

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 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.



You Are A Blessing To Your Church

You may have seen this church sign: "What is missing in our church? You are." The point is you are wanted in your church. Your church wants to be a blessing to you. At the same time it is also true that you are needed in your church. You are a blessing to your church.

Years ago, a group of parents were attending an athletic event that their children were participating in. It was being held on a Sunday morning. One of the parents commented that he normally would be in church at that time. One of the other parents replied, "We can have church right here." With that he took off his hat and mockingly started to pass it around as if for an offering.

Sad to say, some people think churches want people only for their money. We are not going to deny the fact that our churches need offerings to do the work of God's kingdom. But there is so much more to consider than that. Consider again what our mission statement says.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists 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.

We want people in our church, first and foremost, because we want to share with them the good news about Jesus so that they can come to saving faith and enjoy the blessings of God's salvation and be in heaven one day. That's what we want more than anything else. The most important goal of a church is not to get something from people, but to give something to people, the life-giving Words of God.

Think again of the church message mentioned above. We want 'u' in our church, because we want you to be blessed by learning about God's love for you. That is our top priority and our number one goal.

But churches also offer another blessing. The heart that has been touched by God's love in Christ, wants to respond. The more we understand the greatness of God's love for us, the more we want to honor him and serve him in our lives. Churches also help people to do that.

When we join together as God's children in a Christian congregation, we can use our individual talents and unite our efforts to serve the Lord and others in this world. Above all, we want to serve by sharing the good news of God's love to others. The more we work together, the better we can do that.

The Apostle Paul tell us, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV). Again he says, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7 NIV). No matter who we are, the Holy Spirit has given us gifts and abilities that we can use to help do the most important work of all.

We want 'u' in our ch_rch, because you have been gifted by God to serve in a special way. The more people work together, the more work we can get done for God's kingdom.

To state the obvious, a congregation is made up of people, sinful people redeemed by the blood of Christ, brought to faith and gifted by the Holy Spirit. As each individual member grows in faith, follows God's Word, and is determined to live for the Lord, then he or she will truly honor the Lord with his or her life, and truly be a blessing in God's kingdom. What a special privilege that is for God's people.

We want 'u' in our ch_rch, because we want you to be blessed with God's salvation, and we want you to have the privilege of working together with God's people to do the greatest and most important work of all, the work of sharing God's Word with the world.

Pastor Rawerts



2018-2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN ANNIVERSARY

Today, we will be celebrating our congregation's 64th anniversary. Later this morning, we will be having a fellowship meal.

PTO RUMMAGE SALE



The TLS PTO held its annual rummage sale June 15-16 at the teacherage and parsonage on Dakota Street. The sale was a huge success!

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN 2018 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

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. The kids had an opportunity to hear God's Word and improve their basketball skills. Thanks to our youth "coaches" for the help



they provided, and the ladies for the basketball snacks.

CATECHISM CAMP

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills area August 12-18, 2018. The purpose for Catechism Camp is to connect kids to fellow Lutheran Christians, augment the instruction given at individual congregations, and train students to be future leaders in their congregations. There will also be time for basic training in ushering, altar guilds, art in worship, apologetics, vocation, etc. Brochures about Catechism Camp are on the bulletin table.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program is available to Trinity Lutheran. SCRIP coupons may be used like cash at many stores, eating places, clothing stores, car washes, book stores, Walmart and many other places. 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.

BOX TOPS



Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the summer. These can be placed in the box on the bulletin table.

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'.



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

- ✓ Trinity Lutheran School 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 40 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, or call 229-4697 to speak to the principal.