



Trinity 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.

Pastor Hoelter to Retire

Mark Hoelter, Trinity Lutheran Church and School's pastor since 1990, will retire from his ministry here in June, 2008. Many of you have been baptized, confirmed or married by Pastor Hoelter or have memories about the Christian care and concern shown to you in times of crisis, sadness or joy. In his eighteen years at Trinity, Pastor Hoelter, his wife Miriam and their sons have touched the hearts of many as they shared in our church and school ministry.

After his 1972 graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mark Hoelter began his ministry in dual parishes in Hepler and Brazilton, Kansas. In 1977 he was called to serve as campus and student center pastor at the University of Kansas. In 1990, the Hoelters moved to Portland accepting the call to Trinity.

Pastor Hoelter has served the church in additional capacities, including District LWML Counselor, District Campus Ministry Coordinator, District Youth Gatherings Committee Chair, Circuit Counselor and on the Portland VA Hospital Professional Consultation Committee. He's contributed sermons to the *Concordia Pulpit*, and authored a study for the 1993 *Discovery Bible Study V* series.

Miriam (Stuenkel) Hoelter is an elementary school counselor in the Gresham-Barlow School District. She and Mark have four sons, Peter, Christopher, Micah and Lucas, and two grandchildren: Owen and Sara. In addition to being doting grandparents, the Hoelters will continue to serve in reduced commitments to their respective professions, as well as travel and celebrate life in the Pacific Northwest.

It is a fascinating coincidence that Trinity is the congregation into which Pastor Hoelter's mother, Lois Blankenbuehler Hoelter was born and baptized in 1915. We at Trinity have been blessed with the return of her son and his family to this congregation. And, we wish the Lord's richest blessings on them in their retirement.

You are invited to join Trinity Lutheran Church and School to celebrate the ministry of
Pastor Mark Hoelter
Sunday June 1, 2008

Worship at 10:00 AM, Pastor Erhart Bauer preaching, followed by a potluck luncheon and program.
RSVP 503.288.6403

A money tree for the Hoelters will be available at the door.
If you are unable to attend, you may send your greeting to the church



Changes, Changes, Changes . . .

At the beginning of the 2008/09 school year, Trinity School will implement a multiage classroom format in which most classrooms will contain two grade levels. Math and Language Arts will be taught at the same time throughout the school and students will go to a class at their level for those subjects. Religion, art, computers, PE, band, choirs and the all of the extracurricular offerings that are important to a student's total education will be available.

This plan will allow for the best use of staffing and financial resources by bringing classroom sizes to a level that matches current enrollment, tuition support and yet continues to offer students a quality education.

With the flexibility of multiage classrooms, Trinity can add students and yet maintain the concept and schedule to serve children in the manner described.

A 3 year old preschool class (pending adequate enrollment numbers for it) will be added. After receiving positive market research data, the entire early childhood program may be expanded in the near future, offering more options to young families.

Staffing changes will occur as well. In addition to Pastor Hoelter, we will say goodbye to classroom teachers Becky Seidner, Cara Berg and Randy Burlingame. Phil Muskie, longtime maintenance manager will retire.

Trinity Lutheran School is seeking students, hoping to increase enrollment numbers to the level of recent years. (200+) Please help by sharing information about the school to friends, colleagues, neighbors and family members. Invite them to visit Trinity or call Mr. Riedl for more information.

*"My experience at Trinity has been a journey. . .the people at Trinity are amazing. I'm proud to say that I went to Trinity because the people are kind and I appreciate their loving hearts towards people."
Ebony, Class of 2008*

"Trinity is a school that will help us understand subjects so we can succeed in life. We will not be scared of talking about problems or talking about Jesus, which is really great." Colin, Class of 2008

3rd Annual Alumni Picnic Saturday, August 9, 2008

Beginning at 11:30 AM
Trinity Lutheran School Gym

Details to follow or
email grammiles@hotmail.com for specifics



Thirty Eighth Graders Graduate

After completing their elementary school careers with graduation on June 5th, some students will travel to east coast historical sites. This class will leave a visible legacy in the form of a *rain garden* for all to enjoy. It is complete with a drain water collection barrel and irrigation system for the new plants. What a wonderful model for all to see and practice in the stewardship of our earth's resources.

"I have been excited to participate in the sports programs which have been very good. The teachers all have a way of making you feel comfortable in a learning environment. If you need help there is no hesitation or fear to ask for something." Matthew, Class of 2008

The Trinity spring operetta is alive and well. This year the primary grades presented a red, white and blue performance of "Salute to America."

"I have learned to work with my fellow classmates and become great friends with many of them. Trinity has challenged me academically, but from this I have become a better student with a passion for learning. Most of all, I admire how I developed a better relationship with Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Thank you Trinity Lutheran." Rakiyah, Class of 2008

Reisig and Team Go To Valpo Again!

After winning the 2008 L.E.S.T. boys basketball championship, Trinity's team was invited to the prestigious National Lutheran School Basketball Tournament in Valparaiso, Indiana. This was the fourth team coach Reisig has led to the tournament, earning 1st place in 2001. The 2008 TLS team played well and advanced into the consolation round. **Tiger Pride Reigns** for all of our young women and men who represent Trinity in sports.

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This issue of the *Trinity Alumni Tidings* is being sent with a letter from the Trinity Fund Committee. Consider a contribution in support of Trinity's educational ministry.

Marilyn Elsasser Miles is the chair of the Alumni Committee. She gratefully accepts contributions for future mailings or picnic expenses. You are also invited to join the Alumni Committee.

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What's Going on with our ALUMS

+ Alma (Muller) Dobberfuhl Dobbert + (1922 - 2008) +

Alma served Trinity as its first woman teacher and in 1961 became Library Director at Concordia, Portland, until retirement in 1987. She was living in Janesville, Wisconsin, is survived by her second husband, Alan Dobbert and preceded in death by Ray Dobberfuhl and son Bill.

"Over the nine years I have been here, I have been a witness to Trinity's great atmosphere that very few schools have" Myles, Class of 2008

Gerry (Wiebold) Hubert, '43 attended Jefferson Hi. She and husband Jerry have been married for 59 years, have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Jerry and Gerry owned H&H Jewelry in NE Portland for many years and are charter members of Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Terilyn (Thorson) Anania, '72 graduated from Capella University with an MS in Human Services. After retiring from the US Navy in 2002 as a Master Chief Petty Officer, she is now a Self-Sufficiency Coordinator for the Housing Authority in Island County, WA. She, husband Raymond and their son Dominic love their current island life.

"This school gives a private and family like environment, where everyone can be themselves and everyone can be close to one another. The teachers are smart and very understanding." Taylor, Class of 2008

Michael Brandt, '80, US Army, Lieutenant Colonel left for Iraq in early May for a second tour of duty. Please remember him in your prayers.

Tony Nitz, '82 began *Earthstock*, an annual dance for students with special needs in 1992 with 60 in attendance. This year more than 600 came from 7 metro area school districts. Tony, on the Madison High School staff and still organizing the event says, "Prom has always been a part of the high school experience, and through *Earthstock*, that door is opened to a group of students who have often missed out on this high school rite of passage."

Heidi Stuelpnagel, '94 married Nick Amrine on Friday, May 9, 2008. They live and work in Everett, WA.

Samuel Schuldheisz, '96 will graduate in May from Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His first call is as Associate Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, California. Sam and his wife, Natasha will move to California early this summer.

Little Tigers arrive . . .

Grace (Kunert), '91 and Chris Laman welcomed William Robert joining brother Thomas, age 3.

Carrie and Peter Kunert, '92 and Ella, 4, greeted Brady Charles

WHAT CAN WE SHARE ABOUT YOU?

Go to the TLC website, send an email or a note by postal mail to:

- Tell us about yourself and "what's up" with you.
- Correct or change your mailing address.
- Plan and share information about an event for your class.
- Ask for the address of your classmates from our files.
- Send the address of someone who should receive this newsletter.