



# ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Fall 2025

*Dear Alumni & Friends of Trinity Lutheran School,*

As a new school year begins and the colors of fall start to paint the world around us, we are reminded of the seasons of growth God gives us at Trinity Lutheran. This year's theme, "Hearts on Fire" from Jeremiah 20:9, beautifully reflects the warmth of faith and learning that continues to shine in our school community. For us as alumni, the crisp autumn air brings back memories of classrooms filled with curiosity, friendships strengthened on the playground, and chapel services that nurtured our faith. Just as the leaves blaze with color, may our hearts remain on fire with the love of Christ.

*Andrew Hulke, Principal*



## New and Returning Staff



Hannah Zernicke — Grade 4— Miss Zernicke grew up in Bonduel, Wisconsin, where she attended St. Paul Lutheran School and Bonduel High School. She has a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Concordia University Wisconsin. She spent the first five years of her teaching career at Trinity Lutheran School in Hoyleton, Illinois, before being blessed to be called to teach at Trinity Wausau. Miss Zernicke loves working in a Lutheran school where she gets to share God's love and forgiveness each day with her students. Miss Zernicke enjoys spending time with her family, scrapbooking, reading, fishing, and cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Her favorite verse is John 10:27-28 — My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.



Heidi Hess — 5K— Mrs. Hess is delighted to be back at Trinity serving as Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Hess was called to Trinity upon graduating from Concordia University Chicago. She was the 4th grade teacher for 6 years before getting married and moving to Appleton where she started her family, and taught 4K. God works in ways we can't comprehend, and lead Mrs. Hess and her family back to Trinity in Wausau. Mrs. Hess is looking forward to once again being a part of the Trinity family. Mrs. Hess believes in building strong relationships with students and their families. She strives to provide a loving, Christ centered environment where students feel loved and supported and have the space to thrive. When she is not in school, Mrs. Hess enjoys spending time with her husband and 4 daughters, being outside, gardening, reading and going for walks as a family. Her favorite verse is Romans 12:12 "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

# Gifts to the Alumni Ministry

## “In Memory” A gift of money was given by...

- ❖ Phillip Holmes in memory of Marjory (Westermeyer) Holmes
- ❖ Wayne Olson in memory of his wife, Dora Olson
- ❖ Charles Nehring in memory of Shirley Bauman Uekert, class of 1946
- ❖ Merritt Marquardt in loving memory of his wife, Betty Marquardt
- ❖ Jerry & Marlene (Hackbarth) Kort in memory of grandparents, Otto & Hulda Knorr, charter members of Trinity
- ❖ Elroy Roeder in memory of Tim Roeder
- ❖ Carol Klug Haffemann in memory of LaVonne Bauman Koehler
- ❖ Lavonne Bernard in memory of parents, Earl & Dorothy Holdridge
- ❖ George & Charles Engebrecht in memory of parents, Edwin & Irene; brothers and sister
- ❖ Todd & Sue in loving memory of Alice Luedtke
- ❖ Michelle Pezzi in memory of Margaret Marie Starck, Mason’s great-grandmother
- ❖ James & Kaye Zenner in memory of parents, Donald & Lillian Zenner
- ❖ Bob & Sharon Zimmerman in memory of Elmer & Judy Kufahl
- ❖ Gary Natal in memory of Annette Natal
- ❖ Sharla Fritz in memory of Lorna Sellin, former member and Sunday School teacher at Trinity
- ❖ Jim & Cheryl Schultz in memory of August & Millie Schultz
- ❖ Robert & Joyce Kickbusch in memory of Arthur Kickbusch, Jr.
- ❖ Wayne Knapp in memory of family & friends
- ❖ Karen Radloff in memory of sister, Dianne Sawlsville, former students
- ❖ Dave Hansen in memory of Eilene & Donna Hansen
- ❖ Maxine Braunel in memory of Marcella Block
- ❖ Wayne Lemma in memory of Diane Lemma
- ❖ Norman Engebrecht in memory of wife, Catherine; parents, Edwin & Selma; brothers, Robert, Gerald & Charles; sister, Margie Imhoff; and cherished friend, Darlene Joy Morse

## “In Honor” a gift was given by:

- ❖ Richard & Linda Kriewaldt in honor of Calvin Bartelt
- ❖ Tom & Gail Schmidt in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary



**Save the Date:**  
Trinity's school Christmas Service will be on **Wednesday, December 17th @ 10 am and 6 pm in the Sanctuary.**

The north parking lot got a face lift this summer! The sink-holes were repaired and the entire lot was repaved.

# Gifts to the Alumni Ministry—continued

## Additional Donations were given by:

- ❖ Ray Jahns in thankfulness for 92 years of blessings
- ❖ Don & Marlyn Fenhaus
- ❖ Berdina Hilmershausen
- ❖ Clark and Kathy Schuette



Because of your generous gifts to the Alumni Ministry, donations will enable us to purchase . . .

- ❖ More Eagle pennants and pins for student activity participation
- ❖ Remembrance theme banners to be displayed in the gym
- ❖ Future classroom and curriculum needs



Our Trinity volleyball team was once again invited to participate in the Lutheran Schools State Tournament. They will be headed to Milwaukee Luthran and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High school October 24th. We wish them the best of luck — GO EAGLES!

This year Trinity hosted it's first ever FALL carnival! This was a fun event both for our school and day care families but also was a great community outreach opportunity. The weather was perfect for the outdoor dunk tank, fun carnival games, balloon animals, prizes, fantastic food and more!



These are the NEW to Trinity students who received their pennants at our awards ceremony at the end of the year. They will continue to earn pins for various achievements to put on their pennants over their years at Trinity. This is possible through your generous alumni donations.



Jase Medin is the 6th grade artist behind this year's theme *Hearts on Fire*. Students in grades 4-8 submitted drawings for the theme and his was chosen through anonymous voting done by the school staff.



Judith A. Kufahl was called to her rest in Jesus' arms in April of 2025. She was an alumni student and then teacher at Trinity for over twenty years. She was a lifelong member of Trinity Church. She is remembered for her deep faith in Jesus, dedication to her students, fondness for lighthouses and crocheting afghans, which she then gave to many. Thank you, faithful servant.



This summer Trinity sent 25 youth and 6 adult leaders down to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. Thanks to our generous congregation these youth were able to grow in their faith and experience New Orleans with thousands of other LCMS youth from around the country. Some of the experiences they enjoyed were servant event opportunities, youth learning sessions, daily Bible study, worship and mass events with thousands of other youth at the Superdome, concerts featuring FLAME and Rend Collective, New Orleans School of Cooking, Air Boat Alligator Tour, NWD aquarium picnic lunch, graveyard walking tour, traditional New Orleans dinner at Court of the Two Sisters, and more!

The 8th Grade class returned to Chicago in May for their class trip! The 8th graders took the Amtrak down to Chicago where they spent several days in Chicago. They spent time at Shedd Aquarium, Griffin Museum of Science and Industry, John Hancock Tower, Ed Debevic's, touring the city and more!

