



Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church & School

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Mrs. Diane Streich	Organist, YI Stamps, and sub teacher
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Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church & School is affiliated with
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Joyce Schmidt	Mark Stoltenow	Sarah Willmott
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Listed below are graduates from TLO elementary school who went on to prepare for the pastoral ministry.

Walter Walther (deceased) was the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Walther who served Trinity Lone Oak congregation 1895-1937.

Siegbert Becker was ordained into the ministry in 1937 and in 1983 was serving as a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin.

Deane Detlefsen (deceased) was ordained into the ministry in 1960 and in 1980 he was serving at Grace Lutheran, Pembroke, Ontario-Canada.

Cory Kroonblawd, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Kroonblawd, was ordained into the ministry in 2021 and serves as pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sac City, IA.

Current Seminarians:

Ryan Kroonblawd, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Kroonblawd
 Luke Symmank, son of Joel and Rachel Symmank

Listed below are graduates from TLOLS who went on to prepare for church work

Becca Erdman graduated from Concordia-Wisconsin and teaches at St. Peter's in Reedsburg, WI.

Breanna Erdman graduated from Concordia-Wisconsin. She taught at St. Stephen in Horicon, WI and Trinity Lutheran in Riverton, WY.

Jacob Erdman graduated from Concordia-Wisconsin. He serves as Director of Parish Music at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Judy (Boesel) Fletcher graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN in 1970.

Abby (Fink) Gehrke graduated from Concordia St. Paul and taught in a Lutheran school.

Kristen (Pieper) Gutierrez graduated from Concordia-Nebraska and served in a called teaching position in New Mexico.

Joel Henschen graduated from Concordia Seward and teaches at St. John's Lutheran in New Orleans.

Julie (Holz) Hermann graduated from Concordia College, Seward, NE, working as a DCE in various places, then on to the LCMS Youth department in St. Louis. Julie currently serves as Director of Global Opportunities at Concordia University – Nebraska, working with servant events, foreign students, students going abroad, etc.

Gina (Rahn) Kortuem has been a Christian school teacher for 17 years and currently teaches English at New Life Academy in Woodbury.

Brian Kube graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN and is now principal at St. Paul Lutheran School, Fairmont, MN

Shirlene (Holz) Lyons Nykamp was schooled primarily at Concordia Seward and graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN. She taught in LCMS schools from preschool to elementary to high school and in a women's prison.

Jill (Oberlander) Olson graduated from Concordia University, St. Paul as a Lutheran Educator and served part of her teaching career at TLO.

Tami (Bohrer) Olson graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul as a Lutheran Educator and served part of her teaching career at Mt. Hope Redemption.

Rachel (Anderson) Orr graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN.

Esther (Cliff) Renner graduated from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN.

Don Sell B.A.-DCE from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN in 1976.

Micah Symmank graduated from Concordia University - Nebraska. He teaches K-8 Art and Middle School Reading at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE

Lydia (Henschen) Tirrell graduated from Concordia Seward and has taught at Lutheran schools.

Jeff Trost B.A.-DCE from Concordia College, St. Paul, MN in 1973.

Sarah (Natzke) Willmott graduated from CSP in 1993, taught at Central Lutheran for 2 years and then taught (or subbed 2000-2008) at TLO from 1995-2016.

Sheila (Stoltenow) Ziems graduated from Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, in 1989. She is still teaching at Trinity Lutheran School in Lincoln, Nebraska, her first Call. She is also currently working to help refugees resettle in the Lincoln area. She is married to Lyle Ziems who teaches biology and religion at Lincoln Lutheran High School in Lincoln.

If there are inaccuracies or omitted material, please contact TLO office so correction can be made for our future celebrations. Do you have a photo to add to our archives? We're especially looking for class photos prior to 1993. Contact TLO office to arrange a scan of your photo(s).

Thanks to those who took the time to send these memories

From Mr. Chad Janetzke — Teacher, 2003-2004

At the end of my first year of teaching, on the last day of school, I gathered the 7th and 8th grade together on the front lawn at the end of the day. We circled up, arms around shoulders, and prayed. Some students thanked God for the blessings of the school year, some asked for God's guidance as they headed to high school, and still others prayed for their classmates and the students in the younger grades. After the prayer, some hugs, and a few tears, I looked up

and saw the parents of these students a few yards away...circled up arms around shoulders, in prayer, thanking God for the blessing of the school year, the school ministry, their students, and each other's families. The unity of the body of Christ was on full display in that moment and it is why being at TLO was such a formative and meaningful stop for me in my ministry! May God bless the sharing of Jesus through TLO for years to come until Jesus returns! SOLI DEO GLORIA! VICTORY IN CHRIST!



From Mr. Jake Hollatz — Teacher, 2000-2004

I started as a student teacher and then 4th grade/music teacher. Sandy (Block) Lowe, Gail (Maser) Olson, Cherise Kuseske, Carol Rose, and Ellen Pittman were amazing mentors for a me as a brand-new teacher out of college. I remember them fondly to this day as deep Christian women and servants of God who shaped my teaching and spiritual growth immensely! The memories of these mentors, and the students and families who I taught and worked with at TLO, will live with me forever. I am so blessed to have served at TLO from 2000-2004!

From Ray Sell — Student, graduated from TLO in 1973

One of my favorite memories is when I was a senior at Concordia Academy in Speech Class 1977 and we had to do Informative and a Demonstration Speech for class. I used the same speeches from 8th grade, and I had gotten B- for both in 8th grade. When I presented them in speech class as a senior I received an A+ for both. Didn't do anything different but I always wanted Mr. Stoltenow who was my 7th and 8th grade teacher at TLO to know that. Thanks for being tough on us in grade school— it made H.S. at the Academy a piece of cake!! The speeches for demo was "How to trap a pocket gopher"; the informative was "Raising cabbage." FYI Jim Perron used the same ones he did in 8th grade too. "How to set a splint" and the other I don't remember, but I was the model in both splint speeches.

Riding in Mr. Spielman's (5-6 grade teacher at TLO) VW Bug car as a combined 5th- 6th basketball team to away games: one in the front seat, four in the back seat and one in the rear window storage compartment. Teams looking as we piled out of his car like "That's their team?" Team members: Ken Englert, Jim Perron, Tom Wills, Paul Hauschild, Mathew Overn, and myself. Sometimes we had Jeff Nivala who was from Trinity but in H.S. at the time ride along with us, too, so 3 in the front seat. If you didn't know, a bug had bucket seats in the front so we sat on Jeff's lap. Plus, our whole two basketballs! We won more than we lost that year—haha.

One more out of thousand great memories. We didn't have enough boys for our softball team for some games so we brought in our ringer, Becky Wesselius. She was better than lots of us, and when the other teams saw her they would laugh and say "They got a girl on their team!" After we beat them with our secret weapon they weren't laughing anymore. She played first base if I remember right?

From Bill and Connie Souza — Teachers, 1980—1988

Just as the Lone Oak Tree helped build community in what is now Eagan, so has Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran Church and School through many years of existence helped build the faith community God has desired for this unique location. Connie and I were blessed to be part of the mission through most of the 1980s. Connie taught pre-kindergarten, and I taught 5th-6th grade combination class. We remember staff and parents working together to help children grow during our TLO years.

Proclaiming Jesus as Savior comes first, and remembering that proclamation was especially highlighted in annual Christmas services. I was blessed one year to have the opportunity to

create a set of slides that accompanied the narrative. I also worked with the youth group during my TLO tenure. I'll never forget that some of them were given the opportunity to sing a couple of contemporary songs for Easter. They sang well, and I'll never forget what they added to the service.

Reading was important to us, and reading books to our students was a daily part of our routine. It not only was settling but also a way to increase interest in reading. We also checked out books for our students from the South St. Paul Library.

Parent volunteers helped with in-class activities and chaperoned field trips and offsite events. For our classes, taking advantage of Twin Cities opportunities helped classroom studies come alive. Our classes enjoyed trips to orchards, performing arts, and Minnesota historic sites. Annual 5th-6th trips to the Minnesota Zoo enabled me to create a set of Zoo slides that I could use in the classroom.

Blessed with property that invites play, TLO embraced the seasons. That was especially evident during winter when our students used the downhill slopes to sled and tube. We took advantage of the frozen pond on the adjacent property to ice skate and even play hockey. Mr. Bergmann and I take the blame for sometimes extending noon recess when we were engaged in a hot hockey game. Yes, we brought our sticks and laced up our skates, too.

I was also athletic director and coached several sports. Although we were a small school, our teams always competed. Several TLO alum would play sports in high school, including Concordia Academy. I would never admit that our small gym with its low ceiling may have given us a home court advantage!

Other memories would include outdoor education, mini courses, field days, and model rocketry. Finally, though, we couldn't submit our memories without mentioning making donuts on Saturdays for Sunday morning fellowship and Bible study. The imperfect ones just had to be eaten!



Connected by Grace in Christ and Community

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Thank you to all who have supported Trinity Lone Oak Lutheran School with your extraordinary generosity. The Christian Faith is passed down through the generations through generous people who open their hearts to be a blessing. *Thank you—*



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Thank you, Lord Jesus, for all of TLO School's Wonderful Gifts who serve in Your name!