



The Board of Directors of Trinity Lutheran Church recently met to discuss a recommendation from the Trinity Board of Education that we discontinue offering the preschool ministry to the community at the close of this school year, at the end of May, 2015.

After much soul searching debate and prayerful discussion the Board of Directors reluctantly agreed with the Board of Education's assessment and approved their recommendation. A number of factors weighed into this decision including the following:

- The current number of students is barely sustaining our present operation.
- There is no visibility or reasonable anticipation of increasing those numbers of students in the near future.
- The decision of the Unified School District 207 at Fort Leavenworth to offer free preschool classes for up to 192 students at their three elementary schools starting in August, 2015 in addition to the Child Development Center Preschool of 124 students already in operation on post.
- The reduction in the number of military families for permanent station here and the reduction in the number of Command and General Staff College assignments. (A significant part of our historic student family base)
- An increase in available housing on Fort Leavenworth available to active duty military and retirees which may make the post schooling option even more appealing.

Trinity Lutheran Church would like to thank the many parents who have entrusted their children to us over the long years of the school's operation, the Leavenworth community, our members who have supported this ministry and our dedicated teachers and directors who have served here.

I believe this is a decision that will affect many of our members deeply. I would encourage you to prayerfully ask God for comfort in dealing with this and also encourage everyone to look back and thank the Lord for the blessing of all the children that we have had the opportunity to share the Love of Jesus with. It has made a significant difference in the lives of many.

Also remember that as this door is closing, we are trusting God to open others for us to pursue new ministry areas that He may lead us into. That can be an exciting prospect to look forward to.

In His Name,

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President