



2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Trinity Lutheran School 2024-2025



Happy Anniversary Trinity!

A Note from our Interim Principal, Jan Doellinger

I've been asked to reflect and share a few words regarding my service as Interim Principal at Trinity Lutheran School for the 2024-2025 school year. I first want to express my gratitude to the members of the Board of Christian Education and the congregation for your trust in asking me to serve as interim principal. My job was made easier because I was able to work with a group of dedicated staff members. In many cases, they were picking up extra tasks and responsibilities because we were without a full-time principal. Many thanks to them!

Every day was a new adventure. Of course, we had our ups and downs, challenges and opportunities, but most importantly everyone recognized that we weren't doing this for ourselves. Perfection? Not at Trinity or any other Lutheran school for that matter. Mistakes were made, but because of God's grace and forgiveness we could continually keep our focus on what Jesus had accomplished for us on the cross and rising from the dead. God had placed us in this place to work with His children for such a time as this.

One day after school, as I was leaving to go home, I couldn't help but stop and watch this situation unfold on the playground. Some of the kids were playing on the equipment. Others were playing catch. But, there was one group of students that caught my eye...and my ear! Standing on the bench was a group of girls lined up - choir style - facing another girl who was waving her arms directing this small but powerful choir! Under her leadership they were singing their hearts out on one of the "Jesus" songs they were learning in music class. That is what being in a Lutheran school is all about. Trinity students "get" to hear about Jesus every day. Then they put it into action! What a blessing and honor it was to be serve the students and staff in 2024-2025!

The year ended with the good news that Dr. Karen Bahn accepted the Call to be the next principal at Trinity Lutheran School. The Lord will use her to be a blessing in the days and weeks and years ahead. The Lord will also use the National Lutheran School Accreditation to help celebrate the great things that are taking place and to provide a five-year plan for items that need to be considered for improvement. It is an exciting time. May God continue to bless and keep and guide the students, staff, students, parents, and Trinity congregation!

Leave a Legacy

Have you remembered TLS in your will or estate plan?

A legacy can be many things: ideas, art, the written word, achievement, raising children who love and serve the Lord, or helping spread the JOY that comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

As you do your estate planning, Trinity School is an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy that grows God's Kingdom on Earth by helping thousands of children get an excellent education centered in the love Jesus for year to come.

Through charitable bequest in your will or living trust, you can ensure Trinity School will keep its doors open to families who value a Christ-centered education.

This thoughtful act, which has little or no current financial impact on you, may result in the largest and most lasting gift you ever make to the school.

Carry on your legacy of faithfulness into the future. Contact Jodi Jonasson (jonassonj@trinitycr.org) or 319-362-6952 with questions.

Our Financial Supporters

2024-2025 Fiscal year donors*

Donations received 7/1/24 through 6/30/25

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*We sincerely apologize if we missed any names. Please let us know if your name is missing or misspelled.



Memorial Gift Legacy

Gifts given in memory between 7/31/24-6/30/25

*Leon H. Kroemer
Chuck Campbell
Steve Balster
Karen Gilbertson
Ed Koehn*

*Gary Rinderknecht
Carol Stellwagen
George Walter
Lois Weingartner
Pam Wilson*

8th graders were asked: "Why are you glad to have attended Trinity?"

One student wrote:

"I'm glad I attended Trinity because this school has really prepared me and my faith for a healthy, Christian life."

TLS Parent on why they chose Trinity for their kids:

"I appreciate the strong Core Values and my kids are held accountable for their work and behaviors. I can tell the staff truly loves working at Trinity and loves my children. It's a family! ."

TLS Stats



**243
Students**



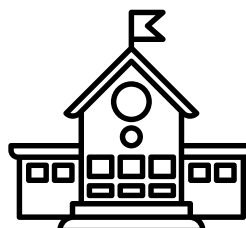
**18
8th grade
Graduates**



7 baptisms



**22.6%
without a church home**



**Master Plan project
with Shive Hattery**



**86 students
received a scholarship**

www.trinitycr.org/School/special events

Trinity Lutheran School Operating Financials

7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

INCOME

Tuition & Fees Paid by Families	\$283,803.50
Donations, Matching, Thrivent Choice	\$43,437.00
Designated Donations	\$76,808.00
Fall Fundraiser	\$29,236.65
Interest Income	\$6,793.00
ESA Funds	\$1,137,900.00
Scholarships & ILSTO	\$36,302.00
Support from Trinity Lutheran Church	\$47,000.00
Early Childhood & PreK Reimbursement	\$31,410.00
Dept. Homeland Sec - Camera grant	\$44,947.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,737,637.15**

Capital Improvement - HVAC Project (in progress)

Funds Raised \$78,864.00

Total tuition collected	\$1,426,758.50
- ESA	-\$1,137,900.00
- Scholarships	-\$36,302.00
Tuition paid by families	\$252,556.50
Registration Fees	\$31,247.00
Tuition & Fees Paid by Families	\$283,803.50

Cost to Educate

Total K-8 enrollment	198
Cost per child	\$8,132.80

Tuition & Fees Paid by Families	\$283,803.00
Average Amount Paid per Child	\$1,433.35

EXPENSES

Payroll & Benefits	\$1,217,902.00
Program Expenses	\$53,192.00
Facility Expenses	\$193,423.00
Dept. Homeland Sec - Camera grant	\$44,947.00
Fall Fundraiser Allocations	\$27,000.00
Spending from Designated Funds	\$73,831.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,610,295.00**

BALANCE SHEET

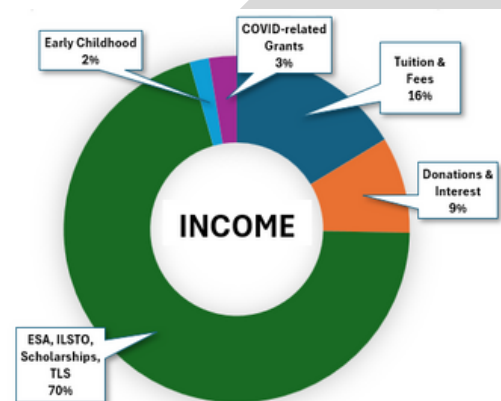
Assets - Unrestricted	\$185,365.96
Restricted (Designated Donations)	\$500,411.50
Total Assets	\$685,777.46

Total Liabilities \$81,499.36

Equity \$604,278.10

SCHOOL ENDOWMENT

Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$364,586.00
<i>Invested with LCMS Foundation</i>	



Thank you for a great year!

2024-2025 Theme Verse



Mission Statement:

Know Christ + Grow in Christ+ Make Christ Known

Purpose:

At Trinity Lutheran School, our students discover and develop their unique individual abilities and talents and become confident, responsible, and compassionate leaders who are “equipped to do the work God has planned in advance for them to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Vision Statement:

Proclaiming the love of Christ in a school setting, we provide a collaborative learning environment with competitive educational and co-curricular facilities. An invested faculty inspire students to pursue academic excellence and develop Christ-like character and values. Students are prepared, motivated, and equipped to encounter and engage a rapidly changing world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Members of the School Board in 2024-2025:

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