

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.



WHAT A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY

Can you believe it? Our congregation has received a gift of \$500,000. That's half a million dollars! The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has designated this gift for the building of a gymnasium/Christian Life Center.

Back in 2004, Dr. George LaGrow told our congregation, "A Christian Life Center should be considered. This facility can be used to house expanded ministries such as Youth and Family Ministries as well as serve as a gym for your elementary school. Understand that many options are available to you."

This facility will enhance the ministry of our Lutheran elementary school, provide a place for day-care facilities, and can 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! We join with the psalmist and say, "*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise*" (Psalm 96:4 NIV).

What a glorious opportunity the Lord has given us! Half the cost of this facility has been given to us upfront, and we now have the opportunity to consider offering a special gift for this building project.

During the month of September we will be having 3 special Stewardship Sundays. During each worship service we will consider the great blessings the Lord

has given us, the special opportunity we have to do his work, and the privilege we have in taking part in this work.

We ask that you pray for our congregation as we pursue this wonderful opportunity. Please thank the Lord for moving someone's heart to give such a wonderful gift. Please ask the Lord to guide as we make plans to use this gift in the best possible way. Please ask the Lord to move each of our members to consider making a special offering toward this project.

It is also our prayer that these new facilities will enable us to have even more contacts with the people of our community so that we can eventually share with them the good news that Jesus has won eternal life for all. As more people learn about their Savior, we pray that they also will join with the psalmist and say, "*Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise*" (Psalm 96:4 NIV).

Pastor Rawerts

SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINAR: On September 8, our congregation will be hosting a seminar for Sunday School teachers. President Mark Zarling from Martin Luther College will be the presenter. The presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m., break for lunch, and then continue until 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Pastor Rawerts.

WORKER TRAINING SUNDAY: On September 9, we will have a "Worker Training Sunday." We will consider the blessings the Lord gives us through full-time workers in his church. President Mark Zarling of Martin Luther College will be our guest preacher that morning.

BIBLE CLASSES BEGIN: Sunday School, Teen Bible Class, and Adult Bible Class will begin on September 9. Confirmation classes will begin on September 5. Our mid-week Bible Class will begin on September 12.

KOINE RECAP: There were 29 teams, 3rd through 8th grade, who participated in the 2 on 2 Basketball tournament on Saturday afternoon with approximately 300 people attending the basketball tournament. We fed between 400-425 people later that evening. (This was a different crowd from the basketball tournament.) Between 450-475 people attended the concert. In all, there were about 400-500 non-members who were on our campus on Saturday. Two hundred twenty-one people attended the outdoor worship service (well above the average summer attendance). Praise God for the answered prayers and the wonderful weekend!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Over 30 children attended our Vacation Bible School August 6-9. The theme for our VBS was "Team Jesus." We would like to give a special thank you to all those who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a success. We also thank our VBS children for singing in our service on August 12.

CHOIR: Our adult choir will begin rehearsing on September 12 at 7:30 p.m. All confirmed adults are welcome to join. Babysitting will be provided at church for those parents who have younger children.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL: On August 21, Trinity Lutheran School started its 34th year with 36 students and 5 preschool students. We praise God for the school's continued growth.

TLS STAFF: The following will be serving us at Trinity Lutheran during the coming school year:

Mrs. Jessica Niemi
Preschool and Kindergarten teacher
Miss Emily Sell
Lower grades teacher
Mr. Rick Zimmerman
Principal and Upper Grades Teacher
Mrs. Charlene Stewart
School Secretary
Mrs. Marie Brick and Mrs. Liz Tice
Office Assistants
Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary
Rev. D. T. Rawerts

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: September 17 is Grandparents' Day at Trinity Lutheran School. Grandparents are welcome to come and sit in on classes and observe as their grandchildren learn. Lunch will be provided for them.

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.

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.

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.

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.

AUGUST VOTERS' MEETING RESULTS: At a special voters meeting in August, a motion was approved to re-shingle our teacherage at a cost of \$3,200. The school air conditioner was also replaced and repairs were made to our boiler at a cost of \$4,200.

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.

CHURCH LEADERS: Our congregation has elected the following men to serve us:

CHURCH COUNCIL

Don Jakober	Chairman
Ken Gosch	Vice-Chairman
Ron Guthmiller	Financial Secretary
Robert Russell	Secretary
Jarrold Kannas	Treasurer
Merle Mohr	Trustee
Chris Scott	Trustee
Taylor Gosch	Trustee

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Ken Gosch	Chairman
Robert Russell	Secretary
Tavis Allam	
Anton Gross	
Nick Lien	
Brian Rawerts	
Taylor Gosch	

STUDENT AID FUND

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May the Lord bless these men with his wisdom and enable them to serve us in a true spirit of love and devotion to their Savior.

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.

ITEMS FOR GREAT PLAINS: As soon as the work on Kline Street is completed (near the end of September), a garage sale will be held at the Gosch residence. The money received from the items that are sold will be given as an offering to Great Plains Lutheran High School. If you have items that you would like to donate for this project, please hold them until it is announced in the bulletin that the items may be dropped off at the Gosch's. If you have any questions, please speak to Ardys Gosch.

BUDGET APPROVED: Recently the voters approved a budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year of \$402,662.00. This is a 9% increase over this present fiscal year. Please keep this in mind as you consider your offerings.

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.

WELS SERVICE ON TV: "Time of Grace" is a Wisconsin Synod worship service that is broadcast on television. The 30-minute program features Pastor Mark Jeske, a WELS pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Time of Grace" will be broadcast in South Dakota every Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on KSFY-ABC Channel 13. The program is also broadcast at various times on both "Dish Network" and "Direct TV". For more information about "Time of Grace", you may check their website at timeofgrace.org.