

SEPTEMBER 2018 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.



In Awe of God's Goodness

Jacob spent 20 years working for Laban. For 14 of those years, it appears he did not receive a salary. Instead Jacob's toil and service were rendered as payment for receiving Laban's two daughters as his wives. When those 14 years were up, Jacob could finally start providing for himself and his growing family.

Fortunately the Lord blessed Jacob's efforts during those last 7 years. The book of Genesis tells that Jacob "grew exceedingly prosperous" (Genesis 30:43a NIV 11). We are told that Jacob "came to own large flocks, and female and male servants, and camels and donkeys" (Genesis 30:43b NIV 11).

Another gauge of just how wealthy Jacob had become can be seen the gift he gave his brother Esau. Jacob gave his brother "two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, thirty female camels with their young, forty cows and ten bulls, and twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys" (Genesis 32:14-15 NIV 11). One internet site estimated the value of this gift at over \$650,000!

WOW!! What was Jacob's net worth if he was able to give a gift worth that much money? We can only imagine! Indeed, the Lord had made Jacob "exceedingly prosperous!"

Later on, as Jacob closed in on his homeland, he prayed to the Lord, and admitted, "I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant. I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps" (Genesis 32:10 NIV 11). Look at how much the Lord had blessed Jacob! He left with pretty much nothing. He returned with enough people and possessions to fill two camps. Indeed, the Lord had made him exceedingly prosperous. We stand in awe when we consider what the Lord did for Jacob.

August 29 marked forty years since our Trinity Lutheran school held its very first class. There were 23 students in 6 grades in 1 room taught by 1 teacher in the basement of the old church. There was no playground. During recess the kids played on the lawn by the church.

Now, forty years later, we look what we have. 5 teachers, 5 classrooms, the Aftercare room, the kitchen, the gymnasium, playground

equipment and so much more. We realize that it is all because of God's grace and goodness to us. Like Jacob we realize how unworthy we are of the Lord's blessings. We bow in humility before God and stand in awe of his goodness.

As we bow in gratitude before the Lord for all he has done for us, may we continue to offer him our prayers. We implore the Lord to keep on granting us his blessings so that we can continue to offer children the wonderful blessings of a Christian education. With each passing year, yes, even as each day unfolds, we pray we will continue to receive God's blessings and always stand in awe his goodness.

Pastor Rawerts

NEW MEMBER

We would like to welcome Lance Beitelspacher as a new member to Trinity. Lance was received by transfer from St. John's Lutheran in Bowdle. Lance's wife, Heather, assists with our Aftercare program, and Lance's daughter, Kaelyn, is in grade 2 in our school. We pray the Lord will bless Lance and his family. We pray our congregation will be a blessing to them as well.

TRINITY SOFTBALL UPDATE

The 2018 Aberdeen Church Softball League has finished its season. Our Trinity Lutheran Church team finished the tournament as the "A" Division Tournament Champion for 2018.

WAY TO GO, TEAM!
GO TRINITY!

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'.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASSES, CONFIRMATION, CHOIR, AND CHIMES

- ❖ **Midweek Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- ❖ **Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018.
- ❖ **Junior and Senior Confirmation classes** will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Ring Praise** (adult chimes) will begin on September 5, 2018, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Choir** will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7 p.m.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry will be starting up again on September 17. 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 Cassie Schwark, 262-903-8658.

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?)

GROCERY RECEIPTS

It is once again time to start thinking about the Ken’s and Kessler’s grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2018. 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.

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.

NO CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

We will no longer be able to accept the Campbell’s Labels for Education as the Campbell’s Corporation has discontinued this program. Thank you for your past support.

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

- Al Kjenstad* Chairman
- Darin Duvall* Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Education
- Tim Swantz* Secretary
- Mark Dorn* Financial Secretary
- Ben Krueger* Treasurer
- Ron Guthmiller* Trustee
- Mike Erickson* Trustee
- Bert Klipfel* Trustee

Department of Education Members

- Darin Duvall* Chairman
- Jim Diede* Secretary
- Ron Guthmiller* Trustee
- Nick Lien*
- Ben Dunsmoor*
- Matt Fonder*
- Mike Hansen*

Student Aid Fund

- Del Fuller* *Allen Lehr* *Don Jakober*



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS 2018-2019

- Preschool-Kindergarten Sarah Schaffer
Christina Flack
- Grades 1-2 Jodie Kannas
Cheryl Rawerts
- Grades 3-4 Trista Dunsmoor
Kim Russell
- Grades 5-6 Ashley Seeklander
Ben Dunsmoor
- Grades 7-8 Alan Kjenstad

OFFICE MAX/OFFICE DEPOT 5% DONATION TO SCHOOLS

Help our school earn FREE SUPPLIES!

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.

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES

God continues to richly bless Trinity Lutheran School! Here are some recent notes and news related to our school.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL STAFF

The following people will be serving us at Trinity Lutheran during the 2018-2019 school year:

Ms. Doreen Leinen
Preschool and Aftercare

Miss Kristy Lendt
*Assistant Athletic Director
Kindergarten and Grade 1*

Miss Cassie Schwark
*Music Director
Grades 2-3*

Mr. Aaron Kjenstad
*Principal and Athletic Director
Grades 4-5*

Mr. Matthew Behm
*Vice Principal and Technology Director
Upper Grades Teacher*

Trista Dunsmoor & Marilyn Kjenstad
Hot Lunch Program

Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary

Rev. D. T. Rawerts
Pastor

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 9, at Wylie Park, at the shelter by the Bird House. Food, fellowship and fun will begin at 5 p.m.

The PTO will provide chicken and beverages. We ask each family to bring a dish to pass. (In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church.) Please 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 the church office.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT TLS

Monday, September 10, 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).



TLS PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken Wednesday, September 26. If you would like to have a younger child's picture taken, please speak with the school secretary to set up a time. More information will be sent home with the TLS students.

THE BEST

What are you willing to do for your children?

Do you love them? That goes without saying.

Do you want the best for them? Again, that goes without saying.

What is truly best for them?

To keep them safe from various kinds of harm and danger? Of course, we want that for them.

A keen intellect combined with considerable knowledge? To be able to think intelligently and logically? Obviously, those are very important blessings.

To develop a nice personality that will enable them to have friends and get along with people? Yes, we want that for them.

To one day have a family of their own? Of course, we hope for that.

To eventually have a good job which enables them to live comfortably and enjoy some of the nice things this life offers? That would be very nice.

To live long happy lives, filled with many, many blessings? Once again, that goes without saying.

Certainly all those things are blessings that we hope our children will have. But are those the best blessings of all?

No.

You love your children and you want the best for them.

That means you want them to know the words of the Bible, and believe in Jesus so that they will be in heaven one day.

That's what is truly best for them. That's what we want for them more than anything else.

So.....

Please remember how important it is to have your family devotions, to read Bible stories and to say prayers. Please remember how important it is for them to attend church services and be in Sunday School. Please consider the blessings of a Christian education.

You love your children, don't you? That goes without saying. That's why you want the best for them.

