

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## AUGUST 2013 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.*



**WELS**  
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

***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.*



### Heirs of Salvation

On July 23, a new heir was born to the British throne. At the time of this writing, this child was yet unnamed. People may not know what to call him yet, but they already know what he will be. Assuming he lives long enough and there are no catastrophic world changes, this tiny baby will one day be king of the British Empire.

Sounds impressive, eh? To be heir to the throne! One day, the whole British Common Wealth will focus on him, serve him and meet his every need. We might be tempted to envy this little infant, who seemingly has a great future in front of him as heir to the throne.

But we have no need to envy this little child. We also are heirs, heirs of something much greater than a throne over an earthly kingdom. We are heirs of God and one day will inherit all the blessings of God's salvation.

The Bible says, "*If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise*" Galatians 3:29 NIV 84). By the grace of God, we belong to Christ. The Lord has led us to know and trust in his Son as our Savior. We were not simply lucky enough to be born of royal parents. In his grace, the Lord chose us before the world came into being.

He rescued us and brought us to faith and through faith we are heirs. We will inherit something very special. We will be perfect one day. We will live in glory one day. The one true God will focus on us for all eternity and insure us of joy and happiness (Luke 12:37). We might think being king or queen in this world would bring lots of joy and many privileges. But the joy, the glory, the pleasure of life in heaven will be better by far and will never end.

Being an earthly monarch isn't always a rosy proposition. Even royalty must endure heartaches and headaches while living in a sinful world. But the glories of heaven will be free from all those things.

While we live in this sinful world, we might be tempted to envy earthly royalty, to wish we could be them. But every earthly monarch only rules for a time and then dies and loses their throne. We are heirs of a greater blessing that will never end. The people of this world may never gush over us and treat us as if we are something special. But we still know we have the greatest privilege of all, the greatest status of all. We are children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Pastor Rawerts

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School will begin August 5 – 8, 2013, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. A sign-up sheet for teachers, helpers, crafts people and cookie makers is on the bulletin table. Registration forms for students are also on the bulletin table.

We could also use the following items to help make our VBS a success:

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

Cash donations are also welcomed.

We also need various items for crafts. We need pie tins and old road maps. We also need several other items in smaller amounts. If you are interested in helping to supply these items, please contact Kelly Van Veen at [kvanveen@abe.midco.net](mailto:kvanveen@abe.midco.net) or 605-651-3964.

## **BROWN COUNTY FAIR**

Our congregation will be having a booth at the Brown County Fair August 12 - 18. If you are interested in helping us, please speak with Pastor Rawerts. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table for those who are willing to sit at the booth during the fair.

## **PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Pre-school registrations are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 school year. Our pre-school is open to all children who will be 4 years old by September 1. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please speak with Mrs. Niemi or Mr. Zimmerman.

## **PRESCHOOL CLASSES**

Preschool classes will begin on September 4, for children who have turned four by September 1.

## **TLS CLASSES**

Opening day for Trinity Lutheran School will be August 20. Classes for K – 8 will begin at 8:00 a.m. on that day, and school will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

*(It's not too late to register your child for school. Call 229-4697 for more information.)*

## **OPENING SERVICE FOR TLS**

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8 a.m., we will have a special opening service for the new school year at Trinity Lutheran School. Please join us as we ask the Lord to bless our staff and students for the upcoming year.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES**

Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will begin Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Junior and Senior Confirmation classes will begin September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

## **POSITION AVAILABLE:**

Recently our voters approved offering after-school care for students in our school. We will be hiring someone to lead our after-school care program. If you would like more information about this position, please speak with Don Jakober.

## **SERVICES ON THE INTERNET**

People are now able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, [trinityaberdeen.org](http://trinityaberdeen.org) and click on 'Church Service Videos'.

## **TLS STAFF**

The following people 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  
*Office Assistant*  
Mrs. Penny Biegler  
*Church Secretary*  
Rev. D. T. Rawerts  
*Pastor*

## **CHRIST-LIGHT SEMINAR**

Our congregation will be hosting a special Sunday School workshop on September 7. Pastor Ray Schumacher of Northwestern Publishing House will be presenting the Christ-Light curriculum. The seminar will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. All who are interested are invited to attend.

## **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.

## **SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

The parents, grandparents, and other family members have found that there are many ways in which to be involved at school.



Your involvement provides a great connection to the school as well as opportunities to make new friends.

There are many volunteer opportunities available. Give us a call at (605) 229-4697 to let us know how you would like to volunteer.

We will also post regular pictures and volunteer opportunities in the bulletin and in the school hallway.

To see what's happening at Trinity Lutheran School, visit our website at [www.trinityaberdeen.org](http://www.trinityaberdeen.org). Or "like" us on Facebook!

## **PICTURES FOR FAIR BOOTH DISPLAY**

We are in need of pictures for our display at the Brown County Fair. We are looking for pictures of the various activities that take place at our church and school. If you have digital pictures you are willing to share with us, please e-mail them to Dan Niemi at [niemdani@yahoo.com](mailto:niemdani@yahoo.com). If you have hard copies of pictures you are willing to share with us, please write your name on the back of the picture and place them in the basket on the bulletin table.

## **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.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL HISTORY**

Trinity Lutheran School has nurtured the Trinity family since 1978. It started in the fall of that year with 22 students, Grades 1 to 6. Since then, the Trinity family has led more than a hundred youngsters to a closer walk with Christ and trained and equipped them for Christian service. The school currently offers classes for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8, and it offers a preschool for 4-year olds. The preschool was started in the fall of 1999.

Although the congregation gave a school serious study as early as 1959, the school became a reality when the congregation could not sell its original house of worship after the building program in 1973. This left the church with a two-level structure. After study, the congregation resolved in October 1977 to open the school the following year using the renovated two-level structure.

In 1988, a fellowship hall and an education wing were built. The fellowship hall gave students a play and physical education area. The education wing provided four rooms currently used for three classrooms (lower grades, upper grades, and kindergarten/preschool) and a library.

The congregation constructed new bathrooms and renovated the upper grades classroom and the kindergarten/preschool room in 2011.

Construction began this February on the gymnasium/Christian Life Center.

Enrollment at Trinity Lutheran School stood at 34 in Kindergarten to Grade 8, along

with 6 preschool children as of January 1, 2013.

Trinity gives special thanks to God for providing the following teachers who have served us over the years:

Alan Draeger 1978 – 1991  
Doris (Johnson) Pertzsch 1979 – 1980  
Jacqueline (Dorn) Kronebusch 1980 – 1983  
Sharon (Becker) Schmidt 1983 – 1989  
Gretchen (Kempf) Wasser 1989 – 1990  
Christine (Winterstein) Kjenstad 1990 – 1994  
Jonathan Nass 1991 – 1992  
Jeanine (Aasen) Preszler 1991 – 1996  
Yolanda Jahraus 1992 – 1993  
Richard Brei 1992 – 1998  
Constance (Lake) Schmidt 1993 – 1997  
Sara (Kleist) Butler 1997 – 2000  
Heather (Walth) Overland 1998 – 2001  
George Kellerman 1999 – 2006  
Rachel Heckmann 2000 – 2003  
Diane Flack 2001 – 2008  
Melissa Brown 2003  
Emily (Seeger) Schmidt 2003 – 2007  
Akin Smith 2006 – 2009  
Karen (Becker) Panning 2007 – 2011  
Phil Rehberger 2005 – 2009  
Claire Rehberger 2007 – 2008  
Jessica (Burmeister) Kock 2008 – 2009  
Jessica Niemi 2009 – present  
Theodore Glodowski 2009 – 2010  
Rick Zimmerman 2010 – present  
Emily Sell 2011 - present

**TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY!**