

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2014



### 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.*



### GOD'S MIGHTY WORKS GIVE US CONFIDENCE

When you were little, do you ever remember your father holding your hand? Do you remember how your hand looked so tiny next to his? And his hand looked huge next to yours? It was a reminder of how big your father was, and maybe it made you think about how strong your father was.

There was some comfort and security in that, wasn't there? "My dad is so big and so strong! I know my dad can take care of me. My dad can pick me up with one arm! I saw my dad pick up the lawn mower all by himself. I know he can take care of me.

In a far greater and more wonderful way, our heavenly Father inspires confidence in us when he flexes his muscles and demonstrates his power.

In Psalm 77 the inspired writer says, *"I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?"* (Psalm 77:11-13 NIV 84). The great deeds

### 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.*

of the Lord remind us that he can do all things. I can see the power the Lord has and how he uses it. I can see how he keeps his promises and always protects and provides for his people.

At Easter, I see the Lord showing his power in an extraordinary way. Each one of us will die one day. We do not have the power to escape death. It will come eventually. Once I am dead, I do not have the power to bring myself back to life. I am also helpless to bring others back to life.

But what do I see on Easter? I see Jesus who was dead, coming back to life. Look at what my Lord can do! He is stronger than death. He lives forever and rules the whole world with his power. Wow!

As I review the wonderful things the Lord did to rescue his people and provide for them, I am filled with confidence. No matter what I face, I know the Lord has the power to control what happens and work things out for me.

My Lord can do anything. He is even stronger than death! I know for sure he can

always take care of me. Knowing that makes me feel safe and secure.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS**

Pastor Rawerts will be starting a new Bible Information Class on Sunday, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. In this class we will review the basic doctrines of the Bible. There are 9 lessons and they are normally about 2 hours long. If you would like more information about our church or would like to review the basics of our Christian faith, please join us.

### **GYMNASIUM SCOREBOARD**

A matching gift of \$5,000 has been given to the church for a scoreboard in the new gymnasium. Once the congregation has raised \$5,000, we will receive the matching monies for the scoreboard. If you are still considering a donation, please let Ken Gosch know by May 2, 2014. Thanks and may God continue to bless you.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



Confirmation Sunday will be May 11 at the 9:00 AM service. Questioning will take place in our service on May 10 at the 5:00 PM service. Please ask the Lord to bless the following young people who will be speaking their confirmation vows on that day:

Mason Mickenly Allam  
Rachel Ann Donis  
Isaiah Brooks Fuller  
Jordan Andrew Kjenstad  
Kristin Renae Kjenstad  
Connor Warren Stubbe  
Rylee Jean Trapp

May the Lord keep them faithful forever.

### **PRAISE GOD FOR CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

***A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:30).***

There is much to be said about the godly mother. If God has willed it, she happily accepts his precious gift of children. They are not irksome restrictions for her pleasure, but they are gladly cared for and carefully wrapped in the blankets of love. She loves each child of any age. She doesn't ration either attention or affection in dribbles, but pours out both in full measure. Very early in life each child learns about love. God's love in Christ which enables all to truly love each other. (Taken from an article by Pastor Kurt Koeplin in the May 1992 WELS Forward in Christ.)



### **GREAT PLAINS GRADUATION AND SPRING CONCERT**

Great Plains Lutheran High School will hold their Spring Concert on Friday, May 23, at 7:15 p.m. The graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

### **SERVICES ON THE INTERNET**

People are now 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'.

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
A MESSAGE OF LIFE WORTH DYING FOR

During the height of Communist control in the former Soviet Union, the Marxists had replaced the Easter sunrise service celebrated by Christians with Communist sunrise rallies. All the people were 'requested' to attend. This 'request' included teenagers too.

One Easter morning about 10,000 people attended the Communist rally. The people were force fed Communist propaganda throughout the rally. As the event drew to a close, the speaker asked if anyone else had anything to add.

The crowd was silent for a time. Then a boy came forward. As the boy approached the microphone he was told, "You must only tell the truth." This meant, of course, that the boy was only to speak Communist propaganda. He was told that if he disobeyed, he would be shot immediately.

The youngster stood at the podium, silent for a moment. Next to him were soldiers with rifles. Finally, he drew a deep breath and shouted at the top of his lungs, "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

Immediately, rifles fired and the boy was instantly killed.

Soon however the sounds of the rifles were overcome by 10,000 people responding, "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

On that day celebrating our Lord's victory over death, this boy entered the perfect life heaven and left a powerful testimony of the power of God's message of life. Unbelievers may do their best to suppress the message of Christ crucified and risen again. But they

will never stomp it out. The word of the Lord stands forever (1 Peter 1:25 NIV 84).

*Adapted from an article by  
Pastor Roger Schultz*

### **TRINITY GRADUATION**



Our Trinity Lutheran School will be having its graduation on May 18, 2014, during our morning worship service. Immediately after the service we will be having a brunch. Please bring a dish to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Trinity Lutheran Eighth Grade graduates are:

Mason Allam  
Isaiah Fuller  
Jordan Kjenstad  
Kristen Kjenstad  
Sydney Strutz

The Trinity Lutheran Kindergarten graduates are:

D'Angelo Borns  
Seth Pederson-Carroll  
Jayden Dorn  
Abigail Kjenstad  
Jolie Lien  
Asher Schaffer  
Brody Wood

Trinity Lutheran's high school graduates are:

Mitchell Dylan Guthmiller  
Tyler Scott Kjenstad  
Ellen Alene Weber

May the Lord continue to bless them now and forever.

## **SCHOOL**

To see what's happening at Trinity Lutheran School, visit our website at [www.trinityaberdeen.org](http://www.trinityaberdeen.org). Or "like" us on Facebook!

## **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

Please keep saving your grocery receipts through the May 31 as Ken's and Kessler's will not take receipts dated after May 31. This program will restart in September. A special "thank you" to those of you who turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's.

## **PANTHER CAMP!**

Panther Camp is a one-week camp (June 1 – June 6, 2014) for young people who will be in grades 7 – 9 during the 2014-2015 school year.

Panther Camp is held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School (GPLHS) in Watertown, South Dakota, and utilizes all of the school's facilities. All campers will stay in the GPLHS dorm. (Local students may opt to stay at home, but the cost will be the same for all campers.) The cost for each camper is \$100. A non-refundable registration fee of \$10 is due May 1. The balance of \$90 is due May 15. Panther Camp will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Panther camp is staffed by the faculty, staff, and coaches of GPLHS, with the assistance of GPLHS students and alumni.

## **A PRAYERFUL REQUEST**

Our 2013/2014 budget called for an increase of 8.41%. Our operating fund contributions through December 31, 2013 are \$9,115 behind last year or a 5% decrease from the prior year. In order to meet our budgeted income, we will need a 13.5% increase in offerings to our operating fund (i.e. Local on your envelope) from January through June 2014. We respectfully ask our members to consider our congregation's needs as you prayerfully consider your offerings.