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Dear Trinity Christian School Families and Members:

God so graciously provides for our families and children every day! Our staff and community are so thankful for His gifts and are committed to support His workings by providing a solid Christian educational foundation to all children. As many of you are aware, Trinity Christian School's main funding source is tuition and some fundraising revenue. The facility (Education Building) mortgage is paid by the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation members as a part of their commitment to the mission.

Did you know Trinity Christian School is a 501(c) 3 organization, and anyone who makes a financial contribution, donation or gift will receive a donation receipt? Many congregation members of Trinity demonstrate an additional partnership with the school by designating gifts and memorials specifically to us for scholarships or other much needed items.

Trinity Christian School is extremely thankful for the gifts, memorials, and financial contributions given during the year. As we plan for remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, Trinity continues to anticipate the deficit facing our school. TCS currently operates on a budget of \$400,000 providing a Christian education to 200 children, employing 29 staff, providing curriculum, snacks, and materials for Preschoolers through 5th grade.

In this difficult economic time enrollment at the elementary level has remained static, while many of our preschool families are opting to send their children for only one year of preschool instead of two. Over the past year, several families have gone from two income households to only one, causing families financial challenges. Fundraising, too, has also been less because families and surrounding community members have limited resources.

Why do people give to a Christian school? Some give out of **gratitude**. They believe God has blessed them. Life is good and it is out of **gratitude** they give. Some give out of **responsibility** while others give out of **loyalty**. They see the school as their child's extended family and they want to be loyal to the program. Out of **loyalty** they give for the well being, as well as the hopes, dreams, and vision of their school family.

Perhaps one or more of the above describe your reason for giving. Or perhaps, you have reasons that are uniquely your own. Whatever the case, remember what Jesus has promised: "When we invest ourselves and our resources beyond ourselves, we discover life at a richer and deeper level." In Acts 20:35, Lord Jesus for He himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Trinity Christian School wants to assure any family who gives that gifts, financial donations, and memorials received will be used directly to help us reduce the deficit facing the school. Any gifts that come in and are in excess of meeting the deficit from delinquent accounts, lower numbers than anticipated, and ongoing increasing expenses, will go towards what is recommended by the Trinity Community; including the six-member School Board and nine-member Church Council.

There is no better time than the current to make a contribution. Whatever you or your family might be able to donate, be it small or large, it will be important!

Thanks for your time and consideration when evaluating your position at the end of the fiscal year 2009. As we look to the future together, members of the School Board, Church Council and School Administrative team work with Trinity leaders to plan for the future.

Kindest Regards,

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