

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2017



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.

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OUR LEADERS NEED OUR PRAYERS

It was a favorite pastime for the old-timers in the little farm community. Several days a week, they would meet for coffee and they would visit. The crops, the grain and cattle prices, sports, children, grandchildren and various world events were all common topics. Many times the conversation turned to politics.

That's when things could get a little heated. Sometimes they clashed over differing political views. Other times, they became angry because of what certain political leaders said or did. Their grumbling and complaining about those in power often led to criticizing, attacking, and condemning those who had been elected to serve them.

The truth is some of their complaints were justified. Sad to say, some political leaders are corrupt and do not think about those they have been elected to serve. While venting about their actions might make a person feel a bit better, that doesn't offer much help for the corrupt leaders or for us who live under their rule.

In 1 Timothy, the Apostle Paul gives us these words: "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).

Most of us have no contact whatsoever with the president, our governor, senators or representatives. Humanly speaking we have no way to influence how they serve. But the Lord assures us that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective (James 5:16). We can influence how our leaders serve and act by praying to the Lord on their behalf.

We can ask the Lord to work in their hearts so that they take their responsibility seriously and follow the constitution and work for the good of our nation. We can pray that when politicians serve, they will be thinking of the well-being of the citizens they represent and not merely their own personal goals or plans.

Some elected officials may not care about the constitution or what is morally right. Christians can ask the Lord to raise his almighty hand to frustrate their attempts to do what is wrong and to control all the events of this world to make sure that peace and prosperity reign in our land in spite of the mistakes and failings of certain leaders.

When peace and prosperity reign in our land, we are better able to enjoy the many wonderful blessings this country offers. When peace blankets a land, its citizens can live without fear. We can pursue our hopes and dreams.

More importantly, peace, safety, and even prosperity enable us as Christians to live and share our faith in the Lord freely, openly, and without fear of what will happen to us. The devil has often used open and violent forms of persecution to lead people away from Jesus, or at the very least to make Christians afraid to live for Jesus and share him with others. Nazi Germany in the 1940's and present day North Korea are prime examples of this.

Obviously, political leaders are human. Some of their behavior and actions leave a lot to be desired. But the Lord in his wisdom is allowing them to govern us, and the better they rule, the more peace and safety will reign in our country. When peace and safety rule in a land, we, its citizens, are better able to enjoy peace and prosperity. More importantly, we as Christians will be able to live and share our faith safely and openly.

The Lord calls on us to pray for our leaders in the government. He assures us that our prayers are powerful and effective. We can be confident that our prayers for government leaders will bring blessings to our country and the Christians who live in it.

Pastor Rawerts



VBS

Vacation Bible School Was held May 30 through June 1. We had good attendance with 52 children attending. We would like to give a special "thank you" to all those who helped to make VBS a success.

NEW TEACHER FOR TRINITY

The Holy Spirit has worked through the Assignment Committee of our Wisconsin Synod to call Mr. Matthew Behm to teach the upper grades in our Lutheran Elementary School. Mr. Behm is from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He is engaged to Bethany Kneser. They will be married on July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Behm will be arriving in Aberdeen shortly after their wedding. Mr. Behm will be installed on July 30.

We thank the Lord for providing another teacher for our school. We pray that Mr. Behm and his future wife will be a blessing to us and that we will also be a blessing to them.

WELCOME SHOWER

As is our custom, we will be have a "Welcome Shower" for our new teacher, Mr. Behm and his fiancée, Bethany. If you would like to give gift cards, cash donations or any items that might be of help to them please bring them to the office and give them either to Penny or Pastor.

2017-2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2017-2018. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

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'.

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.

NEW CAMERA

Our congregation needs to purchase a new camera so that we may continue recording our worship services for the internet. We would like to ask you to consider offerings that are over and above your regular offerings to fund this project. We ask you to prayerfully consider this.

PTO RUMMAGE SALE



The Trinity Lutheran School PTO held its annual rummage sale June 16-19 at the teacherage and parsonage on Dakota Street. The sale was a huge success!

Many 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 \$2,461.78.

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 2017 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP UPDATE



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 compliments on our facility and our camp. 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.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Trinity again has two teams. One in the A division and one in the B division. It is open to males and females, grade 9 through adult. The season began Monday, June 5, with games every Monday night—each team plays one game per night. The games times vary, either 6:30, 7:30, or 8:30 p.m. The tournament will be the weekend of August 12. Please join us as a team member or part of the teams' cheering section.



SAVE THE DATE

On July 22-23, we will be celebrating our church anniversary with another special Koine event. Once again, special activities are being planned. Weekend activities will include a 2-on-2 basketball tournament, inflatables for kids, free community meal, and an evening concert, open to the public, in the parking lot. Sunday there will also be an outdoor worship service. Please save the date and join us for what promises to be another special weekend with Koine.

We currently have several of the Koine CDs available for sale. They are by the picture bulletin board.

KOINÉ

(www.koinemusic.com)

BOX TOPS

Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" and soup labels during the summer. These can be placed in the box 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. (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. Both grocery stores are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School and 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.

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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, or call 229-4697 to speak to the principal.