



Green Bay Trinity
LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

God's peace and blessings to you! We are looking forward to warmer weather and the activities that come with the seasons of spring and summer. It has been a year of challenges like no other and we are thankful that God has been with all of our students, our teachers and staff members, and you as families during this school year. He has kept us safe and we have been able to care for our students whether they were learning virtually or in person on our campuses. What a blessing!

As we reflect back with gratitude on this past year, we also praise God as our schools have grown and become stronger together. A little over three years ago the **Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran School Association (NEWLSA)** was created to grow and support Lutheran education in the Green Bay area. Currently, the association oversees the operations of **Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School** and **N.E.W. Lutheran High School**. The purpose of working together is to maximize resources to reach more young people for Jesus in the greater Green Bay area.

As of this month, the NEWLSA is on the verge of growing even more. We are happy to report that on March 1st, after preliminary discussions with **Faith Lutheran Church** and the **Faith Christian Preschool Board of Education**, the Board of Directors for the NEWLSA voted to invite Faith Christian Preschool into the NEWLSA. This decision came after mutual interest was expressed to work together to strengthen and support the ministry Faith Christian Preschool.

Then on April 8th, the Board of Education for Faith Christian Preschool voted to merge their school ministry into the operational structure of Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School.

Finally, on April 13th, Faith Lutheran Church, one of our valued Association congregation partners which provides support and guidance for FCP, voted to proceed with merging Faith Christian Preschool into Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School effective July 1, 2021.

This is an exciting time for all of us in the NEWLSA as exceptional Christian education will be expanded for 3 and 4 year olds in our community. Over the next few months, key administrators and staff members from Trinity and Faith Christian Preschool will be working on a plan of transition to present to the Board of Directors of the NEWLSA as the merger is finalized.

What is the impact to the Faith Christian Preschool (FCP) structure?

Merging into the NEWLSA as the preschool campus of Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School means the preschool will now receive accreditation status with the Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod. FCP will now be able to consider expanding its programming in future years to full-day and wrap around care.

What does this mean for current and future students and families enrolled at Faith Christian Preschool?

The excellent quality of the FCP program will be enhanced with the ability to have access to more resources, continuity of a programmatic 3k-12th grade system and support from a larger staff. The program you have come to know and love with play based learning, start and end times, and distance learning platform will not change. Also, the tuition structure remains the same. An additional benefit for parents of 4 year olds is the opportunity to apply for free tuition scholarship vouchers through the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program** beginning in the 22-23 school year. While the principal of Green Bay Trinity will assume some of the Director responsibilities, the current staff of FCP will continue to serve the students and families. They are tremendous women of faith and are true blessings!

How does this impact Trinity?

Trinity has been blessed with growth over the past few years offering more single grade classrooms. This positive trend is continuing and the expansion with the preschool on a second campus will create new opportunities for growth along with new members of the ministry team to support, learn with and grow closer to.

How does this impact NEW Lutheran High?

The ministry of NEWLHS is also growing and expanding. The opportunity for our staff and students to work with and serve more young people and their families is a tremendous blessing and opportunity for servant leadership and growth. Seeing students of all ages on our three campuses will be a true blessing indeed!

As the work of this merger continues, please join us in prayer for God's guidance and blessing moving forward. If you have further questions, please reach out to Mrs. Jen Larsen or Andrew Strickland. It is exciting to partner with our churches, schools, and families to reach more children with the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Together in Christ,

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