



Trinity Lutheran Church Parish Caller

Reformation 500 – Growing in God’s Word

In several special ways we as a congregation have marked the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Our services in September and October have featured special Reformation themes covering specific blessings God has given us as heirs of the Lutheran Reformation. The special district Reformation service will be held at Madison on October 29 (see more specific details in this newsletter). We held the showing of the Luther movie *A Return to Grace* and have included several snippets from the movie in our services. What joy Christ has given us as we have celebrated the Reformation!

The Trinity Spiritual Growth Board, under the leadership of Pastor John Braun, and the two of us pastors decided to include in our Trinity observation of the five-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation plans for growing in faith and knowledge through receiving God’s Word. What better way to mark the Lutheran Reformation than by reading God’s Word!

We are offering the second opportunity for spiritual growth from God’s Word (the first was a reading of the Small Catechism—copies are still available). This second opportunity is a reading of the entire New Testament. The suggested plan is included in the center of this newsletter. If you have never read through the entire New Testament, this will be a beneficial spiritual growth project. If you have already read through the New Testament (and perhaps several times), this will be a beneficial spiritual growth project.

This reading plan is divided into two sections. The first section covers those books which Martin Luther called the foremost books. He wrote: “St. John’s Gospel and his first epistle, St. Paul’s epistles, especially Romans, Galatians, and Ephesians, and St. Peter’s first epistle are the books that show you Christ and teach you all that is necessary and salvatory for you to know, even if you were never to see or hear any other book or doctrine.” He advised that “it would be advisable for every Christian to read them first and most, and by daily reading to make them as much his own as his daily bread” (AE 35:362). The second section covers the remaining New Testament books, which also bring us the Gospel of our Savior. You may choose to start on Monday, November 6. Readings are not assigned for Sundays because we receive God’s Word in worship on those days (this also allows for a day to catch up if necessary). Or you may choose to start on any day you wish (then you will follow the days numbered consecutively). Perhaps you might consider reading through this plan in an alternate translation. You could try the Christian Standard Bible or the Evangelical Heritage Version. If you cherish the King James Version, you might use that translation. Pick one and make the good effort to read through the New Testament. The Holy Spirit promises you spiritual blessings as you do so! And he will bless our congregation too as we undertake this excellent way to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

Serving Jesus and you,

Pastor Brett Brauer

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Women in Service

Trinity Women In Service met in the conference room on Thursday, October 12, 2017, for their regular business meeting. Nine ladies were present plus Pastor Brauer. The hostess was Phyllis Kaesermann.

Pastor Brauer opened the meeting with prayer and then gave an interesting presentation about Bible translation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He explained why we needed Bible translations and gave us information about past and present translations in the WELS. He also explained what the Translation Liaison Committee and the Wartburg Project work involved.

The business meeting was opened by Vice President Audrey Zautner in the absence of the President. The minutes for September were in the October newsletter and were approved as printed. The treasurer's report for September was approved with a Women In Service balance of \$1,298.42. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society balance of \$156.14 was sent to the Rock River Circuit last month. The basket collection today was for the LWMS.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from: Trinity Church (memorial for Marvin Radtke); from Helen Radtke & family (for memorial & reception); and The Alpha Resource Center (for donation). The newsletter from the Institutional Ministries was also available.

Old Business: Phyllis reported that a new coffee urn was purchased, but it leaks. West Bend has been contacted and felt the problem was the coffee basket. They are sending a new one to try. If that doesn't work, she will contact them again and ask for a replacement coffee urn.

We were reminded of the LWMS Fall Rally to be held in Brodhead, WI. on Saturday, October 14.

New Business: Since Kathy Strucely will be leaving her po-

sition as the office manager on November 1, we will also lose her as our W.I.S. President. The motion was made, seconded and carried to send her a card and a check for \$50.00 in appreciation for all she has done.

The motion was made, seconded and carried to elect Ann Marcks as the new President for the W.I.S. Up for the regular election this year for the offices of Vice President/ Program Planner and Secretary, Audrey Zautner and Phyllis Kaesermann were unanimously re-elected, respectively.

Trinity is hosting the OWLS on October 17 at 1:30 at Trinity. The motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase cupcakes for this instead of baking. Patsy will take care of ordering them. Kathy will set up the coffee. Volunteers will be needed to clean up after the meeting.

Trinity's Ladies Aid/Women In Service will be celebrating 100 years of God's blessings in December 2017. Phyllis will put past meeting minutes from 1917-1918 into the monthly Trinity newsletter.

There was a good discussion about having more women join us in our meetings, since we are only eight or nine "regulars". Possibilities included were trying an evening meeting and writing personal invitations. Ann is going to look through the membership list and give us some possible prospects.

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next regular W.I.S. meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Hostess will be Ann Marcks.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Kaesermann, Secretary



Pebbles from the ROC

Recently we took a large group of teens from our Watertown Recreation & Outreach Center (THE ROC) to church. Just about all of the teens are without any of God's Word in their lives. As children, during the service, were invited up front for a "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" sing along, a young ROC teen girl asked if she could go up and sing. She wanted to sing about Jesus, how could we say "no"? God worked it out that she was the last in line to sing alone so that by the time she sang the song, she had learned it from the other children. The young girl has since memorized the words and she sings "Jesus Loves Me" at every karaoke session at THE ROC. To God be the glory.

We are thankful for the many teens who attended our Fall ROC Clean-up. Since THE ROC does not have a custodian, the teens, under the direction of Pastor Mueller, keep THE ROC clean. What a joy it was to see the teens hard at work saying thank you to God and all of you who support THE ROC.

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Nov. 25, 5:30 p.m. – Parade of Lights – See THE ROC float

Sunday, June 24 – 2018 ROC Golf Outing

July 19-21 – Projected dates for the 2018 ROC Rummage Sale



Rock River Area Owls

ROCK RIVER AREA OWLS Our OWLS chapter will have its November gathering at St. John Lutheran Church in Watertown on November 21 at 1:30 pm. Rev. James Werner will describe his recent trip to "Our Grenada Mission" on the Caribbean island off the coast of Venezuela. Refreshments available thanks to the women of the congregation. St John is served by Pastors Warnecke and Carter. It was founded in 1852, has some 1100 members and operates a Lutheran elementary preschool to 8th grade with 124 pupils and 8 teachers. Going to 304 North 6th Street will take you between the church and the school. The meeting will be held in the church. Learn more about the Organization of WELS Seniors (OWLS), which provides meaningful activity for people retired and/or 50 years and older. Here is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to grow spiritually and enjoy the fellowship of neighboring WELS and ELS members. Take a Caribbean cruise this month with Pastor Werner to the exotic island of Grenada. Bring a friend with you. All are welcome.

Upcoming Meetings;

December 19 - St Luke, Watertown
January 16 - St. Paul, Ixonia

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Rev. James Buske

"Origins of Christmas Carols"
"The Lighthouse Youth Ministry"



Thanksgiving Service

Special Thanksgiving Services will be held on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm and again on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23 at 9 am.

Financial Status

Thanks be to God for the gifts given for the work of the church!

In order to give a clearer picture of our financial status we will be reporting the weekly and monthly totals of offerings for the unified budget.



Weekly offering needed to support the ministry plan: \$14,031

Monthly offering needed to support the ministry plan: \$60,801

Offerings received the week of September 3	\$ 8,852.50
Offerings received the week of September 10	\$ 9,745.55
Offerings received the week of September 17	\$ 7,887.25
Offerings received the week of September 24	\$ 11,329.00
Offerings received through electronic giving for September	\$ 4,379.00
Offerings received through Thrivent	\$ <u>203.00</u>

Total Offerings received in the month of July for support of the ministry plan **\$ 42,396.39**

Year to date 100th Anniversary Debt Reduction—\$ 82,700

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of September, total operating income was \$139,303 or 19% of the annual budget. Total expenses are \$171,549 or 24% of the annual budget. Revenue and expenses are both expected to be at 25% after three months. The income is behind for the year of \$\$32,246 for the amount of expenditures.

As of the end of September, current assets totaled \$80,352, comprised of \$29,573 in checking, \$50,954 in the money market account. The Thrivent mortgage balance decreased to \$377,162, while member loans are at \$365,859.

Teens' Corner

Trinity Teen's Sunday morning Bible class is off to a good start. We spent one Sunday discussing St. Paul's letter to Philemon. Another Sunday we examined Messianic Psalms. Currently our teens are joining the adults for the study of the Lutheran Reformation. Ten teens recently enjoyed a fellowship outing to Six Flags. The next fellowship event will be laser tag in Waukesha.



Church Secretary Position

Kathy Strucely, who has served as church secretary since 2011, will be leaving this fall. The congregation is seeking a replacement. This is a summary of qualifications and duties for the position:

- Understanding of the mission of Trinity and a high regard for the Gospel ministry;
- Trustworthy and confidential;
- Able to work in cooperation with the pastors and the congregational leaders;
- Skillful in using the computer and church-related software;
- Preparation of the bulletin and service folders;
- Preparation of the newsletter;
- Recordkeeping and various secretarial tasks;
- Assistance to the church treasurer;
- Other miscellaneous duties as agreed upon by the secretary, church leaders and pastors.

The hours will range from fifteen to twenty per week. Applications are available at the church office. The deadline for submitting an application is Wednesday, November 15. For more information, contact Russ Marcks or Bill Nass.

TSL Position Available

Trinity-St. Luke's Lutheran School has a vacant position for a part-time janitor at the Western Avenue campus. This position is an after school/early evening position of sweeping and cleaning classrooms, hallways, and gymnasium when school is in session. The amount of work time per day averages from 2.5-3 hours per day.

For additional information, an application packet, and salary range please contact Mr. Moeller at school (261-3615), home (261-0327), or via email at jmoeller@tslwels.org at your earliest convenience. Questions can also be directed to Mr. Moeller.



**Western Wisconsin District – “Timeless Truths”
October 29, 2017**

-Open to the Public-

Come join us for worship!

Date: Sunday, October 29, 2017

Location: Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, Wisconsin.

Festival Worship: 4:00 pm

Special Hymn Sing: 6:00 pm

Participants: Choirs, Instruments, and Organ

Come early to visit informational displays and vendor booths

Videotaped Church Services

The Sunday services are now being shown on Watertown TV, cable channel 985, Wednesdays 9 am and 4 pm and again on Sunday at 11 am. Services are also uploaded to the church website by Tuesday.

Prayer Partners *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).*

- Pray for the need of others.
- Praise God for the wonderful things he does.
- To join send, an email to sstrucely@gmail.com or call the church office. Prayer requests will be sent to you via email or by phone call.

The First 100 Years

This article is a continuation of the previous article. The work of Trinity congregation proceeded to move forward, especially in Christian education as more families availed themselves of the opportunities available in a variety of different formats.

The council recommended to the congregation that teachers' salaries at St. Mark's be increased by \$2.50 a month. St. Mark's Lutheran School continued to grow. The new "Articles of Agreement" were soon put to use in that another teacher was to be added to the faculty, and this teacher was to be called by Trinity. Because Trinity preferred a teacher be assigned who was a recent graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, the Assignment Committee of the synod placed Howard Dorn as teacher at St. Mark's. Mr. Dorn's installation took place at Trinity on August 21, 1955, at 8:00 p.m. Trinity was now providing three full-time teachers for St. Mark's faculty in Miss Sievert, Miss Schumann, and Mr. Dorn.

Pastor Timmel summarized a year of activities in his Ministerial Report for 1955 which was distributed as a part of the Annual Report for the year.

The fruit of our labors in the Lord is largely spiritual and therefore largely a thing that is not easily apparent. We have enjoyed another year of blessed activity in our God-given work and although the full record of our achievement will not show up in a sum of statistics, there are certain signs of gain and growth evident, signs that bear witness of God's goodness and of a continuing willingness within the hearts of our members.

One area of expansion is our participation in the parochial school. Since a year ago we have been carrying our share of the current expenses of the school on a per communicant basis. This has represented an increase of cost to us, but one that we are glad to assume in that it has given rise to an increase of active interest in this important phase of church work. An additional teacher was found necessary and by agreement Trinity called Mr. Howard Dorn. We feel that the choice was a very happy one. The standard of work in our school is high and conditions are generally good. One exception is the crowded conditions that the enrollment of 320 brings about. St. Mark's is getting its plans ready for a new addition of four classrooms and a gymnasium. Within one year this new building should be fairly well completed.

We had our little part in this last [endeavor] in that we gathered contributions from our members toward St. Mark's building fund. Later in the year we also gathered another offering for the furnishings of the rooms in the dormitory of Northwestern College. Right now we are soliciting funds for the new buildings at Bethesda. May we do as well here as we did in our earlier efforts.

Our financial report for the year is on the whole satisfactory...we have a stewardship committee of 25 men, an advisory group answerable to the council, which helps with the disseminating of information to the members by means of personal calls and also gives valuable assistance in the matter of keeping our financial program moving on an even keel.

We should like to interest more of our people in our weekly adult Bible class and in our Fellowship Club. The Bible class meets every Thursday evening for an hour for the study and discussion of one of the books of the Bible. The Fellowship Club meets on the last Sunday of the month, enjoys a pot-luck supper, and then has a speaker, a film, or a program during an evening of good fellowship.

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As of December 31, 1955, the congregations listed 750 souls, 557 communicants, 237 voters, 65 students in attendance at St. Mark's, and 73 children in Sunday School. During the previous year 19 baptisms had taken place, 21 confirmations, 5 weddings, 5 burials, and 1,587 had communed at the Lord's Table.

In the new year several items still needed to be resolved with the new church building as the congregation settled into its new surroundings. The congregation decided that several of the rear pews should be reserved for mothers with small children. The church basement seemed damp. Mr. Ervin Bilse, the Business Manager of Northwestern College who with his wife was a member at Trinity and a member of the church council, was directed to purchase a dehumidifier. The floor tile in the narthex was not up to par. The supplier of the tile would bear the cost of new tile and half the cost of the installation if the congregation removed the old tile. The Neider Company, installers of the original tile, agreed to pay the other half of the cost of installation. The boulevard areas between the sidewalk and curb were muddy. Rather than plant grass seed and wait for it to grow sod was purchased.

By mid-1956 the congregation was ready to tackle additional projects. The H.L. Martin and Son Company of Green Bay installed Armstrong Cushion-tone Acoustical Tile on the basement ceilings for the cost of \$1,605.00. The Ladies Aid paid \$1,000.00 toward this project with the balance coming from the Church Debt Retirement Fund. This company was also doing the acoustical tile work for the new dormitory being built at Northwestern College. 60+ years later the tile is still holding up. The next year the church basement (or auditorium as it was at times referred to) was completed when \$1,500.00 was expended to refinish the walls by plastering the walls in the main part of the basement and the kitchen. Rust deposits were forming in the boilers, and action was taken to resolve the problem. Miss Sievert reported that the electrical motor controlling the wind for the bellows of the organ wasn't always functioning correctly. The motor was removed and repaired. Roof leaks were fixed, lights repaired, doors painted, hymnals glued and taped, and new shrubs planted around the church building. The council decided to investigate the building of a church sign.

The Herman Fleischer painting of Jesus as the Good Shepherd which hung in the Church Home and was moved to the church basement auditorium was loaned to St. Mark's Lutheran School where it would grace one of the new entrances. This action was completed after permission was received from the family.

Repairs were also made to the parsonage during this time. Electricians updated the wiring and the electrical control box. Carpentry work to remodel the kitchen and bathroom at the parsonage cost \$1,200.00. An upgrade of the plumbing and heating cost another \$700.00. When all was said and done, along with work on updating the garage, the congregation had spent close to \$3,000 to make their pastor's family home a more comfortable residence.

In regard to worship matters Professor Carleton Toppe, a new member of the congregation, was appointed to head a committee to determine if Trinity should begin providing a church bulletin. Under Prof. Toppe's direction the committee reported back to the voters in the affirmative. The type of bulletin was left to the church council, Pastor Timmel, and Mr. Dorn. Eventually a bulletin was begun once a month. In future years this was transformed into the monthly church newsletter.

Trinity still continued to operate with one service on Sunday. Requests were made to move the service from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The council directed that a survey should be taken of the congregational members in the August, 1956, monthly bulletin. By the end of the month the surveys had been tallied. 93 votes had been cast for the 10:00 a.m. service time while 26 votes indicated to continue with the 10:30 a.m. time. The service time was soon changed.

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Pastor Lloyd Huebner of Wood Lake, Minnesota, had been called to serve as the first principal and teacher of the new Jefferson County Lutheran High School which would be using the now vacated St. Paul's Lutheran School building in Ft. Atkinson. The council agreed to receive information on the project. In time this school became Lakeside Lutheran High School. Christian education was growing and thriving in the area. The addition to St. Mark's Lutheran School was dedicated on August 18, 1957. The school provided a Christ-centered education to 346 students. 60 of these students were from Trinity.

The congregation did not forget some of its faithful lay leaders. Mrs. H. Maltz was honored for her forty years as a Sunday School teacher. Mr. Leo Runge, who had provided long and faithful service to Trinity, was moving out of town to a new community. To thank him for his service the church council decided to give him "a proper send-off." In order for this to be done a committee was appointed to "arrange the affair." It is assumed a good time was had by all.



CALVARY ACADEMY MINISTRIES AUXILIARY BULLETIN

Your help is needed:

FOR BAKING:

Christmas cookies -- especially cut-outs -- should be less than 2" in diameter.

Be sure cookies are cool before packaging them.

Send cookies and candies in a disposable package labeled with name of recipe and (due to allergies) indicate if recipe contains nuts, coconut, raisins and/or peanut butter.

The most popular continues to be spritz, followed by ethnic cookies, small sugar cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, peanut butter cookies, snicker doodles, assorted candies and fudge.

BRING YOUR CREATIONS:

Tuesday-Nov. 21

before NOON to the Zion Lutheran Church Basement (next door to former Calvary building, 2200 9th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI) **OR** take to St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, 20813 W. Forest View Ave., Lannon, WI before 3 pm, Monday, Nov. 20

FOR PACKAGING: Tuesday-Nov. 21

Beginning at 9 AM

(Your reward? Yummy crumbs & good feelings.)

FOR SELLING: EXCLUSIVELY AT

The Shoreland Lutheran High School Craft Sale

Saturday, November 25, 9 am to 4 pm in Somers, Wisconsin. (Country Springs Hotel & Convention Center was recently sold and is currently under renovation. They will not be hosting a Cookie Sale this year.)

Donations to defray expenses are appreciated.

Questions about the Cookie Sale?

Please call your local contact:

Charles and Teri Schleaf @ 920-253-2599 or 920-253-1799

Cookie donations will be picked up from church on Sunday, November 19.



Remembering those fallen asleep in Jesus



Theodore Hartwig
Brett and Lisa Brauer
Ken and Sue Taylor

Zachary Diem
Herman and Pat Zastrow

Marvin Radtke
WIS
Herman and Pat Zastrow

Save the Date

The annual Advent by Candlelight, open to all women and girls 14 and older, will be held on Sunday, December 3 at 6 pm. For more information contact Lyn Quinn at 920-285-3474.



Trinity Blood Drive

The BloodCenter of Wisconsin supplies all the blood used for patients at Beaver Dam Community Hospital, Waupun Memorial Hospital and UW Health Partners Watertown Regional Medical Center. Your donation could mean the difference between life and death for a neighbor, friend or relative.

Thursday, November 16

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Reservations: www.bcw.edu/TrinityWT or call Becky @ 920-262-0647.

Location: Fellowship Hall

All attempting donors will receive a CULVER'S COUPON >>> AND <<< Pay it forward this Season of Giving! During the month of November, BloodCenter of Wisconsin will choose 2 donors every week and donate \$250 to the charity of their choice.



Farewell

We would like to thank our Trinity family for their well wishes and kind words as we begin our new life in Door County. It has been our privilege and pleasure to know you and serve you at Trinity for the past ten years. God be with you 'til we meet again.

Steve and Kathy Strucely

Trinity/St. Luke's School News

Enrollment

Our first day of school for the new school year began on Tuesday, August 29. Our beginning enrollment for this new school year is 163 students in 3K through grade 8 compared to 178 students when we began the previous year at this time. We thank the Lord for the blessings of feeding His lambs. Figures given are as of October 16, 2017.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>TR</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>Other WELS</u>	<u>Non WELS</u>
PK3	Ewings	09	1	2	1	5
PK4	Ewings	15	2	6	1	6
K	Wegner	12	3	7	0	2
1	Borgwardt	14	4	8	1	1
2	Schroeder/ Schumacher	14	3	10	0	1
3	Schultz	16	5	8	1	2
4	Birkholz	18	6	10	1	1
5	Holzhueter	19	5	14	0	0
6	Torgerson	16	4	11	0	1
7	Beyer	9	4	5	0	0
	Matthies	8	2	6	0	0
8	Beyer	6	1	5	0	0
	Matthies	7	3	4	0	0
		163	43	96	5	19
			26.4%	58.9%	3.1%	11.6%

TSL continues in a state of enrollment transition due to a variety of factors. The loss of enrollment parallels the drop in elementary school enrollments in the Watertown Unified School District. These changes can be seen in looking at fluctuating percentages and statistics over the past few years.

2016-2017	178	30.0%	60.0%	3.0%	7.0%
2015-2016	178	24.7%	65.2%	3.9%	6.2%
2014-2015	183	30.7%	61.7%	3.8%	3.8%
2013-2014	187	34.3%	58.8%	3.2%	3.7%
2012-2013	198	43.5%	52.0%	3.5%	1.0%

We pray the Lord would bless our efforts in educating His lambs and sheep as well as recruiting lambs and sheep who need to hear His saving message.

End of the Year Reconciliation

A yearly end-of-the fiscal year reconciliation is conducted by the Joint Board. Total costs of TSL are reviewed for the year compared to the funds that the congregations have provided to operate the school. In FY2016-2017 \$791,702.74 was expended to operate TSL compared to an adopted budget amount of \$790,866.00. Income received from all sources for budgetary purposes was \$797,097.88 compared to a budgeted amount of \$790,866.00. After a review of income and expenditures, including the amount the congregations paid to the school over the fiscal year, a check for \$2,071.93 was cut for Trinity, and a check in the amount of \$3,323.21 (including an overpayment of \$23.00) was cut for St. Luke's. Both congregations have received their checks.

While there were areas of the budget underspent in a number of categories (and also areas overspent), what was again unexpected was the additional income in pre-school and extended care fees due to increased enrollment and use of these programs. We are thankful that the Lord has provided this positive financial news for both congregations.

Our thanks to Tim Hammond and Dan Meis (present and past Joint Board Treasurers), Mrs. Kim Meschke (past Administrative Assistant), and Michele Maas (TSL accountant) for keeping our financial records in current and excellent condition for FY2016-2017!

Called and Hired Worker Staffing

Mrs. Maria Ewings and Mrs. Alissa Schroeder are effectively working as our new preschool and second grade teachers respectively. It appears to have been a smooth transition, and both teachers bring a variety of talents, abilities, and energy to working with the Savior's lambs. We thank the Lord for sending these teachers to us; as He promised He provides for us.

There were also some changes in hired staffing:

- Mrs. Kay Christian, our new office manager, is learning all that it takes to operate a school like TSL. The principal keeps reminding her that a year from now she will know it all! She replaces Kim Meschke who has moved on to other employment.
- Mrs. Linda Travis is new to our After-school Care Program replacing Mrs. Pat Parpart. As a retired teacher Mrs. Travis brings many child-care skills to this position. Currently we are looking to hire a janitor to replace Lance

Hoff who has accepted the retirement call to serve as pastor at the Richwood and Hubbleton congregations. We are also seeking applicants for the hot lunch coordinator's position at the Clark Street campus to replace Mrs. Theresa Asmus who has accepted a teacher's aide position at another school in Watertown. We thank both Pastor Hoff and Mrs. Asmus for their faithful work.

Update on the Growth Committees

Two areas were identified by the Growth Committee last year to be pursued as possible ways in which TSL could grow as a school. The first item was possible participation in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Over the past several weeks the principal has given a number of presentations to congregational members on the program and what it entails. The Joint Board hopes that if TSL is to participate in the program a decision is reached by both congregations in early December since the deadline to file "intent to participate" forms is January 10, 2018.

Another identified area is expanding our Early Childhood Ministry. A committee of Rich Parkhurst (St. Luke's), Steve Strucely (Trinity), Pastor Yahnke, Mrs. Hayes (now replaced on the committee by Mrs. Ewings), Mrs. Wegner, Samantha Staude (Trinity), and the principal have been meeting to look at data and options. Information has been received through a Percept study of the 53094 and 53098 zip codes as well as the committee-designed survey to which over a hundred congregational members responded.

Recommendations are being shared between the committee and Joint Board. In the near future the Joint Board will forward some recommendations on to the church councils for their reaction and congregational action.

TSL Self-Study

We were recently notified that our accreditation through WELSSA (Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod School Accreditation), initially approved at an exemplary status two years ago, has again been approved for the next year at the same status level. This follows submission of an updated long-range plan this past summer. Because of this renewal TSL is also approved as an accredited school by the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPA). We have received verbal communication from Wisconsin Religious and School Accreditation (WRISA) that accreditation through them has again been approved.



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8 & 10:30 am

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9:15 am

Wednesday Worship Service

6:30 pm

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