

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

JANUARY 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.



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.



HE'S REALLY CAREFUL

"The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."
(Psalm 121:8 NIV)

Ever realize the risk you are taking when you go in for surgery? They put you under and the doctors and nurses go to work. You are completely helpless and totally dependent upon the skills and the dedication of the people involved in the operation. One wrong by the surgeon could lead to serious complications or even to death. We want to be sure that our surgeon knows what he is doing and will be really careful as he operates. You feel a little more secure going into surgery when you know you can trust your doctor.

In Psalm 121, the Lord uses a special word to describe how he cares for us. We are told "The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:8 NIV) The word, "watch over" has the idea of 'exercising great care' and 'being really careful'. With these words, the psalmist is assuring us that the Lord will be really careful in all he does for us.

Because of Jesus, we are God's dear children. He loves us very much. He cares about every part of our lives. As our loving Father, he is really careful with everything he does or allows. Nothing happens unless he allows it to happen. And he only allows things to happen that will

work for our good. He will be really careful to make sure that he never gives us more than we can handle. He will be really careful to make sure that we have the strength we need to endure all.

The Lord is really careful with us. That's a comforting thing to keep in mind as we enter a new year. Sometimes we might wonder what the new year holds for us. What kinds of tests might there be? Will we have success in our endeavors? What might happen to our loved ones? Is this going to be the year that the Lord takes us home? Is this the year the Lord will take one of our loved ones home?

We don't know the answers to these questions. But we do know one thing for sure: "The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:8 NIV) As we go about our daily activities, we know that the Lord will be really careful with all he does for us. As we cling to this promise, we enter the new year with confidence, because we know the Lord is in control and he will take good care of us.

Pastor Rawerts

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On Wednesday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m., we will be taking down our Christmas decorations. All are welcome to help in this endeavor.

SPECIAL NEEDS BIBLE CLASS

Our special needs Bible Class has started again. The class meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room. If you have questions or would like to help with the class, please speak to Glendora Dick or Aaron Kjenstad.

COMPUTER NEEDED

In order to fully implement our new camera system, we need a new computer to use with it. The cost for the computer will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Please keep this in mind as you consider your offerings.



CALLED WORKER APPRECIATION AND NEW MEMBER DINNER

On Sunday, January 27, we will be having a special fellowship meal. Please bring a dish and a salad or dessert to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. We will begin our meal at 11:45. At this time we will consider the blessings the Lord gives us through those who serve in the public ministry. We will also give a special welcome to all who have joined our congregation during the previous year. Please join us.

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2013 are on the table in the fellowship hall. Please take them with you.

ANNUAL REPORT

We need to start compiling the annual report for the year 2012. If you are responsible for a report, please start the process of preparing one. Please have your report to Pastor Rawerts by January 14.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held January 20, 2013, beginning at 10:15 AM.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please save all receipts from Kessler's and Ken's that are dated after September 1, and put them in the box on the table near the entrance to the church.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome Lynnea Style as a new member at Trinity. Lynnea has completed the Bible Information Class and has joined us as a communicant member.

We also are pleased to welcome as new members, Brandon and Sarah Schaffer, and their children, Asher, Ezra, and Story. We have received them by transfer from Valley Lutheran Church in Sheridan, Wyoming.

We welcome each of them to our congregation and pray our congregation will be a blessing to them, and that they will be a blessing to us as well.

*The stream of years is flowing,
And we are onward going,
From old to new surviving
And by his mercy thriving.*

