

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2018



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.

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Talking to God Is Even Better

There he was in the restaurant, his food in front on him, his head bowed, his hands below the table. The positioning of his arms would seem to indicate that his hands are together under the table. He looks like he is praying.

What a nice thing! This young man is praying before he eats. The way his head is moving slightly seems to indicate that he is focusing really hard on this prayer. And just look at his face. He is really concentrating on what he is doing. It's nice to see someone who is that serious about his prayers.

Wow! This seems to be a long prayer. He must have a lot to say. Wait a minute. He's not talking to God. He's.....texting.

Ever wonder how many minutes a day the average teen spends texting? According to various internet sites, the average young adult or teen will send 60 to 100 texts a day. It's nice they can communicate with each other so easily. Young people especially crave acceptance from their peers and want contact with their friends. They want to share what is going on in their lives with people they trust,

people who are important to them. They want to be heard. They want to be encouraged. It goes without saying that communicating with their friends is important to them.

But a question comes to mind: Is communicating with God just as important to them?

We don't want to downplay the importance of human relationships and the joys of sharing our lives with people we care about. These are blessings the Lord gives us and allows us to enjoy.

But at the same time we remember our best friend is the Lord. The Lord is one who loves us most of all. He is the one who best understands our needs and wants. He is the one who can help us better than anyone else. He invites us to come to him with our thoughts and concerns and promises to always hear and answer us.

He assures us that our prayers are powerful and effective. In the book of James we are told, "You do not have because you do not ask God" (James 4:2 NIV 84). There things the Lord is ready to do for us, but he wants us to

show our faith by going to him in our prayers.
Remember the words from the famous hymn?

Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

What a wonderful privilege God has given to us? Prayer is powerful and effective. Blessings come when people go to the true God and ask for his help. So the Lord urges us to come to him with our thoughts, our burdens, our desires, our fears, our worries. He wants to share with him what is weighing on our hearts. He always listens. He always answers in the way he knows is best.

What if we spent just as much time talking to the Lord as we did texting friends? "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17 EVH), the Lord says. Yes, our friends can do great things for us. But the Lord can do infinitely more. Texting a friend can be a great blessing. But talking to God is even better.

D. T. Rawerts

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for afternoon preschool for the 2018-2019. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

GET THE WORD OUT

Please tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about our Trinity Lutheran School, Preschool and Aftercare programs. They can call our school (229-4697) for more information. Brochures about these programs are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

- ❖ Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018.
- ❖ Junior and Senior Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 5, at 6 p.m.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD



Please stop by the photo display board and check out the new and updated pictures. What a wonderful way to be able to "meet and greet" the person next to you in the pew, in Bible class, or passing on the street.

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'.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program is available to Trinity Lutheran. SCRIP coupons may be used like cash at many stores, eating places, clothing stores, car washes, book stores, Walmart and many other places. (Check out the current list of business participation on the bulletin board west of the church doors.) SCRIP coupons can now be purchased at Ken's and Kessler's grocery stores. Both grocery stores are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School and to Great Plains Lutheran High School.

Please speak to Ardys Gosch and let her know which stores you prefer to shop so that we may buy coupons for these stores, or if you have any questions.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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



ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School registrations for the 2018-2019 school year, for preschool through grade 8, will be held Sunday, August 5 from 10:15 a.m. until noon and again Thursday, August 9, from 4 - 7 p.m. If these times do not work for you, or if you have questions, please speak with Mr. Kjenstad.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-School night will be Monday, August 20, from 5:30 – 7 PM. This is an evening for parents and children to get acquainted with the teachers, classrooms, and other information to make the opening days of school smoother for both parents and children.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL CLASSES

The first day of school for Trinity will be August 21, 2018. Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade will begin at 8 a.m. on that day, and school will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Preschool will begin on Monday, August 27, at 8 a.m.

OPENING SERVICE FOR TLS

On August 21, at 8:10 a.m., we will be having 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.

OPENING WEEKEND AT GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

GPL's School Year Opening Activities will take place on Sunday, August 19th. Detailed schedules for the day are being sent to parents of the 2018-2019 student body. The opening service will be held on Sunday, August 19, at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

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