

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020



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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BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

Are you getting impatient? Are you getting more than a little frustrated? Is the pandemic starting to wear on your nerves? Are you tired of social distancing? Are you getting tired of wearing a mask?

Do you get frustrated with the people who don't share your thoughts about the pandemic? Does it bother you that some people don't seem to be taking this pandemic seriously? Do you think certain people are tempting God because they refuse to be careful? Are you more than a little put out because some people don't seem to care about the safety of others?

Or you do think that some people are not trusting the Lord and are overreacting? Are you displeased because more places like Walmart and Target are requiring you to wear a mask if you visit? Are you irritated because you are being forced to follow rules that you believe are unnecessary?

When it comes to church services what do you think? Is our congregation being too lax by not requiring people to wear masks? Did we restart in-person worship services too soon? Should we have worship out in the parking lot?

Do you think we are being overly cautious by asking people to practice social distancing and by having people sit in every third pew? Do you believe we should go back to our normal, pre-pandemic practices?

More questions come. Should we change how we distribute the Lord's Supper? What is our school going to do? Should we resume Sunday School and Bible classes in the fall? If so, do we need to take special precautions?

Our leaders at Trinity are wrestling with these questions. We are praying for God's wisdom. We are seeking advice from other churches. We are thoughtfully considering our options. We want to follow practices that are as safe as possible, which will at the same time grant people as much Christian freedom as possible.

Deciding what is best isn't always easy. As always, we are asking for God's wisdom and guidance. And we are also asking our fellow members to pray for our members, particularly our church leaders. We would also like to ask one other thing from you.

Please be patient with us and the rest of our fellow Christians.

The Bible tells us to "Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2 EHV). Our church leaders may not make decisions that everyone agrees with. Some may consider our practices during the pandemic to be too lax. Others might consider us to be overly cautious. We are praying for God's help and are striving to make the best decisions that we can. You may strongly disagree with us. That is your right. But we still ask you to be patient with us and with others who may not share your point of view.

Once again we ask you keep this Bible verse in mind as we strive to serve the Lord and each other during the pandemic. "Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2 EHV).

We don't know how long this pandemic is going to last. The more it hangs on, the more frustrated we may get. So we will pray for God's help.

We will continue to pray fervently and ask the Lord to put an end to this pandemic. We will keep on praying for wisdom and guidance. We will ask for his help to keep on trusting that he will protect us and work through this to accomplish his purpose. We will ask for

the Lord's help to bear with each other in love even though we may look at the pandemic very differently.



Pastor Rawerts

2020-2021 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

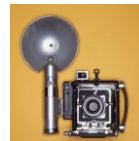
Openings are available for preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer a 5-day preschool, 3-day preschool and a 2-day preschool. Afternoon preschool is still available. Aftercare will also be available. Please call the school (605-229-4697) to register your child.

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.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD

It is time to update our photo display board. Simply give the pictures to Penny or leave them on her desk.



We will get the pictures switched out as soon as possible. Thank you.

OFFERINGS

Even though many church and school activities are being canceled, the ministry of our church and school is continuing. We are still making our contributions to missions. Teachers are still preparing lessons for students.

Salaries, utilities, and mortgage payments still need to be paid. We respectfully ask you to continue to set aside your regular firstfruits offerings. You may wish to mail them in or drop them off at church when you are able.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOK FAIR

This year Trinity Lutheran School is planning to hold its Scholastic book fair from November 15-22, 2020. Keep us in mind for Christmas gifts and just plain reading-for-fun.

ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

School registrations for the 2020-2021 school year, for preschool through grade 8, will be held Sunday, August 2, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. 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 held Monday, August 17, from 5:30 – 7 PM. This is an evening planned for parents and children to get acquainted with their 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 18, 2020. 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 26, at 8 a.m.

OPENING SERVICE FOR TLS

August 18, at 8:10 a.m., there will be 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.

BOX TOPS



Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the summer. There is a box for them on the bulletin table.

Also remember to scan your grocery receipts for box top points for our school.

OPENING WEEK AT GREAT PLAINS
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

The opening service will be incorporated into the chapel service on the first day of school, August 24. This will include installation of new teachers. This service will be streamed and archived for parents and others to view.

Orientation materials will be distributed by mail and email.

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AMAZONSMILE

With all the concerns of COVID 19, people are doing more shopping online. If you normally shop at Amazon.com, here is a way you can support *Trinity Lutheran School* at the same time!

1. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (TLS).
2. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
3. Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile!

You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> then follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have

any questions, please feel free to ask Jessica Kjenstad.

TLS UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

- 17 Back to School Night 5:30-7 PM
- 18 Frist day of school 11:30 AM dismissal
- 24 First day of preschool

HOLY COMMUNION



We are scheduling times where small groups of people may come to receive the Lord's Supper. We will be offering the Lord's Supper on July 30 & 31 and August 1 & 2.

We will be having brief Communion services every 20 minutes at various times throughout those days. These services will be conducted in the Fireside Room. We will invite 7-8 people to join us for each service. Please call the church office to set up a time when you would like to come to receive the Lord's Supper. Communion will be served at the following days and times.

Thursday July 30
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday July 31
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday August 1
3:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Sunday August 2
10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.