

Trinity Lutheran School
Alumni Newsletter

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Amazing Grace

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Welcome to our new alumni newsletter! We hope that you enjoy reading about past and present students as well as what is currently happening at Trinity! We want to stay in touch whether you live in the Quad Cities or across the country.

Trinity has been committed to sharing the love of Christ with students and their families for 146 years! “Amazing Grace” is our theme for the 2016-17 school year. God’s grace in Jesus Christ is the reason for our existence. Each day our students at Trinity learn reading and math and science and history, but above all they hear the wonderful news that they are saved by grace!

We would love to hear from you!

- Do we have your current home address so that we can send you future newsletters and information about what is happening at Trinity, especially as we prepare for our 150th anniversary celebration?
- Do you have a story or pictures from your time at Trinity Lutheran School that you are willing to share?
- Are you interested in helping with future alumni newsletters or events?

You can contact us either by email alumni@trinitydavenport.org or phone at 563-322-5224. You can also follow us at www.facebook.com/trinitydavenportia on Facebook.

Has It Made a Difference?

It is so exciting to see this first edition of an Alumni Newsletter come together! As the current Principal at Trinity it is awe-inspiring to think of the impact that a Christ centered education has had upon the thousands of students that have walked the halls of Trinity Lutheran School over the past 146 years.

The image that comes to my mind is the ripples in a still pool of water when a pebble is dropped in. In the same way that a pebble touching the water causes a reaction, I am confident that the touch of God's Word and loving teachers has had an impact in mighty ways. As I have pondered this analogy I actually pray that the impact has been more than a ripple. I pray that the impact of a Trinity education is bigger, more like a tsunami! Not a tsunami that does harm, but rather one that has a positive and eternal impact on many.

I pray that this edition of the Alumni Newsletter finds you well and connected to Christ. I pray also that your time at Trinity continues to impact your life and the lives of many others that you know and love.

Bill Meyer, principal

Upcoming Events

Missing Trinity? Join us for one of these fun **UPCOMING EVENTS!** You can get more details by calling Trinity Lutheran School at 563-332-3224 or visiting our Facebook page www.facebook.com/trinitydavenportia

Plans are being made for an **End of the Year School Picnic** at the end of May. We would love to see alumni and church members celebrating with all of our school families.



Middle School Spring Concert: Come hear the Beginning and Concert Bands, Praise Choir, and Hand Bell Choirs of Trinity perform at their Spring Concert on **Tuesday, May 16** at 1:30 and 7:00PM.

TLS Graduation: Join us as the Class of 2017 graduates on **Tuesday, May 30th.**



Remember those hilarious faculty plays? They are still going strong! Come and enjoy watching teachers you know and love...Mrs. Andrea Hussong, Mrs. Kim Mester, and Mr. and Mrs. Ullman; or maybe some Trinity classmates - Mikey McCartney. Everyone remembers Mrs. Kay

**TOTAL DRAMA
ALL STARS**

Berry - she's in charge of the kitchen so you can enjoy a fantastic dinner with your theater! Catch **"Stop the Presses" on June 8 and 9.**

Got kids or do you love to work with them? **Vacation Bible School runs June 12th-16th** from 9-11:45. We love to have more children 3 years old through 5th grade join the hundreds that we have each year. To make it work, volunteers are a necessity...there is somewhere you can help!



On **September 24th** we will be celebrating the 10 years of service and the retirement to our Lord that Pastor Merle Warnsholz has blessed us with at Trinity Lutheran Church and (all over in the) School.

Before we know it, another new year of Sunday School and Bible Class will be upon us.

Watch for details on **Rally Day in September.**



Teacher Spotlight: Kay Berry - Kindergarten

Education:

Concordia University Chicago – B.A., Education, Curriculum & Instruction/Art. 1974

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL – M.S.

Education/Specialization in ECH. 1996

Experience:

St. John's Lutheran School, Merrill, WI. 1974-1977

Immanuel Lutheran School, Rock Island, IL. 1977-1981

Trinity Lutheran School, Davenport, IA. 1984-present.



Kay was born and raised in Wisconsin where she attended St. Paul's Lutheran grade school and high school in Grafton. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education (concentrations in curriculum/instruction and art) from Concordia University, River Forest, IL. and her Master's degree in 1996 in elementary education with a specialization in early childhood from Western Illinois University. Since 1974, she has been teaching in Lutheran schools in WI., IL., and since 1984 at Trinity, Davenport, IA. She has attended and led many ECH workshops and classes throughout her professional life. She has also been involved on district school committees and was the ECH Consultant for IDE for 6 years. She is actively involved in all facets of school and church life in a variety of children, family, and adult experiences. In 2000, she was honored with the Lutheran Educator of the Year Award from Iowa District East (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod).

Her philosophy in teaching? "Every child is a unique child of God with special qualities that need to be learned and used to glorify God. Using what God has given us is a process and not just a product, which includes a balanced education in all developmental areas; spiritual, emotional, social, physical, and academic."

Kay remembers beginning her teaching career at Trinity in 1984 as a young mom with an 8 month old and a 2 year old. She has changed rooms at Trinity so many times she has almost lost count. She has moved from inside, to an outside modular, back inside, then moving due to asbestos removal, and carpet installation. Each time she moved she also moved her awesome loft. She remembers teaching half day kindergarten with 25 students in two sections. That meant 50 home visits and 50 Parent-Teacher Conferences all while having no aide.

She has great memories of The Berry Hike, the field trip to the Barry home to look for strawberries, enjoying Mr. Berry's cool models, and eating strawberry swirl ice-cream cones! Her most favorite memory of teaching all her kindergarten classes is getting all those wonderful hugs each day.

Kay has two grown daughters, Jolene and Jonell and two granddaughters, Evelyn and Aisly.