

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 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.

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.



THE LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM TOO

It was hard to tell who was more emotional, the little girl or her mother. It was the first day of school and mom was dropping off her daughter. The girl was afraid. The school seemed so big and there were so many other people around. She was used to being at home with mom and her little sister where everything was familiar and safe.

Mom brought her to the room and walked in with her and took her to the teacher. The grown-ups talked a little bit, and then Mom said, "I'm going to go now. You have fun."

The little girl started to get tears in her eyes. She didn't want mom to leave. She didn't want to be left in that room with all those kids she didn't know. Mom gave her a hug and told her, "Remember Jesus is watching over you. He will take care of you."

Then mom went out the door and then she got tears in her eyes. She turned around and looked at the room and thought of her little girl going to school. She had always been there to take care of her daughter, and now her girl was

going to be away from her protection for a whole day.

"What if she doesn't like school? What if the other kids are mean to her? What if something happens and I'm not there? What if she misses me? What if she needs me and I'm not there?"

As a few tears started welling up in her eyes, she thought of what she had just told her little girl. "Jesus is watching over you. He will take care of you." Then she uttered a silent prayer, "Lord, help her to remember that. Help me to remember it too."

Psalm 121 reminds us, ".....the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8 NIV 84). What a comfort to know the Lord watches over us. The Lord exercises great care over us and guides us in the way that he knows is best. He keeps harm and trouble away. Nothing happens to us unless he allows it to. He will only allow things to happen that will bring blessings to us. It gives me comfort to know the Lord is watching over me.

I know, of course, that the Lord watches over all his people, even the people I care about the most. How many parents don't worry about

their children and wonder what will happen to them? We can't always be there to protect them and remind them to do what is right. How many of us worry about other family members or loved ones who are far away? We can't be there to help them and encourage them to do what is right.

The only one who is always with them is the Lord. He promises to watch over us and our loved ones. He has all power and he can do infinitely more than I could ever do to protect my children, my grandchildren, my spouse, my siblings, and my other loved ones. And he promises to do just that. I may worry and wonder about my loved ones when they go to school for the first time or when they leave home for good or they move far away from me. I won't always be there for them. I certainly can't control everything they do or everything that goes on their lives.

But I can pray for them, and ask the Lord to take care of them. And I can pray for myself too. I can ask, "Lord, help me to put my loved ones in your hands. Help me to trust you and be sure that you are watching over them and that you will always work for their good." I can think of my loved ones and myself when I hear those words, "the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8 NIV 84).

Pastor Rawerts

GET THE WORD OUT

Please tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about our Trinity Lutheran School, Preschool and Aftercare programs. They can call our school (229-4697) for more information. Brochures about these programs are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASSES AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 8 a.m.
- ❖ **Midweek Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- ❖ **Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** will resume on Sunday, September 11, 2016.
- ❖ **Junior and Senior Confirmation classes** will begin on Wednesday, September 7, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Choir** will begin on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 8 a.m. This year's study will be "The Vine Design". Please feel free to join us. If you have questions, call Trista Dunsmoor.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry will be starting up again September 19. Classes are once a month on Mondays from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm. *Jesus Cares* is a synod-wide program that reaches out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities. If you would like to help in this ministry or have questions, please speak with Aaron Kjenstad 605-377-5101.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD

Please stop by the photo display board and check out the



new and updated pictures, or to update your own picture. What a wonderful way to be able to "meet and greet" the person next to you in the pew, in Bible class, or passing on the street.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

You may have heard that the Campbell's Labels for Education program has been discontinued. Campbell's is indeed phasing out the program; however, they are still accepting labels throughout this next school year for schools that are already involved in the program. Trinity Lutheran School is still actively involved in the program and is still collecting labels.

Only UPCs with the Labels for Education logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank accounts.

Please continue to cut off the Label for Education UPC and submit to either the church secretary or in the labeled box in the fellowship hall. Your donations allow our teachers to purchase additional items that enhance our students' education and experience at Trinity Lutheran School. Thank you!

GROCERY RECEIPTS

It is once again time to start thinking about the Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2016. 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.

SERVANT LEADERS

The following men have been elected to serve as leaders in our congregation. Please pray for them and encourage them whenever possible.

Church Council Members

Al Kjenstad Chairman

Robert Russell Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Education
Jim Diede Secretary
Darin Duvall Financial Secretary
Steve Kjenstad Treasurer
Ron Guthmiller Trustee
Mike Erickson Trustee
Ben Krueger Trustee

Department of Education Members

Robert Russell Chairman
Steve Kjenstad Secretary
Ben Dunsmoor
Nick Lien
Mark Dorn
Brian Rawerts

Student Aid Fund

Del Fuller *Allen Lehr* *Bill Stewart*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS **2016-2017**

Preschool-Kindergarten	Cheryl Rawerts Trista Dunsmoor
Grades 1-2	Jodie Kannas Keri Kjenstad
Grades 3-4	Doreen Leinen Kim Russell
Grades 5-6	Ashley Seeklander Ben Dunsmoor
Grades 7-8	Alan Kjenstad

SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

People are now able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, trinityaberdeen.org and click on 'Church Service Videos'.

BOX TOPS



Please continue to save "Box Tops For Education". These labels are turned in at the end of the school year and that money goes for Trinity Lutheran School, preschool, and/or aftercare. A box for the labels is on the bulletin table.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program has been available to Trinity Lutheran for several years. SCRIP coupons may be used like cash at many stores, eating places, clothing stores, car washes, book stores, Walmart and many other places. (Check out the current list of business participation on the bulletin board west of the church doors.) SCRIP coupons can now be purchased at Ken's and Kessler's grocery stores. They are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School to Great Plains Lutheran High School.

Please speak to Ardys Gosch and let her know which stores you prefer to shop so that we may buy coupons for these stores, or if you have any questions.

STUDENT AID FUND

Here at Trinity, we have a huge selection of ways to reach out to people. We have our internet website, sermons on the internet and CDs, we have visitations for our shut-ins, the Fellowship Hall, our new gymnasium. Most of all we have Trinity Lutheran School—a very instrumental way of providing God's word every day to our Trinity youth and the youth in our community.

Through our Student Aid Fund, we at Trinity try to assist families who want to send their children to Trinity Lutheran School and are unable to afford the tuition. Without our Student Aid Fund, these families would not be

able to bring their children to our school and learn about God. Perhaps we have another Peter or John in our midst, but we may never know because our Student Aid Fund is depleted. Please help us build it up again. *"Let the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* (Matthew 19:14)

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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

FRIDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Each Friday, at 8:05 a.m., we begin our day with chapel. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us. An offering is collected each Friday to help teach our students the importance of mission work.

PTO PICNIC

The PTO picnic will be September 11 at Wylie Park. Fellowship will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a potluck meal at 5 p.m.

The PTO will provide broasted chicken, pop/water, and we ask you to bring a dish to pass. (In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church.) We are asking people to RSVP so that we make sure we have the correct amount of food. All Trinity members are invited. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please call Kim Russell or Jessica Kjenstad.



GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT TLS

Monday, September 12, all grandparents of our Preschool – 8th grade students are invited to Trinity Lutheran School for a morning of fun and fellowship. Parents please invite your child's grandparents for us. Students may invite another family member if grandma or grandpa is not available (aunt, uncle, mom, dad or special friend).



OFFICE MAX/OFFICE DEPOT 5% DONATION TO SCHOOLS

Help our school earn FREE SUPPLIES!

Our school will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school or office supply purchases to use for FREE supplies. You can credit the school year round!

- **Give our school ID# every time you shop at Office Max.**
- At any store in the U.S.
- At www.officedepot.com

When you purchase items from Office Max/Office Depot, whether for yourself or for the school, let the cashier know that you are with Trinity Lutheran School and Office Max/Office Depot will donate 5% of your purchase back to our school. If the cashier forgets to ask, let them know you would like the 5% donation. (A list of qualifying product categories can be found on the bulletin table.)

TLS PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken Friday, September 23. If you would like to have a younger child's picture taken, please speak with Jessica Kjenstad to set up a time. More information will be sent home with the TLS students.

TLS APPAREL

We have a variety of TLS clothing available for sale. T-shirts are \$8, long sleeved shirts are \$11, crew neck sweatshirts are \$13, and hooded sweatshirts are \$18. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please speak to Mrs. Jessica Kjenstad, Mrs. Brick or Mrs. Biegler.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF

The following people will be serving us at Trinity Lutheran during the 2016-2017 school year:

Ms. Doreen Leinen
Preschool and Aftercare
Miss Kristy Lendt
Kindergarten
Miss Cassie Schwark
Grades 1-2
Mr. Aaron Kjenstad
Principal and Middle Grades Teacher
Grades 3 – 4
Mr. Karl Hassler
Upper Grades Teacher
Mrs. Jessica Kjenstad
School Secretary
Mrs. Marie Brick
Hot Lunch Program
Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary
Rev. D. T. Rawerts
Pastor