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From the Superintendent's Desk

Happy New Year!

Have a good lunch! Have a good day! Have a good week! Have a good year! These are all greetings I have given or received over the few days God has granted me. Some times I will suggest that perhaps this will be the best day they ever had! People usually respond with a bit of doubt on that one.

Think about it. What if this is the best year you ever had? What would have to happen in your life and ministry for that to be true? For some it might mean changes at the very foundations of life. Others might be able to accomplish the goal with some changes in life-long habits. Perhaps you would be able to have the best year you ever had just by thinking a tiny bit differently than you do now.

Foundational life changes happen when Christ truly

becomes the center of a person's life. A person spends time in fervent prayer and study of the Scripture. This foundational adjustment affects the thoughts, words and deeds that emanate from the changed. World view is altered to include the true understanding of God and His continued actions in that world.

New Year's resolutions often reflect the desire to change old, harmful habits. Smokers resolve to quit using tobacco. Many of us enhance the weight loss industry by resolving to lose those pounds. We often turn to drugs, diets, and exercise programs to get it to happen. Some may just change the way they relate to people by trying to be nice if it isn't too much trouble.

The fortunate among us have little to change. I can't relate to that yet. My list is too long.

I do wish for you the best year you ever had. Maybe it will be! God bless you as you venture into this ministry God has prepared for you.

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

God bless you!

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Trinity, Fremont

written by Jim Knoepfel, principal



Trinity Lutheran School serves in ministry together with Trinity Lutheran Church and Trinity Early Childhood Center. Since 1884, it has been our collective mission to plant and nourish the saving faith in all people by teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its worship, educational, and caring ministries. Recognized for its consistent history of academic excellence and ability to promote and encourage moral development while sharing God's Word, Trinity offers a complete program of instruction from kindergarten through the eighth grade at a wonderful facility located in the developing northwest part of Fremont. Infant care through preschool is also available at the Trinity Early Childhood Center.

As a state-approved and nationally accredited school, we consistently strive to present a well-rounded program that challenges the potential of every child. In addition to the academic growth of a child, Trinity is also committed to enriching his or her spiritual growth. Classrooms participate in daily worship and weekly chapel. God's Word is integrated throughout the entire curriculum. Discipline in the classroom is based on the "Love and Logic" principles. Trinity's mission is to provide an education that focuses on developing the whole child as a disciple of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have been blessed with



pastors who are champions for our school! The congregation recently completed a survey, and the overwhelming majority of the survey participants indicated that

our school was the largest blessing to our ministry. We have a great team of supporters with our congregational members, parents, staff, volunteers, and friends of Trinity!

Approximately 2/3 of our students in kindergarten through 8th grade are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. After 8th grade, our students attend a variety of local high schools where we have a wonderful reputation of graduating students who are academically prepared, confident, involved, and possessing high moral standards.



Our teaching staff has a very low turnover rate, and they average over 20 years of experience. Our teaching faculty and supporting staff members consider their roles as servants, not just employees. Our theme last year was *It's All About Jesus* based on Colossians 1:16-17. We liked it so much that we continued it for this year's theme *It's Still All About Him* based on Psalm 46:10.

There are many exciting events happening in our school ministry. Obviously, the students are learning and growing everyday in faith and knowledge. This is part of our mission, and it has been a consistency since 1884. It's wonderful to see the Holy Spirit alive and at work in the hearts of our students and staff as God's Word is utilized and applied everyday.

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Some highlights of our school ministry:

- **Current Technology**

Newly acquired laptop cards, teacher laptops, new computer lab, SMARTboards, and ceiling mounted projectors in each room.



- **Korean Foreign Exchange Program**

Known as Ko-Am, the Korean-American foreign exchange alliance, we are in our third year of a very successful partnership. Trinity has been enrolling students from South Korea in grades 4 through 8, as well as hosting part-time student teachers. Not only is this a great multicultural experience for our students, it is also a wonderful ministry opportunity to make disciples of all nations. At the end of our first year with Ko-Am students, a fifth grade student

from South Korea explained that he would be very sad to leave Trinity Lutheran School, but that he was also excited to share Jesus with his family and friends. When he first arrived in Nebraska, he thought when people died, they just go to sleep without dreaming. Now he knows about Jesus and that he has the promise of eternal life with Him forever! With his parents permission, this student was also baptized. I utilized this opportunity to witness as speaker at a local Kiwanis Club luncheon on Ascension Day. I reminded the group about Jesus' Great Commission to us.



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- **Updated Curriculum**
- **Music, Band and Drama**
- **Athletics**
- **Love and Logic Discipline Program**
- **Mission Projects—local and global**



A main goal of the school is to reach out to the community. We are implementing a community relations program where we advertise with 1,800 television commercials to the Fremont community. We also maintain good relationships and communication with area churches, community leaders, and civic groups.

In 2009, we celebrated our 125-year anniversary and we received our National Lutheran School Accreditation.

It's a privilege to serve with all of our special students and staff members!



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