

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 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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REVISITING THE PAST TO REJOICE IN OUR FUTURE

As you know 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. At various times throughout the year, we will review things the Lord did through Martin Luther and others to restore the truth of his Word to people. Books and Bible classes are being prepared to help people review the events of that critical time in history. Later in the year, we are, with God's help, planning to have special services to thank the Lord for the blessings he has given to us through Martin Luther and others.

Some plan to celebrate in a different way. They intend to travel to Germany and visit the key places of the Reformation. They plan to visit the Wartburg Castle where Luther translated the New Testament. People hope to see the Castle Church in Wittenberg where Luther nailed the 95 theses. Inside that church you can see the pulpit Luther preached from and the place where he is buried. Some find it moving, even inspiring to see the various the places where Luther lived and worked.

During the next weeks, we will revisit a critical time, a time that is in fact the most crucial in all of history. We will be going back in our minds and in our hearts to first century Israel, to Jerusalem, Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the empty tomb. As our minds visit these ancient sites, we reflect on the salvation history that occurred during those crucial hours.

In our minds we can visualize our dear Savior betrayed by Judas, abandoned by his disciples, abused by the Jewish leaders, scourged by the soldiers, condemned by Pilate, nailed to the cross, verbally attacked by his own people, and even forsaken by his own heavenly Father. We will see Jesus suffering the horrible consequences of our sins in order to save us from the horrific tortures of hell.

As we visualize all he suffered for us, the words of Isaiah will once again fill our minds. He was "*stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.....pierced for our transgressions.....crushed for our iniquities*" (Isaiah 53:4, 5). We'll see Jesus becoming a curse for us to save us from the curse we deserve (Galatians 3:13). We will hear again his own voice announcing to us that "*It is finished*" (John 19:30), guaranteeing that everything has been done so that we can be

right with God and live in glory forever. As we ponder all these events in our minds, we realize that we are reviewing the greatest events in history. And in our minds we are witnessing again the greatest love the human race has ever seen or known.

Celebrating the season of Lent is like visiting a historic site. The vivid memories of the sufferings our Lord endured to win the greatest victory of all strike a chord in our hearts and help us to appreciate all over again what our Savior endured for us. Indeed I am dearly loved. Indeed I have been dearly bought. What an incredible price to pay to insure my salvation would be absolutely free! Celebrating Lent gives us the chance to revisit the most critical and glorious time in history. It touches the heart, and the message proclaimed strengthens our faith too. It's a visit we'll be glad we made.

Were it not for this salvation history made by our Savior, there would be no Reformation history to review and remember; there would be no message of salvation to celebrate and share. Were it not for this salvation history there would be no future joys in heaven for us to look to and wait for.

During the season of Lent we revisit the single most crucial time in world history. We grieve over the suffering our Savior endured. We celebrate the victory he won. We rejoice because he is risen. We bow in humble awe because his death means our life. We are relieved, we rejoice, and we are thankful because these past events guarantee our eternal future.

Pastor Rawerts

LENTEN SERVICES

On March 1, we will begin another Lenten season by celebrating Ash Wednesday. During this Lenten season we will once again

have extra opportunities to gather with our fellow Christians to hear of our Savior's suffering and death for our sins. Our sermon series this year is entitled, "We Proclaim the Lord's Death Until He Comes." For Ash Wednesday, we will be having a Communion service at 6:00 p.m. A fellowship meal will follow. Please bring sandwiches or a dish and/or a dessert to pass. Please join us as we worship our suffering Savior.

LENTEN KITCHEN SUPPLIES

As we prepare for our Lenten suppers after our Wednesday Lenten services, we will be in need of the following supplies:

Styrofoam cups—8 oz.	Napkins
Styrofoam plates	Regular Coffee (No decaf, please)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

During Lent, the Junior and Senior Confirmation classes will be meeting on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Rawerts will be repeating his class on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING: EASTER FOR KIDS

On *April 8*, we will be hosting a special one-day Vacation Bible School called *Easter for Kids*. On that day we tell the children the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. There will be singing, special crafts, and snacks for the children. *Easter for Kids* is for children ages 4 – 9 and will run from 9:00 – 11:30 AM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED--HOSTING THE BOYS YMCA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Trinity is once again hosting the boys YMCA Basketball Tournament on March 31 and April 1. Volunteers needed include: Concession Stand workers,

Referees, Scoreboard Operators, Score keepers, and Ticket Takers. In addition, we are asking for volunteers to bring some pans of bars to sell at the concession stand. There are signup sheets on the back table. If you have questions please contact Aaron Kjenstad 377-5101. Funds raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items.

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'.

SAVE THE DATE

On July 22-23, we will be celebrating our church anniversary with another special concert by Koine. Once again, special activities are being planned. Please save the date and join us for what promises to be another special weekend with Koine.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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

SPIRIT WEEK



Spirit Week will be held March 27-31, the week before the Y Boys Basketball tournament. Dress up days will be as follows: Monday: Pajama Day, Tuesday: Character day, Wednesday: Tropical day, Thursday: Wacky Day, Friday: Spirit Day.

GO TORNADOS!

SPRING BREAK

Spring break will be Thursday and Friday, March 16-17. There will be no Trinity Lutheran school those days.

GEOGRAPHY BEE



Winners of the Geography Bee which was held on February 10 were - Mr. Hassler's Room: Jacob Leinen, 1st; Ethan Russell, 2nd; Ethan Kjenstad, 3rd. Mr. Kjenstad's Room: Amara Klipfel, 1st; Camilla Howard, 2nd; Kaitlyn Rawerts, 3rd; Ellis Russell, 3rd.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On March 9 there will be evening parent/teacher conferences; and on March 10 there will be all-day conferences. Please check with your child's teacher's schedule for sign-up times and dates.

HISTORY FAIR

The Trinity Lutheran School history fair will be held Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. (immediately after Lenten service). The students will be presenting projects, time lines, and lots of interesting history facts. Plan to stay after the Lenten service and see what the students have been doing.

NIGHT OF MUSIC/ART FAIR



On April 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., we will have a Night of Music at Trinity Lutheran. Do you sing or play an instrument or have some other talent? If you do and you would like to share your talent that night, please speak with one of the teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The students at Trinity Lutheran School are really excited about their class plays. This year each classroom will perform a play. The play dates are:

Thursday, April 27, Preschool-2nd grade will have their play.

Thursday, May 4, Grades 3-8 will perform their play.

Watch the April newsletter and the April bulletins for more information on the dates and times.

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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| April 9 | PALM SUNDAY
9:00 AM |
| April 13 | MAUNDY
THURSDAY 6:00 PM
Communion Service |
| April 14 | GOOD FRIDAY
6:00 PM
Tenebrae Service |
| April 16 | EASTER

SONG SERVICE
7:00 AM

BRUNCH 8:00 AM

FESTIVAL SERVICE
9:00 AM |

