

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



## 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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## AN IMPORTANT PROMISE

Those of you who are adults. Can you recall the year of your confirmation? Do you remember the day? What else do you remember about that day? Perhaps you had to answer questions from the Catechism and you were nervous about that. Perhaps you remember the special clothes you wore that day. Perhaps you remember how certain family members made it a point to be there for that day.

How about this? Do you remember the promises you made that day?

If you were confirmed in a confessional Lutheran church, the questions probably were worded something like this:

*Do you intend to continue steadfast and faithful to this teaching drawn from the Bible, and to endure all things, even death rather than fall away from it? If so, answer, "I do, and I ask God to help me.*

*Finally, do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of the Word of God, to be faithful in the use of the Word and*

*sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— as long as you live? If so answer, "I do, and I ask God to help me.*

With those words I am pledging myself to stay faithful to the Lord and to his Word, even if it means dying for him. Do you truly understand what a serious promise that is? Promises made to God are not to be made lightly.

Unfortunately, people don't always keep the promises they make. While they may have good intentions when they make the promises, their good intentions do not always translate into faithful actions. Too many times, confirmation promises are broken.

That is a serious issue. What does the Bible say? "It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfill it" (Ecclesiastes 5:5 NIV 11). Promises made to God are not to be made lightly. The Lord will call us to account for every word and action in our lives, including promises we do not keep (Hebrews 4:13). Do we even want to think about what will happen to a person on Judgment Day for breaking a promise to stay faithful to God?

With that in mind, we pray that God will help us to think about our confirmation vows and realize how important it is to keep them. We will also pray for our young people who are being confirmed. We pray that the Lord will lead them to take their confirmation vows seriously. We pray that the Lord will help them to keep those vows.

We know and confess that we are sinful. We know how easy it is to fall. At times we might wonder if we can keep our confirmation vows. By ourselves we can't. But we have a God who promises to help. The Apostle Paul says that he is "confident of this that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6 NIV 84).

That's what we count on. That's what we cling to. The promise we make when we are confirmed may well be the most serious and important promise we ever make. We don't want to make it lightly. We certainly don't ever want to break it.

We will spend the rest of our lives doing what it takes to keep that promise. We will regularly hear God's Word and receive the Lord's Supper. We will pray for God's help. We will fight against all sin. And we will focus on and cling to God's promise. Like Paul we will be "confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6 NIV 84).

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **2017-2018 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2017-2018. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.



### **PRESCHOOL GRADUATION**

Preschool graduation will be held May 17, at 10 AM. It is also the last day of preschool. All TLS families are invited to each lunch with your student that day.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



Confirmation Sunday will be May 14 at the 9:00 AM service.

Questioning will take place in our Saturday night service on May 13 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:

Virginia Kopecky  
Zachariah Mzala  
Sydney Schell

May the Lord keep them faithful forever.

### **LOCAL ACCOUNT**

Offerings to our Local Account have been down a little bit. It is from the Local Account that we pay almost all our regular expenses. This account could use some help. Please keep this in mind as your prayerfully consider your offerings.

### **PANTHER CAMP & CAMP LUTHER**

Information is available on the GPLHS website [www.gplhs.org](http://www.gplhs.org) about Panther Camp and Camp Luther. Click on the "Latest News" tab to see the brochure.

## **GPLHS GRADUATION AND SPRING CONCERT**

Graduation Ceremonies at Great Plains will be held on May 20 at 10:00 a.m. Their spring concert will be held May 19 at 7:15 p.m.



Vacation Bible School will begin May 30 through June 1, 2017, 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.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

On July 22-23, we will be celebrating our church anniversary with another special concert by Koine. Once again, special activities are being planned. Please save the date and join us for what promises to be another special weekend with Koine.

## **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'.

## **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.

## **PANTHER FIELD DAY**

On Friday, May 5, grades 1-8 will be traveling to Watertown for the GPLHS Panther Field Day. Anyone attending can purchase a hamburger meal for \$5 or a hot dog meal for \$3. If you prefer, you may send a sack lunch with your child. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kjenstad.

## **WYLIE FIELD TRIP**

On Tuesday, May 9, grades K-2 will be going to Storybook Land in the afternoon. On Friday, May 12, grades 3-4 will be going to Wylie Park at 12:30 PM for an afternoon of fishing. If you are able to drive for any of these events, please let your teacher or Mrs. Kjenstad know.

## **LAST DAY OF AFTERCARE**

Aftercare for this school year will end at 5:30 PM on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **TRINITY LUTHERAN GRADUATIONS**

Our Trinity Lutheran School will be having its graduation on May 21, 2017, 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 Kindergarten graduates are:

Braylen Beckman  
Kaelyn Beitelspacher  
Rinlee Bergan  
Maddie Biegler  
Kenley Dunsmoor  
Isaiah Duvall  
Bransen Flack  
Alyssa Novstrup  
Evelyn Novstrup  
Claymore Powell  
Sarah Rawerts  
Joshua Ritter  
Owen Russell

Trinity Lutheran's high school graduates are:

Dylan David Duvall  
Brandon Lee Kannas  
Allison Marie Van Veen

May the Lord continue to bless them now and forever.

## **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 19.***

## **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.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Trinity Lutheran School's last day will be May 18, 2017. There will be Yearbook signing, a closing Chapel Service at 11 AM, and the students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. May the Lord richly bless each student as they enjoy the bounties of summer, and bring each of them safely back this fall.



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