

# NOVEMBER 2020 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.*



## **OH, THAT WE WERE THERE!**

Someday, life is going to be great. In fact, it will be better than great. It will literally be out of this world.

Finally, when I get to heaven, I won't get sick anymore. No one will ever hurt me again. I won't have to deal with difficult people. I will never be sad. I will never cry tears of heartache again. I will never again have to say, "Good-bye" to people I care about. I will never leave work exhausted only to come home to face more tasks that make me even more tired. I will never go to bed disgusted with the way my day went. I will never be down on myself for the way I acted. I will never wake up to pressure and stress because of all that I have to face and do in the coming day.

When I get to heaven I will finally stop sinning. I won't have that ongoing struggle to fight against and rise above feelings and desires the sinful nature produces in me. I won't have to wrestle with feelings of guilt. I won't have to deal with problems I caused myself with my own sins.

When I get to heaven I won't get infuriated with the sins people commit

and the way many defiantly disrespect the Lord. I won't have to be afraid of the way enemies of Christ might treat me because I strive to be loyal to my Lord.

When I get to heaven, finally I will have a perfect life filled with inexpressible joy and eternal pleasure. I will never have to worry about that being taken away from me. The Apostle Paul reminds us that our present sufferings are not worth comparing to the glory we will have (Romans 8:18). The simple words of the hymn writer ring so true: "Oh that we were there! Oh that we were there" (CW 34 vs. 4)!

Someday we will be there and life will be fabulous beyond our wildest dreams. But for now, we are here. And it's not always so easy to be here. Every day we have to deal with the effects of sin in this world. More and more we see with our own eyes Jesus' predictions coming true.

In Luke 21, Jesus tells us there will be earthquakes, famines and plagues. In Matthew 24, he tells us people will betray each other and hate each other. Lawlessness will increase. In 2 Timothy 3, Paul tells us people will be haters of what is good.

How long will the COVID-19 situation continue? How many more will die?

How many others will struggle because of the various hardships the virus is causing our society? Lord willing, we will get a vaccine for this virus. But then what? Will another one pop up, one that might be even worse?

Many people consider the pope to be the most powerful and influential religious leader in the world. Recently the pope gave his approval to relationships that God very plainly condemns. How many will fall because his endorsement of these sins?

Those who hate what God says are exerting more and more influence in our country. What will happen if those who love what is evil are elected to key positions in our country? Will they ignore the constitution and refuse to grant us our right to worship, live, and teach according to what God says in his Word?

Yes, Jesus' predictions are being fulfilled before our very eyes. But while we are here, the Lord encourages us with his promises. He reminds us that he is still in control. He assures us that gates of hell will not overpower his Church (Matthew 16:18b). He guarantees that nothing will separate us from his love (Romans 8:38-39). He promises to give us strength to endure all things (Isaiah 41:10). He points us ahead to the glory we will have.

The Apostle Paul says, "But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20-21 EHV).

Who knows how much worse things will get in our country and our world? How much trouble will we have to endure? How long will this go on? We don't know.

But we do know that Jesus has promised not to leave us like orphans (John 14:18). He is always with us. He will always take care of us. When the time is right he will take us to be with him. "Oh, that we were there!"

Until then, we have the greatest promises of all to cling to. We have the greatest blessings of all to look forward to. That's what keeps us going while we wait.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **HELP FOR AFTERCARE**

Our Aftercare helper, Barb Wietgreffe, will be retiring at the end of December this year. We are looking for someone to fill her position. For information about hours and wages, please speak to Mrs. Sperry.



### **THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special service on November 26 at 9 AM. Please join us in praising God for his bountiful blessings.

### **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

Please continue to save Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated after September 1, 2020. 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.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

For the 2020-2021 school year, the offerings from our Sunday School students will be used to support our United In Christ program in conjunction with Great Plains Lutheran High School's building project.

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 must be directed to a nonprofit organization by March 31, 2021, or the Dollars will be directed by Thrivent. There are 2 ways to do this: (1) Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Thrivent is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (2) You may go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### **WELS MISSION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

The "Mission for the Visually Impaired" (MVI), a branch of WELS Special Ministries, exists to empower WELS congregations to bring the Light of the World to those in physical and spiritual darkness. But as MVI is moving more into the digital age, we need help from God's people and are looking for volunteers to serve as: Brailists, Audio Book Readers, Audio Book Creators, Audio Tape Converters. These volunteer positions would require about 3-5 hours per week, and can be done from home. To learn more, please visit [wels.net/mvi](http://wels.net/mvi), or email Mr. Larry Povinelli, [lorenzo.povinelli@gmail.com](mailto:lorenzo.povinelli@gmail.com), our South Atlantic District MVI contact.

### **SPECIAL OCCASION CARDS**

Need a card for a special occasion? Anniversary? Birthday? Wedding? Our Trinity Women have a large variety of boxed cards (10-15 cards per box) for almost any occasion. The selection changes regularly 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.

### **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 and gift cards.. If you are looking for a gift for someone or something for yourself, NPH offers many possibilities. Check out their website at [www.nph.net](http://www.nph.net). Their phone number is 800-662-6022.

### **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 can watch our Sunday morning and special 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.*

### **COLD WEATHER CLOTHING**



With the upcoming colder weather, please remember to have your child(ren) dress accordingly since they will be outside for recess whenever possible. We are having students complain that they are cold, so please remind them to wear pants instead of shorts and make sure they have appropriate coats, hats, mittens, etc. Also, be prepared with snow pants and snow boots as the weather gets colder, and the snow gets deeper. Thank you.

### **TLS PICTURE RETAKES**



Trinity Lutheran School will be doing picture retakes on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. If you would like to have picture retakes, please speak with Ms. Cooper.

### **FRIDAY CHAPEL SERVICES**

Each Friday, at 8:05 a.m., we begin our day with chapel. An offering is

collected each Friday to help teach our students the importance of mission work.

### **COLD LUNCH DAYS REMINDER**



On cold lunch days (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or any days that your children opt to bring lunch from home, please remember to include silverware or plastic utensils from home for their use. Also, students will be keeping their lunchboxes in their backpacks or area designated by their teachers until lunchtime (no fridge use), so plan accordingly. *Microwave use is limited to students in grades 4-8, and on cold lunch days only.*

### **GIRLS' AND BOYS' BASKETBALL**

Basket Ball practice started Monday, October 26. The "B" team practice is 3:30 -4:45 PM. The "A" team practice begins at 5:00 PM. The girls' season will run through November and December. The older girls' team will run a little longer, into January. The coaches are Al Kjenstad and Doug Klipfel. The boys' basketball season will start after Christmas. Thanks!!!

### **VETERANS DAY**



This year we will not have a Veterans Day program, with COVID in mind. Instead, students will be singing songs in support of veterans, and we will record them and put them on our Facebook page. We are currently trying to find a veteran who would be willing to come and talk to our students about their experiences and support of what people in the military do.

If you have any questions please talk to Mr. Behm, thank you.

### **FORENSICS MEET**

Trinity Lutheran School will hold its Forensics meet on Friday, November 20, 2020, during the school day. The students in grades 2-8 will be reading or performing their selections before an audience. The Forensics Meet is an opportunity for your child to gain experience in speaking to other people clearly, confidently, and skillfully. Your child will be able to choose from various categories to present to the audience.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

### **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.

### **APPAREL STORE ONLINE**

Trinity Lutheran School is now selling school apparel online. Go to: [teamlocker.squadlocker.com](http://teamlocker.squadlocker.com) and click on "Find Your Store" near the top right, enter "Trinity Lutheran," and select "Trinity Lutheran Tornadoes" to begin shopping.

### **SPECIAL APPS FOR TRINITY**

#### **AmazonSmile**

If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time!

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
- Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile!

You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> and follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Kathy Cooper.

### **TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES**

On Saturday nights, we will continue to practice social distancing. We ask people sit in every other pew during this service. Any members who are in the at-risk category or members who do not feel comfortable resuming normal worship at this time are encouraged to attend Saturday night worship.

Sunday morning worship at 9 a.m. has returned to normal with one exception - the pews at the back of church against the wall and the very last pew on each side will be reserved for those who are at-risk, or those who would like to continue social distancing.

The pew in front of the last pew will be cordoned off to accommodate this. The remainder of the pews in the church will be open and available for any members.

Coffee and refreshments will also be available following the Sunday morning 9 a.m. service.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOK FAIR**



**November 15-22, 2020**

Books are fascinating. You can take a vacation without ever leaving home.

You can go anywhere, do anything, and be anyone you want to be. Go to the beach, a foreign country, outer space, swim with the sharks, or catch the enemy on a spy mission. So, plan your itinerary, pick a departure date (no passports or shots needed) pack a snack, and off you go into an exciting new journey.

TLS will hold its annual book fair from *November 15 through November 22, 2020*. Books will be set up on tables in the hallway, as usual. You may purchase a book from the table or order online. Online orders also give us Scholastic Dollars to use to keep our library updated.

***Reading Can Take You Anywhere***

