

The Principal's Page

Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School

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Van Dellen Elected Principal

At the regular Voter Meeting on February 21 a call was extended to **Mr. James Van Dellen** to be our next principal. The biographical information below was shared with the assembly before they **voted unanimously** to extend him the call.

Jim is in his 25th year in ministry and has been serving as a classroom teacher at Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Wauwatosa, WI since 2004. For the past 8 plus years he has also been serving as of Assistant Principal and Director of Technology. He still is a part time middle school classroom teacher and head of the middle school department. Jim has also participated in a program run by the School Department of LCMS called SLeD (School Leadership Development).

Jim and his wife Penny both graduated from Concordia University, Ann Arbor, MI in 1991. Jim has a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Capella University, Minneapolis in 2008.

Jim has served at two schools prior to his position at Our Redeemer. Those two schools were in Westlake, OH and Ann Arbor, MI.

Jim and Penny have three children. The oldest is a midshipman in the US Naval Academy. The next son is a senior in high school, and their youngest is a daughter who is currently a sophomore in high school.

Jim perceives himself having a strength "to engage in relational ministry with middle school and high school students." He also professes to "believe in the concept of servant leadership – building consensus among the staff by walking with them."

Those who know Jim personally and professionally use the following words and phrases to describe him:

Faithful servant
He does any job to the best of his ability
Fabulous teacher
Highly competent
Very qualified
He wants to be an administrator

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Lutheran School Consulting

The Lutheran School Consulting visit has happened and the report has been received. At the moment this report is the property of the Board of Education and they have not been together yet to review it. The report divides the recommendations into seven areas which will be pulled apart and "assigned" to various boards or groups.

Some of the strengths that were noted include:

1. The surveys indicated strengths of the school to be:
 - Easy to see that the school's focus is on Jesus Christ
 - Students are well-prepared for the next level
 - School is Gospel-centered; a place of prayer, forgiveness, and reconciliation
 - Obvious to visitors that this is a Christian School
 - Students are positive about their school experience
2. Trinity congregation values the ministry of the school.
3. Pastor Kroonblawd is supportive of the ministry of the school.
4. School parents expressed appreciation for the quality, Christian education provided by the school.
5. The congregation has begun a visioning process.
6. Trinity has provided Christian education to the Eagan area for over 130 years.
7. Pastor Kroonblawd has a great shut-in ministry to the thirty plus members of the congregation that he visits monthly.
8. Trinity church is located in an area that is poised to experience significant growth in the near future. Mission opportunities exist to touch individuals and families with the love of Jesus Christ.

Annual Auction News

Our annual school auction is Sunday, March 13. This year's theme "Walk by Faith" not only reflects the idea that we need to walk by faith with God, but also that we need to walk by faith with others in our community. The auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year, helping to raise more than \$50,000 for the school. Money raised at the auction helps to keep tuition low for all TLO students and their families.

The 2016 Auction Committee is thrilled to announce that we will have electronic bidding for our silent auction this year, which means you can bid with your smart phone or one of the tablets/laptops that will be stationed at the event. Your friends and family from out of town can even bid online if they're unable to attend. Contact the church or school office for more information.



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