

RISO Snapshot of Success

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Trinity Lutheran Church, a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod-affiliated church (LCMS) located in Summerfield, Florida, was founded just eleven years ago and today has a thriving congregation of over 600 members. With group meetings, activities, and outings for all ages occurring year round and a loyal, energetic, and generous congregation, it is easy to see how Trinity Lutheran has grown so rapidly.

With a growing, active membership, Trinity Lutheran’s printing needs are extensive. The church had been using a traditional black-and-white copier, but with over a million copies on the machine, it was simply time to get a new printer. Church Secretary Jill Phillips knew of RISO and suggested looking into the RISO line of printers. The church soon purchased a RISO HC5000 ComColor® printer, but quickly upgraded to an HC5500.

The HC5500 is a full color, high speed inkjet printer that prints at 120 pages per minute. At more than twice the speed of Trinity’s old black and white copier, the difference has been significant for Trinity: “With the HC5500, we are able to print everything in color,” explains Phillips. “I love that it folds and staples for you. It’s fast and efficient!”

Trinity Lutheran also purchased a finisher for their HC5500. The finisher sorts, staples, and folds automatically, freeing up time and reducing stress. “Every week, we had someone come in and fold for three hours,” remarks Phillips. “We no longer have to do this.”

The HC’s speed is extremely important to the church, considering the amount of printed material Trinity produces. Each week, the church prints 400 twenty-eight page duplexed bulletins to be used at weekly church services. Every month, the church publishes a

sixteen-page, 11” x 17” duplexed newsletter that is mailed to 700 recipients.

With the HC5500, these weekly and monthly publications can be printed in full color. “The newsletter looks much better in color,” comments Phillips. “People are taking digital pictures around the church that we can now include in the newsletter in color. We’ve been complimented on our newsletter several times.”

The RISO HC5500 also saves money by being extremely efficient in power consumption due to its heatless operation, using substantially less energy than a typical photocopier. By printing in house, Trinity Lutheran also saves money, time, and the environment by only printing as many as they need when they need. A print shop on the other hand would take longer not be able to edit the material last minute and require a minimum number of prints.