

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2016



## 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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## THE BLESSING OF CERTAINTY

Some of you may have come across a new television series on the National Geographic channel. The series is called "The Story of God," and plans to explore how various people view the idea of a supreme being. One of the producers, Lori McCreary, says that the series is "an exercise against the tyranny of certainty." (USA Today April 2, 2016).

Yes, you read that correctly. They want to deal with the tyranny of certainty. That makes it sound like certainty is a bad thing. And yet, isn't that one of the greatest blessings of our Christian faith?

How many people are there in the world who wonder about their relationship with God? How many people wonder who they should believe in? How many people wonder and worry about what God might do to them because of their sins? How many people are there in the world who are terrified at the thought of dying because they are afraid of what is going to happen to them.

Granted, there might be times when we are afraid to die. Even the strongest of Christians might be afraid to die at times. But when I am afraid to die, I know what to do, eh? I grab on to the certainty I have. I tell myself that I am for sure going to be in heaven. I know that for certain because of Jesus. I know that for certain because of the Bible.

But there might be times when people question us or challenge us about our beliefs. They might say, "How do you know that Jesus is the one you should believe in? How do you know you can believe the words of the Bible?" And how do we know? We know it especially because Jesus rose from the dead.

Jesus' resurrection is the proof, the guarantee that God the Father has given us so that we can be certain about our faith and our salvation. The Bible says that Jesus "*was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead*" (Romans 1:4 NIV 84). Every other religious leader has died and stayed dead. Only Jesus died and came back to life just as he said. He said it would happen and it did happen. He fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament. Therefore,

we can be certain that he is our Savior. We can be certain that the words of the Bible are true.

There may come a time when you wrestle with doubts about what you believe. People may challenge your faith and say that Christianity is no better than any other religion. Some may do their best to convince you to give up your Christian faith.

If you ever struggle, if you ever wonder, then go back to that one irrefutable, undeniable, indisputable fact. "*Christ has indeed been raised from the dead*" (1 Corinthians 15:20 NIV 84). That's why we are certain about our faith. This is how we know Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. This is how we can be sure that Christianity is the one true right religion in the world. This assures us that the words of the Bible are true.

Jesus' resurrection gives us certainty. And certainty isn't a bad thing. It is a good thing. In fact, it is one of the greatest blessings we have.

Pastor Rawerts

### **2016-2017 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2016-2017 school year.

Our preschool is open to children who are 4 years old by September 1st of the current school year. We have two options, Morning options for preschool (8:00 am-11:30 am.) or afternoon options (12:30 pm-3:30 pm).

\*Monday-Friday (5 days) \$180/month

\*Mon, Wed, Fri. (3 days) \$125/month

\*Tues., Thurs. (2 days) \$80/month

There is a registration fee of \$150.

Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in preschool at Trinity.

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School will begin May 31 through June 3, 2016, from 6-8 PM. If you can help with VBS, please let us know. Watch the bulletins for more information and ways to help out.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



Confirmation Sunday will be May 8 at the 9:00 AM service.

Questioning will take place in our service on May 7 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:

TRUMAN ALLAM  
JADA JUNDT  
NICHOLAS KROKEL  
JASPER LIEN  
STEPHANIE VAN VEEN

May the Lord keep them faithful forever.

### **TRINITY BASKETBALL CAMP**

We will again be having a Trinity Basketball Camp from June 20-22, 2016, from 1-3:30 PM. Please watch the bulletins and next month's newsletter for further details.

### **GPLHS GRADUATION AND SPRING CONCERT**

Graduation Ceremonies at Great Plains will be held on May 21 at 10:00 a.m. Their spring concert will be held May 20 at 7:15 p.m.

### **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'.

## **CAMP LUTHER 2016**



Camp Luther will be held Sunday, July 10 through Friday, July 15. The camp will be held at the Group Center at Sibley St. Park, New London, MN and directed by Great Plains Lutheran High School.

For more details and registration forms, see the packets on the bulletin table.

## **THINK SUMMER!** **THINK PANTHER CAMP!**

Panther Camp is a one-week summer group camp (June 5 – June 10, 2016) for students entering Grades 6-9. This is a special time for worship, fellowship, fun, and a chance to develop your talents.

Panther Camp is held on the campus of Great Plains Lutheran High School in Watertown, SD, and utilizes all of the school's facilities, including the dormitory. All campers will stay in the GPLHS dorm.

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

The cost for each camper is \$100. Panther Camp will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

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## **CATECHISM CAMP**

Our Dakota-Montana District is hosting a Catechism Camp for young people. It will be held in the Black Hills June 5-11. The purpose for Catechism Camp is to connect kids to fellow Lutheran Christians, augment the instruction given at individual congregations, and train students to be future leaders in their congregations. Each day they will be connected to Christ through his Word as we study a section of the catechism. They will be connected with each other as they enjoy

fellowship activities either at Twin Peaks Ranch or in the nearby Black Hills area. There will also be time for basic training in ushering, altar guilds, art in worship, apologetics, vocation, etc. Brochures about Catechism Camp are on the bulletin table.

## **TRINITY** **LUTHERAN SCHOOL** **NEWSBYTES**

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

## **BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING** **THANK YOU!**

A special thank you to Mr. Al Kjenstad and Mrs. Mariann Klipfel for all the many hours you have devoted to our kids; coaching the kids in a nice, long and successful season. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

## **LAST DAY OF AFTERCARE**

Aftercare for this school year will end at 5:30 p.m. on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL AND** **PRESCHOOL GRADUATION**

The last day of preschool will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Preschool graduation will be held at 9 a.m. on that day.

## **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's. Please continue turning in the receipts ***through May 22.***

## TRINITY GRADUATION



Our Trinity Lutheran School will be having its graduation on May 15, 2016, during our morning worship service. Immediately after the service we will be having a brunch and a program. Please bring a dish to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Trinity Lutheran Eighth Grade graduates are:

ELIANA KLIPFEL  
JASPER LIEN  
STEPHANIE VAN VEEN

The Trinity Lutheran Kindergarten graduates are:

NOAH DUVALL  
HARPER FONDER  
ISAAC KJENSTAD  
HANNAH MCFARLAND

Trinity Lutheran's high school graduates are:

T.J. ALLAM  
CHANDLER ELLWEIN  
SARAH KJENSTAD  
MASON TRAPP  
ISAAC TRAUTMAN  
THOMAS TRAUTMAN

Trinity Lutheran college graduates are:

RACHEL DIEDE

May the Lord continue to bless them now and forever.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Trinity Lutheran School's last day will be May 19, 2016. The students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. May the Lord richly bless each student as they enjoy the bounties of summer, and bring each of them safely back this fall.

## BOX TOPS

Please remember to bring in your "Box Tops for Education" and soup labels during the summer. These can be placed in the box on the bulletin table.

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