

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

## JULY 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.*



**WELS**  
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

***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.*



### **God's Blessings on Our Government Will Bring Blessings to Us**

A missionary from Africa once spoke about the challenges of going shopping in the city where he served. He said you need at least 3 people in order to go to the store. One person has to stay and watch your house. Why? Because vandalism is so bad that you dare not leave your house unattended. You need a second person to watch your car. Even in the middle of a city in broad daylight thieves were unafraid to break into an unwatched car. Finally, you need one person to go into the store to get what you need.

It is easy to take for granted the peace and security we normally have here in the United States. Most of us have never had our cars stolen or our houses broken into. A number of us occasionally forget to lock our doors at night. Most of us don't really think twice about the safety and security we enjoy. It is normal to us. So normal that we often take it for granted.

Why do we have this peace and safety and security? It is, of course, a blessing from the Lord—a blessing that he gives especially through our government. A standing army,

police protection, a court system—all enable us to live quiet, peaceful and safe lives.

Note what the Apostle Paul says, "*I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth*" (1 Timothy 2:1-4 NIV 84).

No government is perfect. No rulers are perfect. They make mistakes and sometimes make decisions that anger us very much. It is easy to grumble and complain about our government and its leaders. Grumbling might be an outlet for our anger, but it seldom does any good. Prayer, on the other hand, can work wonders. And St. Paul urges us to pray for all those in authority. The better they govern, the easier it will be for us to live in peace and quiet. It is also easier for us to live for our Lord and do his work.

Some nations in this world openly persecute Christians. Some make it a punishable offense to try to promote Christian teachings. In some places Christian

churches have been burned and the government does not in any way intercede for Christians. What a blessing we have in the United States. We can teach about Jesus without fear of arrest. We can proclaim God's Word without fear of government intervention. We can expect fair treatment from our government and our courts and our fellow citizens regardless of what our religious beliefs might be.

But will it always be this way?

Times are changing. Many Americans oppose what God says on various issues. Some are very vocal about their opposition to God's truth and the people who follow it. So we wonder, will our government follow the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and continue to allow us to live and teach according to God's Word? Right now it is hard to say.

This is why it is important for us to follow God's Word and pray for our country and its leaders so that they will govern in a way that will enable us to live peaceful lives and continue to follow and teach God's Word without fear of intervention or hardship. This is why it is important for us to keep on praying that the Lord continue to keep each one of us faithful regardless of how our government or fellow citizens might view us or treat us. When God blesses our government he is blessing us too.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **MINNESOTA TWINS TICKETS**

Minnesota Twins tickets for Lutherans Nights will be August 12 and 13. They will be available starting the first week in June. There will be a discount on the various locations, but there are no handling fees. Contact Diane Davis at [Diane.Davis@thrivent.com](mailto:Diane.Davis@thrivent.com) or 605-763-3174.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our second VBS planning meeting will be held Tuesday, July 2, at 7 PM. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, please join us at that meeting.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 5-8 from 6 – 8 PM. We need people who would be willing to help teach, assist with registration, help with advertising, serve refreshments and serve as teachers' aides. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, please speak with 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.

### **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.

### **VBS FLYERS**

On July 21, at 2:00 p.m., we will be passing out flyers to invite children to attend our Vacation Bible School. Please join us in this outreach.

## **CALLED WORKER HIGHLIGHT**

### **Miss Emily Sell**

Miss Sell was born in Watertown, Wisconsin and grew up on a dairy farm with her parents, an older sister, Mandy, and a younger brother, Andy. She admits to not liking the dairying business.

Her education started at St. Mark's Lutheran Elementary School and continued at Luther Preparatory High School, both in Watertown, WI. She then attended Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN, graduating in 2011 with a double major in Staff Ministry and Elementary Education. Miss Sell was assigned to Trinity in 2011 for her first call into the teaching ministry and has served as the lower grades teacher at Trinity for the past two school years.

The idea of becoming a school teacher came to Miss Sell during her Kindergarten school year and gelled into a stronger desire during junior high with the encouragement from one of her teachers. Initially, Miss Sell desired to be a Spanish teacher but that changed during her early years at Martin Luther College.

Miss Sell taught herself to play piano in second grade. She started being an accompanist during the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and eventually took piano lessons while in high school. As many of you know, she continues to share her piano skills in a variety of ways at Trinity.

While at Martin Luther College, Miss Sell sang in the choir, played tuba and trumpet in the band and served on the student senate. As a student senate representative, she organized the college homecoming activities one year and organized the on-campus blood donation drives.

Miss Sell has several hobbies. The group fitness dance called Zumba is one of her favorites. She just recently became an instructor for this fitness activity and is looking forward to leading some Zumba classes. She also has been a member of Trinity's church league basketball team and was involved in this year's league team championship.

This summer Miss Sell is taking an on-line technical computer class offered through Martin Luther College. This class fits in nicely with her plans to enhance the use of the smart board in her classroom as well as overall improvement of computer usage by herself and her students in the coming school year.

### **PHOTOS FOR THRIVENT CALENDAR**

Thrivent Financial is encouraging all members to submit photos by July 6<sup>th</sup> for the 2014 Thrivent wall calendar.

Each year Thrivent creates this unique calendar for Lutheran congregations, schools and institutions. *Thrivent* magazine also offers a slightly smaller version for members.

Thrivent is inviting its members to submit a short description about how they've experienced generosity from others and the role of faith in that experience; photos of people or places – whatever they think reflects their thoughts of generosity the best.

If you know a member who takes great photos, refer him or her to the Photo Submission page and form on [Thrivent.com/wallcalendar](http://Thrivent.com/wallcalendar) for details. The deadline to submit photos electronically via the online form is July 6.

Members can order the free 2014 member calendar from the form in the Summer 2013 of the *Thrivent* magazine. These orders must be placed no later than October 15. In August members will be able to order additional member calendars.

If you have questions, contact Member Connection center at 800-847-4836 and say "fraternal".

### **OPEN REGISTRATION FOR TLS**

The open registration dates for Trinity Lutheran School will be July 14 - 17. Registration will begin at 10:15 a.m. on July 14 and will go from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on July 15, 16, and 17. If these dates and times will not work for you, and your intention is to send your child to Trinity Lutheran School, please call before these dates so that we can schedule your child's registration.

### **PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Pre-school registrations are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 school year. Our pre-school is open to all children who will be 4 years old by September 1. A pre-registration fee of \$25.00 is required to reserve a spot, and will be deducted from the \$75.00 registration fee. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please speak with Mrs. Niemi or Mr. Zimmerman.

### **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'.

### **UPDATED PHOTO DISPLAY**

Please note the new, updated pictures on the picture board. Check out the board so that you can "meet and greet" the person next to you in the pew, in Bible class, or passing on the street. If you have a new picture for the board, or would like an updated picture, please talk to Brenda Diede.



### **BROWN COUNTY FAIR**

Our congregation will again be having a booth at the Brown County Fair in August. Our next planning meeting will be July 14, at 10:15 a.m. If you are interested in helping us with our fair booth, please join us that morning.

### **PICTURES FOR FAIR BOOTH DISPLAY**

We are in need of pictures for our display at the Brown County Fair. We are looking for pictures of the various activities that take place at our church and school. If you have digital pictures you are willing to share with us, please e-mail them to Dan Niemi at [niemdani@yahoo.com](mailto:niemdani@yahoo.com). If you have hard copies of pictures you are willing to share with us, please write your name on the back of the picture and place them in the basket on the bulletin table.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN ANNIVERSARY**

On July 21, we will be celebrating our congregation's fifty-ninth anniversary. After the service we will have several games and activities. Later that morning, we will have a fellowship meal. The congregation will provide chicken and beverages. We would ask you to bring a salad or a dessert to pass.

## **CHRISTIAN AID AND RELIEF**

Our Synod's 'Christian Aid and Relief Committee' exists to offer assistance to people experiencing severe hardships, such as those affected by tornadoes or flooding. If you would like to give a gift to support this fund, you may donate on the Synod's website, or you may send a check to:

WELS Christian Aid and Relief  
2929 North Mayfair Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53222

## **CHURCH SOFTBALL UPDATE**

The church softball season began on June 3, with two teams—one in the A Division and one in the B Division. Each team has about a dozen regular players. The congregation has provided good fan support.

Both teams have had 4 games and are doing great and having lots of fun. The A Team has won 3 and lost 1. The B Team has won 2 and lost 2.



Six more regular season games remain – each Monday night through August 5<sup>th</sup>. Game times vary each week and the games are played either at 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30. Extra copies of the schedule are on the bulletin table in back of the church.

The season concludes with an end of year double elimination tournament on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Both teams won their respective championships in the 2011 tournament. After coming up short in 2012, both teams are excited for the tournament again in 2013! If you have any questions, speak to Al Kjenstad.

***Go Trinity!***

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN TAILGATE PARTY**

On July 15, we will be having a tail-gate party in the church parking lot before our two Trinity Lutheran softball teams play their games. Food and beverages will be supplied by the congregation. Please meet us here at 5:30 PM if you would like to join us. You may wish to bring a lawn chair.

Please consider helping to support our teams by coming to the games after the tailgate party.

## **TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY**

Trinity began in 1952 as a Dakota-Montana District mission. The group called, ordained and installed Rev. Warren Radtke as its first pastor one year later. The congregation gathered in a Seventh Day Adventist Church for worship and Bible study. On July 4, 1954, the congregation ordained and installed Rev. James Fricke.

On July 27, 1954, the congregation officially organized with 14 communicant members (Roy E. and Leah Wilber; Wayne G. and Florence Dorn; Edgar and Gertrude Kilber; Fred and Anna Jundt; James and Edna Prouse; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller; Mrs. Anna Tompkins; and Mrs. Elizabeth Hofer) and purchased property on the corner of Tenth Avenue and south Dakota Street. One year later, in July, the church dedicated a 26 x 60 foot basement chapel as a place of worship that was its very own.

On July 21, 1957, a chapel superstructure was dedicated (\$28,000) along with a new parsonage (\$16,000). Rev. Cyril Spaude became the parish's third pastor, being ordained and installed on the day of the chapel dedication.

In 1966 Trinity became self-supporting. The group ordained and installed Rev. Wayne Schulz on July 24.

On November 18, 1973, a new sanctuary seating 250 plus was dedicated. After twenty years, the Lord had blessed the congregation with 381 souls and 264 communicants.

On May 2, 1976, Rev. Douglas Weiser was installed as pastor. In 1977 the voters resolved to open Trinity Lutheran School, using the old church for classrooms. The school was dedicated on August 17, 1978.

On July 18, 1982, Rev. Gregory Schulz was ordained and installed as pastor. One year later, the congregation decided to replace the parsonage because a high water table was eroding the basements walls.

On September 30, 1987, Rev. Richard Kanzenbach was installed as pastor.

In 1988, the church property took on a new look. The original church was removed to make way for a fellowship hall and a four-room education wing. The sanctuary was renovated to include a balcony. The project was dedicated on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

In 1989, Rev. Kevin McKenney was ordained and installed as pastor on June 18. On June 28, 1992, Rev. Curtiss Seefeldt was installed as pastor.

On June 12, 1994, the congregation praised God with a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. A new digital electronic organ was dedicated, as well as Christian Worship, the new WELS hymnal.

On July 18, 1999, Rev. D. Thomas Rawerts was installed as pastor. The congregation

offered thanks that by the end of 1999, the Lord of the harvest blessed it with a membership of 428 souls and 327 communicants.

In 2005, the congregation enlisted the aid of Dr. LaGrow from our Synod to work on ways of improving our ministry through the school and through our church.

As a result of this effort, the congregation adopted new mission statements for the school and church. Included in Dr. LaGrow's report were recommendations on ways of improving our physical facilities and enhancing our ministry efforts. This report was accepted and approved by the voters of Trinity and led to construction of new bathrooms, a new kitchen, fireside room, pastor's study, church secretary office, and expanded church entrance. This phase of our building program was completed in 2011.

In 2012, the Lord blessed our congregation with an anonymous gift of \$500,000 which led the congregation to begin fundraising efforts in the fall of 2012. The Lord again moved the hearts of Trinity members to respond in a positive manner to the fundraising efforts. Trinity moved to begin construction on a gym/Christian Life Center early in 2013 with completion slated for September 2013.

At present, Trinity is developing plans to implement a daycare program starting the fall of 2014.

Trinity certainly has received many blessings from the Lord over the years since 1952. We thank God for our membership of 444 members and 331 communicants.

**TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!**