

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 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
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and the surrounding communities by
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environment.*



WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP ON PRAYING

It takes a while for some people to catch on. But it is true. Prayer really does work. The Bible plainly says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (James 5:16 NIV 11). Through faith in Jesus we are righteous in God's sight. Therefore we can have that wonderful confidence that our prayers are powerful and effective. The Lord allows our prayers to have a lot of influence on him.

The Lord urges us to pray. The Apostle Paul says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests" (Ephesians 6:18 NIV 84). "Call upon me in the day of trouble" (Psalm 50:15 NIV 84), God says. The Lord wants us to pray to him.

In addition, the Lord assures us he can do great things. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and

ever! Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV 84). The Lord is able and many times willing to do great things. He wants us to ask him.

One of the greatest blessings a church can have is members who pray and pray fervently. How blessed we are here at Trinity Lutheran to have people who pray for us.

Obviously, we don't know all the people who have prayed for our congregation and school. We don't know how often people have prayed for us. But we see the blessings the Lord has been granting to us. We see the faithful members he has given to us. We see the new souls he has brought to us. We see the building projects the Lord has allowed us to complete in recent years. We thank the Lord for these wonderful blessings.

In particular, we can see God's blessings on our school. The Lord has given us faithful teachers and a dedicated staff. Enrollment continues to go up. Our pre-school is full. In fact, we will be offering even more sessions of pre-school next year. Attendance in our school has increased so that we need another teacher. We consider all these blessings and

we say over and over, "Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord."

Because the Lord has granted these blessings, we need to keep on praying. We pray the Lord will provide another faithful teacher who has the gifts and the dedication to be a blessing to us. We also pray the Lord will enable us to meet our expenses as we add one more salary.

The budget may very well be tight next year. But we know the Lord is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. So we will pray all the more and trust that he will provide for us as he always has.

As we said earlier, it takes a while for some people to catch on about prayers. But for those who do catch on, there are many wonderful blessings. Prayer works. So once again, we urge God's people to pray for themselves and their loved ones. We ask our members to continue to pray for our congregation and school. The Lord has heard our prayers and has granted us special blessings. To continue with his work in the best possible way, we need his continued blessing. So we will ask you to keep on praying.

Pastor Rawerts

2016-2017 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2016-2017 school year. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in preschool at Trinity.

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.

NEWS FROM THE VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The Lord has been blessing our Trinity Lutheran School and Pre-school with increasing enrollment. We thank the Lord for this wonderful blessing. Because of increasing enrollment, our voters unanimously decided last week to call an additional teacher for our school. We will extend a Divine Call to a graduate from Martin Luther College to teach grades 1-2 and to assist with music and organ. We will extend this Call for one year with the option of making the Call permanent.

HOSTING THE BOYS YMCA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Trinity is once again hosting the boys YMCA Basketball Tournament on April 8th and 9th. Volunteers needed include: Concession Stand workers, Referees, Scoreboard Operators, Score keepers, and Ticket Takers. In addition, we are asking for volunteers to bring some pans of bars to sell at the concession stand. There are signup sheets on the back table. If you have questions please contact Jarrod Kannas 380-4138. Funds raised from the concession stand sales go into the PTO fund and are used for school-related items.

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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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'.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

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

CHEERLEADERS

Below is the date of the final basketball game that we will be cheering for this season. The game will be at Trinity, and the cheerleaders should be in the middle grades room 15 minutes prior to the listed time.

Friday April 8 (TBA)



SCHOOL PLAYS

The school kids are really excited about their class plays. This year will be a little different as *each* classroom will perform a play. The play dates are:

Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 PM, Mr. Hassler's and Miss Lendt's classes will perform their plays.

Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 PM, Mr. Kjenstad's and Ms. Leinen's classes will perform their plays.

Watch the April bulletins for more information.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

A special "thank you" to those of you who have already turned in their receipts for Ken's and Kessler's. Please keep saving the receipts through the end of May.

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