

# FEBRUARY 2019

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL 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.*



### CAN WE BE BETTER?

We know why we are here.

We know what the Lord wants us for us. It is very simple. The Lord wants us to:

- a. have saving faith in Jesus
- b. take care of that faith
- c. live that faith.

That's what the Lord, above all else, wants for us.....and for others.

Living our faith means we believe, live according to and obey all things—absolutely everything God tells us in the Bible (John 8:31, Matthew 28:20). One of the things the Lord tells us to do is to preach his Word to others so that they also can have saving faith, take care of that faith and live that faith.

We know what the Bible tells us:

"God our Savior.....wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind" (1 Timothy 2:3b-4 EHV).

"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction" (2 Timothy 4:2 NIV 11).

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16 NIV 11).

"That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20 EHV).

"Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16b NIV 11)!

"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians (9:22 NIV 11).

"Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:12b EHV).

This is the work the Lord has given to us as Christians. And what important work it is! This is what we are to do, above all else, at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. With that in mind we ask two questions:

*How have we been doing?  
Can we be better?*

We would like to take some time to consider those questions. We would like to know how you would answer those questions.

With that in mind, we will be having several special meetings in February and March. We will call them "Ministry Evaluation Meetings." At those meetings we will focus on our ministry at Trinity and then ask those two questions: What have we been doing? Can we be better?

We would like to invite each one of you to join us for one of our "Ministry Evaluation Meetings."

We are offering four opportunities for you to join us and give us your thoughts. The same presentation is being offered at each session. It will last about 90 minutes. We pray that one of the following dates will work for you.

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February 24 4:00 p.m.  
March 10 4:00 p.m.  
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We pray that each of you would be able to join us for one of the sessions. We would very much like to hear what you think about what we are doing and how we can be better.

*Pastor Rawerts*

## **PRESCHOOL AFTERCARE NEED**



Our preschool aftercare group is looking for several people who would be interested in helping out with preschool aftercare on an "on-call" basis. The

hours would be from noon until 3:30 p.m. The individual(s) would be on an "on-call" list and would be called only as needed. If you are interested, please talk with Ms. Leinen.

## **MEMBERSHIP LIST**

The updated membership list will be available with the Annual Report. As soon as they have been printed, copies will be on the bulletin table.

## **BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN**

The Lord continues to bless our Trinity Lutheran School. Our enrollment has more than doubled since 2010. If the Lord keeps blessing us in this way, we will eventually outgrow our facilities. On January 13, our chairman, Alan Kjenstad, presented a possible building program for our school. During that presentation he informed the congregation that if we could raise \$150,000, we could build four new classrooms and our monthly mortgage payment would remain the same. Last Sunday at our voters' meeting, a motion passed stating that if we can raise \$150,000 in gifts and pledges by March 15, we will proceed with the plan to build four new classrooms. In the near future we will begin a campaign to raise the money needed to begin the building project. We respectfully ask all our members to prayerfully consider making a special gift for this new building project.

## **CHILI COOK-OFF**

On March 3, at 11:20 a.m., we will be having our second annual 'Chili Cook-off.'

Everyone is invited to enter their special chili in the contest. If you would like to enter, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table. Additional information about the contest is provided on a sheet which is also on the bulletin table.

Each contestant brings a crock pot of his or her own chili, made from their own recipe. Each contestant should make as much as they would for a normal potluck meal. Ideally, please bring enough so that everyone who wishes is able to have sample of your chili, and so that other people can to eat of their fill of it.

Those in attendance will be invited to sample as many different kinds of chili as they would like. They will then be allowed to vote on the chili they liked best.

Along with the various kinds of chili, we will serve Fritos, crackers, corn bread, sour cream, cheese and onions, and dinner rolls. For beverages we will serve coffee and water. We ask that those who attend would bring a dessert to pass.

### **EVANGELICAL HERITAGE VERSION**

The Evangelical Heritage Version translation of the Bible is nearing completion. Northwestern Publishing House is allowing people to pre-order copies of this new translation at a discount. If you would like to pre-order copies of the EHV, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.

### **ADDITIONAL SCRIP AVAILABLE**

Scrip is available from Ken's and Kessler's. Ken's and Kessler's will give us 5% of the scrip, and they will continue to give the 1% on the grocery receipts. If you have any questions, please let Peggy Martens know.

### **AMAZONSMILE**

If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time! Amazon donates 0.5% of the

price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile! You must START your shopping at this websiste: <https://smile.amazon.com> and 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 Kathy Cooper.

### **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'.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES**

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

### **TLS GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AND BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, February 2, 2019, TLS will be having its Girls' Volleyball Tournament and our Boys' Basketball Tournament in the TLS gym. Please come and cheer for your favorite teams. (Times will be announced later.)

We are also in need of bars for the concession area for these two tournaments. (Please do not cut the bars.) We still have room for people to help out in the concession area and people to take tickets. If you are interested in any of these areas or need more information, please call Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346.

## **ANNUAL SPELLING BEE and GEOGRAPHY BEE**

The students in grades 1-8 will be participating in a spelling bee on Friday, February 1. It will be held in the gym at 10 AM and family members are invited to watch. The students in grades 4-8 will be participating in a Geography Bee as well. The preliminaries will be held in the classroom on Feb. 1 (no audience) and the finals will be held on Feb. 8 at 2:00. Family members are invited to watch the finals.

### **BOX TOPS**



Please continue collecting box tops for Trinity. It doesn't matter how many, every box top counts; and Trinity Lutheran School gets "free" money from the redemption of these labels. The money has been used for playground equipment, new uniforms for the sports teams, books for the library and other items for the school. The box tops must be sent in no later than February 28. So, let's fill our ***Box to the Top!*** for TLS.

### **APPAREL STORE ONLINE**

Trinity Lutheran School is now selling school apparel online. Go to: [teamlocker.squadlocker.com](http://teamlocker.squadlocker.com) and click on "Find Your Store" near the top right, enter "Trinity Lutheran," and select "Trinity Lutheran Tornadoes" to begin shopping.

### **GIRLS' CHEERLEADERING Teams**

Cheerleaders will be divided into A team (4-8 graders), B team (2 & 3 graders), and C team (K-1 graders). Marianne Klipfel will once again be organizing and teaching our cheerleading teams. Thank you, Marianne.

B team will have practices on Wednesdays during noon lunch recess (Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27, and possibly into March.)

A team will practice on Tuesdays during the lunch recess for February (5, 12, 19, 26) and possibly into March.

YEAHHHH TORNADOS!



### **MINISTRY EVALUATION MEETINGS**

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