

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 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.

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NO OTHER REASON BUT LOVE

Taking care of father was not an easy job. He was very sick. He couldn't care for himself very well anymore. He could be demanding and very impatient. Because he usually didn't feel good, he was sometimes more than a little ornery. He couldn't clean up after himself. He often soiled his clothes. He required a lot time and patience. Still, his daughter cared for him as best she could.

"You don't have to do this, you know," scolded one of her friends. "I wouldn't do this for a thousand dollars a day. Why do you do this?"

"For reasons I guess you don't understand," replied the elderly man's daughter.

It was true. The daughter didn't have to put herself out to care for her aging father. She didn't have to endure the hardship and put up with the grumbling and complaining. But she did it anyway, because she loved her father and wanted to help him in his last years.

There is someone else who made sacrifices he didn't have to make, and endured things he didn't have to endure. And that was Jesus.

Nobody has ever endured what Jesus endured. He allowed himself to be considered guilty even though he was innocent. He allowed himself to be punished for things he didn't do. He paid a penalty he didn't have to pay. He died a death he didn't have to die. He endured a curse he didn't have to endure. Why? He did it for no other reason than love.

Jesus stayed on the cross and endured a pain beyond anything we can imagine. He stayed on in spite of taunts that his enemies hurled at him. *"Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!' In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself! He's the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, I am the Son of God'"* (Matthew 27:39-43). Jesus could have come down from the cross and proved he was the Son of God. But he didn't. He stayed on the cross when he didn't have to until all was finished. Why? For no other reason than love.

With this wonderful display of love, Jesus has won forgiveness and eternal life for the world, for each of us. Because of his love, we have assurance, in fact absolute confidence, that all is right between us and our God. God will not treat us as our sins deserve. We will live forever in heaven.

The wonderful love of Jesus also teaches us and motivates us to show love to others. There might be times when I wonder, "Why should I be good to this person? Why should I love them?" Then I can think of how Jesus loves me and what that love moved him to do for me. That's why I want to show love to others.

Remember how St. John starts his account of the events that took place on Maundy Thursday? He said, "*It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love*" (John 13:1 NIV 84). On the cross, Jesus shows us the full extent of his love. By enduring the unthinkable for us even though he didn't have to, Jesus showed us the greatest example of love the world has ever known. Remember Jesus' own words? "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). If you ever have any doubts about God's love for you, all you have to do is to look to the cross. There you see the wonderful assurance of how much God loves you.

There was one thing that put Jesus on the cross--our sins. There was one thing that kept him there: love. He endured what he didn't have to endure. He stayed when he didn't have to stay. He did it for no other reason than love.

Pastor Rawerts

VBS

Vacation Bible School will begin May 31 through June 3, 2016, from 6-8 PM. If you can help with VBS, please let us know. Signup forms are on the bulletin table.

2016-2017 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2016-2017 school year.

Our preschool is open to children who are 4 years old by September 1st of the current school year. We have two options, Morning options for preschool (8:00 am-11:30 am.) or afternoon options (12:30 pm-3:30 pm).

*Monday-Friday (5 days) \$180/month

*Mon, Wed, Fri. (3 days) \$125/month

*Tues., Thurs. (2 days) \$80/month

There is a registration fee of \$150.

Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in preschool at Trinity.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

We need to start preparing our church budget for next year. We would like to ask boards and committees and all those requesting money in next year's budget to give their requests to Alan Kjenstad as soon as possible.

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.

PTO RUMMAGE SALE



Trinity Lutheran School PTO will once again be having a rummage sale to benefit TLS, its students and teachers. The sale will be Friday, June 17, from

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 18, from 8 a.m. to noon (weather permitting) at the teacherage located at 905 South Dakota Street. If you have items you would like to donate to the rummage sale, please call Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346 or Penny at 225-6081 to arrange to drop off the items. If you are unable to transport any items, please contact Trista to make arrangements for pick up. We will need helpers to sort, price items, and work the sale. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the volunteer schedule on the bulletin table. If you have questions, please text or call Cara Fonder at 605-222-8839 or Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346. Thank you for supporting our school!

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The church softball season will begin June 2. There are 3 divisions, A, B, and C. 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 9th. The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please speak to Al Kjenstad if you have any questions.



TRINITY LUTHERAN 2016 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP



Trinity Lutheran will be sponsoring a Summer Basketball Camp June 20-22, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Trinity Gym. The basketball camp is open to boys and girls from grades 1-4. We will need older students (grades 5 and up to high school) to sign up as assistants and helpers of the camp. There is a signup sheet in the back of church with more ways to help. If you are interested, please contact Aaron Kjenstad.

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'.

CAMP LUTHER 2016



Camp Luther will be held Sunday, July 10 through Friday, July 15. The camp will be held at the Group Center at Sibley St. Park, New London, MN and directed by Great Plains Lutheran High School.

For more details and registration forms, see the packets on the bulletin table.

THINK SUMMER! **THINK PANTHER CAMP!**

Panther Camp is a one-week summer group camp (June 5 – June 10, 2016) for students entering Grades 6-9. This is a special time for worship, fellowship, fun, and a chance to develop your talents.

Panther Camp is held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD, and utilizes all of the school's facilities, including the dormitory. All campers will stay in the GPLHS dorm.

Panther Camp is staffed by the faculty, staff, and coaches of GPLHS, with the assistance of GPLHS students and alumni.

The cost for each camper is \$100. Panther Camp will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

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CATECHISM CAMP

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills June 5-11. 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. Each day they will be connected to Christ through his Word as we study a section of the catechism. They will be connected with each other as they enjoy fellowship activities either at Twin Peaks Ranch or in the nearby Black Hills area. 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 LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

God continues to richly bless Trinity Lutheran School! Here are some recent notes and news related to our school.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's. Please continue turning in the receipts ***through June 5.***

BOX TOPS

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

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NEW FIRST/SECOND GRADE TEACHER

Cassie Schwark was the first of four children born to Michael and Marsha Schwark. She was born in West Allis, WI, but has called Elkhorn, WI, home for the past ten years of her life. Aberdeen will be the farthest she has ever lived from home, but she is used to living away from her family – she spent four years in the dormitory at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI, and four more years in the dormitory at Martin Luther College.

Cassie loves music. She has played the piano since second grade and the organ since her junior year of high school, and enjoys playing for church. She also enjoys singing and playing the oboe and bassoon, and has participated in both choir and symphonic band throughout high school and college. Cassie has been blessed with supportive friends and family, and she loves spending quality time with them.

She also enjoys spending time outdoors, especially hiking and riding her bike. Cassie has had several opportunities to work with first and second graders, and she loves the joy and enthusiasm they have to offer. She is excited to come and serve at Trinity.