

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JUNE 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.*



## PRAYERS, BLESSINGS, MORE PRAYERS

What a wonderful promise the Lord has given us! He assures us that our prayers are powerful and effective. When we ask God, he promises to hear and to answer. Good things happen when Christians pray.

And good things have been happening to our congregation and in particular to our school. We have regularly prayed that the Lord will bless our school. Prayers were offered and blessings have come. Since 2010, the enrollment in our elementary school has more than doubled. We added another full-time teacher in 2014 and one more in 2016.

Because of those blessings we needed to offer more prayers asking the Lord to open the hearts of our people to be generous in their offerings so that we would be able to financially support those new called workers. We rejoice because the Lord has answered those prayers.

Because of our increasing enrollment, we realized a need for more classroom space. So we prayed and asked the Lord provide the

offerings needed to build them. The Lord answered that prayer and now he is enabling us to construct four new classrooms. Thank you, Lord, for this blessing.

But now this blessing requires that we offer more prayers. We ask the Lord to bless the construction of these facilities. We pray that the building process will proceed safely and efficiently without too many extra expenses. We pray the Lord enable us to build classrooms that will be functional and long lasting.

With these new rooms we will be able to serve even more students. But that also will require more prayers. The more souls we have entrusted to our care, the more responsibility we have to care for their spiritual, emotional and physical needs while they are on our facilities. We need God's help to serve all our students in a way that will truly benefit them. So we need to offer more prayers.

The more we pray for God's blessings for our congregation and school, the more our work will be blessed. The more that work is blessed, the harder the devil will work to sabotage our service for God's kingdom. So we need to keep on praying. We need God's help so that we will continue to serve the Lord faithfully in spite

of obstacles and temptations the devil puts in our way.

Do you see a pattern here? The more we pray, the more the Lord blesses. The more blessings we have, the more we need the Lord's help to use these blessings wisely and responsibly. So we need to keep on praying.

The Apostle Paul urges us to "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV 84). With God's help we will keep on praying—not only to receive blessings. But also to stay faithful when we receive those blessings and to use those blessings wisely.

Pastor Rawerts

### **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

On June 1, at 5 p.m. and June 2, at 9 a.m. we will be having a special worship service presented by Chris Driesbach. The presentation is *How Can Creation Be True? "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"*.

Chris will also present a special concert on June 2, at 10:15 a.m., "A Visit with a Christian Songwriter and Former Atheist". Please join us for these special services.

### **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.

### **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 Ben Krueger or Al Kjenstad as soon as possible.

### **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.

### **THRIVENT ACTION TEAM PROJECTS**

Trinity has been blessed the past six weeks with two Thrivent Financial "Action Team" projects. An Action Team provided funds for "Easter for Kids" with a \$250 debit card to purchase food, crafts, and supplies for 50 children. Twenty of these children were guests from outside of the Trinity membership. Workers were provided with t-shirts. Thank

you, Ben Dunsmoor, for chairing "Easter for Kids".

Another Thrivent Financial Action Team provided funds to purchase a three-pot Bunn coffee maker. This will be very helpful when serving large events.



Shown here receiving the new Bunn coffee maker are: Charlene Stewart, Marie Brick, Donna Davis, Dolly Evans, and Ardys Gosch.

Thank you, Thrivent Financial.

### **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](http://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.

### **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 held *Thursday and Friday*, June 13-14, from

12-7 p.m. (weather permitting) at the teacherage located at 905 South Dakota Street.

Items may be brought to the school area after June 1. 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 2018 SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP**



Trinity Lutheran will be sponsoring a Summer Basketball Camp June 10-12, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Trinity Gym. (Please note the 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.

### **CAMP LUTHER REGISTRATIONS**

Are you going into 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year? Do you like being in the great outdoors? Do you like hanging out

with your friends? Making new friends? Do you like to eat? Hiking? Fishing? Being creative? Campfires? Wildlife? Get your registrations for Camp Luther in as soon as possible! Camp Luther will be held June 23-28, at Sibley State Park, north of Willmar, MN! Last year was awesome; we're looking forward to another great year! Check out the Camp Luther brochure to find more details! Registration is now open! Get yours in soon!

### **CAMP LUTHER COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS**

All Sophomore through Senior High School Students, Collegians, Dads and Moms, Aunts and Uncles and even Grandpas and Grandmas, would you like to be a counselor at Camp Luther this year? Camp will be held June 23-28, at Sibley State Park north of Willmar, MN. Camp is always fun, exciting and a very rewarding way to serve your Lord and his lambs. We would love to have you be a part of it! Applications are now available and being accepted!

### **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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 as 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.

### **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 to Ken's and Kessler's no later than June 7.

### **CHURCH SOFTBALL**

The church softball season will begin 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.

## **AMAZONSMILE**

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

1. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
2. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
3. Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile!

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 DAKOTA-MONTANA MISSIONS May 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. We are grateful for all who have contributed time and effort getting us to this point, especially the local pastors, Rev. Ben Tomczak (Bethel, Sioux Falls) and Rev. Andrew Palmquist (Bethany, Luverne, MN), and their congregations, along with Good Shepherd (Sioux Falls). Now the real work begins!

### **GRACE LUTHERAN, MINOT**

This mission congregation has been renting a room in the Grand Hotel for worship the past four years. Now is time for them to have their own facility that they can work in seven days a week and that will give them visibility and credibility in their community. Very recently a Baptist church became available (that congregation is disbanding). A reasonable purchase price has been agreed upon. So now we are in the process of Working with the CEF and BHM to make the purchase. We have a 90 day window in which to finalize.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1) That our group in Williston would be mightily encouraged, strengthened, and energized by the Bible studies (via Skype) that Pastor Gary Bode (Helena, MT, DMB shepherd for Williston) is having with them.
- 2) That our Lord would bless our mission in Minot as they begin a new chapter of work in their corner of our Lord's vineyard.
- 3) That our Lord would richly bless Candidate Craig Wilke and our new start in Brandon.