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Alumni Tidings

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The goal of the *Trinity Alumni Tidings* is to keep alumni and friends of Trinity Lutheran School informed about each other and the current educational ministry at Trinity.

Music Program Flourishes at Trinity Lutheran School

You sang in class or in weekly chapel services. Perhaps you played an instrument, performed on stage in operettas, sang in the Junior Choir, Celebration or Cherub Choirs. Music is part of the Lutheran tradition and Trinity School kids have had many opportunities to appreciate music by singing or playing an instrument. In addition to classroom, choir and band music instruction, individuals and choirs compete at Concordia University's L.E.S.T. for music awards.

Former students will fondly remember choir directors; Sharon Miles, Karen Wrye, Tina Niehus, Katy Sievert, Larry Udy and teachers Arthur Buescher, Richard Kuhnau and Martin Dobberfuhl from Trinity's old building. All helped to form TLS's rich music heritage. Past students mention choir performances of "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (arranged by R Kuhnau), "It's Cool In The Furnace," "The Story Telling Man," "Seek Ye First," "A Closing Prayer" (a graduation standard still today), "I Believe, I Do Believe, Truly I Believe It," and performing at the Festival of the Trees, the Grotto's Festival of Lights and many other churches. What are your memories of Trinity School music?

Today the Celebration Choir is directed by Cara Berg and the Junior Choir by Becky Seidner. As gifted musicians, they use their love of music and directing expertise to give students experiences in sharing their Christian faith through music. Both choirs perform at Trinity church and chapel services and other congregations upon request. Ruth Gray teaches lower grade music classes and an upper grade music appreciation class.

**The gift of music is evident in our teachers and students.
What a joy to see and hear!**

**Great Students + Great Teachers + Great Learning
Opportunities + a Great GOD = a Fantastic School Year.
Stay tuned for all the Great News!**

Paul Bethke began Trinity's band program and Ray Sievert and Frank Holman were subsequent directors.

Currently, director Randy Burlingame brings an enthusiasm to the Trinity band program that is contagious. A professional musician for over 30 years, Randy has played in many ensembles ranging from symphonic to jazz, including his own groups. The breadth of his experience in all forms of music influences his teaching and band direction and engages his students. Drawing upon contacts within the professional music community in Portland, he exposes students and families to a wide variety of music. Performing with and for the students at Trinity have been Tall Jazz, Tom Grant, Valerie Day, Patrick Lamb, guitarist Toshi, Lewis Childs & Joe Powers and Chuck Redd who is a vibraphone/drum artist with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterwork Orchestra. You can hear the Trinity band under Randy's direction in the Jr. Rose Parade and performing at various Trinity functions throughout the year.

Ruth Gray and Randy host summer music camps at Trinity for upper grade students.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 3:11

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL BEGINS ITS 117TH YEAR "ON A FIRM FOUNDATION"

On September 4th, 180 students plus faculty and staff gathered in the Sanctuary to open the school year on the theme "Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation". Pastor Hoelter led the school in worship and the year began appropriately in Jesus' name. New teachers Mrs. Cara Berg (2nd gr.) and Mrs. Stephanie Brandt (8th gr.) joined returning faculty: Mrs. Karin Grunow (PreK), Mrs. Linda Tatum (Kgn.), Mrs. Nancy Mann (1st gr.), Mrs. Suzette Dooley (3rd gr.), Mr. Don Seleski (4th/5th gr.), Mrs. Becky Seidner (6th gr.), and Mr. Ray Reisig (7th gr.). Five part-time teachers and 12 support personnel round out the school staff for this year. With the guidance of this dedicated staff, students will meet high academic standards as well as participate in a variety of activities that enhance their total education.

Mr. James Riedl,
Principal

2007 Alumni Picnic Another Success!



Honored guests, Richard Kuhnau, '31 and Rosa (Wolfram) Flath, '26 shared their enthusiasm for life and Trinity School with picnic guests.

Class of '87 members met the night before the Alumni picnic to celebrate their 20th anniversary. In attendance were Chris Campbell, Edric Carter, Tory Hoff, Jennifer Casey, Rachel (Houk) Hansen, Carol Ann Krueger, Ben Watson, Aaron Nitz, Sharesse Williams, Bev (Kenagy) Reed and Carly Houk '88



Watch for Royal Rosarians, Nick and Chris Wickliff, '82 in future Rose Parades.



Linda Kuhlmann, recently retired, with former students Rachel, Bev and Carol Ann. Carol Ann came from Illinois for the reunion and was honorary MC for the day.

TLS supporters, Mieke Appel who is from Lutheran Community Services NW with Terry Gaylord and Peggy Brandt who represent the Trinity Fund.



Tom Grunow, Joan (Parsons) Rooney, '50, Helen (Schroeder) Heck, '50 and her husband Orlin.

Dolores (Beltz) Sharadin spent most of her teaching ministry at TLS. She is seen here with Bev (Kenagy) Reed and Bev's son, Jaden



Ray & Lori Reisig were married in March, 2007. Mr. Reisig has been a teacher at Trinity since 1976.



Dale Brandt, '82 selling blackout tickets

Henrietta (Lankow) Bork, '33, Elaine Bork, '62, Phyllis (Oekerman) Jelley, '53 and Ray Recker, '44 with his wife, Yvonne. Vernetta Linnemann, a teacher alum and Norma Warneke have backs to the camera.





Christmas

Opportunities

You are invited to Trinity Church for Advent, Sunday or Christmas services. The Trinity School choirs will sing several times. Check the website www.trinityportland.org or call 503.288.6403 for specific dates and times.

Trinity Lutheran School upper grades present their Christmas program, Thursday, December 20 at 7 PM.

This fall you received an invitation to contribute to *The Trinity Fund* which was established to support student scholarships and other critical operational needs of Trinity Lutheran School. Please prayerfully consider a holiday gift to this fund.

Other ways you might financially support Trinity School:

- TLS Endowment Fund. Yearly dividends are used for scholarships
- Charitable IRA Rollovers (through end of 2007)
- Matching Gifts (for those who qualify) from Thrivent or your place of employment
- Estate Planning

Check with Trinity's Stewardship chair, Terry Gaylord or your financial advisor for details.

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 - Allow us to put your news in a future newsletter
 - Correct or change your address
 - Plan a special event with your classmates
 - Ask for addresses of classmates from our files
- All by going to the TLC web site,
 sending an e-mail or a note by postal mail.**

Trinity Lutheran School 2008 Auction

"Building a Firm Foundation – For the Kids!"

Saturday, April 12, 2008



This is the premier fund raising event for Trinity School. An elegantly catered dinner will be held in the TLS gym along with silent and live auctions.

To assure both financial success and a variety of auction choices for our guests, donations and sponsorships are needed. Please give your support by attending, donating an auction item yourself or procuring some from local businesses.

See the Trinity website or contact Peggy Brandt at development@trinityportland.org for information.

3rd Annual Alumni Picnic

Saturday August 9, 2008



What we Hear from Alums . . .

Kenneth Eichmann, '37 writes that he and his wife Alberta are enjoying retirement in Grass Valley, CA. In addition to enjoying 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, they travel, play golf and do woodworking. Ken's career spanned 34 years and covered the west coast as a member of the marketing department for Chevron Corporation.

Victor Oekerman, '43 was in the US Navy for many years. His next career as a Specialty Food Broker gave him the opportunity to travel throughout the world. Vic has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He and wife Wendy live in Tillamook, OR.

John Christianson, '53 was a USAF pilot for 22 years. After his military life, he "retired" to several positions including an AAL agent, commuter airline pilot for 9 years and 6 years as Safety & DOT coordinator at the American Red Cross. John and wife Lou have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. They live in Milwaukie, OR and enjoy traveling and their grandchildren.

Dan Hermes, '60 has been a pharmacist for 35 years, a buyer for Payless/Rite Aid for 20 years. He and Linda have been married for 39 years and have 2 children, one a pharmacist and the other is becoming a doctor. They love to travel and live in Happy Valley, OR.

Sergio and Cristy (Weniger) Diaz, '87 announce the birth of their son, Kyle. He was born August 14, 2007. They live in Goodyear, AZ where Cristy is an elementary school teacher.