

The Principal's Page

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

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Staffing Updates

You will note some significant changes in the staffing arrangements for TLO School for next school year. Please allow me to delineate and explain those changes.

First, you will remember that Mrs. Sarah Willmott resigned her position at TLO in lieu of other employment. Mrs. Willmott was not replaced. Please read below how her previous duties are being covered.

The position of **principal** remains open after a year of the Board of Education searching for a replacement. There are significant adjustments in the administrative structure for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Pfeiffer will continue to hold the position of interim principal, but on a reduced time basis. He will spend one day per week on site and another half day working from home and his duties will be specific tasks assigned by the Board of Education. **Ms. Julie Wilke** has agreed to be **assistant principal**. Her duties will include the day-to-day operation of the school. Because Ms. Wilke is the person who will be in the building every day, she is the person with whom parents, students, and teachers will interact. Ms. Wilke will have some set office hours which will be communicated at the beginning of school.

The rest of the staff has been moved around to cover the duties that Mrs. Willmott supplied. **Music** will be taught by **Mrs. Gail Maser**. Mrs. **Stephanie Vallin** will continue to teach **band** and will also take on teaching **handbells**. Mrs. Maser will continue to teach preschool in the mornings.

Mrs. Willmott also served as the **Athletic Director** for the past school year. Those duties will be taken over by **Mrs. Laura Stennes**, a middle school teacher.

The schedule has also been reworked to allow **Ms. Wilke** to teach the **algebra** class that was taught by Mrs. Willmott.

Call Update

The Board of Education is set to resume a search for a permanent principal in about October. Some

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names will be revisited while other names will likely be added to the list of potential candidates. Congregation members are again offered the opportunity to submit names for the Board of Education to consider. Any names should be submitted to the school office in writing with contact information for both the candidate and the person submitting the name.

NWEA

After using Iowa Test of Basic Skills for many years, TLO School is switching to a different model for assessing student progress using a standardized testing tool. **Northwest Evaluation Association** offers a system of evaluation for student progress administered through an online system. This system individualizes each student's assessment so that the results indicate specific weaknesses that need to be addressed and sets the stage for what students are ready to learn.

NWEA can be administered multiple times each school year so that teachers and parents can be given both a fall and spring (in between if necessary) evaluation so that adjustments in the delivery of education can be customized "on the fly." This can also be used as a placement tool for new students to TLO.

Faculty Retreat

The faculty of TLO School will be engaging in a professional growth retreat on August 15-16. A small amount of time will be spent on "nuts and bolts," with the bulk of time dedicated to a professional growth topic. All participants have been asked to read the book *The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork* by John Maxwell. All teachers, Pastor Kroonblawd, and Mr. Pfeiffer will be participating in this retreat. Mr. Pfeiffer is organizing the event, with all having a role in leading sections.



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