

NOVEMBER 2018 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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.



False Teaching Is Dangerous

As long as you trust in Jesus as your Savior you will be in heaven. That is God's truth. That is a comforting truth. I am certainly not a perfect person. I have committed more sins than I can ever recount. I know what I deserve. I know what God could do to me.

But I am relieved, I am grateful that Jesus has squared everything between me and my heavenly Father. Because of Jesus, I know God the Father is not angry at me. Jesus has done everything so that I can be in heaven. Through faith in Jesus I enjoy personally the salvation he has won for me.

That is the truth and it is a beautiful truth: As long as you trust in Jesus as your Savior you will be in heaven.

That being the case, does it really matter what church you go to? Some people might say, "No. Getting to heaven depends on believing in Jesus, and not on what church you go. Therefore, it doesn't matter what church you go to."

There's danger in that kind of thinking.

Yes, it is true that if you trust in Jesus as your Savior you will be in heaven,

regardless of what earthly church you go to. And there is comfort in knowing that.

Who of us does not have friends or loved ones who belong to a church that teaches false doctrine? We don't like where they go. We might be grieved in our hearts because of the church they attend. But at least we can comfort ourselves by remembering that as long as they believe in Jesus as their Savior they will be in heaven.

But where you go to church still matters. Jesus wants us to teach everything he has commanded us (Matthew 28:20). He tells us that if we continue in his Word, we know the truth that sets us free. He also warns us that false prophets will deceive many people (Matthew 24:11). That's one of the things he warns us about as we get closer to the end of the world.

The Apostle Paul says, "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough" (1 Corinthians 5:6 EHV)? Even a little false doctrine can have far reaching effects. The Lord plainly tells us not to join with those who are teaching contrary to his Word (Romans 16:17).

Only the truth of God's Word helps a person's relationship with God. Yes, it is

true. As long as you believe in Jesus you will be in heaven. But false teaching can harm your faith. If someone attends a church that proclaims false doctrine, their faith may indeed be harmed by the false teachings they hear.

So it does matter what church a person goes to. That's why we want to make sure that we are attending a church which teaches God's Word in its truth and purity. If someone we know and care about chooses to attend a church that holds on to false teaching, we will rightly be concerned about their spiritual well-being.

Yes, we will take comfort in knowing that as long as they believe in Jesus they will be in heaven. But at the same we will remember that the false teachings they hear can harm their faith. So we will pray that they never lose their saving faith. And we also pray they will attend a church that truly does teach all of God's truth. When we have the opportunity we will urge them to search the Scriptures so they will know what God truly wants them to believe and follow.

At the same time we will ask the Lord to help and guide each one of us and also our church and so that we will always believe, follow and teach his truth and nothing but his truth.

Pastor Rawerts

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

On November 4, at 11:20 a.m., we will be having a fellowship meal. Please bring a dish and a salad or dessert to pass. Coffee will be provided. Please join us.



SPECIAL REFORMATION SERVICE

On November 3-4, we will be having a special Reformation service here at Trinity Lutheran. Pastor Robert Koester will lead us as we review the Bible truths the Lord restored to us during the time of the Reformation and also praise the Lord for making these truths known to us. He will do this using Scripture, prayers, responsive readings, hymns, and other special music combined with beautiful pictures of stained glassed windows. We will have these special services at our normal times on Saturday and Sunday. Please join us and invite your friends.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

On Sunday, November 4, we will be having a joint Reformation service at Zion Lutheran Church in Mobridge at 4:30 p.m. Our district president, Pastor Doug Free, will be the guest preacher. If you would like to participate in the joint choir, please be at the church at 3:00 p.m. A meal will be served after the worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

During the months of October and November, we will be adjusting our schedule for celebrating the Lord's Supper. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on November 10-11. We will not be celebrating the Lord's Supper on November 3-4.

SENIOR TURKEY DINNER

On November 18, 2018, at 5 p.m., a special turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, will be served here at the church for all of those who are 65 and older. Please RSVP to the church office (605-225-6081) so that we know how many to plan for.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special service on November 22 at 9 AM. Please join us in praising God for his bountiful blessings.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please save Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated after September 1, 2018. 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.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Christmas for Kids will be held



Saturday, December 8, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We need volunteers to help with serving the children that morning. If you have questions about "Christmas for Kids", please speak to Pastor Rawerts. If you would like to register your child for "Christmas for Kids", there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table in later November, or call the church office at 225-6081.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

For the 2018-19 school year, the offerings from our Sunday School students will be used to support our Synod's 'Friends in China' mission program.

CARDS

Need a card for a special occasion? Our Trinity Women have a large variety of boxed cards (10-15 cards per box) for almost any occasion. The selection changes regularly and by seasons. (The new Christmas cards will be arriving soon.) So, if you are looking for just the right card...come see what is available. The cards are located in the back of the Fellowship Hall—directly across from the church library.

EVANGELICAL HERITAGE VERSION OF THE BIBLE AVAILABLE SOON

The Evangelical Heritage Version translation of the Bible is nearing completion. Northwestern Publishing House is allowing people to pre-order copies of this new translation at a discount. If you would like to pre-order copies of the EHV, there is a the sign-up sheet on the bulletin table.

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) is our official Wisconsin Synod book store. It offers a vast array of products including Bibles, hymnals, Bible stories, CD's, DVD's, jewelry, clothing, and; of course, doctrinally sound books that will instruct and encourage you in your Christian faith. If you are looking for a gift for someone, NPH offers you many possibilities. Check out their website at www.nph.net. Their phone number is 800-662-6022.

CHRISTIAN COMPANION VISITS

A new outreach for Trinity shut-ins has begun. On the bulletin board are lists of our shut-ins, their phone numbers and addresses. If you are interested in visiting one or all of the shut-ins, take one of the Christian Companion sheets. Just sign or initial the month and the name of the person you visited. This is a simple way to reach out to our shut-ins and keep them connected with Trinity happenings.

STUDENT AID FUND

The Student Aid Fund exists to provide financial assistance for those who wish to send their children to Trinity Lutheran School. Without the aid that this fund provides, certain families may not be able to send their children to our school. The Student Aid Fund provides these families with much-needed assistance. We could use some help to replenish the Student Aid Fund. Please keep this in mind as you consider your offerings.

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.

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.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture "RETAKE" day will be Friday morning, November 2. The Picture Day ID for retakes is: ND208193Y1. Call Lifetouch with questions on ordering at 866-955-8342. The school secretary has a limited supply of "retake" envelopes (if you prefer not to order online). If you would like an envelope, please email Kathy at secretary@trinityaberdeen.org.

DARE PROGRAM

Trinity students will once again have the opportunity to participate in the DARE program offered by the Aberdeen Police Department. DARE is a program that teaches students the dangers of illegal drugs and other substances. Our First Dare class will be Monday, October 22. DARE will meet for a total of ten sessions.

NSU BASKETBALL CLINIC

Wednesday, November 7, the Wolves will be coming to Trinity for an hour long basketball clinic from 3:30-4:30 p.m. All boys and girls in Grades 1-8 are invited to participate.



SPORTS

During the month of November: the TLS Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basket Ball; Jr. Tornado Basket Ball, and the Junior Tornado Volley Ball practices and games will begin. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

FORENSICS MEET

TLS Forensics Night will be held on November 15th at 6:30 pm. The students in the second through eighth grades will be reading or performing their selections before an audience. Everyone is welcome to attend!

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



On Friday, November 9 at 2:00 PM we will be having a Veteran's Day Assembly in our gym. If you know of any Veterans who might want to be invited to this event, please give those names and addresses to Ms. Cooper or your child's teacher.

BAND LESSONS

Woodwind lessons are on Monday mornings and brass lessons are on Tuesday mornings. Barring any weather events or scheduling conflicts, lessons will continue until Christmas break.

PRESCHOOL AFTERCARE NEED

Our preschool aftercare group is looking for several people who would be interested in helping out with preschool aftercare on an "on-call" basis. The hours would be from noon until 3 p.m. The individual(s) would be on an "on-call" list and would be called only as needed. If you are interested, please talk with Ms. Leinen.

TRINITY TORNADO APPAREL

We have a variety of Trinity Tornado clothing available for sale. T-shirts are \$10, long sleeved shirts are \$12, crew neck sweatshirts are \$15, and hooded sweatshirts are \$18. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items (they make good Christmas gifts) please speak to Ms. Cooper or Mrs. Biegler.

