

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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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.**



## WE WAIT AND WE TRUST

And now we wait. And now we trust. During the last 3 weeks of September our congregation conducted a special stewardship program. As you recall, \$500,000 was donated to our congregation for the purpose of building a gymnasium/Christian Life Center. It is our prayer that this facility will enhance the ministry of our Lutheran elementary school, provide a place for daycare facilities, and also be used for concerts, church league sports, community events, and perhaps even contemporary worship services.

The cost for this facility is estimated to be \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. That sounds like a staggering amount of money. But we are already halfway there! What a wonderful gift the Lord has given! What a wonderful opportunity lies before us.

It is our congregation's goal to raise, with gifts and commitments, another \$600,000. With this amount we would like to pay off our existing debt and pay for the new facility completely. We would not be required to take out an additional loan. Indeed, we would be debt free.

That sounds wonderful but can that really happen? Can a congregation like ours really raise that kind of money? That sounds impossible. But we remember that our God can do all things. Consider what the Apostle Paul says. ***“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 2011).

The Lord is able to do *immeasurably* more than all we ask or imagine. I can't even imagine what the Lord can actually do. He tells us that the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective (James 5:16). He also tells us that we do not have because we do not ask God (James 4:2). So we pray for the Lord to do what seems impossible to us. We trust that we can give this if it is his will. We wait for him to grant his blessings.

Eight years ago, when Dr. LaGrow recommended we build a gymnasium/Christian Life Center, many believed this would never happen. The cost seemed beyond our ability. But the Lord can do *immeasurably* more than all we ask or imagine. He has already inspired one person to donate half the cost. Who of us ever would have imagined that? We are confident he can provide the rest that we need.

So we wait, we pray, and we trust. The Lord has already provided one extra-ordinary gift. As we pray fervently for his blessing, we will trust that he will provide other gifts that will enable us to build. So we will continue to pray and trust. And we will wait eagerly to see what other extra-ordinary surprises the Lord has in mind for us.

*Pastor Rawerts*

**FALL FESTIVAL:** On Friday, October 26, from 6-8 p.m., our congregation will be hosting a Fall Fun Night. A complimentary supper will be served followed by an evening of fun with a variety of games for the children. That night the children and adults are invited to come in costumes.

**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Robert and Heather Poor and their children Daria and Fiona have been received by transfer from St. Martin's in Watertown. We welcome them and pray our congregation will be a blessing to them.

**2012 LWMS FALL RALLY:** The LWMS Fall Rally will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mound City, SD. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., worship with communion at 9:45 a.m., and the Missionary Presentation and Business will be from 10:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pastor Steve Wilkens will be the guest speaker. A catered lunch will be provided by the church at a cost of \$7.50/person. Please RSVP to Pastor Tim Berg for the meal by October 7. (605-649-7792)

**ITEMS FOR GREAT PLAINS:** People can now start bringing items for the garage sale to be held at the Gosch residence and items can now be dropped off at the Gosch's. The money received from the items that are sold will be given as an offering to Great Plains Lutheran High School. If you have any questions, please speak to Ardys Gosch.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY:** On October 28, we will wind up our Stewardship program with a special "Celebration Sunday." On this day we will thank the Lord for the gifts we have received. That day we will also have a pot-luck meal at 11:30 a.m. Please join us.

**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.

**PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Pre-school registrations are now being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. Our pre-school is open to all children who will be 4 years old by September 1. A pre-registration fee of \$25.00 is required to reserve a spot and will be deducted from the \$50.00 registration fee. If you have questions or would like to register your child, please speak with Mrs. Niemi or Mr. Zimmerman.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:** The money in the Capital Improvement Fund is used for improving our facilities and/or purchasing equipment needed to run our church and school. This fund could use some replenishing. Please keep this fund in mind as you consider your offerings.

**HELPERS FOR TLS:** If anyone would like to teach a specialty class at our school, such as art, please speak with Miss Sell or Mr. Zimmerman.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** The Quarterly Voters' Meeting has tentatively been set for November 4, at 10:15 AM.

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE:** A joint reformation service will be held November 4 at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Mobridge. Rev. Nate Seelow from Great Plains Lutheran High School will be the guest speaker. Following the service, refreshments will be served.

**WELS NURSES:** Nursing is a career that is rewarding yet demanding, exhilarating yet tiring, inspiring yet perplexing. Where do nurses unload? How do they sort through ethical dilemmas? Where can they find refreshment and renewal in God's Word? Wouldn't it be great if there were an organization just for nurses who are also members of our fellowship? *Now there is!* WELS Nurses Association is a new group that aims to educate and support nurses, encouraging them to serve others with Christ-centered care. To learn more, visit their easy-to-remember website: [www.welsnurses.net](http://www.welsnurses.net). It's good medicine!

**SCRIP PROGRAM:** We are using the SCRIP program here at Trinity. If you buy SCRIP coupons, you may use them like cash at various stores and donations will be made to our school and to Great Plains Lutheran High School. 25% of the donations will go to our school and 75% will go to Great Plains. Please speak to Ardys Gosch and let her know which stores you prefer to shop at so that we may buy coupons for these stores. Please speak to Ardys if you have any questions.

**UPDATE PHOTO DISPLAY:** We would like to update our family picture board. If anyone has a Christmas photograph of their family that they would like to use as a new picture for the family picture board, please give it to Brenda Diede. If you would like to have a new picture of your family taken for the picture board, please speak to Brenda.

