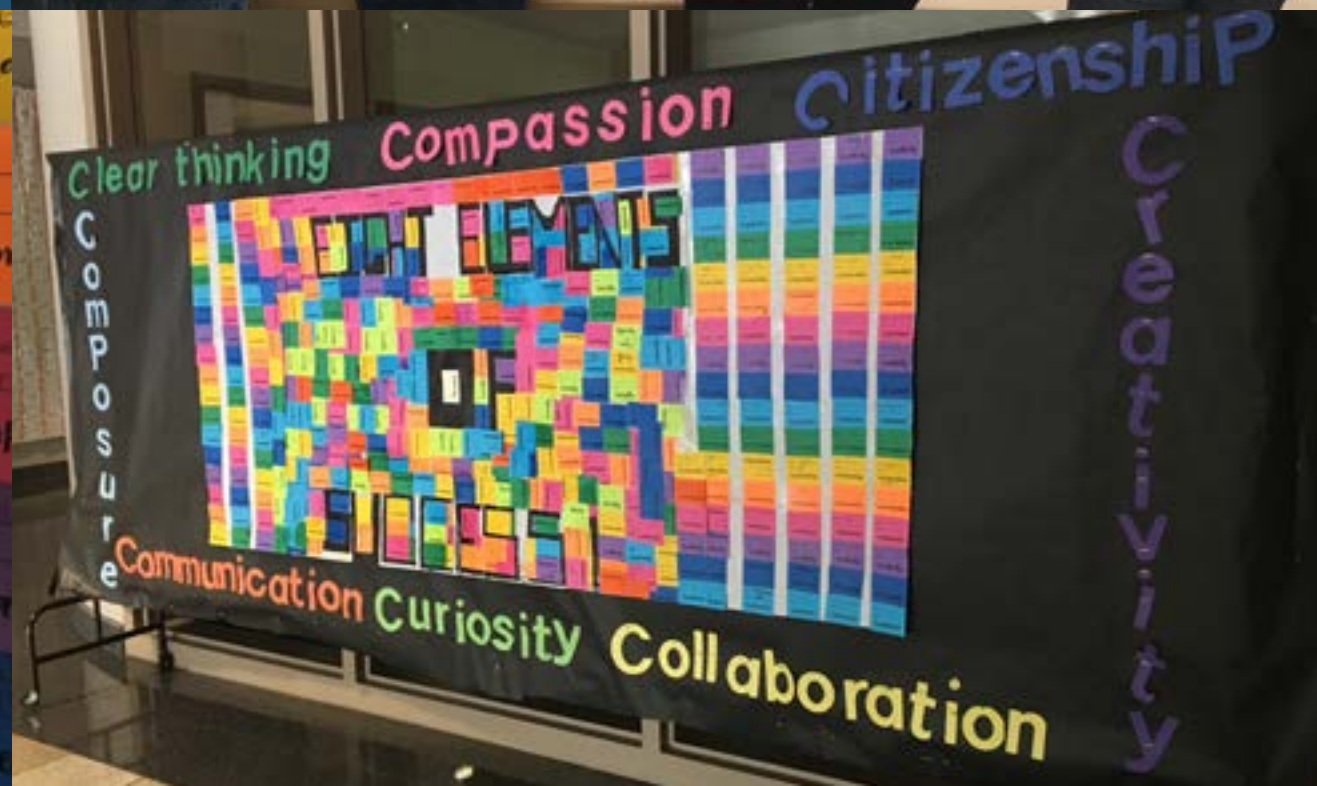
- The Curtis Family

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Our focus on the Elements of Success continued this year with students earning colorful cards for demonstrating the eight elements throughout the school year. Students could redeem their cards for special privileges such as additional recess time or sitting in their teacher's chair.

We also introduced the School Store, which offered students a chance to redeem their cards for unique school supplies, treats, and accessories. Trinity's 8th grade class implemented and managed the School Store, and it was highly successful in promoting the Elements of Success among staff and students.

At the end of the school year, Mrs. Sausaman and her 6th graders put together a display of the Elements of Success cards collected throughout the year. Trinity students collected so many cards, that only a fraction could fit onto the display board! The board was on display during the last week of school, and many students stopped to take pictures by the board before heading out the door for summer break.



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
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

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We have experienced so many positives from sending our three children to Trinity and have made life-long friendships. Our kids have matured spiritually while being part of this school, as well as Trinity Lutheran Church. We will always be thankful for our time at Trinity.”

- Larry & Shelly Clark,
Parents of Three Trinity Graduates

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My time at Trinity laid the foundation for my future and gave me confidence to pursue leadership positions at Lutheran High and then at the University of Illinois. From a young age, a culture of academic achievement was fostered. Whether it be from field trips, science experiments or research papers, I was given tools to explore the world and grow. I am thankful my parents chose to send me to Trinity, giving me such a positive start in life!”

- Avery Clark, Trinity Class of 2011



TRINITY SIGNING DAY

In March, we held our first New Student Signing Day. Many incoming kindergarten students stopped by to ‘sign with’ the Trinity Lutheran School Class of 2028. New students participated in a fun photo opportunity, explored the school campus by completing a scavenger hunt with their families, and were given a new Trinity t-shirt.

This was a wonderful event and helped create a great deal of excitement among our new students and their families. We are looking forward continuing this new tradition in the coming years!



NEW TIGER MASCOT

Over the years, Trinity Lutheran School has featured a variety of tiger graphics and clip art for spirit wear and athletic purposes, but we have never had our own tiger mascot. Thanks to the efforts of the Trinity athletic committee, volunteers, and a generous donor, we were able to work with an artist to develop our very own tiger graphic, specific to Trinity Lutheran School.

Our new tiger mascot, named Triumph, was introduced to students with a video and pep rally in October. The Trinity cheerleading squad helped generate a lot of excitement and each student was given a Triumph cup and stickers to commemorate the big day!

You can visit trinity-lutheran.com/athletics to view Trinity’s tiger mascot introduction video.

CROSS COUNTRY

Trinity's Cross Country team has been growing rapidly in size and experience over the past few years. This year the team experienced new levels of success, culminating in a 9th place finish for the boys at the state meet in Bloomington. Two Trinity runners qualified for nationals at the state meet.

In the spring, the team hosted a water stop at the Lincoln Presidential Half Marathon, providing an opportunity to give back to the community, while observing experienced distance runners and supporting a sport they love.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

Trinity's Girls Basketball team finished 7th in the Edwardsville Tournament, and 3rd in the Trinity Tournament with a big win against local powerhouse, Christ Peoria. Two Trinity players were named to the Trinity all-tournament team and one of our players joined the 1000+ point club! This was the second year in a row that our Varsity Girls Basketball team qualified for the state tournament.

The team also had fun coordinating a fundraiser that concluded with the Trinity pastors coaching a girls basketball game.

VOLLEYBALL

Our Varsity Girls Volleyball team had a great season. The girls were runners-up to the consolation champions at the Christ Peoria Tournament in October, with one of our Trinity players named to the all-tournament team.

The Varsity team qualified for the state tournament and finished in 7th place, the highest Trinity has placed in the state tournament in 2002! A Trinity player was also named to the state all-tournament team.



CHEERLEADING

Trinity's Cheerleaders were a small but powerful squad this year, cheering at both our boys and girls basketball games. These girls and their coaches generated fun and positivity throughout the year and helped us introduce our new Trinity tiger mascot!

For the second year in a row, the cheerleaders hosted the hugely successful Trinity Cheer Camp. This year more than 30 junior cheerleaders joined in the fun!

BOYS BASKETBALL

Our Varsity Boys Basketball team exhibited a great deal of hard work and character throughout their season, proving to be an extremely dedicated group of young men. The team placed 5th in the consolation bracket of GSLAA tournament.

Our coaches were very proud that all their players achieved academic honor roll during their basketball season!



TRACK & FIELD

Our Track and Field team had a great season, beginning with the annual indoor track meet at the University of Illinois, Champaign.

Many personal records were achieved throughout the season and eleven teammates qualified for the state track meet held at Concordia University, Chicago. At the state meet, Trinity took 2nd in girls discus, 4th and 6th in girls shot put, and 7th in boys long jump.

MUSIC

Trinity has a long history of excellence in music education. From our school choirs and chapel services to Christmas programs and the school band, Trinity students have many opportunities to explore the arts of instrumental and vocal music.

This year, Trinity's kindergarten through 4th grade classes presented the spring musical, "Squirm" accompanied by the Trinity Lutheran School Band. In the spring, seventeen Trinity students participated in the Lutheran High Music contest and every Trinity musician earned a rating of superior, first place honors. Three of our students were selected to represent Trinity at the Illinois Lutheran Honor Band Festival at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville.



NEW MUSIC CURRICULUM

This year, Trinity introduced a new music curriculum based on the standards of the National Association for Music Education, with a focus on creating, performing, responding, and connecting. Our kindergarten through 4th grade classes had a great time in their weekly music classes with Mrs. Wendy Boehme and enjoyed:

- studying music history, including famous composers and musicians.
- working on the elements of music such as dynamics, pitch, tempo, and rhythm.
- learning to identify instrument families, list the instruments in that family, and understand how they make sound.
- gaining experience with unique instruments including boomwhackers, xylophone, vibraphone, and glockenspiel.

At the end of the school year, Trinity students attended Peter and the Wolf, performed by the UIS Symphony. This event provided students with an opportunity to review audience etiquette; discuss composers, instruments, and themes; and share their favorite instruments and parts of the performance.



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

The following will begin this summer:

- Parish Hall renovations
- Parish Hall lobby restroom remodeling
- New classroom doors and signage
- New classroom blinds
- New window treatments and painting in the gymnasium
- New fencing around the perimeter of the building

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!

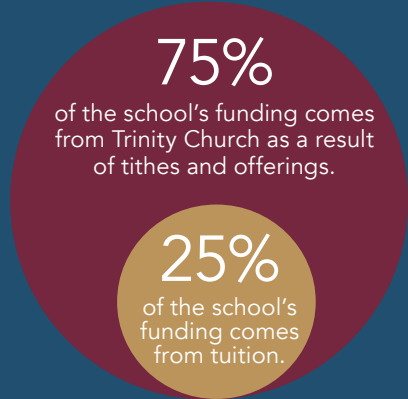


MISSION-MINDED

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 the help of our church members. From assisting in the classrooms, maintaining the school grounds, and facilitating family-friendly events, our school is blessed to have the support of our congregation.



SUPPORT THE MISSION WITH E-GIVING!

Electronic giving is a convenient and consistent way to contribute to Trinity's ministry. Visit trinity-lutheran.com/giving and see how easy it is to give in any of the following ways:

-  In Person
-  Text
-  Giving App
-  Online



LEARNING TO SERVE

Serving our communities and meeting the needs of those around us are priorities at Trinity Lutheran School. 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:

- Sending cards and packages to local first responders
- Raising money to support the victims of Nebraska flooding
- Collecting food for local food pantries
- Assembling flashlights for the annual Trunk or Treat event
- Making quilts with the Trinity Church quilters for local homeless shelters
- Participating in the Kids Heart Challenge to raise money for the American Heart Association
- Writing letters and making bird feeders to send to homebound church members
- Filling eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Contributing cards to baskets for the local chapter of Basket of Hope
- Sending cards and packages to those serving in the US military.
- Raising money to support hurricane victims in Texas
- Raising money to support mission projects in Peru through Lutheran Hour Ministries

During the Kids Heart Challenge, Trinity 1st grader, Callum McCulley was so moved by the story of a child featured in a Heart Hero video that he set an ambitious goal for himself, asking his mom if he could try to raise \$1,000 for the American Heart Association.



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I told him that was a really big goal but that we could try. He asked if he could start by donating his entire savings of \$100. When I reminded him that he'd been saving a long time for a hover board, he replied, 'I know but hover boards don't fix kids' hearts.' He donated all of his savings and we also raised some additional money. Although we did not reach his \$1,000 goal, I was proud he followed through with his commitment. Because of the example Callum set, his younger brother also donated all of his savings!”

- Katie McCulley



SHAPING HEARTS & MINDS

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member of the Springfield Lutheran High School Association. Our fully accredited preschool and grade school, combined with our membership in the Lutheran High School Association, allow us to offer Christ-centered education for students ages 3 years old through senior year of high school!

TRINITY PRESCHOOL

Armed with an incredible team of faculty and staff members, Trinity's Preschool is thriving! In the coming year, we will be working to increase the visibility of our preschool in the Springfield community, as well as creating more connections between Trinity's preschool and grade school. Building on the success of our buddy class program, Trinity's preschool friends will begin participating in the Faith Families program with the grade school students.

Development of a two-year-old program is underway with plans to launch the program in the coming year! We will continue to incorporate STEM learning into our preschool classrooms, and the preschool Spanish program will return in the near future.

Trinity is excited to welcome our new preschool director, Alicia Klug! Alicia holds a bachelor's degree from Concordia University, Chicago and a master's degree from Webster University in St. Louis. Equipped with twenty years of experience in Lutheran education, including ten years of administrative experience, Alicia is excited to be a part of Trinity's preschool!

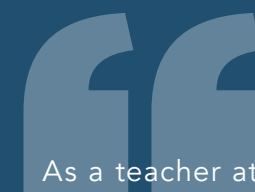
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

Trinity graduates thrive at Lutheran High, with many participating in sports, music, and other extracurricular activities; as well as succeeding in the classroom and achieving honor roll recognition.



SCHOOL FAMILY CONNECTIONS: During Lutheran Schools Week in February, Trinity's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classes visited Lutheran High for chapel service. Pictured above are Lutheran High students who graduated from Trinity along with current Trinity students from the visiting classes. This fall, Lutheran High will welcome twenty Trinity graduates into its freshman class!



As a teacher at Lutheran High, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with many Trinity graduates. I have enjoyed witnessing their academic strengths, creativity, and Christian leadership.

- Berit Ericson,
Lutheran High English Teacher



TRINITY CARNIVAL

This spring, we hosted our first Trinity Carnival fundraiser. The event was a great success with an estimated 500 attendees enjoying a variety of rides, skill games, prizes, carnival food, Chick-fil-A sandwiches, and a wonderful evening of fellowship with friends.

We are thankful to all those who volunteered their time to get this event off the ground, as well as all who came out to support the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School. It will be exciting to see how this event develops and grows in the years to come!





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