

SEPTEMBER 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.



WITH GOD'S HELP WE CAN LET GO

What warning did the Lord give to Cain? "Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:7 NIV 84).

Do you remember the story? Both Cain and Abel had given offerings to the Lord. We are told, "The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast" (Genesis 4:4-5 NIV 84).

Cain was angry. In fact we are told he was very angry. He was in danger of letting his anger control him. So the Lord gave him the warning. "Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it" (Genesis 4:7 NIV 84). Cain had to fight against and rise above his sinful feelings. He had to deal with them and let them go.

He didn't and you know what happened. Cain did an unthinkable thing and murdered his own brother. But what else happened?

Cain brought trouble and hardship on himself that lasted the rest of his life. What did he say? "My punishment is more than I can bear" (Genesis 4:14 NIV 84).

When I have been hurt by someone, the temptation is there to hold on to the hurt. Sometimes I want to nurse the grudge and stay angry at the person. The sinful nature in me doesn't want them to get off easy. There is a part of me that doesn't want to let them off the hook until they have been hurt the way that I want them to hurt.

What does this lead to? Perhaps my anger and my vengeance will make someone else hurt. Part of me might feel good about that. But what else does this lead to? Whenever I give in to the sinful nature and satisfy its desire to get back at someone, I also end up hurting myself.

Satisfying the desire to hurt someone back is a sin against the Lord. When I do this, I make myself guilty before God. I give God reasons to deal with me according to his justice. I also hurt myself. I allow the devil to have a foothold in my heart. I am sowing and

watering the seeds of bitterness and anger in my heart and that will ultimately rob me of peace and joy in my life.

God says, "Vengeance is mine" (Romans 12:19 NKJV). Part of keeping the First Commandment is letting God be God. That means letting him deal with those who have sinned in his time and way.

God loves us when he commands us to forgive others as he has forgiven us. By refusing to forgive and by holding on to anger and bitterness we usually end up hurting ourselves worse than we can ever hurt someone else.

The Bible says, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32 NIV 84).

How much could God hold against me? How angry could he be over the things I have done? Yet, he forgives me, completely, freely because of Jesus. He does not let my past sins affect how he feels about me or how he treats me. How thankful I am that's the way God deals with me.

He calls on me to forgive others in the same way. Yes, it can be difficult. But with God's help we can do this. His forgiveness motivates me. Jesus lives in me to empower me. For as difficult as it might seem, for as impossible as I might think it is, I can forgive. With God's help I can let go.

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 \$9 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.

TRINITY SOFTBALL UPDATE

The 2017 church league softball season is complete. The league featured 3 divisions and 20 teams. Trinity had two teams – a team in the A Division and a team in the B Division. All totaled, Trinity had 27 players participate. Both teams had a fun and successful season. The A team finished first in the regular season with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. The B team made it a clean sweep as they also finished first in the regular season with a record of 8 wins and 2 losses. Both teams received 1st place regular season plaques that are displayed in the fireside room.

The season concluded with an end of year double elimination tournament on August 12th. Both teams competed hard in the end of season tournament but wound up on the losing side of some close ball games.

Both teams are looking forward to another fun season in 2018!

GO TRINITY!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT
BIBLE CLASSES, MIDWEEK
BIBLE CLASSES, and
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

- ❖ **Midweek Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room. (Please note the new time for this Bible Study.)
- ❖ **Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** will resume on Sunday, September 10, 2017.
- ❖ **Junior and Senior Confirmation classes** will begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Choir** will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at 7 p.m.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry will be starting up again on September 18. Classes are once a month on Mondays 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.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

It is once again time to start thinking about the 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.

PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD



Have you noticed all the new people in the pews for worship services? Ever wonder who they are? Are you a little nervous about talking to them because you don't know who they are? Check out the photo display board! Many of our newest members and their families have their pictures on the board. Check out the photo board and so that you can "meet and greet" the person next to you in the pew, in Bible class, or passing on the street. (Have you updated your picture lately?)

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

You may have heard that the Campbell's Labels for Education program has been discontinued. Campbell's is indeed phasing out the program; however, they are still accepting labels throughout this next school year for schools that are already involved in the program. Trinity Lutheran School is still actively involved in the program and is still collecting labels.

Only UPCs with the Labels for Education logo will be able to be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank accounts.

Please continue to cut off the Label for Education UPC and submit 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!

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.

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>	
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Student Aid Fund

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SUNDAY SCHOOL **TEACHERS** **2017-2018**

Preschool-Kindergarten	Sarah Schaffer Trista Dunsmoor
Grades 1-2	Jodie Kannas Cheryl Rawerts

Grades 3-4

Doreen Leinen
Kim Russell

Grades 5-6

Ashley Seeklander
Ben Dunsmoor

Grades 7-8

Alan Kjenstad

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 by the start of the school year.

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'.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program has been available to Trinity Lutheran for several years. SCRIP coupons may be used like cash at many stores, eating places, clothing stores, car washes, book stores, Walmart and many other places. (Check out the current list of business participation on the bulletin board west of the church doors.) SCRIP coupons can now be purchased at Ken's and Kessler's grocery stores. They are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School to Great Plains Lutheran High School.

Please speak to Ardys Gosch and let her know which stores you prefer to shop so that

we may buy coupons for these stores, or if you have any questions.

STUDENT AID FUND

Here at Trinity, we have a huge selection of ways to reach out to people. We have our internet website, sermons on the internet and CDs, we have visitations for our shut-ins, the Fellowship Hall, our new gymnasium. An extra-special blessing is Trinity Lutheran School—a very instrumental way of providing God’s word every day to our Trinity youth and the youth in our community.

Through our Student Aid Fund, we at Trinity try to assist families who want to send their children to Trinity Lutheran School and are unable to afford the tuition. Without our Student Aid Fund, these families would not be able to bring their children to our school and learn about God. Perhaps we have another Peter or John in our midst, but we may never know because our Student Aid Fund is depleted. Please help us build it up again.

"Let the little children to come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

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.

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.

PTO PICNIC



The PTO picnic will be September 10 at Wylie Park, Shelter D. Fellowship will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a potluck meal at 5 p.m.

The PTO will provide pork loin sandwiches, and pop/water. We ask you to bring a dish to pass. (In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church.) We are asking people to RSVP so that we make sure we have the correct amount of food. All Trinity members are invited. If you have any questions or to RSVP, please call Kim Russell or Jessica Kjenstad.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT TLS

Monday, September 11, all grandparents of our Preschool – 8th grade students are invited to Trinity Lutheran School for a morning of fun and fellowship. Parents please invite your child’s grandparents for us. Students may invite another family member if grandma or grandpa is not available (aunt, uncle, mom, dad or special friend).



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

**Help our school earn
FREE SUPPLIES!**

Our school will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school or office supply purchases to use for FREE supplies. You can credit the school year round!

- **Give our school ID# every time you shop at Office Max.**
- At any store in the U.S.
- At www.officedepot.com

When you purchase items from Office Max/Office Depot, whether for yourself or for the school, 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. (A list of qualifying product categories can be found on the bulletin table.)

TLS PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 13. If you would like to have a younger child's picture taken, please speak with Jessica Kjenstad to set up a time. More information will be sent home with the TLS students.

TLS APPAREL

We have a variety of TLS 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.

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

