

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 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.

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BE CAREFUL TO DO THIS GOD'S WAY

We know Jesus' words: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" (Matthew 7:1 NIV 11). We also know how people will use those words.

Someone has fallen into a sin and you talk to them about it. You tell them that what they are doing is wrong. And how do they sometimes respond? "You have no right to judge me because the Bible says, 'Do not judge, or you too will be judged'" (Matthew 7:1 NIV 11).

And yet, people who say those words forget or refuse to hear other passages from the Bible. "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you." (Matthew 18:15 NIV 11). "Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently" (Galatians 6:1 NIV11). "My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins." (James 5:19-20 NIV 11).

We know that Christian love does what is truly best for a person. And when someone has fallen into a sin, it is truly in their best interests to point their sin out to them and to urge them to repent so that they do not fall under God's judgment.

However, many people don't want to hear about their sins. When you confront them about what they are doing, they try to silence you by grabbing at Jesus' words, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" (Matthew 7:1 NIV 11).

The truth is we are not judging people when we point out their sins. We are simply telling them what God says. God plainly tells us what is right and wrong in his Word. He also clearly tells us that our sins will bring his curse on us (Galatians 3:13). In love, we are telling people how God will judge them because we don't want them to fall under that judgment.

But what about Jesus' words? Look at them in context. "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of

sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye" (Matthew 7:1-5 NIV 11).

Jesus is warning us about the way we deal with others when they have done wrong. We need to make sure we are dealing with them the way God wants.

First of all, make sure you know all the facts before you challenge them and condemn them. Do I want others to condemn me or look down on me when they don't know the whole truth about what I am doing? Since I don't want others to do that to me, should I be doing it to them? Of course not. Since I want others to be sure about the truth before they confront me, I should do the same for others.

If I have fallen in some way, do I want people to use my mistake as an opportunity to attack me or to humiliate me before others? Do I want them to deal with me in a way that hurts me or helps me? Obviously I want them to deal with me in love in order to help me. Should I not deal that same way with others?

How many people delight in finding fault with others but refuse to recognize and deal with their own sins? Isn't that hypocritical? The Apostle Paul says, "You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things" (Romans 2:1 NIV 11).

When my own life shows that I don't truly know what God says is right or wrong, how can I try to correct others? I need to make sure I understand what God says about right

and wrong before I start telling others that what they are doing is a sin.

It is God who decides what is right and wrong. It is God who judges sinners for what they have done. We leave the judging to him. But God does call on me to tell people how God will judge them for their sin. As we do this we want to make sure we deal with people in a God-pleasing way with the goal of helping them and not hurting them.

Pastor Rawerts

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

The Lord continues to bless our Trinity Lutheran School. Our enrollment has more than doubled since 2010. If the Lord keeps blessing us in this way, we will outgrow our facilities soon. On January 13, our chairman, Alan Kjenstad, presented a possible building program for our school. During that presentation he informed the congregation that if we could raise \$150,000, we could build four new classrooms and our monthly mortgage payment would remain the same. At a recent voters' meeting, a motion passed stating that if we can raise \$150,000 in commitments and pledges by March 15, we will proceed with the plan to build four new classrooms. A pledge card has been placed in every mail box in church. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider making a pledge toward meeting and even exceeding our \$150,000 goal.

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.

MINISTRY EVALUATION MEETING

During the month of March we will continue having "Ministry Evaluation Meetings." During these meetings we will focus on our Ministry at Trinity and then ask two questions: What have we been doing? How can we be better? We would like to invite each one of you to join us for one of our "Ministry Evaluation Meetings. These meetings are being offered on:

March 10 4:00 p.m.
March 24 4:00 p.m.

Each presentation will last about 90 minutes. Refreshments will be served.

CHILI COOK-OFF

On March 3 at 11:20 a.m., we will be having our third annual 'Chili Cook-off.' Everyone is invited to enter their special chili in the contest. If you would like to enter, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table. Additional information about the contest is provided on a sheet which is on the bulletin table.

Each contestant brings a crock pot of his or her own chili, made from their own recipe. Each contestant should make as much as they would for a normal potluck meal. Ideally, please bring enough so that everyone who wishes is able to have sample of your chili, and so that other people can to eat of their fill of it.

Those in attendance will be invited to sample as many different kinds of chili as they would like. They will then be allowed to vote on the chili they liked best.

Along with the various kinds of chili, we will serve Fritos, crackers, corn bread, sour cream, cheese and onions, and dinner rolls. For beverages we will serve coffee, water, and milk. We ask that those who attend would bring a dessert to pass.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Trinity Lutheran Church is planning a new Church Directory in conjunction with Lifetouch Pictures. Our scheduled photography dates and times are Tuesday through Friday, March 12-15, from 2-9 PM; and Saturday, March 16, from 10 AM-4:30 PM; and Tuesday, May 14, from 2-9 PM. There will be more information on our website. Appointments for your picture can also be set up by going to the following website:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yvhmdx34/>

We will also have sign-up sheets available after church on Sunday. You may also call the church office to set up an appointment.

EASTER FOR KIDS

On Saturday, April 13, 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 29-30. 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 605-377-5101. Funds

raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items.

PANTHER CAMPER REGISTRATIONS

Are you going into 6th-9th grade next year? Do you like hanging out with your friends? Making new friends? Do you like to eat, play games or team sports? Do you like science, art, music, cheerleading, geocaching or even more? Get your registration, fill it out and send it in as soon as possible! Panther Camp will be held June 4-8 at Great Plains Lutheran High School. Last year was awesome; we're looking forward to another great year! Check out the registration form to find more details! Registration is now open! Get yours in soon!

CAMP LUTHER CAMPER REGISTRATIONS

Are you going into 5th - 9th 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 thru 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!

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.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

On March 7 there will be evening parent/teacher conferences; and on March 8 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.

SPRING BREAK

Spring break will be March 13-15. There will be no Trinity Lutheran School those days.

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. So, let's fill our **Box to the Top!** for Trinity.

SPELLING BEE



Congratulations to our TLS Spelling Bee winners! Back row: Jacob Leinen, David Van Veen, Ethan Russel; Ellis Russell, Abby Kjenstad, and Eden Gross. Front row: Issac Kjenstad, Harper Fonder, Viona Sietsma, Alyssa Novstrup, Braylen Lehman, and Bethany Andreasen.

GEOGRAPHY BOWL



Congratulations to our Geography Bowl winners!! Their knowledge of geographic facts was impressive! Winners from left to right: Jacob Leinen, Camilla Howard, Ethan Russell, Abby Kjenstad, Asher Schafer, and Bella Dunsmoor.



HISTORY FAIR

The Trinity Lutheran School history fair will be held Wednesday, March 27, 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 25, our Preschool and K-2 students will be having a musical. Grades 3-8 will have their Night of Music on April 26, 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 7-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 13-15 Spring Break
March 27 TLS School History Fair
March 29-30 YMCA Boys BB Tournament

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