

Filled with Joy!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in Believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
(Romans 15:13)



Happy Advent!

Dear Friend of Trinity Lutheran High School,

Thanksgiving is always a timely reminder to be grateful for all of God's blessings. I pray that you were able to spend a celebratory and safe holiday with friends and family. At school, we have been sharing our blessings with others, as our theme this year is "Christ for You, You for Others!" Chapel and musical goodwill offerings have gone toward hurricane relief in Houston; we held a fundraiser for hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, which held special significance for our three students from there; Trinity is hosting a blood drive the afternoon of December 7th; and we will be doing a food drive to help restock the shelves at Anchor House before the Christmas season. Glory to God for so many opportunities to share His gifts to us with others!

We can also give thanks that Trinity received an "A" from the Indiana Department of Education for our students' academic performance and college and career readiness in 2016 – 2017. Trinity has built a long track record of successfully educating, developing, and preparing Christian servants and leaders, and these markers are cause for celebration! Such distinction requires the hard work of students, the commitment of teachers, the guidance of staff and the school board, and the ongoing support of parents and the community. We continue to meet high expectations in addition to showing positive signs of growth, such as enrolling a higher number of international students, expanding our curriculum, and adding clubs and activities that promote student participation and school spirit. These students are doing incredible things here at Trinity, and we rejoice in the gifts with which God has blessed them!

Now that it is December, we are marking the Advent season with a couple festive events at school. Trinity's music ensembles—choir, band, guitar, and hand bells—will ring in the season with their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. Then on Tuesday, December 5th, 2nd graders from our local feeder schools will be on site for Christmas at Trinity, a day of songs, stories, games, crafts, and cookie decorations led by our students. Also, basketball season is in full swing, along with the start of swimming year two, so there are many chances to see our athletes in action on the hardwood and in the pool.

We look forward to sharing the joy of the season as we anticipate the coming of our Savior! The birth of Christ reminds us of our call to share His love with others—we pray that you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joy in Christ!

Benjamin Stellwagen
Principal



Our Mission: *Trinity Lutheran High School seeks to educate, develop, and prepare Christian servants and leaders.*

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SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 21 to JANUARY 3 for Christmas Break**



***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From the Faculty, Staff and Students
of Trinity Lutheran High School***

In Memory Of...

Larry Burkman

Tom & Darlene Cooley

Jerry Findley

*David Cunningham
Allan & Deloris Wessel
Bill & Gertrude Schepman*

Karen Booher

Henry & Lois Wischmeier

Leona E. Stahl

*Odom & Lucille Angel
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Ruth Janosik

*Hulda Goecker
Bob & Jeri Goecker*



**SAVE THE DATE – Trinity Dinner
Auction is Saturday, Feb. 24 at Trinity**

Financial Summary

October 31, 2017

Total Debts	\$1,302,274
Giving Needs for 2017-18 through Development	748,578
Giving Received through Development	111,948
Giving Shortfall	636,630
YTD income as of 10/31/2017	594,326
YTD Expenses as of 10/31/2017	496,601
Net income as of 10/31/2017	\$ 97,724

Director's Notes

Many thanks to the cast and crew of *Pirates of Penzance*. Your dedicated work paid off; we had some wonderful performances! It was a pleasure working with all of you this year – Mrs. Bauman and Mrs. Schneider

Thanks to all who supported our drama program this year through donations, prayers, and ticket sales! We appreciate your help in making our production both a possibility and a success. We look forward to what God has in plan for Trinity's Fine Arts future!

Lutheran South Academy in Houston, TX received a donation from Trinity's Drama Department for \$972.35 to help aid in the rebuilding of their school. Thanks to all of you who freely gave donations during intermission at our performances of *Pirates of Penzance*! Your abundant gift will be a great blessing to the school and its students.

English Expedition

Our first meeting in 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 18, at 6:00 p.m. We'll be discussing tips for traveling light and enjoying our stay in England and Scotland. See you there!

Join us for Euchre Night!

The English Expedition Group will be sponsoring a Euchre Night on Saturday, January 6 at 3 p.m. Compete for prizes and enjoy a night full of good food and great company! See an English Expedition member or call the office for tickets! Cost is \$10.00.

News from the Development Office by David Probst

Lutheran SGO Program!

We have approximately two weeks left before the Indiana State Tax Credits run out through the Lutheran SGO program! As of November 13th, Trinity has received over **\$165,000 in tuition assistance** from 44 contributors! We praise and thank God for the supporters in this wonderful community that generously provided tuition assistance to the students of Trinity, and look forward to the gifts that come in before the credits run out in December!



Support Trinity Students and Receive an Indiana State Tax Credit!

The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) is a great opportunity for supporters of Trinity to provide a financial scholarship to our students and receive a 50% Indiana State Tax Credit for the amount of your donation. If you have any questions, need further information about the Lutheran SGO program, or would like a donation form, please contact David Probst at 812-603-7970.



How Does Your SGO Contribution Benefit Trinity students?

The estimated cost to educate a Trinity student for the 2017-2018 school year is \$12,400 per person. Trinity Lutheran High School reduces the education cost by providing a scholarship of \$3,425 to each student upon enrollment. Your contribution to the Lutheran SGO in the name of Trinity will assist us in raising the money we need to grant that scholarship to all of our qualified students.

Difference Between a Tax Credit and a Tax Deduction

Tax **credits** directly reduce the amount of tax you owe, giving you a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax liability. A tax credit valued at \$1,000, for instance, lowers your tax bill by the corresponding \$1,000.

Tax **deductions**, on the other hand, reduce how much of your income is subject to taxes. Deductions lower your taxable income by the percentage of your highest [federal income tax bracket](#). So, if you fall into the 25% tax bracket, a \$1,000 deduction saves you \$250.

