

OCTOBER 2017 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.



Let's Remember the Glory Goes to the Lord

"Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel" (Deuteronomy 34:10-12 NIV 84).

Wow! That's pretty high praise. The Holy Spirit inspired these words to be written. He wanted it recorded in the Bible that there has never been a prophet like Moses. No other prophet has ever done the great works that Moses did.

But as we think of Moses and the great things he did, we remember Jesus words, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5 NIV 84). Yes, human beings sometimes do special things for God's kingdom. But whenever we consider anything a human being has accomplished for God's kingdom, we want to keep in mind an important truth. Without

God's help human beings would never be able to serve or be a blessing in God's church.

Think of the great heroes of faith: Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Daniel, Paul. They did great things for God's kingdom. But they accomplished those things only because the Lord worked through them and granted them his blessing.

So then, regardless of what any human being does for God's church, the credit and the glory must go to the Lord. That's what we want to keep in mind as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

When we think of the Reformation, invariably the first person to come to mind is Martin Luther. Certainly Martin Luther did great things for God's church. He was an incredibly gifted man who devoted all his talents to faithfully teaching, proclaiming and defending the words of the Bible. He rediscovered the truth that had been all but lost. He did everything in his power to proclaim it to the world.

Few people have written more words for publication than he has. Few have had the impact on human history that Martin Luther

had. Five hundred years later, we are still blessed because of the work he did. Humanly speaking there would have been no Reformation without Martin Luther.

However, we still keep Jesus' words in mind. "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5 NIV 84). When we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will consider various human figures involved in the story, such as Martin Luther or Philip Melancthon. But we will always keep in mind that they were only human beings who were empowered by God and used by God to accomplish his purpose. Therefore we know that all glory, honor and praise goes to the Lord.

And more important than the people who preached and taught are the Bible truths that were preached and taught: God saved sinners only because of his grace, only through faith in Jesus Christ, and God uses only the Bible to teach us his truth.

Whatever was accomplished in 1517, and in the years that followed, was accomplished because of God's love and power. The Reformation blessings that we still enjoy today, we enjoy only because of God's love and power. It is all his doing.

We keep that in mind when we consider our church and the work we do today. Whatever we might accomplish for God's church, we are able to do only because of the Lord's love and his power.

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will speak of courageous people and historic events. We will consider the impact the Reformation still has today, and the blessings we enjoy today because of what happened then. But especially we want to remember, it is only because of the Lord these things happened. It is only because of the Lord we still possess and enjoy these

blessings. All glory, praise, honor, credit, and thanks must go to the Lord, and only to the Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria:
Latin for "To God alone be glory."

Pastor Rawerts

GET THE WORD OUT

Please tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about our Trinity Lutheran School, Preschool and Aftercare programs. They can call our school (229-4697) for more information. Brochures about these programs are on the bulletin table.

LUTHER MOVIE

Trinity will be hosting a screening of 'A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy' on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. The movie will be shown at AMC Aberdeen 9 in the Aberdeen Mall. Tickets are \$10 and Trinity must sell 97 tickets by October 11 for the event to take place as scheduled.

Tickets can only be purchased online at <http://luthermovie.link/> Trinity. If you are not comfortable purchasing tickets online, you can give your money to Pastor Rawerts or Penny Biegler in the church office and tell them how many tickets you would like and the tickets will be purchased for you through the website. The movie is 105 minutes in length and all members of the community are welcome.

Please, share the link with your friends and family. A trailer of the movie can be found on the ticketing website.

ADULT HAND CHIMES

The adult hand chimes will be having their first rehearsal on October 11 at 6:00 p.m. All confirmed members are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Behm at matt.bethany17@gmail.com.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry has started again. Classes meet on the third Monday of each month from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm. *Jesus Cares* is a synod-wide program that reaches out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities. If you would like to help in this ministry or have questions, please speak with Aaron Kjenstad 605-377-5101.

YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP

A new fellowship group called "Rooted" is being organized in our congregation. "Rooted" is a Trinity organization whose purpose is to provide regular opportunities for Christians in their 20's to 40's to meet together for fun and fellowship. The meetings and activities will be for adults only. "Rooted" will have its first meeting on October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Ashley Seeklander's residence, 1004 South Washington, for a bonfire and S'mores. Please bring your own beverages. Ingredients for S'mores will be provided. In case of rain, the group will meet in the church fellowship hall.

MENTOR PROGRAM

Our congregation would like to start a "Mentor Program". The purpose of this program would be to seek and equip certain Trinity members to take a special interest in a new member; encourage the new member in his or her faith, help the new member to become familiar with the people and activities at Trinity Lutheran, and help them become comfortable with and feel more a part of Trinity Lutheran Church and its areas of ministry. If you are interested in being a part of our "Mentor Program", please speak with Pastor Rawerts.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please save Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated after September 1, 2017. 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.

CHILDREN'S REFORMATION SERVICE

On October 29, 2017, at our 9:00 a.m. service, we will have a special worship service to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The children (Sunday School and TLS students) will have rehearsals for this service on October 21 at 9:00 a.m., October 22 at 10:15 a.m., and October 28 at 9:00 a.m.

REFORMATION SONG SERVICE

On October 28, at 5:00 p.m., we will be having a special song service where we will review the blessings the Lord has given to us through the Reformation and offer him our thanks.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

You may have heard that the Campbell's Labels for Education program is being discontinued. However, Trinity Lutheran School is still actively involved in the program and is still collecting labels.

Please continue to save the Label for Education UPC and submit them to either the church secretary or in the labeled box in the fellowship hall. Your donations allow our teachers to purchase additional items that enhance our students' education and experience at Trinity Lutheran School. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Our Sunday School children have chosen to send their offerings to WELS Christian aid

and Relief. This committee provides disaster relief and humanitarian aid to people around the world who have been devastated by natural disasters and other tragedies.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets each Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. Please feel free to join us. If you have any questions, call Trista Dunsmoor.

SERVANT LEADERS

The following men have been elected to serve as leaders in our congregation. Please pray for them and encourage them whenever possible.

Church Council Members

<i>Al Kjenstad</i>	Chairman
<i>Darin Duvall</i>	Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Education
<i>Jim Diede</i>	Secretary
<i>Mark Dorn</i>	Financial Secretary
<i>Ben Krueger</i>	Treasurer
<i>Ron Guthmiller</i>	Trustee
<i>Mike Erickson</i>	Trustee
<i>Bert Klipfel</i>	Trustee

Department of Education Members

<i>Darin Duvall</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Jim Diede</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Ron Guthmiller</i>	<i>Trustee</i>
<i>Nick Lien</i>	
<i>Ben Dunsmoor</i>	
<i>Matt Fonder</i>	
<i>Brian Rawerts</i>	

Student Aid Fund

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SPECIAL OFFERING

Next year's budget once again includes an additional called worker to meet the demands of our expanding school. As a result we are once more seeking a special offering that is "over and above" regular firstfruit offerings. We ask that our members prayerfully consider the possibility of making a special offering to help us meet next year's budget. Please label this "TLS Expansion" on the "Other" line on your offering envelopes. The goal is \$15,000.

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'.

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.

WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA MISSION WORK

Our Dakota-Montana District is seeking special offerings to assist the mission work that is being done in Williston, North Dakota. The Elders are recommending that 10% of the special offering we are seeking will go to support this mission work. This represents a thank offering for ending the current year with a balanced budget.

CHRISTIAN COMPANION VISITS

A new outreach for Trinity shut-ins has begun. On the bulletin table 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.

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.

GYM SHOES

All students must have non-marking tennis shoes to participate in any activity on the gym floor. Thank you for your cooperation.

BOX TOPS



Please continue to save "Box Tops For Education". These labels are turned in at the end of the school year and that money goes for Trinity Lutheran School, preschool, and/or aftercare. A box for the labels is on the bulletin table.

SCHOOL VACATION

There will be no school October 9-11 due to the teachers attending a conference. Take time to enjoy the fall weather and colors.!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held October 20, 2017. There will be no school that day.

HEALTH FAIR

On October 17th at 1 p.m., the students will be participating in a Health Fair. The Health Fair will be held at the school for Trinity students in grades K-8. They will have their vision and hearing assessed as well as learn about ways to stay healthy and fit.

TLS PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

A retake of the school pictures will be taken Wednesday, October 18. If you would like to have your child's pictures re-taken, please speak with Jessica Kjenstad to set up a time. More information will be sent home with the TLS students.

**OFFICE MAX/OFFICE DEPOT 5%
DONATION TO SCHOOLS**

**Help our school earn
FREE SUPPLIES!**

Let the cashier know that you are with Trinity Lutheran School, and Office Max/Office Depot will donate 5% of your purchase back to our school. (If the cashier forgets to ask, let them know you would like the 5% donation.)

You can get credit for the school all year!

- **Give our school ID# every time you shop at Office Max.**

At www.officedepot.com

TRINITY TORNADO APPAREL

We have a variety of Trinity Tornado clothing available for sale. T-shirts are \$8, long sleeved shirts are \$11, crew neck sweatshirts are \$13, and hooded sweatshirts are \$18. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please speak to Mrs. Jessica Kjenstad or Mrs. Biegler.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The annual Trinity Lutheran School Scholastic Book Fair will be held December 1 through December 8.

We will have more information at a later date.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF

The following people will be serving us at Trinity Lutheran during the 2017-2018 school year:

Ms. Doreen Leinen
Preschool and Aftercare

Miss Kristy Lendt
Kindergarten and Grade 1

Miss Cassie Schwark
Grades 2-3

Mr. Aaron Kjenstad
*Principal and Middle Grades Teacher
Grades 4-5*

Mr. Matthew Behm
Upper Grades Teacher

Mrs. Jessica Kjenstad
School Secretary

Mrs. Marie Brick and Mrs. Charlene Stewart
Hot Lunch Program

Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary

Rev. D. T. Rawerts
Pastor