

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JULY 2019



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.*



MAY THE LORD PROVIDE FAITHFUL LEADERS

For forty years, Moses had led God's people. When the Lord revealed that he would soon be taking Moses to heaven, this faithful shepherd made a special request of the Lord. "May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd" (Numbers 27:16-17 NIV 11).

The Lord answered Moses' prayer by providing a very faithful leader in Joshua. It was Joshua who led the Israelites into the promised land. He led with his example and left no doubt what god he would follow. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15b NIV 11).

Numerous examples in the Old Testament show how faithful leaders truly were a blessing to God's people. The same is true today.

It is during the month of July that our congregation normally elects men to serve as leaders for our congregation. We ask you to pray that the Lord will provide us with faithful leaders.

We pray he will provide men who are spiritually mature, who cherish God's grace and are doctrinally sound. We exist as a congregation to faithfully proclaim God's Word to our people, to our community, and to the world. May the Lord provide us with leaders who share that common goal with us.

Our congregation is made up of sinners who are forgiven. Yet, we are still sinners. We need leaders who have patience and wisdom to guide those who may fall or struggle in various ways. The Bible urges us to deal with each other in a spirit of love. May the Lord provide us with leaders who truly show the love of Christ in all their dealings, especially with those who are weak and are struggling.

The Lord has blessed us richly. Consider our church, our school, our buildings, our grounds, our called workers and our

support staff. We know that there are responsibilities and expenses connected with these special blessings. So we pray again, "May the Lord provide us with leaders who have the various gifts and talents needed so that we can care for and properly use all these various blessings as God directs."

Faithful, God-pleasing leadership requires time, sacrifice and effort. Often it is not easy to be a leader for God's people. So we ask you to pray that the Lord will provide men who not only have the gifts to serve but also have a willingness to serve.

Christian churches are blessed when the Lord provides them with faithful leaders. It is our prayer that our congregation and school will continue to be blessed. So we encourage you to ask the Lord to provide us with faithful leaders.

Pastor Rawerts

TRINITY LUTHERAN TAIL-GATE PARTY

On July 1, 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 p.m. if you would like to join us. You may wish to bring a lawn chair.

2019-2020 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2019-2020 school year. Please speak with Mrs. Sperry to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

MOBILE APP CONTRIBUTIONS

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app! To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smart phone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry at Trinity. Questions? Please visit with Al Kjenstad or see the Q&A print-out on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Every Thrivent Financial member can host two action teams per year, and an associate member can host one per year. Simply go online and answer six basic questions. If it is for a church or school, it is usually approved! Each kit contains up to 15 t-shirts, a manual, thank you cards, a banner, stickers, and a debit card to be used as seed money to start your project. Jan Mohr is available to help anyone who needs her assistance. You may call her at 725-2025, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

ONLINE CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can now make a contribution to our church online! Trinity is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring

contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.trinityaberdeen.org,
- 2) Click on the orange "Online Giving" box,
- 3) Click on the "Create Profile" button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you have any questions, please visit with Al Kjenstad.

CATECHISM CAMP

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills area July 14-20, 2019. 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.

TRINITY ANNIVERSARY

On July 27-28, Trinity will be celebrating two special anniversaries. We will celebrate the 65th anniversary of our congregation. We will also celebrate the completion of 40 years of instruction in our school. Branches Band will be performing a concert on the evening of July 27 and they will be sharing their music with us during our service on July 28. Pastor Thad Flitter, a son of our congregation and a graduate of our

school, will be preaching for the anniversary service. Invitations have been given to our former called workers. We would also like to invite as many former students at possible to join us that weekend. If you have contact with any of our former students, please share with them the information about our anniversary and invite them to join us. More information about our anniversary is on our face-book page.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The church softball season began June 4.



We will have two teams— one in the A Division and one in the B Division. Softball is open to males and females – 9th grade through adult. Games will be 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 10th. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please speak to Al Kjenstad if you have any questions.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD

We are updating the photo display board for the 65th Anniversary of our church. The new Life Touch copies/proofs are an easy, simple way to do this; or if you have another recent family picture you would prefer, please feel free to use it instead. Please give the pictures to Penny or leave them on her desk, and we will get the pictures switched out as soon as possible. Thank you.



BOX TOPS

Please remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the summer. There is a box for them on the bulletin table.

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If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time!

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You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> then follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Jessica Kjenstad.

UPDATE ON OUR MISSIONS!

June 2019
BRANDON, SD

We have received a graduate for our new start in the growing community of Brandon--Candidate Craig Wilke of Fort Atkinson, WI. Craig vicared in Austin, TX. His wife, Christina (New Ulm, MN), has a degree in rehab psychology and is also musically gifted.

Candidate Wilke will be ordained and installed on Sunday, July 21, 4:00 PM. The service will be held at Good

Shepherd, Sioux Falls, with our district's second vice-president, Rev. Kenneth Brokmeier, preaching, Rev. Ben Tomczak serving as presiding minister, and Rev. Jonathan Werre conducting the rite of ordination and installation. A meal will be served after the service. Everyone is invited to come and worship and rejoice with us!

THIS MONTH'S PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) That our Lord would bless our mission in Minot, as they have now signed an agreement to purchase a Baptist church building/property (the congregation that was using it is disbanding).
- 2) That our Lord would richly bless Candidate Craig Wilke and our new start in Brandon.