

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019



## 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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## THE BLESSED WORK CONTINUES

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8 EHV).

For the past 40 days, the Lord had allowed the disciples to enjoy some extra-special blessings. He turned their sadness into joy when he appeared to them on that first Easter. He opened their minds so that they could understand the Scriptures. He came back again the next week to put an end to Thomas’ doubts. Later, he gave them another great catch of fish. He gave Peter special reassurance along with the command, “Feed my sheep” (John 21:17c EHV).

Finally, before their very eyes, Jesus ascended to heaven and they heard angels promising the Lord would one day return. What an awesome sight! No wonder they were filled with joy (Luke 24:52).

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and not long after, the Holy Spirit came upon them in an amazing and powerful way, and they began to carry out the work Jesus had assigned to them.

They were to be Jesus’ witnesses so that the message of forgiveness and eternal life through him would be spread to the ends of the earth.

That’s also our work and our privilege. For 65 years in our congregation and 40 years in our school, the Lord has allowed us and helped us to share his Word with souls Jesus died for. Recently, we took time to focus on the special blessings the Lord has given to our congregation and school. We were filled with joy as we celebrated God’s goodness to us and praised him for his blessings.

But now the celebrating is done. With God’s help, we want to continue on with the work he has given us to do. There are still lost souls to reach. The Word still needs to be proclaimed. The sacraments need to be administered. We need to care for our own spiritual well-

being and the sheep and lambs entrusted to our care.

So we will say yet more prayers. We will make our plans. We will seek to encourage each other in our spiritual journey. We will consider the talents we have and ask the Lord to use us and work through us to help with the work of sharing his Word with the world. We will continue with our building project. Prayerfully, we will plan and make our offerings for God's work. We will do everything we can to make sure our congregation and school are the best they can be so that we can continue to do what we have been doing for the past 65 years.

We will remember that it is only by the grace of God that we have been able to serve him in the past. Only with his blessing can we serve him in the future.

So we say, "Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to serve you in the past. We beg you to keep on helping us and blessing us so that we can continue to serve you and carry on with your work for many more years in the future."

Pastor Rawerts

### **2019-2020 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2019-2020. Please speak with Mrs. Sperry 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.

### **EHV BIBLES**

The pre-ordered EHV Bibles are here. The cost is \$18 each. Please contact Penny to pick up your Bible. The first printing of the EHV has completely sold out. The second edition should be ready by mid-September.

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

- ❖ Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019.
- ❖ Junior and Senior Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 4, at 6 p.m.

### **ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU**

The Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare for the church and school anniversaries. So many helped by cleaning, making posters and bulletin boards, running errands, and as always, the much-needed prayers. Thanks to all of you.

### **PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD**



We would like to thank everyone who helped with our photo board's new look. There are lots of 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. Thank you Brenda Diede for all your work on the photo display board.

## WORK DAY

Weather permitting, we plan to remove the shingles from the west side of the fellowship hall on Saturday August 3, 2019. We need at least 20 volunteers who are under the age of 50. Matt and Rich Biegler will be there to show us how to do this. Those who would like could join us and start cleaning bricks. There is plenty of work for folks of all ages. You choose the way you can be most helpful. The plan is to begin at 5:00 a.m. when it is cooler and be done by 12:00 noon or certainly no later than 1:00 p.m. It is important that we be done by then because we need to cover the roof with waterproof paper before we can leave the roof.



## 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 Peggy Martens 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.*

### **MEET OUR NEW 4<sup>TH</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER, MRS. BETHANY BEHM**

Bethany was adopted from India by Rev. Tom and Sharon Kneser and raised in West Allis, WI. There she was baptized, confirmed, and attended Woodlawn Lutheran Church and School. Beth attended Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, WI. After graduating she then continued her education at Martin Luther College. There she studied Elementary Education and also earned a minor in Communications Arts and Literature (Language Arts).



In her spare time, she enjoys fishing, watching movies, and just hanging out with her husband! Beth is married to Mr. Matt Behm (who is our new principal at Trinity). She and Matt have 2 black cats, Cecelia and Onyx. She is looking forward to serving God's people at Trinity! Soli Deo Gloria!

### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**

Grandparents' day will be held September 9, 2019. It's a special time for you and your grandchild to bond, have lunch and play a few games. More information will be available a little later.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOK FAIR**



This year Trinity Lutheran School will hold its Scholastic book fair from September 9-15. We are trying something new by having it earlier in the school year.

## **ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

School registrations for the 2019-2020 school year, for preschool through grade 8, will be held Thursday, August 8, from 5-7 p.m. and again Sunday, August 11, from 10:15 a.m. until noon. If these times do not work for you, or if you have questions, please speak with Mr. Behm.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

Back-to-School night will be Monday, August 19, 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 20, 2019. Classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 26, at 8 a.m.*

## **OPENING SERVICE FOR TLS**

On August 20, at 8:10 a.m., we will be having a special opening service for the new school year at Trinity. 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 25<sup>th</sup>. Detailed schedules for the day are being sent to parents of the 2019-2020 student body. The opening service will be held on Sunday, August 25, at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

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