

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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.



Faith Helps Us Wait

“I keep praying, but nothing seems to be happening. I keep waiting and waiting, but I don’t seem to be getting an answer. Maybe I am doing something wrong. Maybe my prayers aren’t good enough. Maybe God doesn’t care.”

When we pray, we expect answers—and rightly so. We expect answers because God has promised to hear and answer the prayers that Christians bring to him. God’s promise to work all things for our good assures us that the Lord will answer our prayers in the way that is truly best for us.

So we pray with confidence and trust that God will answer us. But what sometimes happens? I pray but I don’t seem to get an answer. I am not getting the answer that I want as quickly as I want, and so I might wonder, “Why?” I can be tempted to doubt God’s love and his promise to hear me.

Then we remember the Lord often does not operate the way we expect. When I ask, I often expect action right away. The Lord, however, sometimes has a different time table. He does what he knows is best, even when he answers my prayers. Sometimes to bring about what he knows is best for me, the Lord tells me to wait. Yes, he is listening to me. Yes, he will answer me in the way that is best. But he will bring about that answer in his own chosen time and way.

Think of Zechariah and Elizabeth. They had been praying for a child (Luke 1:13). It was God’s plan to say, “Yes” to that prayer. But he waited until he knew the time was right. Zechariah and Elizabeth

may have wanted a child much earlier in their lives, but the Lord had a special plan for their child. Their child would prepare the way for the Lord (Luke 1:17). With that in mind the Lord let these two parents wait until the time was just right for this child to be born. It may have seemed that the Lord was doing nothing during those years. They may have thought that the Lord’s answer was “No”. But in fact, the Lord was simply waiting for the time that he knew was right.

Waiting isn’t always easy for us. Especially, when we are struggling and we want the Lord to take significant action right away. We might be praying fervently for help or for an end to a time of testing, and nothing appears to be happening. We may be tempted to conclude, “God is not listening. God does not care.”

That’s when we pray, “Lord, help my faith. Help me to remember you always hear and answer the prayers of your believers. You always answer them at the time you know is best.” Trust in God’s promise helps us as we wait for his answer.

Remember what David said? “*Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord*” (Psalm 27:14 NIV). Twice he tells us to ‘wait’. No matter how long it takes, don’t give up hope. “*Be strong and take heart*” he says. Keep on telling yourself the truth. God does listen and he will answer. He will work things out when he knows the time is right. In the meantime, trust. Trust the Lord hears you. Trust the Lord keeps his promises. Trust the Lord will work all things for your good, no matter how long it takes. That’s faith and that kind of faith helps us while we wait. *Pastor Rawerts*

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Pre-school registrations are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. Our pre-school is open to all children who will be 4 years old by September 1. A pre-registration fee of \$25.00 is required to reserve a spot and will be deducted from the \$50.00 registration fee. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please speak with Mrs. Niemi or Mr. Zimmerman.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School will be August 6-9, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin table. We could use the following items to help make our Vacation Bible School a success. If you are able to donate any of the following items, please drop them off at the church and label them for VBS:

- Cookies (many dozens)
- Popsicles and other snacks
- Kool-Aid and/or juice
- Styrofoam/paper cups
- Napkins

CASH DONATIONS are also welcome.

If you would like more information or would like to help with our VBS, please speak with Pastor Rawerts.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR: Our congregation will again will be having a booth at the Brown County Fair August 13-19. If you are interested in helping us with our fair booth, please speak to Pastor Rawerts.

CHOIR MUSIC: Our choir would like to be able to purchase new music. If you would like a special offering toward this, please write "Choir Music" on your envelope.

FALL CLASSES: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will begin on September 9.

Junior and Senior Confirmation Classes will begin on September 5.

CLASSES BEGIN AT TLS: Opening day for Trinity Lutheran School will be August 21. Classes will end at 11:30 a.m. on that day. *It's not too late to register your child. Please call 229-4697 for more information.*

OPENING SERVICE FOR TLS: On August 21, at 8:00 a.m., we will have a special opening service for the new school year at Trinity Lutheran. Please join us as we ask the Lord to bless our staff and students for the upcoming year.

TLS STAFF: The following will be serving us at Trinity Lutheran during the coming school year:

Mrs. Jessica Niemi
Preschool and Kindergarten teacher
Miss Emily Sell
Lower grades teacher
Mr. Rick Zimmerman
Principal and Upper Grades Teacher
Mrs. Charlene Stewart
School Secretary
Mrs. Marie Brick and Mrs. Liz Tice
Office Assistants
Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary
Rev. D. T. Rawerts
Pastor

UPDATE PHOTO DISPLAY: We would like to update our family picture board. If anyone has a Christmas photograph of their family that they would like to use as a new picture for the family picture board, please give it to Brenda Diede. If you would like to have a new picture of your family taken for the picture board, please speak to Brenda.

SCRIP PROGRAM: We are using the SCRIP program here at Trinity. If you buy SCRIP coupons, you may use them like cash at various stores and donations will be made to our school and to Great Plains Lutheran High School. 25% of the donations will go to our school and 75% will go to Great Plains. Please speak to Ardys Gosch and let her know which stores you prefer to shop at so that we may buy coupons for these stores. Please speak to Ardys if you have any questions.

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.

BUDGET APPROVED: Recently the voters approved a budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year of \$402,662.00. This is a 9% increase over this present fiscal year. Please keep this in mind as your consider your offerings.