

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017



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.



GOD'S WAY IS THE BEST WAY

The devil always wants to make his way seem to be the smart way, the right way, the better way, and in some cases the only way. The truth is, his way is the way of sin. The way of sin leads to trouble and hardships and pain and sorrow and eventually death. The way of sin will lead to no end of problems. When people have problems because of their sins, the devil wants people to believe that his way of dealing with those problems is the better way.

And, of course, his way of dealing with sin and its problems is to commit more sins. And the truth is, of course, committing more sins only leads to more problems.

Let's take two examples. Judas sinned against his Lord. He sold Jesus out for thirty pieces of silver. Later we are told he was seized with remorse (Matthew 27:3). He feels awful about what he has done. So what does he do? He dealt with the consequences of his sin by committing another sin. He took his own life. The devil got him to deal with his sin by committing another sin—a sin that led to hell.

David fell into sin. He took another man's wife. How did he deal with the sin? At first, by committing more sins. First, he sent her back home and was going to continue his life as if nothing had happened. When he found out the woman was pregnant by him, he resorted to more sins to try to cover things up. When these sins did not work, he crafted a careful plan to have the woman's husband killed. That way he could marry the woman and make things appear respectable.

We've probably all seen this happen. A person tells a lie. That lie is exposed, so the person tells another lie to try to cover up the first lie. And when the second lie is exposed, he then tries to think of other lies to cover up the first two. He keeps on resorting to sinful means in order to deal with the problems he is facing because of his sins. He is, in fact, willing to do almost anything to deal with his sin—except follow God's way.

What is God's way? To start with, God's way is not to sin in the first place. If you follow his will in all things, you won't bring on yourself the problems that sin will bring. God's way is always the best way. Following God's way may bring certain hardships in life. But we don't have to be ashamed of what happens

when we suffer for doing God's will. Following God's way is always the best way.

But the devil tries to convince us otherwise and sometimes he succeeds. David fell. Judas fell. Sometimes we fall. Then what? The temptation is there to try to deal with our sin by committing more sins. Judas tried it. So did David. In each case, it led to more sin and more problems.

What did David finally do? When confronted by Nathan, he confessed his sin openly and honestly. He says, "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.' And you forgave the guilt of my sin" (Psalm 32:3-5 NIV 11).

There is only one right way to deal with sin, and that is to recognize it for what it is, confess it and then turn from it and look to the Lord for forgiveness. "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13 NIV 11).

It's usually not easy to confess a sin. Confessing honestly that we have done wrong, may well lead to embarrassment, punishment, and other unpleasant consequences. But dealing with one sin by committing more sins only leads to more problems and more hardships. Worst of all, the sins can destroy our relationship with God and bring his wrath upon us.

God's way is truly the best way. Strive to follow his way always. If you do fall, honestly confess your sin, turn from it, and rejoice in the fact that Jesus has wiped that sin away whatever it might be. Remember God's promise. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful

and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9 NIV 84).

Pastor Rawerts

LENTEN KITCHEN SUPPLIES

As we prepare for our Lenten suppers after our Wednesday Lenten services, we will be in need of the following supplies:

Styrofoam cups—8 oz.

Styrofoam plates

Napkins

Regular Coffee (No decaf, please)

EASTER LILIES

We would like to beautify our church for Easter. 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. If you would like, you may indicate that your lily has been given in memory of someone.

EASTER FOR KIDS

On *April 8*, 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 9:00 – 11:30 AM.

LOCAL ACCOUNT

Offerings to our Local Account have been down a little bit. It is from the Local Account that we pay almost all our regular expenses. This account could use some help. Please keep this in mind as your prayerfully consider your offerings.

2017-2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2017-2018. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--FOR BOYS' YMCA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Trinity is again hosting the boys YMCA Basketball Tournament on March 31 and April 1. Volunteers needed include: concession stand workers, Referees, scoreboard operators, score keepers, and ticket takers. We are also asking for volunteers to bring some pans of bars (uncut) to sell at the concession stand. Signup sheets are on the back table. If you have questions please contact Aaron Kjenstad 377-5101. Funds raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items.

SAVE THE DATE

On July 22-23, we will be celebrating our church anniversary with another special concert by Koine. Once again, special activities are being planned. Please save the date and join us for what promises to be another special weekend with Koine.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's. Please keep saving the receipts through the end of May.

PANTHER CAMP & CAMP LUTHER

Information is available on the GPLHS website www.gplhs.org about Panther Camp and Camp Luther. Click on the "Latest News" tab to see the brochure.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

God continues to richly bless Trinity Lutheran School! Here are some recent notes and news related to our school.

READING HELP

Miss Schwark is looking for adult volunteers to work on reading with individual students. Volunteers are needed Monday through Thursday from 9-10 in the morning. If interested, please contact Miss Schwark.

STATE TESTING

During the week of April 3-7, the students in grades 3-8 will be participating in the State Standardized Testing. It is important for students to be in school, eat a healthy breakfast, and be on time during that week.

NIGHT OF MUSIC/ART FAIR



Our Annual Night of Music will be held on April 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Klipfel's and Ms. Behan's piano students will be playing selected pieces.

If anyone would like to showcase a musical talent, please let your teacher or Mrs. Kjenstad know by April 5th. This event is open to all congregation members as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- On April 11 in the afternoon the fourth graders will be attending Ag Day at Prairie Hill Farms.
- There will be no school April 13-18 due to Easter break. School will resume on Tuesday, April 19.

The students at Trinity Lutheran School are really excited about their class plays. This year each classroom will perform a play. The play dates are:

- Thursday, April 27, Preschool-2nd grade will present their play.
- Thursday, May 4, Grades 3-8 will perform their play.

Watch the April bulletin and the May newsletter for more information on the dates and times.

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'.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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| April 9 | PALM SUNDAY
9:00 AM |
| April 13 | MAUNDY
THURSDAY 6:00 PM
Communion Service |
| April 14 | GOOD FRIDAY
6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service |
| April 16 | EASTER

SONG SERVICE
7:00 AM

BRUNCH 8:00 AM

FESTIVAL SERVICE
9:00 AM |

