

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2016



## 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.*



## **CALLED WORKERS ARE GIFTS FROM GOD**

The single most important thing in your life is.....your relationship with God.

The single most important thing you do in your life is.....to take care of your relationship with God.

More than anything else we want to be right with God so that we can honor him while we are in this world and so that we can one day be with him in heaven.

To build up our faith so that we can stay right with God, the Holy Spirit works through the gospel in the Bible, in baptism, and in the Lord's Supper. These are the means of grace the Holy Spirit uses and works through to create and strengthen faith in our hearts.

To serve us with the means of grace, to teach us his Word, to watch over our souls, to encourage us as we fight the good fight of faith, the Lord provides special servants, people who have been instructed, trained and called to guide and help us with our relationship with God. "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets,

some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV 84).

Called workers are gifts from God, blessings who help us with our relationship with God. The Apostle Paul reminds us, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news' " (Romans 10:14-15 NIV 84)!

What a wonderful blessing it is that the Lord provides workers who teach us his Word, watch over our souls and help us with our relationship with God. We thank the Lord for the work that they do. We remember, of course, that is the Lord who provides them. It is the Lord who works through them. He gives them their talents and abilities and he enables them to develop and use those talents and abilities. The work they do is his work. The

service they offer is all due to God's blessing and grace.

We also remember that the Lord's servants are people like each one of us. They are sinful human beings who have their strengths and weaknesses. They are fragile jars of clay that the Lord works through to bring blessings to his people. It is the Lord who chooses them to serve and sends them to the places he knows are just right.

Once again we are thankful to the Lord for providing another called worker for our congregation. Jesus urges his disciples with these words, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:37-38 NIV 84). We prayed to the Lord for another worker, and he has once again provided a teacher for us. We offer him our thanks for granting us this blessing.

We also keep in mind that it is the Lord and only the Lord who can bless called workers and enable them to serve us faithfully. So while we thank the Lord for providing workers for us, we also ask the Lord to bless each one of them so that each one will be a true blessing to us. We ask the Lord to enable them to serve faithfully so that they can help us and our children with that one thing that is most important in our lives, our relationship with God.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **NOMINATIONS**

Our congregation will be having elections in July for positions on the Church Council and the Department of Education. If you are willing to serve or if you know of someone whom you believe is willing to serve, please speak to one of the elders.

### **CHURCH SOFTBALL**

The church softball season began June 2.



Games are every Monday night, and each team plays one game per night. Game times vary, either 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., or 8:30 p.m. The season ends with a tournament the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN 2016 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP**



"Wow! What a terrific basketball camp!" "My kids looked forward to basketball camp every day!" "What a wonderful learning experience for the kids—basketball and God's Word!" These were a few of the comments heard each day at camp. Parents and kids were excited about this new opportunity here at Trinity Lutheran.

The Basketball Summer Camp was a great success! A big "Thank You" to all who helped put on a great basketball camp for our kids and the community. We received many great compliments on our facility and our camp. The kids had an opportunity to hear God's Word and improve their basketball skills. Thanks to Dylan Duvall, Brandon Kannas, Jordan Kjenstad, Connor Kannas, Kristin Kjenstad, Sarah Kjenstad, Stephanie Van Veen, Ethan Kjenstad, Connor Kannas, Ethan Russell, Jasper Lien, Trent Lien, Sarah Schaffer, and Kristy Lendt for helping. We also thank Trina Lien, Marilyn Kjenstad and Janelle Ferguson for the basketball snacks.

### **PTO RUMMAGE SALE**



The Trinity Lutheran School PTO held its annual rummage sale June 17-18 at the teacherage and parsonage on Dakota Street. The sale was a huge success!

Over 30 volunteers from the church and school made it possible. The school children enjoyed selling water, pop and candy bars. The

net profit from the sale, including the concessions, was \$1888.55. Thrivent will also be providing an additional \$300 in chapter funding.

The PTO will meet later in the summer to discuss how to best use the money to enhance our children's Christian education. Thank you to all who volunteered and brought donations.



### **BOX TOPS**

Please continue to save "Box Tops For Education". These labels are turned in at the end of the school year and that money goes for Trinity Lutheran School, preschool, and/or aftercare. A box for the labels is on the bulletin table.



### **SCRIP PROGRAM**

The SCRIP program has been available to Trinity Lutheran for several years. 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. They are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School to Great Plains Lutheran High School.

Please speak to Ardys Gosch 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.



**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL!**

- ✓ Trinity Lutheran teaches children to know and believe that they have a Savior from sin, Jesus Christ.
- ✓ Trinity Lutheran School has operated a Lutheran school for over 25 years.
- ✓ Trinity Lutheran School is fully accredited by the state of South Dakota.
- ✓ Trinity is blessed with strong academic standards—students consistently score well in state tests.

Trinity Lutheran Grade School offers a Christian elementary education in the Lutheran tradition. Children at Trinity excel both in secular subjects and in growth in the Word of God. Our students regularly score above national and local levels on Dakota STEP tests, and are well-prepared for high school education and beyond. For more information, visit our website at [www.trinityaberdeen.org](http://www.trinityaberdeen.org), or call 229-4697 to speak to the principal.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL EXPANSION FUND

June 9, 2016

Dear Members of Trinity,



Greetings! The objective of this letter is to provide a quick update on several items of business at Trinity Lutheran Church & School.

- **TLS Expansion Fund** – In April various forms of communication were shared that identified a need for a \$25,000 special offering. This was related to the increasing school enrollment that led the voters to unanimously approve adding an additional teacher for our school. The objective for the \$25,000 was to cover 45% of the cost to expand our school (additional teacher and furniture/equipment for another classroom). The goal was to have the \$25,000 prior to the middle of June when the new operating budget was put together. I am thrilled to report that the \$25,000 goal has been met and even exceeded. Thank you for your support and for stepping up and meeting the need! Additional funds contributed to the TLS Expansion Fund will simply provide extra cushion to this fund that will cover a portion of the costs for the new teacher. A portion will still be covered with next year's operating budget.
- **One in Christ WELS debt offering** – This opportunity was rolled out in February. We are pleased to report that this week we sent the synod a check for \$10,605. This will help the synod pay down its debt ahead of schedule. Doing so will put our synod in a better financial position to continue our Christ-given mission of training and sending out gospel proclaimers at home and around the world.
- **Current Year's Operating Budget** – We appear to be on track to finish the year "in the black" in terms of our operating fund. Through the first 11 months of our fiscal year that ends 06/30/16 revenues have exceeded expenditures by approximately \$5,000. We just need to finish up with a solid June and we will have a positive operating fund going into next year. Thank you God for blessing our finances!
- **Gym Floor Maintenance** – The gym floor will receive some important maintenance coming up. On June 23-25 specialty contractors will go through a process to replace the finish on the wood floor. The oil-based varnish will have an odor and the floor will be unavailable for use for two weeks after the application. This is important work to keep the floor in good condition and maximize the useful life.
- **K-8 and Pre-School fall enrollment update** – At this point conservative estimates show our K-8 enrollment for next school year will be up 25% as compared to the ending enrollment for 2015/2016. As of the date of this letter, pre-school enrollment has also been strong. The morning session is almost completely full with 14 students (only two 2-day/week options remain; the 3-day and 5-day morning sessions are full). The robust early enrollment and strong numbers last year led to the decision to expand and offer an afternoon session. We recently signed up our first afternoon session student!
- **Prayers and Opportunities** – We ask that you thank our generous God for continuing to bless us beyond what we thought was possible. Also please continue to pray to God to keep blessing our congregation, pre-school and school. Finally, please consider the best form of advertising available – word of

mouth. Tell others about the growth and quality of our pre-school and school. Invite them to get a tour. We have a great staff and great facilities. We accommodate working parents with an after-care program. With a new 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and a 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-school session we now have the opportunity to accommodate even more students. Spread the word about Trinity Lutheran School!

We have a wonderful thing going at Trinity Lutheran. Have a great week in Jesus!

Al Kjenstad,  
Trinity Chairman

***"Christian people have the highest motivation to strive for excellence."  
"Excellence is the result of planned, continuous, and incremental efforts to improve programs and practices."***

## **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'.

## **THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**

It starts with an idea powered by your passion. Bring a team together to make an immediate impact on a cause you care about and it's easy to get started. Think about an unmet need in our church, school or community.

After approval you will receive a promotional banner, invitations and thank-you cards, up to 25 Thrivent Action Team T-shirts and a \$250 Community Impact Card to be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

This is such an awesome program and has made such an impact on communities and individuals.

Let's get our heads together and do some projects here at Trinity/Trinity School/AfterCare. Application must be made online at [Thrivent.com/Action Teams](http://Thrivent.com/Action Teams).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNIVERSARY AND PICNIC  
JULY 31, 2016  
WYLIE PARK PAVILION**

Trinity Lutheran Church will be celebrating its anniversary with a service and picnic on July 31. Below is the agenda for this event.

**When: July 31, 2016**

**Where: Wylie Park Pavilion**

- 8:30 AM Pick up Seniors at church parking lot
- 9:00 AM Church Service at Wylie Park Pavilion
- 10:15 AM Games in the Pavilion for adults  
Games for Children
- 11:15 AM Meal (All food and beverages provided by the church.)
- 12:00 PM Hand out tickets to parents for rides for the children
- 12:15 PM Go to Storybook Land
- 12:15 PM Provide rides to Seniors to Storybook Land
- 12:30 PM Help Seniors needing assistance around Storybook Land

- 2:00 PM Take Seniors back to the church parking lot or to the softball game
- 2:00 PM Softball game between the two church teams

CASUAL DRESS

ENJOY YOUR DAY!

