

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 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.

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.



ONE LAST ITEM FOR THE LIST

As you prepared for Christmas, did you have your list of 'wants' and 'to do's'?

How long was the 'to do' list? How many things did you have to get done? Did they all get done? Did most of them get done? Did they turn out well?

Did you have a list of things you wanted for Christmas? Perhaps you exchanged names in your family. You gave a list of things you wanted to the person who had your name. How many of those items did you receive? How many other gifts did you receive? Did you receive gifts you didn't even ask for? Did certain people surprise you by giving you a gift?

Did you hope to do some special things with your family or friends during the holiday season? Did you get to do them? Perhaps you got to do other fun things that you hadn't planned on. They were good times that seemed to come out of the blue.

Most of us can look back at the holiday season with a good feeling inside because once again we were able to enjoy many good times and receive some special gifts. Maybe we didn't receive all the presents that were on our list. Perhaps we did not accomplish everything on our 'to do' list. But we still received many gifts and enjoyed many good times. Why? Because the Lord was good to us.

We can smile as we marvel at how wonderfully the Lord blessed us again. When I remember that all these wonderful blessing are from him because of his gracious love, perhaps I can pull out the 'to do' list, or the 'I want for Christmas' list and then say, "Thank you, Lord," for every task accomplished, every gift received, and every blessing enjoyed.

The psalmist says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 92:1 EHV).

Two good things happen when we give thanks to the Lord. We give him the credit for all the blessings we have and enjoy. We give him the honor and glory he deserves. Also, the words of thanks we offer the Lord help to keep clear in our minds that all our blessings come from him because of his gracious goodness.

The Christmas season was probably both busy and blessed, with lots of things to do, and lots of blessings enjoyed. Perhaps you can add one last item on the 'to do' list, and give thanks to the Lord.

Pastor Rawerts

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will take the Christmas decorations down on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6 PM. Please feel free to join us.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes from your mailbox or the table in the Fellowship Hall. If there is an error or you cannot find your envelopes, please let Penny know.

CALLED WORKER APPRECIATION AND NEW MEMBER DINNER

On Sunday, January 28, we will have a special fellowship meal for our called workers and new members. Please bring a dish and a salad or dessert to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. We will begin our meal at 11:20 AM. 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.

ANNUAL REPORT

Please start compiling your annual report for the Year 2017 so that Pastor can have the report by January 18.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held January 28, 2018, beginning at 10:15 AM.

MAY THE LORD BE PRAISED

For the past several months, our congregation has been asking for a special offering of \$15,000. We were asking for this special offering to help cover the cost of having an additional teacher for our school. We are pleased to announce that this goal has been met. We praise the Lord for opening the hearts of his people to be generous with their offerings. Having this additional teacher enables our school to serve our students in an even better way and to offer them more blessings. We pray the Lord will keep working in our hearts so that we will continue to be generous with our firstfruits offerings.

IN JOYFUL THANKS

In thanksgiving to our Lord for his generosity, our congregation has given \$1,500 for the mission work being done in Williston, North Dakota.

BOYS' BASKET BALL WINTER CLASSIC

Trinity's "Winter Classic" basketball tournament will be Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, in the Trinity gym. The tournament is made up of mainly 6th grade teams. Games will start at 5:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday - with a total of 12 games being played. If you would like to help out with our tournament, please speak with Mr. Aaron Kjenstad. Help in the concession stand is needed. Look for a signup sheet on the table outside of church.

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'.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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

PTO WINTER FUN NIGHT



Sunday, January 28, the PTO will have their winter get-together. Please meet at the Odde Ice Center from 6:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Students, families and friends can enjoy supper, fellowship and ice skating.

BAND

In conjunction with the AARC, the TLS students in grades 4-8 will have the opportunity to take instrument lessons at Trinity. The lessons will be \$63.90 each month. A registration form was sent home with your student. If you have any questions see Miss Schwark.

BOX TOPS



As you are shopping and baking this time of the year, don't forget to clip out those Box Tops! We currently have 1,882 Box Tops turned in. Our goal is 8,000 this year. Please remember you can attach them to a Box Top collection sheet which holds 25, or put them in groups of 50 and place them in a baggie or just bring them (in any amount) anytime and give them to Mrs. Kjenstad or Mrs. Biegler.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please remember to turn in your grocery receipts from Ken's and Kessler's. The proceeds from the receipts are used to purchase special items for our school. There is a box for the receipts on the bulletin table.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Thank you for faithfully saving the Campbell's soup labels and "Labels for Education". Unfortunately, beginning with 2018, this program will no longer be available. The "Labels for Education" has been phased out and we no longer need to save them. Again, thank you for your help.

TRINITY TORNADO APPAREL

We have a variety of Trinity Tornado clothing available for sale. T-shirts are \$8, long sleeved shirts are \$11, crew neck sweatshirts are \$13, and hooded sweatshirts are \$18. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please speak to Mrs. Jessica Kjenstad or Mrs. Biegler.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you for the successful Book Fair. We earned \$525 for library and TLS resources.

