

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 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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TIME WITH THE LORD IS TIME WELL SPENT

According to recent statistics, the average person in the United States spends three hours a day on Facebook.

Three hours?!? Why?

One reason is people care about other people. They want to know about others and what is going on in their lives. So they are willing to spend time on Facebook reading messages and looking at pictures. If you want to find out what is happening with 3, 4, or 6 or 7 different friends, the time spent checking on each one can easily add up.

Not only do we want to know what is up with other people. We want to share our lives with them. So we also will take time to post pictures and write about our lives and what is happening to us and those we love.

How many people who spend time on Facebook would say it is time well spent? Someone might very well say, "I am learning about others and I am sharing myself with them. To me that is time well spent." If that

is time well spent, is it not even more of a blessing to spend time learning about our Lord and sharing ourselves with him?

Since my relationship with God is the most important relationship of all, is it not beneficial for me to set aside time to learn more about him? Remember what the Lord said to Joshua? "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful" (Joshua 1:8 NIV 84).

What a blessing it is to learn more about my Lord and his love for me, his promises to bless me, and his will for my life. When I spend time in his house or having personal devotions I have the opportunity to do this.

Just as I also share my life with others on Facebook, I can share myself with my Lord. I can pour out my heart to him in my prayers and ask for his blessing on my life and upon the lives of those I care about.

Not only does the Lord give us this encouragement, "Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV 84), he also assures us

that the prayers of the righteous are "powerful and effective" (James 5:17 NIV 84). Good things happen we spend time with our Lord. We are built up as we study his Word. We are blessed when God answers our prayers.

Is time on Facebook time well spent? That depends. Sometimes, yes; sometimes, no. But time with the Lord is always time well spent.

Pastor Rawerts



VBS

Vacation Bible School will begin May 30 through June 1, 2017, from 6-8 PM.

COOKIES NEEDED

We are having Vacation Bible School this week, and we need cookies to serve to the children. If you are able to donate cookies for VBS, please bring them to the church before Tuesday evening.

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. 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.

NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION

Northwestern Publishing House is publishing a new translation of the Bible called the "Evangelical Heritage Version." This translation is being produced by pastors and professors in our Synod. The New Testament and Psalms will be available for purchase later this year. Northwestern Publishing House is offering a discount for those who pre-order copies of this. If you would like to pre-order of copy of the New Testament and Psalms, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.

LOCAL ACCOUNT

Offerings to our Local Account have been down a little bit. It is from the Local Account that we pay almost all our regular expenses. This account could use some help. Please keep this in mind as your prayerfully consider your offerings.

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.



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 consider offerings that are over and above your regular offerings to fund this project. We ask you to prayerfully consider this.

HOT LUNCH HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to help with school hot lunch one day a week beginning this fall. Currently the students have hot lunch Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Mrs. Brick will continue doing hot lunch two days a week. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Marie Brick, Jessica Kjenstad, or Aaron Kjenstad.

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 16, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

and Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to noon (weather permitting) at the teacherage located at 905 South Dakota Street.

Items may be brought to the school area after June 9. Please call Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346 or the church office at

225-6081 to arrange drop-off times for the items. If you are unable to transport any items, please contact Trista to make arrangements for pick up.

We also 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 Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346. Thank you for supporting our school!

TRINITY LUTHERAN 2017 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP



Trinity Lutheran will be sponsoring a Summer Basketball Camp June 12-14, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Trinity Gym. (Please note the new evening hours.) 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 or have questions, please contact Aaron Kjenstad.

PANTHER CAMP & CAMP LUTHER

Information is available on the GPLHS website www.gplhs.org about Panther Camp and Camp Luther. Click on the "Latest News" tab to see the brochure.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

The church softball season will begin June 2. 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 12th.



The sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Please speak to Al Kjenstad if you have any questions.

CATECHISM CAMP

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills June 18-24, 2017. 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.

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.

CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS RE: THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

It starts with an idea powered by your passion, like our upcoming Koine outreach event. It's easy to get started, just bring a team together to make an immediate impact

on a cause you care about. Think about an unmet need in our church, school or community.

Any Thrivent member can apply for two Action Team gift cards per year. We would like to apply for Thrivent Action Team gift cards to help cover some of the expenses for our Koine weekend. Please speak with Al Kjenstad (216-3834) or Penny if you are a Thrivent member and are willing to apply for an Action Team gift card. Application must be made online at Thrivent.com/Action Teams. Assistance is available if you would like help with the application process.

After approval you will receive a promotional banner, invitations and thank-you cards, up to 25 Thrivent Action Team T-shirts and a \$250 Community Impact Card to be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

This is such an awesome program and has made such an impact on communities and individuals.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please continue to turn in your Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts ***through May 31***. We would like to turn all the receipts in no later than June 7.

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.

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