

Trinity Lutheran School

ALUMNI connection

“God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior.” 2 Samuel 22:3

Fall 2009

What's Happening...

September

18th- All School picnic for current TLS families

October

2nd- Authentic German Dinner
TBA- Walking trail opens at TLS

November-Celebrating 125 Years!

15th- 10:00am worship in TLS gym
16th- School kids celebrate 125 years
17th- 6:30pm Band & Choir Concert
18th- 8:40am Chapel lead by teachers
19th- Student Art display opens @ TLS
20th- 6:30pm 125th Celebration Dinner & Dessert Auction at TLS
21st- 9:00am Alumni Basketball Tournament at TLS
22nd – 8am & 10:30am worship with Guest preacher

December

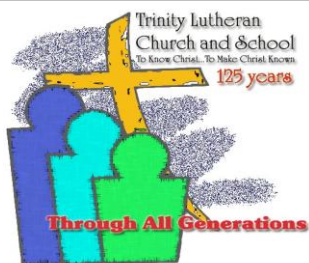
15th- 6:30pm Preschool-3rd grade Christmas concert & The Sweets & Treats Shoppe

Celebrating...125 Years of Ministry!

Trinity Lutheran Church and School are in the midst of planning many great events to celebrate our 125th anniversary. We are excited to have the chance to remember the history of our church and school, and to add to the history by hosting commemorative events during this coming school year.

These events will allow us a chance to reminisce with old friends, such as our Alumni. We recently marked the beginning of Trinity Lutheran Church with a worship service and picnic on August 16. Many of you were in attendance and enjoyed the time together and hearing from former Trinity pastor, Reverend Richard Thompson. We will soon be coming together as the Trinity community for some authentic German food and fellowship on October 2, 2009. Come and experience our ancestors cooking and bring a friend who has never tasted real German food before. RSVP to the church office (319-366-1569) if you wish to attend.

In November the school will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran School with a week of special events. We want as many alumni, former teachers and principals to come back and celebrate with us, especially on the weekend of November 20-22. The weekend will kick-off with our annual Dinner & Dessert Auction. The meal will be a scrumptious Thanksgiving type meal and the desserts are worth bidding on! The proceeds will benefit our school. On Saturday, you can run off your turkey dinner during an alumni basketball game or just rest in the bleachers while cheering on your former classmates. We will wrap up our weekend together with worship on Sunday morning. TLS has trained up many Lutheran teachers and pastors and we plan to welcome back a former TLS student, now a pastor, as our worship leader. You don't want to miss this event filled weekend! Start marking your calendars and plan to join us for one or more of the 125th celebrations planned.



Fore! A Good Cause



L to R: LCMS District President Brian Saunders, Vice-President Dean Rothchild, Chris Christianson and Curt Zebuhr enjoying the beautiful weather and golf for a good cause...TLS!

The annual TLS Golf Tournament took place on August 15, in conjunction with the 125th anniversary celebration of the church's founding. We had 64 golfers hit the links at Airport National. Of the 64 golfers there were alumni, former teachers, LCMS District president and vice-president, and current TLS families and TLC members. What a great day for golf and celebrating!

This year's Golf Tournament fundraiser brought in \$2,500 for school improvements. TLS is working on air conditioning, an electronic sign, remodeling the school kitchen and teacher's wish lists.



Team Janetzke: L to R: Mike Pownell, Gary Janetzke (former TLS teacher/DCE), Chad Janetzke (former TLS student), Kurt Janetzke.

Trinity Website Worth "Hitting"

Wondering about TLS? Want to know what's going on at TLS? Why not visit the TLS website at www.trinitycr.org/tls where you'll find a variety of great information such as:

- Information about the school and curriculum
- On-line student application
- Photos of students' activities
- Student artwork
- Teacher pages for their classrooms
- Sports and Fine Arts pages
- Alumni page
- Coming soon...a virtual tour of the school!

So, when surfing the net, check out what's happening at TLS at www.trinitycr.org/tls

Trinity Online

Not only can you keep up with TLS using our website, but we are now twittering at www.twitter.com/trinitycr. We are posting quick announcements about upcoming events or schedule changes. Also, one of our former students has set-up a **Facebook page** for Trinity...keep up with your former classmates on FB by searching **Trinity Trojans Cedar Rapids, Iowa**.

TLS Legacy Program

Trinity Lutheran School is blessed with generous financial supporters. One such person is Mr. Darryl Schlotterback. A TLS graduate from 1943, Mr. Schlotterback started sending in a \$10 dollar donation for every year since he graduated from Trinity. He has fond memories of former teachers and classmates, and wants to know Trinity's mission is carried on for years to come. Mr. Schlotterback recently visited the school while attending the 125th Anniversary celebration and worship service in August. The church was founded in August of 1884, and we commemorated that day with more than 500 members and visitors worshipping, picnicking and playing together on August 16, 2009. It was a wonderful "family reunion" celebration.

Mr. Schlotterback's idea to contribute just \$10 for every year since being a TLS student is the formula we use for our TLS Legacy Program. You can join the other Legacy donors by sending a donation equal to your years out of Trinity. We will mail you a receipt for your tax records. *If you are a Thrivent member or employed by a company that offers a matching fund program, we encourage you to get your donation matched.*

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity School. Your financial donations, volunteer time, and encouragement make a difference in sustaining TLS for another 125 years.



Mr. Darryl Schlotterback (on left, a 1943 TLS grad) and his brother at TLC in August.

Help Us Build A Prayer Garden

To commemorate our 125th Anniversary, Trinity Lutheran Church and School are selling engraved brick pavers that will be used to build a beautiful outdoor sanctuary on the East side of our church building.

Consider honoring a former church or school member with a brick, or having your own family's name engraved on a brick. Did you baptize children at TLC? Had family members confirmed? Married or buried anyone at TLC? Were you a former TLS student? There are many reasons you can memorialize on an engraved brick.

Our goal in building the Prayer Garden is to enrich our campus with an outdoor area for small worship services, weddings, Bible studies, prayer

groups, and other gatherings. We want the Prayer Garden to be a visible reminder of our 125 years of ministry. We hope the people traveling by on 1st Avenue will see it and know that Trinity is here and they are welcome to stop in. And finally, we want the garden to be a place for people to gather and share God's word with one another; to have a quiet place to gather in prayer or conversation.

Consider being apart of the Prayer Garden by having a brick or several bricks engraved. We will be breaking ground in May of 2010 and hope to have the garden ready by the end of June. We will keep you posted on our progress. All the proceeds from this project will be used to help reduce our debt so we can continue to build our ministries at Trinity for another 125 years!

View the Prayer Garden design and print off a brick order form at the church's website: www.trinitycr.com.



TLS Alumni from the "80's"



TLS Alumni from the "2000's"



L to R: Former students become TLS coaches: Clinton Dietrich, Soccer DJ Engle, Boys Basketball & Soccer.

Mid-Winter Alumni Reunion

This past January TLS hosted an exciting 45th Mid-Winter Tournament. The Lady Trojans placed 4th and the boy's team earned 2nd. Both teams played hard and gave the crowds lots to cheer about...the Trojans are 1st in our hearts!

As you can see by the pictures in the left column, many have played basketball at Trinity over the years. We still love basketball at TLS, and we enjoyed having alumni join us during the 45th annual tournament weekend.

The alumni who attended our "mini-reunion" not only saw some exciting basketball, but were also treated to a slide show with some pictures of past teams and moments shared at TLS. It was fun to reminisce and see our younger selves during our TLS days. Thanks to the many generous donors in 2006 that made it possible for us to host our alumni reunion in our spacious, high-tech science lab.

Mid-Winter Tournament weekend is a great time to come back home and see your "old" Trinity friends. This coming school year we will have many other opportunities to reminisce and celebrate at Trinity. Put the dates from our What's Happening column on your calendar, and plan to join us. We'd love to see you!



Let's pack the gym at our upcoming 125th events like we did for the 2009 Good Friday Service. Over 500 people worshiped together in the TLS gym.

Alumni Basketball Tournament

Hey guys and gals, come on back to TLS **November 21, 2009** for a day packed with basketball and food!

The plan is to have a basketball tournament featuring combined teams from Trinity's storied past. There will be a lot of playing time...that is, if you can still get up and down the court!

We are looking into the future and see a need to build a Family Life Center with a second gym, so we need to start raising some bucks. This tournament and cookout will go toward that goal.

Details will be mailed to you soon, and you can check the website at www.trinitycr.org/tls for a registration form. Lots of basketball has been played at TLS and you could be a part of another legendary basketball tournament. Get this "HOOPS EVENT" on your calendar.

Mark Mueller
Athletic Director



Mark Your Calendars:
Mid-Winter Tournament #46:
January 15, 16, & 17, 2010



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