

As Christians, we know the importance of serving others as a reflection of our love for Christ. As parents, you want your children to also reflect that love and attitude. The problem is, how do you do that in a world that thinks it is always the responsibility of someone else to “do something about it?”



It must start with you, being a Christian role model for your children. And in addition to that, you can surround them with others who will act as examples of faithful Christian servants. Children learn best when they not only hear the message, but witness it in other people’s actions, are fully encouraged to make service a priority in their own lives, and are then given multiple avenues in which to do so. This was our family’s experience at Trinity, Utica where our children attended school. At Trinity,

students hear the Gospel message on a daily basis and are surrounded by teachers, staff, and parents who willingly give of their time to serve others. The children are also given opportunities to be a servant themselves, whether by watching younger students as a “bus buddy,” assisting with weekly chapel, participating in student prayer groups or service projects, and more. The lessons learned at Trinity immerse the children in this Christian way of life, encouraging them to make service to Christ and others their own way of life.

When the world says, “someone should do something about it,” Trinity helps prepare students to faithfully reply, “Here I am Lord, send me.”

- Kathy Mather is a member of Trinity, Utica. Her family has been impacted greatly by the Trinity Lutheran School ministry.

Parents I



"The praise team and school students were invited to perform at the Village Christmas celebration in the historic courthouse. We presented the Luke 2 Bible account of our Savior's birth along with sacred and secular music. The next morning, a father of one of my students, a man reported to be an atheist, noted with surprise that he saw me playing a guitar. He mentioned that he played guitar in his younger years ... opening for such rock bands as Styx, REO Speedwagon, and others. I thought a connection was made outside of being one of my student's father. He had experienced the Christian message through me. There were no evangelism plans, no preconceived notions. Just living the Christian life and being 'ready to explain the Christian hope you have.' God is working His Will to accomplish great things for the kingdom. **"**

- Ruth Krieger, Kindergarten teacher

Forum

"Our family started using Trinity to send our boys to preschool with every intention of moving them into the public school system. Now, two and a half years later, our twins are in 1st grade and our youngest in preschool. I couldn't imagine our kids going anywhere else. **"**

- Allisha Rinfield and her husband, Larry, were baptized along with their three sons and confirmed the following Sunday.

"Being a parent, you want only the best for your child, their school experiences both academically, spiritually, and socially. We thought Trinity would be able to meet those expectations ... It confirms that I have made the right decision every time Reagan comes home from school talking about her Bible lesson or telling me about the charity that the chapel offering will be donated to. When Parker wants to thank God in the middle of the day for "making her family" or telling her brother, "Don't worry Jaxon, God is with you," those are the moments when you feel as a parent that you made the right choice. **"**

- Molly Nicolson's three children were baptized in a school chapel and she was confirmed the following Sunday.

