

OCTOBER 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.



FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OTHERS TOO

What a blessed gift has been given to us! What a priceless heritage has been passed on to us! What a precious treasure we possess!

By the grace of God, we know the truth. We know the Bible is God's Word, completely, totally. Every word of it is true. All its promises come true. We know Jesus Christ did everything necessary so that we are completely forgiven for all our sins. Because of what Jesus has done, we know for sure that we will go to heaven when we die.

How is it that we believe these things? The Holy Spirit has worked in our hearts to lead us to know and accept these things as true. The Holy Spirit worked through the Words of God that we have heard to lead us to believe these precious, priceless, all-important facts.

How is it that we heard the Words of God?

Simple, someone told us. Someone else believed these words and treasured

these truths. And they thought it was important to teach them to us. This is how the Lord proclaims his Word to the world. He gives his truth to people and he commands them to share it.

But there is one other command that he gives, a command that is essential for doing the work of his Kingdom.

Through the Apostle Paul the Lord tells us, "As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced" (2 Timothy 3:14 EHV). Jesus says, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31 EHV).

Only the truth helps people. We can't share the truth with others if we don't have it ourselves. If we truly want to do the work of God's kingdom the way God wants, we have to continue in what we have learned.

Obviously, I need to remain faithful to God's Word for my spiritual well-being. Only the truth of God's Word builds me up in my faith and guides me in the way the Lord wants me to live.

In the same way, the truth of God's Word is the only thing that helps other people with their relationship with God. So, if we truly want to help people in the best possible way, we need to share God's truth with them. But we can't share that truth unless we continue in it ourselves.

On October 31, we celebrate the festival of Reformation. We remember and thank the Lord that Christians in times past have loved his Word. We are thankful that they were determined to stay faithful to God's Word. Because they continued in what they had learned, they were able to share it with others, including us. Now we have the same privilege and the same responsibility.

Only the truth of God's Word helps us. Only the truth of God's Word helps others. If we truly want to care for our own spiritual well-being, and if truly want to help others with their relationship with God, we need, we must take the Apostle Paul's words to heart. "As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced" (2 Timothy 3:14 EHV).

As Christians, as a congregation, as a church body, we have to, we absolutely must continue steadfastly in the truth that we have been taught. It is essential for ourselves and for others.

Pastor Rawerts

LWMS RALLY

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held here at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 3. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. The speaker will be Rebecca Wendland, the wife of WELS missionary Robert Wendland. She served with her husband in Malawi, Africa. Rebecca has written a book entitled, "*Bloom Where You Are Planted.*" In this book, she shares the ups and downs of life in Africa. She'll share personal stories from her time there. The LWMS ladies would like to invite all members of our congregation to join them to hear Mrs. Wendland's presentation.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR LWMS RALLY

Friday evening (October 2) we need help setting up for the Rally. We need to hang 62 banners, sort tables for lunch on Saturday, and general overall preparation for the Rally.

Saturday morning we need help serving coffee in the morning, helpers to pass the collection plate and helpers to count money. We will also need helpers to serve lunch and help clean up after the lunch.

So, as you can see, we NEED your HELP to make our Fall Rally a success.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Charlene Stewart
LWMS Reporter

ST. JACOBI LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTENNIAL

St. Jacobi Lutheran Church, Glenham, SD, will be Celebrating 100 Years of Blessings on October 4, 2020, at

1:30 p.m. The theme will be "Living Under His Faithfulness".

*10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship Service
11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Special 100th
Anniversary Service
2:30 PM Reception*

For more information, call Pastor Bryant Laude, (605) 848-4186.

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.

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 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. An offering is collected each Friday to help teach our students the importance of mission work. The offerings are going to a mission church in Brandon, SD.

PTO MEETING

Trinity Lutheran School PTO will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call Trista Dunsmoor at 228-1346.

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.

HOT LUNCH DAYS – REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our school is looking for volunteers to help out on hot lunch days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), between 11:15 and 12:15. If you are able to help, or you have questions, please text or call Trista Dunsmoor at 605-228-1346; or you can contact Kathy, school secretary at 605-229-4697. Thank you.

CLEANING FEE

As previously sent out in an email, TLS has taken into account survey results and recommendations to change to a hired cleaning service. Families will no longer be asked to clean school throughout the year. The cleaning fee of \$16/month applies per student (K-8), and billing will begin in September and go through May (9 months for a total of \$144 per student for the year). Billing will occur monthly, or you can choose to pay a lump sum. Please contact Mr. Behm or Kathy with any questions.

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.*

TEMPERATURE SCREENING UPDATE



Temperature screening upon entering school has been going smoothly. Thank you to students and parents for your cooperation and understanding. At morning drop-off, we encourage parents to wait a few minutes in the parking lot, to ensure their children have had time to be scanned and don't have a fever. If students have a fever of 100.4 or higher, we will send them back out to their parent/ride; otherwise, parents will be called and need to return to pick up the student.



TRUNK OR TREAT

The Trinity Lutheran School PTO will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 31, from 2-4 PM in our parking lot. This will be in place of the Fall Festival which is usually held in the gym. We are looking for volunteers from the church and school who would be willing to pass out candy from their trunk/pick up bed or back end of whatever vehicle you have. Candy and trinkets will be provided by the PTO.

Vehicles may be decorated in a fall/Halloween or fun "theme", However, a theme is not necessary to participate. We will be passing out trinkets and flyers with Trinity Lutheran Church and School information, as well as candy, so this will be a fun outreach event!

There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or call the church office at

225-6081 to register. We would appreciate sign-ups by Oct. 18. For more information; or if you have a couple hay bales you could spare for our photo booth area, please contact Jessica Kjenstad at 380-0548.

UPDATE ON OUR MISSIONS!

As of September 23, 2020

SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN, BRANDON, SD had its launch service on Sept. 20, just as planned! With 75 in attendance (even our mission counselor, Pastor Mark Birkholz, was there—first launch service he has attended in over 20 years), this mission is off to a good start. Sure Foundation was also the mission our DMB highlighted in our first Video Brief. Look for an update on our mission in Minot, ND in next quarter's DMB Video Brief!

THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS met both face-to-face (near the Synod headquarters in Waukesha, WI) and by zoom for its fall meeting on Sept. 17-18. We started by celebrating the 100th anniversary of our WELS Campus Ministry—all of us are encouraged to celebrate it, perhaps in connection with our Reformation Day worship Nov. 1 (materials can be found at campusministry.welsrc.net).

Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO's) are steady (actually they are, as of Aug. 31, a bit higher than expected). Thus the five new starts / restarts that were approved at our spring zoom meeting were now also given the funding they had requested. They are: West San Antonio, TX; North

Liberty, IA; Amarillo, TX; Santa Clarita, CA; Dix Hills, NY.

We have reason, also, to be hopeful that there will be sufficient funds this coming spring to authorize even more new start missions! If your congregation is looking for all kinds of useful Mission Fest resources, go to missions.welsrc.net.

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YOUR Dakota-Montana District Mission Board (for mission work south of the 49th parallel)

- *Rev. Gary Bode (Helena, MT)
- *Mr. Terry Krause (Clear Lake, SD)
- *Mr. Jerry Pepke (BHM lay rep, Great Falls, MT)
- *Pastor Tom Rawerts (Aberdeen, SD)
- *Pastor Jonathan Werre (chairman, Sioux Falls, SD, jwerre@gswels.org)
- *Mr. Jim Weimer (Rapid City, SD)

