

Trinity Lutheran School & Early Childhood Ministry
Observation Notes from November 12-14, 2024

School Observations: It is obvious that this Lutheran congregation was serious about educating its youth by the fact that the church was started in the mid-nineteenth century. A Lutheran Day School was established in the late 1870s to provide Christian education to the children of the congregation. It is only with God's abundant blessings and the will of the members of the congregation that this wonderful ministry still exists today.

The school building has been adapted through the years to reflect growth in numbers and changes to methodologies of education. From a church basement beginnings to a present-day six-room classroom configuration, Trinity has provided the place where learning can take place.

Some of the obvious updates include remodeled classrooms, a gymnasium and lunchroom, I-pads and laptop computers, 5G internet, smartboards, and many more classroom conveniences that enhance education in the 21st century.

Despite all the technology and enhancements, Trinity still provides the "one thing needful" in its educational programming: Jesus is at the center of all activities that occur here.

Teacher Observations: The Lord has provided six called workers who have been privileged to serve the children of the congregation as teachers, as well as a faithful Pastor, who is also serving as the interim principal. In addition, a congregation member with many leadership skills and experience has assumed the role of "headmaster" to guide the school in its mission. A dedicated administrative assistant to the Pastor and headmaster and numerous volunteer specialists assist the teachers in courses like art and physical education, while others prepare meals and clean the building. This web of talent and sheer effort results in what appears to be a terrific school: Trinity Lutheran School and Early Childhood Ministry.

The Faculty: The diverse members of the faculty come from all different backgrounds, but they all share a common goal: teaching God's children about His saving grace through our Savior Jesus Christ. Some have years of experience; others are in the early stages of their teaching ministry. All of them reflect the love of Jesus as they teach the children all of the necessary subjects to succeed in an ever-demanding society.

I got to observe the teaching of six dedicated teachers for about an hour each. It's like trying to assess the product of their efforts in the blink of an eye. Despite the brevity, I have the strong belief that these individuals will provide an excellent education experience to their students, based on what I observed. Connections between things is what life is all about. I see the connections between the students, the teachers, and their Lord. What more could you hope for?

To God be the glory.

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