

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020



## 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.*



## You Don't have to Become Something before God will Love You

The girl was a senior in high school and had never been asked out on a date. She wanted boys to notice her and like her. She was hoping that one day a nice boy would fall in love with her and marry her. But boys didn't seem interested in her. So she asked herself, "What can I do so that boys will like me?"

After thinking about this, she decided she would make changes in her life and try to become something the boys would notice and like.

So, she changed her hairstyle and colored her hair. She started using some expensive make up. She began dieting and working out to improve her figure. She splurged and bought some fancy clothes. Alone in her room, she practiced telling jokes, thinking that if she was funny then more people would like her.

Unfortunately, that's how the world often operates. If we do what people like, if we become what they want, then hopefully they will like us. That can put an awful lot of

pressure on people. And even if you are constantly focused on doing what will please others, there is still no guarantee that they will like you or accept you.

Fortunately, that's not the way the Lord operates. More than anything else, I need the Lord to love and accept me. And how wonderful it is to know that that there is no pressure on me to do something or become something before he will love me.

Why does the Lord love me? Because he is God and "God is love" (1 John 4:8 EHV). God loves me not because of what I am. He loves me because of what he is. God loves me because he is God and this is what he does as God. And what a comfort that is!

The temptation is there for people to think that they have to do something or become something before God will love them. "If only I can sin less often, then maybe God will love me and care about me." Or, "If only I can overcome this pet sin that I keep falling into, then God will love me and help me." Or, "If only I can serve him in some extra special ways, then he will love me and accept me."

How wonderful it is to know that this is not the way God operates. I don't have to go through life worrying and wondering if I can do something or become something that will lead God to love me. God loves me not because of what I am or what I do. God loves me because of what he is. So I don't have to wonder if God will ever love me. I know for sure that God does love me.

And because God loves me, he took action to save me from my sins by sending his Son to wipe them away with his death. The Lord gives me eternal life as a free gift through his Son. For all eternity the Lord is going to love me and bless me. When I know and trust in Jesus, I enjoy God's salvation and I know for sure the truth. He loves me not because of what I am or what I do. He loves me because of what he is and what he has done in Jesus.

So even though I will never be perfect the way he commands, even though I mess up time and again, I am still sure that God loves me. I know his love is not dependent on what I am or what I do. His love is dependent on what he is. He is God and God is love. And that will never change.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to welcome David and Krystal Lien and their sons, Davyn and Dyan as new members at Trinity. David and Krystal have completed the Bible Information Class and will be joining us as communicant members. Davyn and Dyan will be joining us as baptized members. We thank the Lord for bringing them to us and also ask the Lord to keep them faithful. We pray our congregation will be a blessing to them and that they also will be a blessing to us.

### **CALL RETURNED**

Miss Kristy Lendt has returned her Divine Call to serve as a preschool teacher for Bethlehem Lutheran in Hortonville, Wisconsin. She will continue to teach K-1 grade here at Trinity. We pray the Lord will continue to bless Miss Lendt and our school.

### **LENTEN SERVICES**

Lenten services here at Trinity have started. We will be holding the services each Wednesday evening at 6 PM during the Lenten season. (March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1.)

Our sermon series this year is entitled, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." A fellowship meal will follow each service. Please bring sandwiches or a dish and/or a dessert to pass. Please join us as we worship our suffering Savior.

### **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.

### **GPLHS HONOR CHOIR TOUR**

The GPLHS Honor Choir will be on tour during the month of March. They will be here Sunday, March 15, AT 7 PM. We hope you will be able to join us.

### **RECIPES NEEDED**



We would like to make a cookbook for our church. The book will contain only *salads* and *desserts*. We have someone who will print and bind it for us at no charge. If you are interested in contributing to the cookbook, please turn your recipes in to Penny. The recipes may be typed, printed, or

emailed to her. You may contribute more than one recipe in each category.

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

We have started a new Bible Information Class, Saturday evenings at 6:15 PM. Anyone who would like to review the basics of the Christian faith is invited to attend.

### **Women's Bible Study**

A new women's Bible study is meeting at noon on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. We are doing some 19 minute Bible studies. This way people can come on their lunch breaks, or if they can't always make it, these smaller Bible studies will allow enough time to get back to work and they won't be behind or miss anything from week to week.

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2019 must be directed to a nonprofit organization by March 31, 2020, or the Dollars will be directed by Thrivent. There are 3 ways to do this: (1) Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Thrivent is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (2) You may go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). (3) You can do a conference call with Jan Mohr at 725-2025. (Jan's hours vary, so leave a message and she will call you back.) If you have any questions, please call Jan.

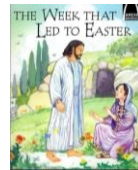
### **BIBLE CLASS**

We have started a new Bible class on Church Fellowship. The doctrine of Church Fellowship is a doctrine that is misunderstood and denied by many people. On occasion, we are faced with difficult questions or have to deal with uncomfortable situations because we strive to practice church fellowship as it is taught in Scripture. Reviewing the Scriptural principles of church fellowship can help us to

be more clear about them and also help us as we seek to apply them in our church and in our lives. We invite all of you to join us Sundays after church as we study this important doctrine.

### **EASTER FOR KIDS**

On Saturday, April 4, 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.



### **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 2-6 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 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 21-26 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 21-26 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!

### **WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY**

The WELS International Youth Rally will be held on June 23-26 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Youth Rally provides youth and youth leaders from across the synod an opportunity for fellowship, education, recreation, worship and service opportunities. Confirmed youth who have finished eighth grade and have not yet graduated from high school are invited to attend. For information about the rally please go to [wels.net/youthrally](http://wels.net/youthrally). St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Watertown, is seeking to rent a bus to drive to the rally. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome to ride with St. Martin's members. Cost for taking the bus will be determined later. If you interested in riding to the rally with members from St. Martin's, please speak with Pastor Rawerts.

### **SERVICES ON THE INTERNET**

People are able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, [trinityaberdeen.org](http://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 5 there will be evening parent/teacher conferences; and on March 6 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 6.

### **SPRING BREAK**

Spring break will be March 18-20. There will be no Trinity Lutheran School those days.

### **GREAT PLAINS BASKETBALL TOURNEY**

On Saturday, March 7, the GPLHS Honor Society will host its annual basketball tournament for Lutheran elementary school teams. The day will start at 8:30 a.m. and finish in the late afternoon. A free will offering will be taken and proceeds from concession sales will go to support the GPL Honor Society.



On March 25, after the Lenten service, the students of TLS will be holding a science fair. Their projects and experiments will be set up. We hope everyone will come to see the great work our students can do.

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

It's not too early to think about signing your child up for the 2020-2021 school year. We have already had inquiries and even several pre-registrations. We would like to be sure our members have enough time to sign up first. We offer a 5-day preschool, 3-day preschool and a 2-day preschool and your choice of morning or afternoon preschool. Aftercare is also available. Please call the school (605-229-4697) to register your child.

## **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

We are still collecting Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2019. The proceeds from the receipts are used to purchase special items for our school. Please put your receipts into the box on the bulletin table.

## **BOX TOPS II**

A new app for Box Tops is available on your cell phone. Now store receipts, from any place of business, can be scanned to see if your purchases included any products with scan-able box tops. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt (within 14 days of purchase), find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online. This app has several benefits: Convenience to redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase. The school's earnings are automatically updated online. You can download the Box Tops App and scan your receipts. If you need help scanning receipts, please bring them in to Penny, and she will scan them for you. Remember, the receipts need to be scanned within 14 days of purchase. The scanning app can be used year-round.

## **Update from our DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT MISSION BOARD**

### **Amazing Grace, Dickinson, Nd**

On Feb. 28, our DMB will be submitting a New Start request for Dickinson. There is a strong core group that is currently being served by Pastors Moldenhauer and Wolfe from 90 miles away. The congregations they serve, Redeemer and Our Saviour's, have both pledged some financial support for the first two years once a missionary is on site. Last year our request for a new start in Dickinson was deferred by the Board for Home Missions, so this is our second try. We will find out if they got approved on March 27.

### **Sure Foundation, Brandon, Sd**

The Brandon New Start is now named Sure Foundation Lutheran Church. The Core Group has been meeting twice a month since September. In that time, Sure Foundation even added their first new member. They have secured a worship location in the atrium of Robert Bennis Elementary School and set their Launch Date for September 20, 2020.

### **Prayer Requests For March**

- 1) That our request for a New Start mission in Dickinson, ND will be approved and funded.
- 2) That our group gathered in Williston, ND will continue to grow as we look forward to the day when we can call a missionary to that field.

