

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Trinity Lutheran Church

We exist to share the good news of life through Jesus with the world and to nurture believers in their faith, all to the glory of God.



Real Repentance Leads Me From Sorrow over Sin to Joy over Forgiveness

What two disciples do we especially think about during Jesus' passion? The two that are spoken of the most at that time in the gospels are probably Peter and Judas.

Both of them fall into grievous sins. Both had been warned by Jesus (Matthew 26:24 & Luke 22:34). Both still fell in spite of Jesus' warning. Both felt awful about what they had done (Luke 22:62 & Matthew 27:3-4). But then what?

We see two vastly different outcomes. Judas was sorry for what he had done, but he did not turn back to the Lord in genuine repentance. Peter was also sorry for what he had done. But in his case, he turned to the Lord for forgiveness. The Lord appeared to Peter on that first Easter (Luke 24:34) and then made it plain he still wanted Peter as a servant in his kingdom (John 21:15-17).

Both men sinned. Both men felt bad. Only one received comfort and reassurance—the one who looked to Jesus.

Trinity Lutheran School

We exist to help families in Aberdeen and the surrounding communities by providing children with quality academic and Christ-centered education, in a loving and caring environment.

Like Judas and Peter, we also can fall. Someone may warn us about a potential temptation and we may ignore their words and then fall. We might feel absolutely awful about what we did. But real repentance requires more. It is one thing to realize I have committed a sin. Both Judas and Peter realized that. It is another thing to turn to the Lord for forgiveness. That's what set Peter apart from Judas.

The Bible says, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death" (2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV 84). Godly sorrow over sin means I realize that I sinned against the Lord. It is not feeling bad because I brought trouble on myself by doing something foolish. Godly sorrow recognizes that I angered my God by disobeying him. I feel bad because of that. But true repentance doesn't stop there.

True repentance then looks to the God I have offended and trusts that he forgives me because of what Jesus suffered when he went to the cross. True repentance finds comfort in knowing that my sin has been forgiven and that therefore God the Father does not hate and will not turn against me.

God still loves me and will guide me in my life and one day give me heaven.

Yes, there are times when I will feel badly over mistakes I have made, just as Judas and Peter did. But fortunately, I can look to Jesus and know he has taken care of my sin. I can be glad I am forgiven. I can be glad that God will not punish me. I can be glad that God loves me. I can be glad that heaven is my home. True repentance takes me from sorrow over sin to joy over forgiveness. Thank you, Lord, for that.

Pastor Rawerts

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Box Tops contest for this school year has ended. Our final count was 6,259 Box Tops! This is just 64 less than last year. The school will receive a check for \$625.90 to be used toward new sports equipment for the school.

Kristin Kjenstad brought in the most Box Tops—588! Way to go Kristin!

The teachers will now decide when the “popcorn and movie” day will be held, and Kristin will be the one who gets to pick the movie for “popcorn and movie” day.

Remember, we can start saving Box Tops for next year immediately. Any Box Tops brought in now will be counted toward next year’s goal. Remember to save them over the summer and bring them to school in the fall. Thanks again for all your help, and remember. . .

keep saving those Box Tops!!

GROCERY RECEIPTS

A special “thank you” to those of you who turned in their receipts for Ken’s and Kessler’s. Please keep saving them through the end of May.

NEW BIBLE CLASS

We have started a new Bible Class on Sunday mornings entitled, “Come Follow Me.” It is based the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior and will be used in connection with a new DVD produced by our Synod.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

On Friday, April 4, the TLS grades 1-8 will be traveling to Great Plains Lutheran High School to watch a performance of “The Wizard of Oz” play put on by GPLHS students. We will leave the school at 9:45 a.m. and plan to return to Trinity no later than 4:30 p.m. Kindergarteners may attend if they wish. We will need chaperones/drivers for 33+ children. Please let Miss Sell know if you are able to help us.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL SCIENCE AND ART FAIR

The TLS Science and Art Fair will be held Wednesday, April 9. Students from grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 will be presenting projects. All of the students at Trinity are encouraged to bring art projects to be put on display. These art projects can be something the students made a school or home.

SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

People are now able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, trinityaberdeen.org and click on ‘Church Service Videos’.

SCHOOL

To see what's happening at Trinity Lutheran School, visit our website at www.trinityaberdeen.org. Or "like" us on Facebook!

EASTER FOR KIDS

On April 12, we will be hosting a special one-day Vacation Bible School called *Easter for Kids*. On that day we tell the children the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. There will be singing, special crafts, and snacks for the children. *Easter for Kids* is for children ages 4 – 9 and will run from 9 – 11:30 AM.

This year we will be coloring Easter eggs, so if you would like to donate hard-boiled eggs, 18 dozen will be needed by Friday, April 11.

If you are able to help, or if you have questions, please speak to Pastor Rawerts or Carolyn Erickson. You may register your children for *Easter for Kids* by filling out the form on the bulletin table or by calling the church office at 225-6081.



READING OLYMPICS

The students in Miss Sell's classroom have been participating in a fun, new reading program called the "Reading Olympics." Parent Jessica Kjenstad and Miss Sell came up with the idea as a way to get students excited about reading. The students are able to log onto a website called BookAdventure.com and take quizzes over books they have read. With each quiz passed they earn points, which place them

into the bronze, silver, or gold category. With each category earned, the students are able to pick out prizes from a prize box as well. Students are able to take the quizzes at home or during school hours. The new reading program started in January.

Students will be able to take the quizzes to earn points until the end of the school year. Marilyn Kjenstad has also been volunteering her time in the afternoons and reading with the students in a one-on-one setting.

PHANTOM OF THE MUSIC ROOM

The Trinity Lutheran School students are preparing a musical production entitled, *The Phantom of the Music Room*. They will give a performance on April 24 at 10:30 a.m., for all the Seniors of our congregation. A lunch of lasagna, garlic toast, strawberry romaine salad, and an éclair dessert will be served after the performance.

On April 25, at 6:00 p.m. the students will perform for all their friends and members of Trinity Lutheran. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

2014 LUTHERAN PIONEER PINWOOD DERBY RACES

Here are the plans for this year's Pinewood Derby Races.

Children in grades 1-8 that go to Trinity Lutheran School and/or Trinity Lutheran Church are invited to come to our meetings during the next few months as we design and prepare cars for the races. Here is the schedule for this year:

- Apr 10 – Meeting (6:30 – 8:00)
- Apr 13 – Deadline to sign up for races
- April 27 – Races (start at 1:00)

Please feel free to call me (229-4866 (H), 377-4732 (C), or email me at skkjen@nvc.net with your questions or comments.

Steve Kjenstad

PANTHER CAMP!

Panther Camp is a one-week camp (June 1 – June 6, 2014) for young people who will be in grades 7 – 9 during the 2014-2015 school year.

Panther Camp is held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School (GPLHS) in Watertown, South Dakota, and utilizes all of the school's facilities. All campers will stay in the GPLHS dorm. (Local students may opt to stay at home, but the cost will be the same for all campers.) The cost for each camper is \$100. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 is due May 1. The balance of \$90 is due May 15. Panther Camp will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Panther camp is staffed by the faculty, staff, and coaches of GPLHS, with the assistance of GPLHS students and alumni.

SCRIP PROGRAM

More and more people here at Trinity are using the SCRIP program. Buy SCRIP coupons and use them like cash at various store/businesses. Donations from the Scrip coupons will be made to Trinity Lutheran School (25%) and to Great Plains Lutheran High School (75%). On the bulletin table there is a list of stores/business who currently accept the Scrip. If your particular stores or businesses are not listed, or if you have questions, please speak to Ardy's Gosch.

*He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord!
(CW 143)*

A PRAYERFUL REQUEST

Our 2013/2014 budget called for an increase of 8.41%. Our operating fund contributions through December 31, 2013 are \$9,115 behind last year or a 5% decrease from the prior year. In order to meet our budgeted income, we will need a 13.5% increase in offerings to our operating fund (i.e. Local on your envelope) from January through June 2014. We respectfully ask our members to consider our congregation's needs as you prayerfully consider your offerings.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to provide an Easter lily, you may do so by signing the sheet on the bulletin table and then giving your \$10.00 to Marilyn Kjenstad or Gary Bretsch as soon as possible. If you would like, you may indicate that your lily has been given in memory of someone.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 9:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM
Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service

EASTER

SONG SERVICE 7:00 AM

BRUNCH 8:00 AM

FESTIVAL SERVICE 9:00 AM