

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2013 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.



WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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.



You Are Special Because You are the Lord's Child

What is it that makes you special?

By the way, you are special. You may not think you are. You may not feel like it sometimes. Other people may not treat you as if you are special. They may speak to you or about you in a way that makes you feel like you are pretty undesirable or even worthless. But the truth is you are special. But why?

You are special first of all because the Lord made you in a unique, one-of-a-kind way. Remember what King David says? "*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well*" (Psalm 139:14 NIV 84). The Lord has made us in a fearful and wonderful way. Each one of us is a priceless, one-of-a-kind work of art made by the almighty God himself. Note what else David says here. "*Your works are wonderful.*" God's works are wonderful. The Lord doesn't make mistakes. Everything he makes, he makes in just the right way. The Lord made you in the just the way that he knew was right.

The Lord made you in a unique, special way so that you can serve him in a special way and be a blessing to others in a special way. No one can serve in exactly the same way you can. Others may look down on you and make you feel small and useless. But with God's help we can look at ourselves according to what he says in his Word. You are special because the Lord made you in a unique and wonderful way.

But we remember that the Lord has done something else for us, something even more special. I don't feel very special when I fall into a sin. In fact, because of my sins, I can feel like I am a complete failure, dirty and unwanted, unloved and unlovable. But then I remember the Lord has taken those sins away through Jesus. Through faith in his Son, he gives me Jesus' righteousness. When the Lord looks at me, he doesn't see me as despicable and dirty. He sees me as someone who has done what is right and is just what he wants. That's how the Lord looks at me and that's how I can look at myself—as someone who is just right for God. I am special because of what Jesus has done for me!

Through faith in Jesus, I am God's dear child (Galatians 3:26). I have a special place in his family and enjoy special blessings that are meant only for his children. I know he will always love me and care for me. I know he will bless me in all circumstances. I know I will live forever.

These are the things that make me special. These are blessings that I have because of the love God shows to sinners like me. This is why I can be happy about what I am.

In Jeremiah the Lord tells us, "*Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD*" (Jeremiah 9:23-24a NIV 84). By the grace of God, I know the Lord and I belong to the Lord. Through faith I have the greatest blessings of all, the blessings of salvation. This is why I am special. This is why I can be happy about what I am.

Pastor Rawerts

CHOIR

Adult choir has begun rehearsing. Please note the new time: 6:30 p.m. All confirmed adults are welcome to join. Babysitting will be provided at church for those parents who have younger children.

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'.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be October 13, 2013, at 10:15 a.m.

MISSION FESTIVAL

We will be having our Mission Festival on November 3 in our morning service. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Justin Dauck. Pastor Dauck is a former missionary to Cameroon. He will be speaking about his work in Cameroon during our Bible Class that day. We will **not** be having a pot-luck meal at noon that day.

2013 LWMS FALL RALLY

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held here at Trinity on Saturday, October 5, 2013.

Registration will begin at 9 AM, worship and communion at 9:45 AM, and the Missionary Presentation & Business begins at 10:45 am – 3 pm.

Our speaker will be Pastor Michael Ewart who served as a missionary to Russia before taking a call to serve in Omaha, Nebraska. A free-will offering lunch will be provided and served by the Trinity Women. Please RSVP for the meal to Charlene Stewart by October 1, 605-225-8744.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

On November 3 at 4:00 p.m., our congregation will be hosting a joint Reformation service for the congregations in our Oahe Circuit. Pastor Norm Seeger will be the guest preacher that day. After service that afternoon, we will be having a pot-luck meal. Please bring a dish and a salad or a dessert to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided.

HELPERS FOR TLS

If anyone would like to teach a specialty class at Trinity Lutheran School, such as art, please speak with Miss Sell or Mr. Zimmerman.

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.

FALL FUN NIGHT

On Friday, October 25, from 5:30 - 7:30 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 children. That night, children and parents are invited to come in costumes. We could use volunteers to help with games that night. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin table. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Zimmerman.

SCHOOL

To see what's happening at Trinity Lutheran School, visit our website at www.trinityaberdeen.org. Or "like" us on Facebook!



CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER/GYMNASIUM UPDATE

Jim Diede, Lee Ferguson and Jarrod Kannas have been taping the sheetrock, and the bulk of the taping should be finished shortly. We are waiting on the arrival of few more door frames before we can complete the taping and begin dry walling and painting. Any of you who can come in the evenings to help sand please let me know.

I will let you know you what walls are ready for sanding.

- ❖ The electrician has most of the conduit in and will start pulling wire.
- ❖ The masonry subcontractor has begun installing tile in the bathrooms.
- ❖ The furnace and much of the duct work is installed. The heating and air conditioning should be installed by the time the weather calls for heat.
- ❖ The flooring subcontractor has his material delivered and is ready to start installing flooring when the other subcontractors complete their work.
- ❖ All six baskets are installed.
- ❖ Nick Lien has the foundation and floor for the garage poured and the garage has been moved onto the new floor and foundation.

In order to protect the foundation on the south side from frost, we need to place a retaining wall at least four feet out from the building. We plan to wrap the retaining wall around the east side of the building also. Once the cement for the steps into the gym have been poured and the entry completed, we will begin the retaining wall.

Thanks to all of you who have been helping. Ron Guthmiller, Jim Diede and I are there every night, every Saturday and every Sunday afternoon. If you desire to

help just show up and one of us will show you what needs to be done and give you any guidance you desire.

If you are able to help in any way, please join us.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Now that school has started again, we are asking our members to save all receipts from Kessler's and Ken's dated *after* September 1, 2013. Please put the receipts into the box on the book rack near the back of the Fellowship Hall. These receipts help provide money to Trinity Lutheran School. Thanks for helping us with this project.



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 Trinity Lutheran School and to Great Plains Lutheran High School. 25% of the donations will go to Trinity Lutheran 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.

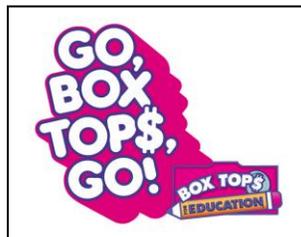
GYPSY DAY PARADE FLOAT: The PTO will be having a float in the Gypsy Day Parade next weekend. At 6:00 PM on Thursday and Friday, (October 3 & 4) they will be assembling the parade float in the "old garage" here at the church. Everyone is invited to walk in the Gypsy Day Parade on Saturday, October 5. If you have any

questions, please contact Kelly at 605-651-3964.

BOX TOPS

Clipping box tops is a great way to get everyone involved in making a contribution to Trinity Lutheran School without extra costs. Make your usual purchases, look for the "pink" box top on the package, clip it and put it into the box located in the Fellowship Hall by the magazine rack. You didn't spend any more money and yet you helped to create cash for our school. Don't forget to ask your friends and family to save box tops for Trinity Lutheran School.

BTFE has also teamed up with over 300 retailers like Wal-Mart, Target, Macy's Gap, Old Navy, etc., so that you can earn cash for Trinity Lutheran School. Go online, select your retailer and their website will show you how many box tops you will earn based on how much money you spend. The online receipts can be sent directly into Trinity Lutheran School's account or turned in to Mrs. Stewart.



Facts:

*Over 90,000 K-8 schools participate nationwide (and Trinity Lutheran School is one of them)

*Each box top coupon is worth 10¢

*Schools can use their box tops cash to buy books, desks, playground equipment, fund trips, or whatever else they need

*To date, schools nationwide have earned of \$525 million from Box Tops for Education

Support Trinity Lutheran School today and see what a difference **you** can make.

TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Eligible members who direct Choice Dollars online between July 1 and Oct. 31, 2013, will receive an additional \$25 Choice Dollars. By going online, Thrivent is encouraging more active member participation. Members learn about special opportunities. A current opportunity is GIVE BACK TO SCHOOLS. This gives members a chance to direct their Choice Dollars to a Lutheran educational institution, which will give them a chance to get one of 10 \$2,500 Choice Dollars grants. This continues through Sept. 30, 2013.

There are two separate opportunities for a chance to receive an additional \$2,500 grant from Thrivent Financial:

Grant Opportunity 1 – All Lutheran educational institutions that have Choice Dollars directed to them between May 1 and Sept. 30 will have the opportunity to be randomly selected to receive an additional \$2,500 grant.

Grant Opportunity 2 – Any Lutheran educational institution that has eligible members who direct Choice Dollars to their organization for the first time during this campaign will have the opportunity to be randomly selected to receive a \$2,500 grant.

For more info please see Janice Mohr.