

SEPTEMBER 2019 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.*



A Good Time to Get Back to What's Most Important

Which of the following best summarizes your point of view?

- A. I am glad when school ends and things finally slow down.
- B. I am glad when summer ends and we can get back into our regular routine again.

Perhaps you chose A. From August to May, we can get so busy with school activities we don't always get to all the things that need to be done. Some days we seem to be rushing from one activity to another.

Perhaps you chose B. From May to August we can be so busy with vacations, sports, family gatherings and other summer activities that certain things can fall through the cracks. Just as during the school year, some days we seem to be rushing from one activity to another.

Whether you chose A or B, what often gets neglected?

Time with the Lord.

When things get busy it is so easy to skip or forget about having devotions or saying our prayers. Sometimes even our attendance at worship falls off because we are so busy trying to fulfill obligations or pack in as many activities as we can. Some of these activities we can participate in only during the summer, sometimes only on weekends.

Sometimes we tell ourselves, "When things slow down a bit, then I will think more about the Lord," or "When we get back to our regular routine, then we can start having regular devotions and get to church more often."

For many the start of the school year brings us back to a regular routine. We get up at a certain time every morning. We are dropping kids off and picking them up at a certain time each day. Chores and homework must be done before time with TV or electronics are

allowed. It usually doesn't take too many days to get back into the swing of things.

As you work to reestablish regular routines, this can also be a good time to review and, if necessary, reestablish our spiritual schedules. Has your personal devotion time become irregular? Now is a good time to get back to regular time in prayer and with the Word.

Has your church attendance slipped during the summer months? Now is a good time to get back to regular worship at church. The kids need to be in Sunday School. That's all the more reason to be here on Sundays for worship.

The devil never stops trying to destroy our faith. So taking care of our spiritual lives must be ongoing in our lives. It is easy to fall out of the habit of praying, having devotions and being in church. If that is the case, now—when we are getting back into regular fall routines—is a great time to get back into the good habit of having your devotions, saying your prayers and being in church.

Pastor Rawerts



GPLHS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

On September 29, 2019, a special presentation is planned following our worship service to explain more about Great Plains Lutheran High School's building expansion plans and how we can offer financial support. Visits to previous donors to the school have resulted in gifts and commitments totaling \$2.3 million towards the overall project goal of \$5 million. On this

Celebration Sunday every member will be given the opportunity to participate in this United in Praise effort. If you would prefer making an immediate gift, please contact the GPLHS Director of Mission Advancement, Rev. Paul Lindhorst, 605-880-1583 or plindhorst@gplhs.org.

TRINITY SOFTBALL UPDATE



The 2019 church league softball season concluded on August 10th with the annual double elimination tournament. The co-ed league has three divisions – A, B and C. Trinity has a team in the A Division and a team in the B Division. Our A and B teams were both the number 2 seed in their respective tournaments based on good regular season records. The B team lost both games in the tournament. They lost to the eventual champions in their first game and then lost a heartbreaker in extra innings. The A team played 5 straight games on Saturday making the final championship game. After a back and forth championship game the A team came up a run short in a 9-8 loss. The A team received a plaque for the runner-up tournament finish. Congrats to both teams on fun and successful seasons.

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 4, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.
- ❖ **Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes** will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019.
- ❖ **Junior and Senior Confirmation classes** will begin on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Ring Praise** (adult chimes) will begin on September 4, 2019, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ **Choir** will begin on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at 7 p.m.

JESUS CARES MINISTRY

Jesus Cares Ministry will be starting up again on September 16. 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.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

It is once again time to start thinking about the Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2019. 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.

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>Ben Dunsmoor</i>	Chairman
<i>Matt Fonder</i>	Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Education
<i>Tim Swantz</i>	Secretary
<i>Mark Dorn</i>	Financial Secretary
<i>Ben Krueger</i>	Treasurer
<i>Ron Guthmiller</i>	Trustee
<i>Mike Mertz</i>	Trustee
<i>Bert Klipfel</i>	Trustee

Department of Education Members

<i>Matt Fonder</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Tim Swantz</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Nick Lien</i>	
<i>Matt Biegler</i>	
<i>Brian Rawerts</i>	
<i>Mike Hansen</i>	

Student Aid Fund

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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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS
2019-2020

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 Rachel Duvall
Grades 7-8	Alan Kjenstad

EHV BIBLES

The pre-ordered EHV Bibles are here. The cost is \$18 each. Please contact Penny to pick up your Bible. The first printing of the EHV has completely sold out. The second edition should be ready by mid-September.

SCRIP PROGRAM

The SCRIP program is available to Trinity Lutheran. 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. Both grocery stores are giving a 5% benefit—in addition to the grocery receipt program. Donations are made to Trinity Lutheran School and to Great Plains Lutheran High School.

Please speak to Peggy Martens 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.

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

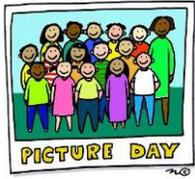
TRINITY LUTHERAN BOOK FAIR



I'm sure all the kids read all their books through the summer. Now, it's time to refill your book shelves for fall and winter. This year Trinity Lutheran School will hold its Scholastic book fair from September 9-15. (We are trying something new by having it earlier in the school year.) Please come to check out the new selections. All proceeds from the book fair go towards Trinity Lutheran School's library and books for the teachers.

TLS PICTURE DAY

LifeTouch



School pictures will be taken on Monday, September, 2019. 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.

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:

Mrs. Doreen Sperry
Preschool and Aftercare

Miss Kristy Lendt
Kindergarten and Grade 1

Miss Cassie Schwark
*Music Director
Grades 2-3*

Mrs. Bethany Behm
Grades 4-5

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

Trista Dunsmoor & Marilyn Kjenstad
Hot Lunch Program

Ms. Kathy Cooper
School Secretary

Mrs. Penny Biegler
Church Secretary

Rev. D. T. Rawerts
Pastor

FRIDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Each Friday, at 8:10 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.



All TLS Grandparents are invited to participate in the

TLS Grandparent's day's activities. If the grandparents cannot make it right away in the morning, they are still welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. for chapel or at 10:00 a.m. for the activities. If grandparents are unable to attend, parents or another special friend is welcome to come in their place. Please remember to RSVP to the church office.

8:30 – 9:00 Doughnuts/coffee/juice with grandchildren
9:00 – 9:30 Chapel
10:00 – 10:30 Classroom activity
10:30 – 11:00 Large group activity

PTO PICNIC



The PTO picnic will be September 15, 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.



Have you ever read this book?

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie....

"Why wouldn't you give a mouse a cookie?"

If you give a mouse a cookie, he'll probably ask for a glass of milk.....and in the end takes over the entire kitchen!

The Bible warns us, "Do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:27 NIV 11). If we do, the devil won't just take one part of our soul, he will eventually want it all.

The Lord assures us, however, that the Holy Spirit lives within us as we trust in Jesus. He leads us to repent of our sin daily, and daily to know God's forgiveness and love.

Picture giving the Holy Spirit a tour of your heart and life. Is there somewhere you would say, "Sorry, that's off limits! You can't go in there! I don't want you to know about this!"?

Be a gracious host for the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we entertain thoughts and repeat words and willfully carry out deeds that we know He does not approve of, and then try to hide them from him and deny them. Paul

tells us that when we grieve the Holy Spirit, we "give the devil a foothold."

If you give a mouse a cookie.....

If you give the devil a foothold.....

Ask the Lord to grant you His Holy Spirit so that you believe his Holy Word, rejoice in his forgiveness for Jesus' sake, and remain in confessing Christ as our Savior and Lord to the end.

Trust he will give you the Holy Spirit through the means he himself has ordained - the gospel in Word and Sacrament.

With the Holy Spirit sweeping your heart and life clean, the devil won't have any place to stand.

God bless!

Adapted from article by
Pastor Jonathan Schultz
Calgary, Alberta Canada

