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Did you know?

- Trinity hosted NLSW activities for 630 local 4th through 8th grade students from local Lutheran schools on Friday, January 27, 2017.
- Congratulations to all the Vocal Solo Ensemble Contest participants. Vocal solos/ensembles included Celina Alexander, Kirstin Hoene, Sidney Hoene, Abby Lemming, Maggie Neawedde, Taylor Russell, Lexi Schneider, Matt Stuckwisch, Liz Thompson, and Libby Wischmeier. Kirstin, Sidney, Lexi, and Matt qualified to participate at the State Level on February 18, 2017.
- Congratulations to Rachel Onken who received a Gold rating at instrumental solo/ensemble (ISSMA). She will participate at the State Level on February 25, 2017.

"We live by faith, not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:7

A Valentine's Alumni Spotlight

Blake and Ashley (Foster) Neawedde both graduated from Trinity, Blake in 2009 and Ashley in 2008. Both participated in band, choir, musicals, student government, and dance committee. Blake also ran cross country and played baseball. They started dating in 2007 with the help of Ms. Lindsey Trah who set Blake and Ashley up as a prom couple. They continued to date throughout high school and eventually were married on May 19, 2012, at Immanuel Lutheran Church by Pastor Schwenk who was Blake and Ashley's Theology teacher at Trinity.

After graduating from Trinity, both Blake and Ashley attended IUPUI. Blake earned a Biomedical Engineering degree, while Ashley received her Radiologic Science degree. Ashley recently accepted a new position at Columbus Regional Hospital as a Radiologic Technologist. She previously worked in medical imaging at both St. Vincent Jennings and Schneck hospitals for several years. Ashley states, "I knew I wanted to be in the medical field for the daily challenges and opportunities it brought to help people. Imaging in particular, allows me to apply my creative nature to my job as an enjoyable profession." Blake is a field service representative for Terumo Cardiovascular. He performs necessary maintenance, repairs, and upgrades on Terumo heart lung machine systems and cardiovascular surgery equipment throughout Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia. "I have always been interested in working with electrical equipment and fixing small things. As a kid I would 'help' my dad and Grandpa work on electrical supplies and fix vacuums for people at our family business Neaweddes Sales and Service. I remember helping my mom study for medical related classes, and I became interested in modern medicine. Biomedical engineering was a natural connection for me because it involved both of my interests and it is a growing field," explains Blake. They currently live in Batholomew county on a small farm where they raise free range chickens and sheep. They have a two year old son, Clark, and a two month old daughter, Ingrid.

Both Blake and Ashley feel fortunate to have attended and graduated from Trinity. "I feel very fortunate to have received the support and encouragement from teachers at Trinity," said Ashley. "They challenged me academically, socially, and most importantly, spiritually. They prepared me well for college and set the foundation for the rest of my life. I went on to graduate with honors from IUPUI at the top of my undergraduate class in 2011. The next year in 2012, I married my high school sweetheart, Blake." Blake states, "The great teachers and quality academic environment were something I experienced at Immanuel and Trinity. Academics were never my strong suit, and I was a B student on my best days. For me, I think having all the extra curricular activities and student involvement helped me find myself and helped build lifelong confidence in who I am as a person and my relationship with God. I think at the time Trinity was using the slogan 'Where I can Be Me,' and I think that sums up my experience. I also met my wife at Trinity, and that is important too."

Alumni Spotlight

Sarah Mehlek, Maddie Helt, Shelby Hayes, and Demi Oakes are all seniors on this year's bowling team. **Sarah** has bowled for four years and has enjoyed making friends while participating. "My overall experience with bowling the past four years has been great. I have enjoyed it so much, and with the help of my team and coaches, I have become a good bowler," expresses Sarah. She plans to attend Ivy Tech's ASAP program. **Maddie** has bowled for two years. Maddie states, "The team is supportive, and that is what it's all about. The team is like family." She plans to attend college to either be a therapist or a social worker. **Shelby** has also played for two years and enjoys how the team encourages one another. "Bowling at Trinity has been a great experience. The coaches are all very patient and understanding which helps a lot," explains Shelby. Shelby plans to attend IUPUI. **Demi** has bowled for one year and is glad she decided to play her senior year. "I thought about bowling my Freshman year, but I changed my mind. I am glad that I bowled this year because I have improved my game," states Demi. She will attend IUPUC after graduating from Trinity.

Trinity's NLSW Celebration

National Lutheran Schools Week was another great success this year. Trinity students were able to participate in different activities throughout the week. At the conclusion of the week, Trinity hosted a NLSW celebration for the third consecutive year. We invited approximately 630 fourth through eighth grade students from Immanuel, Lutheran Central, Sauers, St. Peter's, and White Creek to join in on the special event. The theme for this year was "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and Trinity teachers planned Christ-centered activities that demonstrated God's faithfulness. The day started out with a convocation led by Pastor Travis Hartjen from Allen, Texas. After the Convocation, the students were divided by grade and were led by Trinity students to their different activities. Fourth graders headed out to the Ag building to build bird houses. Ag students had spent the previous week preparing for the activity and could be seen hammering nails and interacting with over 140 fourth graders. Fifth graders, with the help of Trinity Choir members, practiced songs for the chapel service, while sixth graders enjoyed watching teachers construct homemade rockets made with baking soda and vinegar. In the gymnasium, seventh graders packed diapers and other supplies in care boxes for Clarity Pregnancy Services. The students included a Bible verse with each package. Eighth graders were led to the Commons where they were divided up into groups in order to color in crosses that were assembled to create a large cross that depicted God's gifts. The day concluded with all invited students and teachers and Trinity students, teachers, and staff coming together to worship in Chapel lead by Pastor Jung. What a joyous sound listening to over a 750 participants praising the Lord with their voices!



Development Update

When I first started my job as the new Director of Development at Trinity, I knew the job was going to be challenging. Moving away from my "comfortable" DCE youth ministry position after 18 years was a leap of faith. Moving into a new community, meeting new people, and starting a new position with very little experience was difficult. To say it has been a roller coaster ride from the beginning is an understatement. However, it has been an incredible experience and a wonderful lesson about GOD'S GRACE!

The Bible describes faith in this way, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1) It's only by grace through faith that I can do this job at Trinity. It's only by grace through faith that Trinity receives money from generous donors to carry out its mission to educate, develop, and prepare Christian servants and leaders. This job is not about me raising money for Trinity. Instead, it's about God using me as His vehicle to get the money from the people He prepared in advance to give. May God be the glory both now, and forevermore!

- David Probst

Upcoming Events

- Lutheran Central School Visit: Tuesday, March 6, 2017.
- Trinity Dinner Auction: Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Clarion in Columbus, Indiana.
- National Honor Society Induction: Monday, March 13, 2017.
- Cougar Fun Day: Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

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