

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021



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.



EPIPHANY GIVES US CERTAINTY

"Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2 EHV).

Our Christian faith gives us absolute certainty and complete confidence. What a great blessing this is! We are absolutely certain and completely confident about our standing with God. We know for certain that he loves us and is always working to bless us. We are absolutely certain and completely confident that Jesus has done everything so that we are God's dear children who will live forever.

The Lord works in special ways to give us this certainty and confidence. We can see that as we celebrate the season of Epiphany.

On Epiphany we remember how the Lord led the Wise Men to Jesus. Yes, Jesus was born a Jew and did his work among them, but he came for all people. But by leading the Wise Men to Jesus, the Lord

makes it plain that this new-born Savior came for non-Jews as well.

Knowing this gives me certainty. If I am ever tempted to wonder whether God's gift of salvation is for me too, I can think of the Wise Men. God led them to recognize the star in the sky as the fulfillment of a prophecy and brought them to Jesus. By doing this, God showed that the promise made in the Old Testament is indeed true. This Savior really did come for all people, that includes me.

During the season of Epiphany, we hear again the story of Jesus' baptism. The Holy Spirit descended on him and God the Father announced this is his Son. We also hear of miracles Jesus did. All these things give us absolute certainty that Jesus really is the promised Messiah.

What a blessing it is to have this absolute certainty and complete confidence. If the devil tries to fill my mind with doubts about believing Jesus is the true Son of God and the Savior of the world, I can always go back to news I

hear again every season of Epiphany. The Father's words and Jesus' works assure me, "Yes, he really is the Savior of the world. He really is my Savior too."

Knowing this also gives us confidence as we enter into a new year. Many unknowns lie before us. It is easy to wonder and worry about what we or our loved ones may face in the months ahead. But I know that Jesus is the Son of God who saved me and rules the world for me. He promises to be with me always and to help me and bless me in all things. Knowing this gives me absolute certainty and complete confidence as I enter the new year.

Pastor Rawerts



CALL RECEIVED

Miss Cassandra Schwark has received a Divine Call to teach 1st and 2nd grades at Reformation Lutheran in San Diego, California. Please keep Miss Schwark in your prayers as she considers her Call here at Trinity and the Call to Reformation Lutheran.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes from your mailbox or the table next to the mailboxes. If there is an error or you cannot find your envelopes, please let Penny know.

ANNUAL REPORT

We need to start compiling the annual report for the year 2020. If you are responsible for a report, drop it off or email your reports to Penny by January 28. Thank you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 must be directed to a nonprofit organization by March 31, 2021, or the Dollars will be directed by Thrivent. There are 2 ways to do this: (1) Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Thrivent is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (2) You may go online to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

JUNIOR CONFIRMATION

Junior Confirmation will begin again on January 6 at 6:00 p.m. Senior Confirmation will not begin until the first week in February. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Behm or Penny in the office.

SENIOR CONFIRMAITON

The Senior Confirmation classes will not resume until the first week in February due to Pastor Rawerts' health issues. If you have questions, please call Penny at the church office.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held January 24, 2021, beginning at 10:15 AM.

APPAREL STORE ONLINE

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

E-GIVING INFORMATION

We trust that members who have enrolled in e-giving enjoy the convenience and ease of the process. As a reminder if you would still like to participate in the offering during the service – either write "I give electronically" on the outside of your offering envelope or contact Al or Penny and request an "I give electronically" card to drop in the offering plate. This is by no means required but gives an option to folks who would still like to participate in the physical offering process. It is personal preference.

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.

FRIDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Each Friday, at 8:05 a.m., we begin our day with chapel. All parents,

relatives and friends are invited to join us. An offering is collected each Friday to help teach our students the importance of mission work.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING



With the upcoming colder weather, please remember to have your child(ren) dress accordingly since they will be outside for recess whenever possible. We are having students complain that they are cold, so please remind them to wear pants instead of shorts and make sure they have appropriate coats, hats, mittens, etc. Also, be prepared with snow pants and snow boots as the weather gets colder, and the snow gets deeper. Thank you.

BOX TOPS



Don't forget to clip out those Box Tops! Bring them (in any amount), anytime and give them to Ms. Cooper or Mrs. Biegler. Also remember to scan your grocery receipt to see if any of your purchases have electronic box tops. Our box tops need to be turned in no later than February 28, 2021.

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.

COLD LUNCH DAYS REMINDER



On cold lunch days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or any days that your children opt to bring lunch from home, please remember to include silverware or plastic utensils from home for their use. Also, students will be keeping their lunchboxes in their backpacks or in an area designated by their teachers until lunchtime (no fridge use), so plan accordingly. *Microwave use is limited to students in grades 4-8, and on cold lunch days only.*

STUDENT AID FUND

The Student Aid Fund exists to provide financial assistance for those who wish to send their children to Trinity Lutheran School. Without the aid that this fund provides, certain families may not be able to send their children to our school. The Student Aid Fund provides these families with much-needed assistance. We could use some help to replenish the Student Aid Fund. Please keep this in mind as you consider your offerings.

TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES

On Saturday nights, we will continue to practice social distancing. We ask people sit in every other pew during this service. Any members who are in the at-risk category or members who do not feel comfortable resuming normal worship at this time are encouraged to attend Saturday night worship.

Sunday morning worship is 9 a.m. and has returned to normal with one exception - the pews at the back of church against the wall and the very last

pew on each side will be reserved for those who are at-risk, or those who would like to continue social distancing.

The pew in front of the last pew will be cordoned off to accommodate this. The remainder of the pews in the church will be open and available for any members.

Coffee and refreshments will also be available following the Sunday morning 9 a.m. service.

