

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015



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.

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.



NO NEED TO FEAR GOD'S WILL

Below is a conversation taking place between two Christians.

"Sometimes I am afraid to pray that one part of the Lord's Prayer."

"Which part?"

"Thy will be done."

"Why would you be afraid to pray those words?"

"Well, think about what those words are saying? 'Lord, you just go ahead and do whatever you want.'"

"Why would that be scary?"

"Well, for one thing I am basically giving God complete control of my life. I am telling him to go ahead and do whatever he wants with my life."

"It's time for a reality check. Whether you realize it or not, God has complete control of

your life. He is God and he is going to do whatever he wants with your life."

"But what if he wants something for my life that I don't want? What if he wants something that will cause me trouble and sadness?"

"Do you know what God wants for your life?"

"No."

"God wants what is best for you. He says, 'For I know the plans I have for you.....plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV 84). 'We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him' (Romans 8:28 NIV 84). 'Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life' (Psalm 23:6 NIV 84). God wants and always promises to do what is best for you."

"That's what God wants for me?"

"Yes. When you pray, 'Thy will be done', you are asking God to do what he knows is best for you. When we pray those words, we are admitting that God knows what is truly best for us. We are also showing that we trust God

loves us and will always do what is best for us."

"So then, I don't need to be afraid to pray those words."

"You're absolutely right. Instead, there is a lot of comfort for us in those words. God does know what is best for us. When we ask that his will be done, we can be sure that he will deal with us in love and will always give us the blessings he knows are best for us."

Pastor Rawerts

MR. KJENSTAD'S ILLNESS

Mr. Kjenstad was diagnosed with IgA Nephropathy, a disease of the kidneys. The disease is treatable but not curable. In addition to this, he has been fighting pneumonia. This past Friday, Mr. Kjenstad was released from the hospital and has returned home. We thank the Lord for this. On April 8, he will go to the Mayo Clinic to begin treatment for the IgA Nephropathy. Mr. Kjenstad will be on leave indefinitely from his school responsibilities. Please continue to pray for Mr. Kjenstad and ask the Lord to grant him strength and healing.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

On April 7, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., we will be having an Open House for our Pre-School. If you know someone looking for a preschool for their child, please invite them to join us that day.

2015-2016 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2015-2016 school year. Please speak with Miss Sell to reserve your child's spot in preschool at Trinity.

NEW TEACHER

Ms. Doreen Leinen has accepted the Call to be our Preschool teacher and to serve as the director for our Aftercare program. We thank the Lord for providing another worker for his kingdom. We pray that Ms. Leinen will be a blessing to us and that we will also be a blessing to her as well.

CATECHISM CAMP

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills June 8-13. The purpose for Catechism Camp is to connect kids to fellow Lutheran Christians, augment the instruction given at individual congregations, and train students to be future leaders in their congregations. Each day they will be connected to Christ through his Word as we study a section of the catechism. They will be connected with each other as they enjoy fellowship activities either at Twin Peaks Ranch or in the nearby Black Hills area. There will also be time for basic training in ushering, altar guilds, art in worship, apologetics, vocation, etc. This is not a remedial camp, but designed to build on current catechism instruction. Brochures about Catechism Camp are on the bulletin table.

PANTHER CAMP

Panther Camp will be held Sunday June 7 through Friday June 12 for students entering Grades 6 through 9 on the GPLHS campus, 1200 Luther Ln NE, Watertown, SD. Join in the Worship, Fun, Fellowship, and Develop Your Gifts.

Panther Camp is held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School and utilizes all of the school's facilities, including the dormitory. 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 on or before June 1. 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. Further information is available on the bulletin table.

CAMP LUTHER

Camp Luther is a one-week summer group camp (June 27 – July 2, 2105) for young people entering 5th grade to those entering 9th grade of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and their friends. More information and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin table.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Tony Hansen, Director, 605-886-0672 ext. 205 or 605-880-5792 (cell) or campluther@gplhs.org

HOSTING THE BOYS YMCA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Trinity is once again hosting the boys YMCA Basketball Tournament on April 10th and 11th. Volunteers needed include: Concession Stand workers, Referees, Scoreboard Operators, Score keepers, and Ticket Takers. In addition we are asking for volunteers to bring some pans of bars to sell at the concession stand. There are signup sheets on the back table. If you have questions please contact Jarrod Kannas 380-4138. Funds raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items. At the beginning of this school year the PTO funds were used to purchase desks and a reading program.

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.

STUDENT AID FUND

The Student Aid Fund exists to provide financial assistance for those who wish to send their children to Trinity Lutheran School. Without the aid that this fund provides, certain families may not be able to send their children to our school. The Student Aid Fund provides these families with much-needed assistance. We could use some help to replenish the Student Aid Fund. Please keep this in mind as you consider your offerings.

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’.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

E-I-E-OOPS!

The Trinity Lutheran School students are preparing a musical production entitled, *E-I-E-I-OOPS!* They will give a performance on April 23 at 11 a.m., for all the Seniors of our congregation. A lunch will be served after the performance.

On April 24, at 6:30 p.m., the students will perform for all their friends and members of Trinity Lutheran. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a night of fun!

LUTHERAN PIONEERS

Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room. We will be working on Pinewood cars and Turtles. The

Pinewood Car Derby will be held at a later date.

BIEGLER/GUTHMILLER THANK YOU

Dear Members of Trinity,

The Lord tells us in Isaiah 55:8,9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.'"*

When we first heard that Rebecca and Matt were expecting twins – identical at that – we were ecstatic. When complications arose, we wondered, "Why, O Lord? Why?" Then we had to remind ourselves and be reminded by pastors, Christian friends, and family that we may not always know or understand the "Whys?" and "How Comes?"

While there were complications, the Lord used modern medicine to turn the bad to good. Often we were reminded of His promise in Romans 8:28 that *"in all things God works for the good of those who love Him."* Our extended family is so very THANKFUL to our gracious God for hearing the many prayers and providing health and growth to the twins and patience and safety to Matt and Becky during travel and a trying time. We are THANKFUL that the Lord gave the doctors, nurses, and all who saw to their care an extra amount of wisdom that the twins were able to come home earlier than expected. We are also so very THANKFUL to each and every one of you who remembered all of us in your thoughts and prayers. And we appreciate continued thoughts and prayers as the twins continue to grow.

And what if things had not turned out like we asked or hoped and prayed for, does that mean God was ignoring us or closing His ears to all of our prayers. Of course not! It means that He, in His infinite wisdom, had different

plans in mind for all involved. Not to say – had His plans been different – that there would not have been questions, tears, pain, sadness, and other emotions. But even then, and as difficult as it may be, we need to remember that God does ALL for our good – even though we may not immediately see the good or understand HIS plan. In every instance we need to keep trusting our good and gracious God who has done everything necessary for our salvation, who is with us always to the end of the world, and who watches over and provides for us in every way.

In closing, we THANK the Lord for His goodness. And we THANK YOU – the members of Trinity and all our Christian friends – who kept our family in your thoughts and prayers. With the Psalmist we all recognize that *"the Lord is good and His mercy endures forever."*

The Bieglers & Guthmillers

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 2 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
6:00 PM Communion
Service

April 3 **GOOD FRIDAY**
6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service

April 5 **EASTER**

SONG SERVICE
7:00 AM

BRUNCH **8:00 AM**

FESTIVAL SERVICE
9:00 AM