

Giving to the 3 R's Campaign

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to *The 3 R's Campaign* for the purpose of **Restoring**, **Renewing**, and **Reaching** at Trinity Darmstadt through the categories of Mission, Ministry, Master Plan, Maintenance, and Music – Education – Formation (M.E.F.) Our goal is not only monetary, but that as many of our households as possible give as a fruit of their faith and in thanksgiving for God's legacy given to us in Christ.

Pledges may be:

Designated to one or more of the five categories of the Legacy Fund according to your passion.

Undesignated, allowing the Legacy Fund Committee the flexibility to allocate the funds to the greatest need.

Returned by December 31, 2016, using the 3 R's Campaign pledge card and self-addressed envelope.

Contributions may be:

A one-time gift.

Regular gifts over the next year (Campaign ending December 31, 2017).

Returned in a 3 R's Campaign offering envelope by placing it in the offering plate,

Or by mailing a 3 R's Campaign offering envelope to:

Trinity Lutheran Church
Attn: The 3 R's Campaign Recorder
1401 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47725

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

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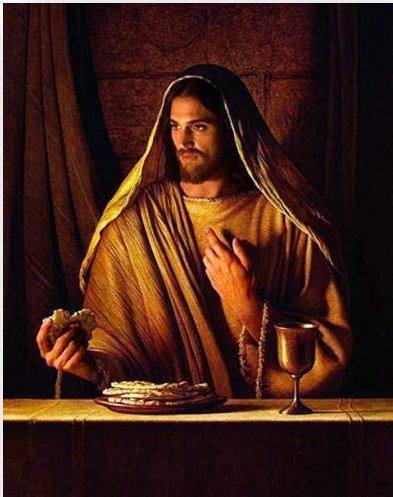


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Passing on the Legacy

By the toil of his hands, the sweat of his brow, the shedding of his blood, his suffering and death upon the cross, and his resurrection from the grave, Jesus Christ paid your debt and prepared an everlasting inheritance for you – a resurrected body, a new paradise in heaven, and eternal life. Jesus passes on his legacy to you through faith in Christ, created by the power of the Holy Spirit working through God’s Word and Sacraments. In his last will and testament, Jesus said, “Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Take, drink; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” On the Last Day, Jesus will say to you, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34) We give thanks for the inheritance and legacy which Jesus passes on to us.



Because of his faith in Christ, the sainted Tad Wollerman passed on his legacy and an inheritance to Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt. While not a member of our church, Tad was a member of the Lutheran faith. He often joined us for worship and Holy Communion where he received the Lord’s gifts and his promised inheritance. Tad participated with our congregation in fellowship and ministry. Likewise, our members joined Tad near his home in Knox County in canvassing the neighborhoods for the LMAC church mission plant in Loogootee. The mission of spreading the kingdom of God was Tad’s passion. In his passing from this life on August 25, 2014, Tad passed on his legacy to many charitable organizations and several churches, among which was Trinity Darmstadt. From his estate, Tad willed our church an amazing inheritance of \$400,000. Our congregation has wisely used this gift to pay off our remaining debt and establish a *Legacy Fund* for future gifts. We give thanks for the inheritance and legacy which Tad Wollerman passed on to us because of his faith in Jesus Christ.

The Legacy Fund

In furtherance of God’s Kingdom at Trinity Lutheran Darmstadt, the mission of the Legacy Fund is to provide a means for congregation members and friends to make estate gifts and donations to missions, ministries, and projects that are beyond the scope of the annual budget for regular disbursement. Estate gifts and donations may be contributed for the work of God’s Kingdom in the categories of Mission, Ministry, Master Plan, Maintenance, and Music–Education–Formation or (M.E.F.) The current balance in the Legacy Fund from Tad Wollerman’s gift (after paying off our debt) is \$285,000.

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The purpose of the 3 R’s Campaign is to provide our congregation members with an opportunity to give to the Lord a gift of thanksgiving for the legacy passed on to our congregation from Tad Wollerman. While Tad bestowed this great gift in his death, we all have a chance to give a great gift in our life. Our goal in the coming year is to raise an additional \$215,000 and thereby increase the value of the Legacy Fund to \$500,000 for the following work in God’s kingdom.

Mission	\$ 60,000 for local mission work	Reach
Ministry	\$110,000 for beginning an early childhood ministry	Reach
Master Plan	\$110,000 for completion of the new building	Renew
Maintenance	\$110,000 for repairing the parking lot and other maintenance	Restore
M.E.F.	<u>\$110,000</u> for a new digital organ	Renew
	\$500,000	

Music—Education—Formation (M.E.F.)

Replacing original pipe organ with a new digital organ (Renew)



Existing Pipe Organ Console

Trinity Darmstadt also has a long history of an excellent music program. A major necessity for leading the music and singing during our worship service is our pipe organ. However, our existing organ is approaching 60 years of age. While typical pipe organs require refurbishment after 25-30 years, our organ has not had any restoration work completed other than some periodic tuning. Several of the organ stops and ranks are not functioning, and the blower to the pipes has excessive vibration. The proper repair of a leaking air conduit in the console would require replacement of the entire organ console because its cloth wiring is not to current code. Refurbishing the existing organ would be cheaper than buying a new pipe organ. However, a new digital organ could be purchased at less than half the price of restoring the old. A new digital organ could not only provide the same music quality as a refurbished pipe organ, but it also has additional orchestral and symphonic instrument sounds to embellish our worship music. Contributions to the M.E.F. category would replace our existing pipe organ with a *Renewed* digital organ.



Original Pipes with Mechanical Valves



Rodgers Infinity Model 361 Three Manual, Digital Organ

Ministry

Beginning an early childhood center (Reach)



Trinity
Lutheran
School
Class of 1938

For many years Trinity Darmstadt was known for its main ministry in the congregation and community of a Lutheran day school. However, this ministry ended in 2010. The congregation lost its opportunity to serve and bring young families with children into the kingdom of God. The old school facilities have been maintained, but the classrooms remain empty from Monday to Friday. Preliminary demographic studies of our community show a need for early childhood education and care. Beginning an early childhood center would provide a prime opportunity for our congregation to serve, educate, and *Reach* the young families of our community and invite them into an everlasting relationship with Christ and his Church. Funding is needed for the startup costs of staff, advertising, and any necessary renovations of the existing school.

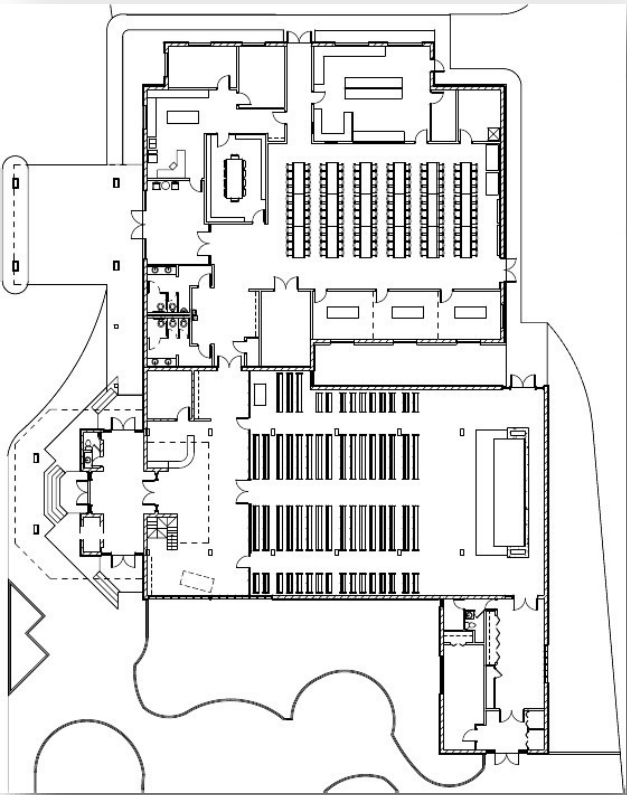
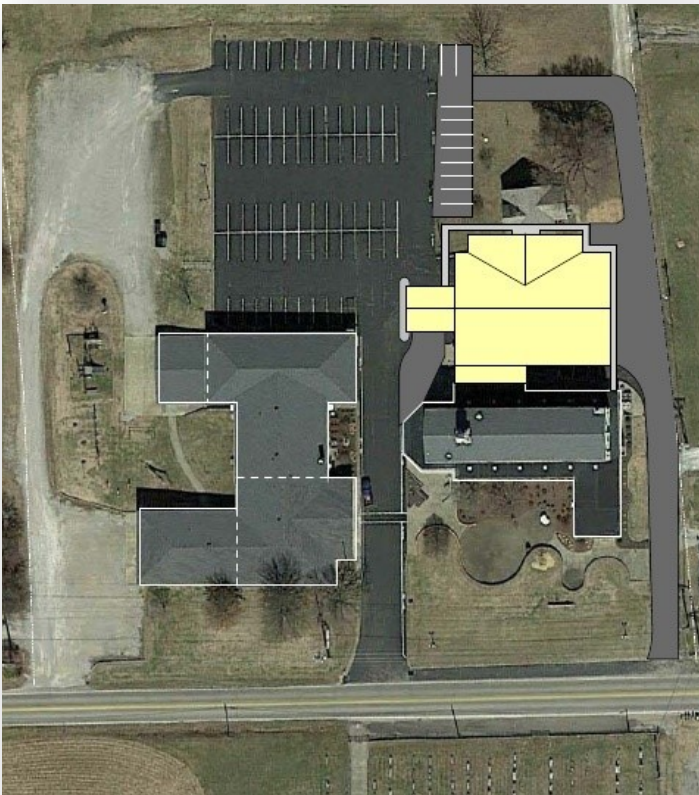


Master Plan

Completing the new building (Renew)



The last major building program at Trinity Darmstadt was accomplished in the 1980's. During the *Sustained Giving Stewardship Emphasis* (SGSE) in 2000, a master plan was created to replace our aging facilities with a new campus under one roof and on one level. While the details of that plan were not realized, we are continuing the spirit of that plan with a new master plan. The new master plan will include a new building with a fellowship hall, accessible restrooms, full kitchen, combined offices, meeting rooms, and a covered canopy. Renovations to the church will also provide a larger narthex and adequate space for altar guild and music. By *Renewing* our campus, we will unite our congregation in fellowship and ministry while seeking to invite our community into a welcoming and accessible education and worship space. Contributions to the Master Plan will supplement the SGSE building fund and ensure the completion of this phase of the Master Plan.



Maintenance

Restoring parking lot and other sizable repairs (Restore)



New Cemetery Wall



Original Boiler
Still Working . . . for Now

Our current facilities range in age from 30 to 70 years old. The structures, windows, and utility systems are mostly original. While the church budget includes line items for regular upkeep of our existing facilities, sizable repairs and maintenance projects are often encountered or foreseen which are beyond the scope of the yearly budget. We sometimes have onetime expenses like roofs, heating and cooling systems, and equipment which require replacement over a period of decades. Our current need is to replace our crumbling parking lot and add additional spaces which will be lost because of the new building. Special gifts for Maintenance will help *Restore* our existing facilities and grounds for continued ministry.



Crumbling
Parking Lot

Mission

Serving the local community (Reach)



Benefit Brunch to Help Families

The congregation at Trinity Darmstadt has long placed an emphasis on giving to missions, especially for the support of our District and Synod, seminaries, missionaries, and the Lutheran food pantry in Evansville. However, we have not placed an emphasis on giving to mission needs in our own local community. Mission to our community includes giving offerings for the needs of children and teachers in the public schools, for the needs of families suffering from sickness or devastation, and for other philanthropic projects which would benefit our local area around Darmstadt. By giving for local missions, the church will improve its reputation in the community as a servant of Christ and develop relationships with our neighbors with the goal of *Reaching* the lost with the Gospel.

Local
Schools



Public Servants and
Those They Serve

