

The Principal's Page

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

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Call Process Report

The Call Committee has completed its interviews and reference checks on the two candidates who rose to the top. Those two were Jeff Boehlke of Watertown, MN and Jim Knoepfel of Fremont, NE. They feel very comfortable that either of them could do a great job and be a tremendous blessing to TLO.

By the time you read this the Call Committee will have requested a date and time for a Voters Meeting to extend the call. This should be sometime in early January.

National Lutheran Schools Week

Each year the school system of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pauses to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. This is now celebrated the last week in January, which this year is January 24-30. The purpose of the week-long celebration is to recognize the wonderful partnerships that our schools share with their sponsoring congregations. The schools receive immeasurable blessings from the congregations which sponsor them, but the sponsoring churches also receive blessings in return.

The "school system" referenced above includes the Early Childhood Centers, Elementary Schools, and High Schools of the LCMS.

DID YOU KNOW

- The total number of schools in this system is **2,111**.
- That breaks down into **1,190** Early Childhood Centers, **842** Elementary Schools, and **85** High Schools.
NOTE: The number of Early Childhood Centers represents only stand-alone centers. Thus, TLO is not counted there, but is counted under Elementary schools.
- The **Minnesota South District** has **93** schools representing those three categories.
- The total number of **students** in these combined categories is **156,722**. The number of **teachers** is **21,120**.
- **675** of these schools are accredited with **National Lutheran School Accreditation**.
- The LCMS owns and operates three international schools in **Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Hanoi**. These three schools have a combined enrollment of 4,035 students.
- The largest schools in our system are Faith Lutheran Middle and High School (Las Vegas) with 1,572 students, Faith Lutheran Elementary School (Las Vegas) with 727 students, and the largest Early Childhood Center is in Katy, TX with 337 students.
- In addition to this system of schools, the LCMS operates a system of schools for higher education. **We have seminars in St. Louis and Fort Wayne, IN, and ten colleges/universities, of which Concordia-St. Paul is one.**

January 2016

You will be provided with a complete schedule of events for the week as well as more facts and statistics as a bulletin insert prior to the celebration week.

LSCS

TLO has requested and been granted a consulting visit from **Lutheran School Consulting Services**. This visit will happen on February 2-3, 2016. The two consultants who will facilitate the visit are both assistants to the president in the area of schools and education in their respective LCMS district. Dennis Gehrke is from the Missouri District and Mark Brink is from the Florida-Georgia District.

As TLO transitions to a new principal it is a perfect time for this visit. They will help to put in place the plan to move TLO forward to achieve its mission. They will get their input from the various leaders of the congregation as well as print matter and reports that will be communicated to them in advance of the visit. There will also be a survey made available prior to their visit.

Funding TLO School

Tuition serves as the first source of funding at 51%. TLO Church represents the second source of funding at 29%. All students receive a very generous discount to their tuition statement provided by TLO Church. The smallest, but still very important, source of revenue is the category of Fees. This includes Band, Registration, and Technology Fees and represents 5.5%.

The third largest category for funding is what we typically refer to as Third Source Funding. **14.5% of TLO School's revenue comes from such activities as Auction, Marathon, Annual Fund, Annual Appeal, and gifts from the Endowment Fund.**

The Marathon has already been conducted and raised slightly over \$10,000 this year. The Endowment Fund gifts are not controlled by most of us. However, the other three can and need to be impacted by immediate gifts. The Budget is built so that it counts on contributions to these three streams of revenue. Participation in and contributions to the Annual Fund (\$20,000 budgeted), Annual Appeal (\$50,000 budgeted), and Auction (\$50,000 budgeted) are critical.

Students Celebrate Christmas

The students of TLO celebrated Christmas by helping others celebrate. They presented concerts to parents, family, and friends to enjoy during the week before Christmas. In addition they went to Minnesota Veterans Home on December 15 to share Christmas cheer in song to the residents.



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