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The Good News

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Let It Begin!

School starts in just a couple of days. We have a new Acting Principal with Jennifer Forte. We are glad to have her in place at the beginning of the year!

But what that means with having an Acting Principal, we will need to be searching for a new Principal to replace Ms. Tammy Mazza who took a position with the state of New York as an Education Administrator. We give thanks for her years of service and the blessing that she was to our school.

What then are the next steps towards getting a new Principal?

The following is a summary of the process:

1. Church Council and the Board of Christian Education will be putting a Call/Search Committee together. Why not call it just a Call Committee or a Search Committee? Good question. The reason is that we want to keep our options open. A Call Committee suggests that we are strictly looking at an LCMS trained and rostered individual to be our next Principal. A Search Committee suggests that we are looking for a Principal that is not necessarily an LCMS Lutheran. Calling it a Call/Search Committee enables us to search in both realms to ensure we get the best match possible for us at Trinity. It might be considered "nit-picking" to have the

committee be called this, but it is an apt reminder and description of who the committee is open to considering for our next Principal.

2. Council will review the current job description of the Principal to see if any updating needs be done. Is the current description adequate? etc.
3. Once the committee is together, they will be charged with seeking out the best individual for the position. Part of that work is requesting from the Atlantic District of the LCMS information on those individuals that we might consider to put on a call list. At the same time, the committee can put out the job description to solicit individuals who might be interested in applying. (I might say that we have already received suggestions from members of the congregation of possible candidates to consider. There will be an application that they will need to complete.)
4. Once those lists have been obtained, the Call/Search Committee will review the names and their qualifications to consider which individuals they would like to interview.
5. Interviews will be conducted.
6. Once the committee has arrived on a recommendation, they will bring that forward for Church Council to review and in turn be brought before the Voters' Assembly. If they, the committee, have not found someone they can recommend, the process begins again.

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7. Voters' Assembly votes on the individual.
8. The Call/Offer is extended.
9. The individual then considers the Call/Offer.
10. They accept, Praise the Lord!!!
11. They decline, the process begins again.

Needless to say, this process takes time. And I am a firm believer in working the process, making sure we go through the right steps. Cutting corners to try and speed up the process will only hurt us in the long run. This is a ministry of God's Church and we want God to bless it.

Therefore, the biggest and most important request that I have of you as one of God's people here at Trinity, is that you pray for this process. What I mean by that is the following:

- A. Pray for the Call/Search Committee that they would have godly discernment in reviewing qualifications, asking questions and selecting the right individual to bring forward to the congregation.
- B. When that individual is brought before the Voters' Assembly, that the congregation would have a godly discernment in Calling/Approving of the Principal that is recommended.
- C. Pray that God would lift up the right individual to be our Principal. That this individual would have a desire in their heart to share the love of Jesus and all while making sure the students get the best education possible. This also means that the Principal would need good skills to build strong relationships with the excellent staff we have here at Trinity.
- D. When said individual considers the Call/Offer that is before them, that God would lead them in the decision process too.

If you have any questions about the process, please visit with me about it or someone from Church Council. When we have the Call/Search Committee established, we will let you know who is on it.

Remember, I truly believe this is an opportunity the Lord has laid before us and we ask His blessings be upon it!

Serving the Lord with you,
Pastor Hopkins



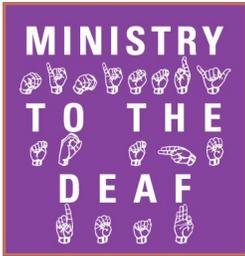
Confirmation begins on Thursday September 13 with the Parent and Student Orientation. This meeting is for all confirmands and parents. We will be going over the calendar and expectations for the year.

Regular classes begin the following week. We will be continuing to have classes on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:15pm. Confirmation is for students who are in 6th through 8th grades.

Your confirmation teachers are:

Pastor Hopkins – 6th grade
Ms. Debbie Vergara – 7th grade
Ms. Erika Skoch – 8th grade

Deaf Ministry is Coming to Trinity!



Deaf Ministry is coming to Trinity. We have three Trinity members who are interpreters: Barbara Lewis, Katie Mittler and Karen Prohinsie. They, along with myself, make up Trinity's Deaf Ministry Team. (By the way, we are looking for more folks who would like to be a part of this ministry! Just let me know.) Beginning on Sunday, October 14, the 10:45 AM worship service will be interpreted for those who will benefit from this type of assistance. The late service will have an interpreter there every Sunday whether there is someone who needs it or not. This is vitally important as we begin a relationship with the deaf community around us. It shows our commitment to them. Here is something

that you may not know - there are churches that have an interpreter come, but only once a month. You can see how having someone there every Sunday could make a difference in a person's life.

That is why we are doing this. We want to make sure they have a chance to know Jesus every Sunday.

Now you might be curious as to why October 14 is our start date. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf has their Apple Festival Saturday October 6 and Sunday October 7 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. 25,000 people attend this event over the two days from all over Long Island. At the festival, we, Trinity's Deaf Ministry Team, will have a booth there. I have been working with Deaconess Phyllis Yee of Lutheran Friends for the Deaf, who helps out extensively with the festival. She has positioned our booth to be right next to hers! In a spot that will get lots of foot traffic! We will be handing out brochures advertising that we are beginning our Interpreted Service the following week. It is a way for us to introduce ourselves to the very community who could benefit from it! Our interpreters will be there throughout both days. But we could also use some extra help too! You don't have to sign/interpret to be a part. You can help by handing out the brochures. You can smile. And if necessary, we will have tablets to write out your conversations, although many folks do a great job of reading lips.



Trinity's Comfort Dog Ministry will have a presence there too! We are hoping to have one of the Comfort Dogs from the region be there. It is all about showing that Trinity cares and our physical presence is a great way to show it!

Needless to say, we are very excited about this. We ask for your prayers that this ministry will be a blessing to many.

Look for more information in October's newsletter about this new ministry that will be beginning... again, it begins on Sunday October 14 during the late service.

Please tell your friends about this, because even if you don't know someone who is deaf, they might and could pass along the information.

Serving the Lord with you,

Trinity's Deaf Ministry Team

Pastor Hopkins, Barbara Lewis, Katie Mittler, and Karen Prohinsie

Trinity's choirs will be starting rehearsals again in September. Trinity Choir will begin on Thursday, September 13 at 8:00 pm, Sounds of Praise (Grades 2-5) on Thursday, September 27 at 3:30 p.m. and Trinity Handbell



Choir also begins on Thursday, September 27 at 6:45 p.m. Cherub Choir (Grades K and 1) begins in October and Youth Ensemble (Grades 6-12) in November. If you or your child or grandchild aren't currently singers in our choirs, let me give you the top ten reasons why you should be:

10. You're running out of clean clothes and the choir robes save on laundry.
9. You've just been selected for jury duty and want to get used to sitting with a group of people.
8. You have a reserved seat for every service.
7. The collection plate is never passed directly to the choir.
6. You get to be near the front for communion.
5. The view of the sanctuary from the balcony is priceless!
4. When you sit in the balcony you are closer to heaven than anyone else!
3. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the pastor to catch you.
2. The chairs in the balcony are the most comfortable in the sanctuary, and the balcony is always very well heated.
1. Your favorite movie is Sister Act!



The most important reason of course, is the chance to share in Christian fellowship with a great group of people, no matter what choir, and the chance to serve the Lord while having fun.

Henry DeVries,
Minister of Music



The Good News
Honor, Serve, Provide



We now have pledges and/or donations toward our \$210,000 goal of \$198,864 from 118 individuals and families. Thank you!!

Scheduling for some of the projects during the summer has been difficult. In addition, a number of other needs have come up that have taken up time for the Board of Properties. We are indebted to them for their dedication to our buildings.

During the second half of August, the Board of Properties expects to complete the following projects: Science room renovation – materials have been arriving, a new "front door" intercom for the school will be installed, church and school glass repairs have been completed. Work on the boiler will be done before the cold weather sets in.

We are happy to relay the fact that the PTFA has committed to the renovation of the first floor bathrooms (the ones with locker rooms across from the gym).

We are eagerly looking forward to celebrating the school's 65th anniversary which began with the August 29 Back to School BBQ and service.

In my previous church I often felt like the Complaint Department. Everyone who had a problem or complaint came to tell me because they thought I could resolve the situation or make things right. Sometimes I could, but most times I just listened and prayed with them.

Now I know that sometimes we Christians do not like to admit to weakness, to having negative feelings or asking for help. We don't want to admit that we feel like throwing in the towel, giving up living, or complaining about our circumstances. Yet we often feel angry, depressed, fearful or discouraged. At such times we should not wallow in self-pity, bury our feelings, or throw ourselves more deeply into our work or leisure in an attempt to numb the pain so we don't have to think about it. If we deny our feelings we lie to God. He knows we have them, so we may as well just admit to them, confess them to Him and let Him heal us.

Your Deacons are here to help. Listening to complaints and emotional upset is part of our calling. We may not have the solutions to your problems, or all the answers to your questions but we are willing to listen, to help you vent. More importantly we are here to lead you to Jesus. We are His servants called to help those in need and can help you voice your complaints in prayer to the One who can help, our Lord Jesus.

Deacon Anthony Cavaliere

Your Deacons: Doug Brosky Betsy Lazarek Debbie Vergara
 Anthony Cavaliere Peg Ruhs Lynn Waldeck



The Good News
Board of Outreach

" . . . so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, . . . " Ephesians 4:14-15, ESV

If we are honest, we have to admit that our nation, indeed the whole world is in a state of moral anarchy. Many people are doing as it says in the book of Judges, what is right in their own eyes without regard to what the Lord wants. Many don't even believe in God while even more have just refashioned Him over into an idol in their own image and likeness. What should sadden those of us who are believers is that many of these morally corrupt people are in charge of most of the governmental, educational and cultural institutions that influence the lives of everyone. These are preaching a gospel of self-centeredness and immorality that has pervaded every level of society.

We have a good opportunity as the church to work to stem the growth of that chaos through the exercise of our spiritual gifts. We can complain all we want about social injustice, the widespread acceptance of sexual immorality, political corruption, drunkenness, drug abuse, bullying and rudeness. We can complain about the schools which teach pagan spirituality and sexual permissiveness while neglecting moral values and respect. And we can complain about the media which promotes and teaches all this godlessness. But complaining and marching in demonstrations will not help change any of those things.

The Church, the people of God, is called to be a counterculture, to permeate society and culture on every level and change them. The early church did that rather effectively in the pagan and immoral Roman Empire despite the cost of persecution and martyrdom. We have to step out and do what we have been called to do. We have to utilize the gifts that the Lord has given us. This we do in the local church as well as in our personal mission fields: the towns and neighborhoods where the Lord has placed us.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128-129)

This is the first thing we are given it has to do with ownership. God only managers — stewards — acting only of all that we have in this life that we are in this life. (1 Corinthians

The rest flows from here. Since we what belongs to God, entrusted to will, there is an expectation of re-

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more." (Luke 12:48b)

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21)

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons. (Galatians 4:1-7)

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



to confess about stewardship, and owns everything, and we are simply on His behalf. This is true not (Deuteronomy 8:17-18), but also all 6:20)

are stewards, or managers, of make use of it according to His responsibility and accountability.

whom much was given, of him



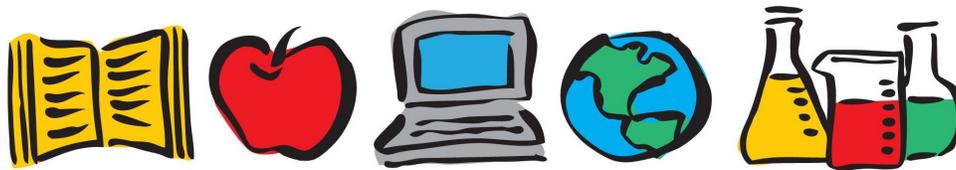
Articles and submissions for the
October 2018
newsletter are due no later
than noon on
Monday, October 22!



As we enter our 65th year of educational ministry, our Bible verse for this school year comes from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Ministry workers, parents, and students are all crucial facets of our institution; along with Christian values aligned throughout our curriculum.

Thanks to the Capital Campaign, we are currently in the process of updating our K-8 science lab. This September we will also be implementing our new social and emotional learning program for K-5, called "Mission Be." On September 4, we will be hosting our meet the teacher orientation from 10:00-12:00 and our opening day is on September 5. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year.

Jennifer Forte,
Acting Principal

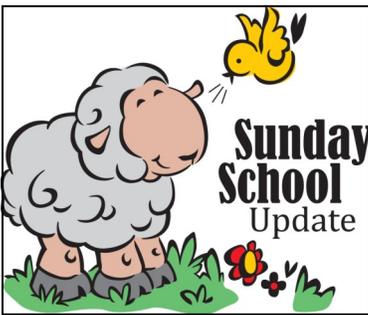


The Good News
Early Childhood Center News



Trinity's Early Childhood Center staff is busy preparing to welcome the children for our 49th year of pre-school education at Trinity! We are all very excited to share the love of Jesus with over 90 families this year in our Early Childhood Center. Trinity is blessed to have many dedicated staff members who go above and beyond each day for the children and families we serve. The staff has many wonderful activities planned for the children that we hope to share with you throughout the year. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, and love with our Early Childhood Center children!

Carolyn Gallegos,
ECC Director



Trinity's Sunday school will resume on September 9 at 9:00am beginning in the church.

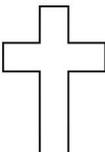
Our Sunday school ministry is in need of substitute teachers, so if

you are interested or would like more information, please contact Roberta O'Connor at robertaoconnor@optonline.net.

Inspirational Yoga
Come join us!



Meditative, energizing and inspirational yoga classes
Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 12, 2018
6:00pm-7:00pm
\$5.00 per class
Instructor: Laura Fisher
In the multi-purpose room
(yoga mats will be available to borrow or to purchase)



Trinity Lutheran Church & School
40 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville



LWML Sunday

Once a year, a day is set aside called LWML Sunday. This is done in order to more clearly explain the goals set for the year for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist every woman in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. Our motto is: "To serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

All women who are communicant members of the church are considered part of LWML. We encourage you to become active members of our society. What does it mean to be a part of this ministry? It means that you will be encouraged to seek out and serve the needs of the people in our community and the world.

Each year we set up missions we would like to achieve with your help. One is to collect and make items needed for layettes and then send them to the New Life Center in Uniondale and to the Appalachian area. (CAP) Quilts are made for both the Appalachian area and Lutheran Social Services.

The Northport VA Medical Center will be receiving items requested by the center and handmade cards of appreciation for their service to our country.

We put together hospice kits and ship them to global ministries who in turn ship them around the world.

In an effort to financially support the needs in our church and community, we hold fundraisers. Each year there is a garage sale, cake sales, a high tea and dinners.

Last but not least, we give out mite boxes and envelopes. Together with the Atlantic District, over 20 million dollars and more are raised.

We encourage you to attend any or all of our events or meetings and return your LWML mite boxes as soon as possible to help us make our mission goals successfully.

Thank you!

Helen Peter,
Trinity's LWML President





Trinity Lutheran Church
Hicksville, NY



As Christians we are called to follow the Master – Jesus Christ. As we prepare for the coming of our comfort dog the #1 command we will learn is “With Me.” It was fitting for that to be the theme of this year’s Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Ministries National Conference. Throughout the two day conference, three of our ministry partners joined over 500 people and 90 dogs who were called together to be reminded that “With Me” is what Jesus is calling us to do. The worship, fellowship and learning was warm, welcoming and uplifting. Discussions were had about the people we serve and the needs of our community. We left with a great feeling of community with our LCC partners and within our own ministry. But we also learned the dog will be placed at Trinity Hicksville in “His” time. Our dog may not be ready to come to us although we are ready to have a dog. Christ will decide when the time is right for both of us. Please continue to pray for our ministry as we pray for you.



DIVORCE



SUPPORT GROUP

THE NASSAU COUNTY DIVORCE AND SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

will begin holding meetings at Trinity the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Multipurpose Room, starting on Tuesday, September 4 from 7:00-9:00pm. This group is a peer led support group where members help one another deal with the challenges and difficulties faced during this time of transition. The bi-weekly meetings will address specific topics that pertain to those going through the process of divorce or separation including financial matters, parenting, dating, and moving forward with your life with positivity and gratitude. If you, or you know of anyone else who would benefit from attending these meetings, you are cordially invited to attend.

Dear Week Day Bible Study Attendees,

Do you have a handicap tag for your car? Or do you have a sticker allowing you to park in the town parking lot on the west side of our school? If you have either of these, we would like to respectfully ask you to utilize those parking areas before trying to locate a spot in Trinity's parking lot. ECC has a significant increase in enrollment this coming school year which will make for more challenging parking in our lot. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help out in this manner. Thank you very much!

Dear Trinity Ladies,

We are a group of your Sisters-in-Christ who explore God's Word, searching to discover and understand Him better. At the Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study, we learn and laugh as we help and support each other, and apply God's word to our own lives. A diverse group of women with different backgrounds, we thank God for the opportunity to enjoy being together to care and share as we seek to grow in Christ. We would be delighted if you would consider joining our cheerful, comfortable flexible group as we learn, help and pray for each other.

As summer break is just about over, the study is resuming on Wednesday, September 12, 7:00-8:30pm in the Youth/Senior Room.

We look forward to seeing you there. Come when you can. In Christian Love,

Wednesday Night Bible Study

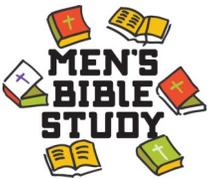
TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

While the warm weather of Summer will remain with us for a few more weeks Fall is just over the horizon and with it the resumption of Trinity's many Bible study opportunities.

Our Tuesday afternoon study will resume at 3:30 PM on September 11 in the Stammel Center as we begin a three-week study of The Apocrypha, a compilation of writings in an approximate 400-year period between the last Old Testament Prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ. Luther viewed these books as beneficial reading, but not rising to the point of being included in Holy Scripture.

Beginning on October 2, we are going to look at the Reformation and the events that began and followed the suggestion for a debate that was posted on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517. We will be viewing and supplementing a presentation on Luther and the Reformation produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

We invite everyone to join in these lively interactive sessions as we strengthen our relationship with the Lord and our fellow Christians. We look forward to seeing you in September.



Trinity's Men's Bible Study is held the second Saturday of each month at the Empire Diner in Hicksville at 8:00am. Join with the guys for an uplifting morning of good food, fellowship and time in the Word!

- Sunday morning Bible study takes place in the Youth Senior Room each week at 10:45am.
- The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study Group will be kicking off the school year with their annual communion breakfast on Wednesday, September 12. Please join them at 9:30am for a time of worship, breakfast, fellowship and study. They will continue to meet each Wednesday throughout the school year in the Youth Senior Room 9:30am.

The Stanley J. Kramer Windows
(Stained Glass continued...)

About the Artist:

Stanley Kramer (1940-2009) was a graduate of Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois and New York University. He was a life member of the Art Students League and an adjunct professor at Concordia College, Bronxville, New York. Stan's commissioned work can be viewed in many churches and schools, particularly along the east coast.



Stanley Kramer's ministry in the Lutheran community spanned over forty years. During this time he served as Trinity's Teaching Minister and Art Director. Stan's love for art as well as his love for our Lord drove him to procure many of the original, Christian art pieces adorning our church and school. The most prominent are displayed alongside Stan's personal charcoal sketch of Jesus, on the walls of our east wing, in the Stanley J. Kramer Memorial Art Gallery. I'm sure you've admired Stan's felt and fabric banners which are displayed in the church during the different church seasons. Stan was beloved by his colleagues as well as his many students. The people of Trinity are most grateful for Stan's life, dedication and service to our Lord.

Located in the south wall of our chancel stairwell is the small, rectangular "Resurrection Cross" window, given by John and Margaret Funfgeld, in honor of the life and ministry of former Reverend Dr. Edward H. Stammel. Artist's Description: "The 'Resurrection Cross' depicts the cross of the Heavenly Jerusalem in pearlescent glass surrounded by stained and flanked glass in the colors of the foundation stones of the 'New Jerusalem.' Blues, greens, yellows and purple represent the lapis lazuli. Emerald, topaz, and amethyst are described in The Revelation of St. John, the Divine."



The five transom windows located above the south entrance (side door) of the narthex feature a representation of the church year in flowers associated with each of the seasons. Lily of the valley suggests the longest of the seasons which surrounds the festival half of the church year. This season, called Trinity, follows Pentecost and is a time dedicated to Christian growth. Star of Bethlehem reminds the viewer of the Nativity and the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Dogwood traditionally represents the Passion and the lenten season. The center panel focuses on the central theme of the Christian faith, the Resurrection, as shown by the Easter Lily. The transom windows were designed to honor former

Reverend Dr. John H. Krahn's ministry (1967-1988) at Trinity.

The last two windows designed by Stanley Kramer are located in the south wall adjacent to the steps leading down to the Stammel Foyer. The top window entitled "And I Will Give You the Crown of Life," (Rev. 2:10) was given in memory of Arnold Wenner. The window underneath, "They Will Soar on Wings Like Eagles," (Isaiah 40:31) was given in memory of Deacon Howard S. Hastings. A combination of Spectrum Waterglass, Wissmach Opalescent and German Antique glass were used in the design. All of the Stanley Kramer windows were crafted by a three-generation family of stained glass artisans known as Long Island Stained Glass by Somers (formerly S.G.O.).



Long Island Lutheran High School Association
cordially invites you to join the LuHi campus community
for worship and



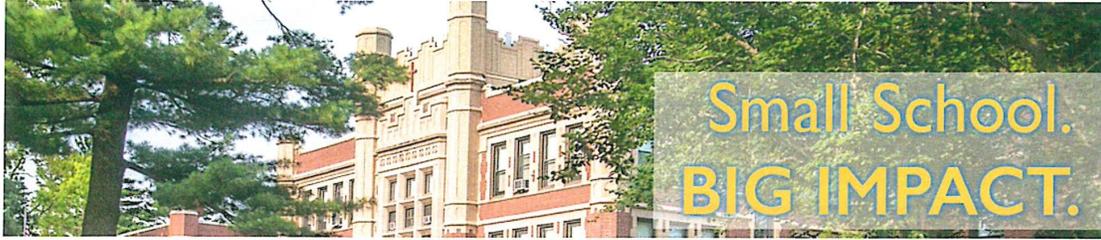
The Service of Installation of
Mr. John Buck
Head of School



Lutheran High School Association
of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Dr. David & Janet Hahn Chapel Performing Arts Center
Long Island Lutheran Middle & High School
131 Brookville Road, Brookville, NY 11545

Please RSVP to Rosemary McNair
rosemary.mcnair@luhi.org or 516 626-1735



Thank You

May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Passion, purpose and service was the commencement theme for our 2018 Graduation here at Concordia. Graduate Commencement was held on May 10th with Baccalaureate Service and Undergraduate Commencement held on May 13th. We celebrate not only the completion of an education, but we also rejoice over the new careers our graduates will enter as they pursue lives of passion, purpose and service.

We hope that you will join us in prayer as we celebrate our students and their future! It is our prayer that students have experienced the love of Jesus and have been encouraged in their personal relationship with Jesus! Please pray with us that our students continue to grow in the love of their Lord and in their desire to serve Him.

Thank you for supporting Concordia as we engage our students in Christ-Centered higher education, encouraging them to find and follow God's plan for their lives. Thank you for your contribution to the East Coast Association of Congregations (ECAC)!

I hope your congregation has enjoyed our Lutheran Student Letter program as much as our students did. There will be more to come next year!

Please find attached your **2018 Sticker** for your ECAC plaque. Display it proudly as a symbol of sharing a partnership with us in spreading the Gospel to the next generation of His beloved children.

In His Service,

Kathy Dresser

Kathy Dresser '79
Director of Church Relations
Concordia College, NY
Phone 914-337-9300 x2157
Small school BIG IMPACT



German Genealogy Group, Inc.

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LI_Genealogy@optonline.net

Germanic Genealogy

The German Genealogy Group will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6th at:

Hicksville VFW Hall—Post 3211
320 South Broadway (Route 107)
Hicksville, New York 11801

The program this month is “*Just Three Generations*” with presenter – Judy G. Russell, JD, CGsm, CGLsm. Our oral family history can be lost in just three generations. Following genealogy’s best practices can help us keep those losses from happening with our own families - and with our own stories. A Certified Genealogist with a law degree, Judy G. Russell is a lecturer, educator and writer who enjoys helping others understand genealogical issues ranging from how to use DNA in family research to the way the law affected our ancestors’ lives and the records they left behind.

An Orientation session for beginners and newcomers will be held at 7 PM and the regular meeting will start at 7:30. GGG members and guests will have access to the building beginning at 6:30 PM.

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