

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2018



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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JUST THE WAY HE WANTS THEM TO BE

Talk about being in the right place at the right time! Joseph just happens to be in prison when Pharaoh's baker and cup-bearer are also prisoners and are trying to understand dreams that they had. Joseph just happens to be available when Pharaoh himself needs a dream interpreted. Joseph just happens to be there when someone was needed to store food for seven years. He just happened to be there when people needed food to survive.

Of course, we know that Joseph didn't just happen to just be in the right place at the right time. This was all engineered by the Lord. To put Joseph in the right place at the right time, the Lord allowed some rather unpleasant things to happen to Joseph. His brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. Just when things were starting to go well for him in Egypt, his master's wife lied about him and the next thing you know, Joseph has been imprisoned for something he didn't do. For a stretch in his life, Joseph seemed to have one misfortune after another. We look at the things that happened to him and it doesn't seem fair or right. We might wonder, "Why,

Lord?" Maybe Joseph himself even asked that same question.

"Why, Lord, did all this happen to Joseph?" Well, it was all part of God's plan to put the right man in the right place at the right time to carry out his own perfect plan. While in prison, he interpreted dreams for two of Pharaoh's servants. Two years later, the cup-bearer remembered Joseph and recommended him to Pharaoh. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream, laid out a wise plan for storing food, and then was drafted to carry out that plan. When the years of famine came, Egypt was ready and many people came to Joseph for the food they needed to survive.

It was no accident that Joseph was the right person in the right place at the right time. God's hand was behind this. Joseph himself later admitted to his brothers, "*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*" (Genesis 50:20 NIV 84)

Sometimes, the Lord works in mysterious ways even today. Strange things, unpleasant things, still happen. A solitary soul or a whole congregation might ask, "Why Lord?" We might search for logical explanations. We

might try to guess the reasons the Lord has for allowing things. But too many times we can't seem to find satisfying explanations. The question "Why Lord?" often remains unanswered.

That's when faith has to be faith. As Hebrews says, "*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*" (Hebrews 11:1 NIV 84) We may not see the Lord's reasons for the things he does. We may never know all the reasons he has. But by faith, we know he has reasons. By faith, we know he has a plan for us that is right. By faith we know that he will work through things to put people where he wants them to be. He will work through his people to accomplish his good purposes. By faith, we know he will grant his people and his church the blessings that he knows are just right for them.

St. Paul says, "*We live by faith not by sight.*" (2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV 84) We may not understand all the reasons the Lord has for allowing something, but by faith we know that the Lord is in control. We know that in the end, the Lord will make sure everything turns just the way he wants. What he wants is always what is best.

Pastor D. T. Rawerts

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

NEW BIBLE CLASS

We have started a new Sunday morning Bible class entitled, "Great Gospel Events in the Lives of Elijah and Elisha." We invite you to join us as we study about these two powerful prophets from the Old Testament.

EASTER FOR KIDS

On March 17 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 23-24. 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. (Please leave the bars uncut.) There will be 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 able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, trinityaberdeen.org and click on 'Church Service Videos'.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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

SPRING BREAK

Spring break will be March 26 through April 2. There will be no Trinity Lutheran school those days.

SPELLING BEE

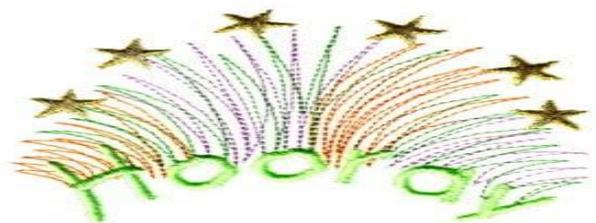


Congratulations to our TLS Spelling Bee winners! Back row: Grades 7/8 winners were Ethan Russell, first; Connor Kannas, second; Ethan Kjenstad, third. Grades 5/6 winners were Ellis Russell, first; Camilla Howard, second; Jacob Leinen third. Front row: Grades 3/4 winners were Viona Sietsema, first; Parker Flack, second; Melia Patterson, third; Savanna Schmitz, third. Grades 1/2 winners were Evelyn Novstrup, first; Alyssa Novstrup, second; Harper Fonder, third.

BIBLE BOWL



Congratulations to our Bible Bowl winners!! Grades 4-8 competed in a written round on February 2 and the top 5 advanced to an oral round on February 9. Their knowledge of biblical facts was impressive!!! Winners from Mr. Kjenstad's room (front row): Asher Schaffer, first; Abigail Kjenstad, second; Camilla Howard, third. Mr Behm's room (back row): Ethan Kjenstad, first; Trent Lien, second; Jacob Leinen, third.



BOX TOPS

Please continue collecting box tops for Trinity. It doesn't matter how many, every box top counts; and Trinity Lutheran School gets "free" money from the redemption of these labels. This year's money has been earmarked for new playground equipment. This year's box tops must be sent in no later than February 28. So, let's fill our **Box to the Top!** for Trinity.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On March 8 there will be evening parent/teacher conferences; and on March 9 there will be all-day conferences. Please check with your child's teacher's schedule for sign-up times and dates. There will be no school on March 9.

HISTORY FAIR

The Trinity Lutheran School history fair will be held Wednesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. (immediately after the 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 26, our Preschool and K-2 students will be having a musical. Grades 3-8 will have their Night of Music on April 27, at 6:30 p.m. Do you sing or play an instrument or have some other talent? If you do and you would like to share your talent with us that night, please speak with one of the teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 21 TLS School Science Fair
March 23-24 YMCA Boys BB Tournament
March 26-April 2 Spring Break

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 25	PALM SUNDAY 9:00 AM
March 29	MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 PM Communion Service
March 30	GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 PM Tenebrae Service
April 1	EASTER
	SONG SERVICE 7:00 AM
	BRUNCH 8:00 AM
	FESTIVAL SERVICE 9:00 AM

