

# SEPTEMBER 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.*



## PEOPLE STILL NEED BIBLICAL BASICS

American Worldview Inventory is a research group based in Arizona. Earlier this year, they interviewed 2,000 adults. Among those who were interviewed, there were people who pledged loyalty to 5 major theological groups in the United States.

The people surveyed were asked whether certain statements were true of them. Here are two of them.

1. "A person who is generally good, or does enough good things for others will earn a place in heaven."

About 45% of people from 4 of the major theological groups agreed with that statement. Of those who belonged the other major theological group in the United States, 70% agreed.

The satanic lie that people can earn their way to heaven by what they do is still alive and well in the United States.

2. "Having faith matters more than which faith you have."

Over half of all the people surveyed, regardless of their religious affiliation, agreed with that statement.

The lie that says, "It doesn't matter what you believe, as long as you believe something," is also flourishing in our nation.

Statistics like these tell us that people need to hear biblical truths, especially the basics. And the two most important biblical basics are law and gospel.

People still need to be told the truth that by themselves they are not good enough for God. They are not perfect as God requires. They have done things that God forbids. God has every right to condemn them to an eternity of suffering in hell. It is impossible for people to save themselves from this. They can never earn their way to heaven. They are in grave danger.

People still need to hear the truth that it is only through Jesus that they can be right with God. Jesus did everything necessary to save all people from hell and win for each one of us eternal life in heaven. God gives us the blessings of forgiveness and eternal life to us as a free gift. We don't have to do a thing. Jesus has done it all. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, we enjoy personally these wonderful blessings. It is as simple and as beautiful as that.

More than anything else, people need to know these two basic biblical truths. God has commanded us to share these truths with the world. Saving faith comes from hearing the message (Romans 10:17). Jesus tells us to preach the good news to all creation (Mark 16:15).

This means the most important work we do as a congregation is telling people the law and the gospel so that they will realize they need a Savior and so that they will believe Jesus is that Savior.

If churches are not careful, they can start majoring in the minors and let the preaching of law and gospel sit on the back burner while they focus on other issues.

Yes, we do realize that people are to show love and kindness to others. God commands this, so we encourage people to do this. Yes, we are concerned about the COVID-19 situation and so we urge people to pray about it. Yes, our hearts grieve when we hear of needless shootings and riots and unrest. We urge people to pray for peace in our land. Yes, it is true that black lives matter, and so we urge people to show Jesus' love to them and to all others. Yes, there are people living in poverty who need our

kindness and help. With God's help, we will show it to them.

But more than anything else, people need to know Jesus as their Savior. The Lord says, "...what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul" (Matthew 16:26 EHV)? God wants people to enjoy the greatest blessings of all, the blessings of his salvation. That means our most important work, the work that takes precedence over everything else we do, is to share with people the truth of the law and the gospel. Only when people realize they are in danger because they are sinful, will they realize they need a Savior. Only when people know and trust in Jesus as that Savior will they have the blessings of salvation.

More than anything else people still need these biblical basics. So with God's help we will follow and proclaim what the Bible tells us and keep our main focus on sharing law and gospel.

Pastor Rawerts

### **HOT LUNCH DAYS** **REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Our school is looking for volunteers to help out on hot lunch days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays), from 11:15 and 12:15. If you are able to help, or if 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.

### **LWMS RALLY**

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held here at Trinity on October 3. Registration begins that day 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 will 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.

### **SENIOR CONFIRMATION**

Senior Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 6 p.m. Each class will last about 90 minutes. The Wednesday night class will be repeated on the following Saturday at 10:30 a.m. We ask each student to bring a Bible, a catechism, and something to write with.

### **JUNIOR CONFIRMATION**

Junior Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9, at 6 p.m. Junior Confirmation is for all fifth and sixth grade students in public school or Trinity Lutheran school. We would ask each student to bring: a bible, a 3-ring binder (1-1 ½ inches), and something to write with. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Behm.

### **NEW BUDGET**

Recently, our voters passed a budget of \$584,275 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Due to a shortfall during the previous fiscal year, there is a 7 ½% increase over the previous year's budget. Please keep this in mind as you prayerfully consider your offerings.

### **AMAZONSMILE**

If you shop at Amazon.com, there is a way you can support Trinity Lutheran School at the same time!

1. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
2. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.
3. Support Trinity Lutheran School by shopping AmazonSmile!

You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> then follow the directions to get started. Our organization is listed as "Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church." Make sure to select the Aberdeen address, as there are many "Trinity" listings. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Kathy Cooper.

### **SERVICES ON THE INTERNET**

People are now able to watch our worship services on the internet. Simply go to our website, [trinityaberdeen.org](http://trinityaberdeen.org) and click on 'Church Service Videos'.

### **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

Once again it's time to start saving Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts, dated *after* September 1, 2020. 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 remember to save your "Box Tops for Education" during the summer. There is a box for them on the bulletin table.

Also remember to scan your grocery receipts for box top points for our school.

## **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 Biegler</i>	Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Department of Education
<i>Tim Swantz</i>	Secretary
<i>Mark Dorn</i>	Financial Secretary
<i>David Lien</i>	Treasurer
<i>Brian Jung</i>	Trustee
<i>Mike Mertz</i>	Trustee
<i>Bert Klipfel</i>	Trustee

### **Department of Education Members**

<i>Matt Biegler</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Tim Swantz</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Brandon Schaffer</i>	
<i>Chris Scott</i>	
<i>Brian Rawerts</i>	
<i>Mike Hansen</i>	

### **Student Aid Fund**

*Del Fuller      Allen Lehr      Don Jakober*

## **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.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN FALL PLANS**

In September, our regular programs and normal schedules resume. Here are our tentative plans. Due to COVID-19, certain temporary changes have been made.

### **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.

### **Holy Communion**



We are once again celebrating the Lord's Supper during our regular worship services.

On the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper as we traditionally have. During the service, people will be ushered to the front and kneel next to one another at the railing and receive the sacrament there.

On the second Sunday of the month, we will practice what is called "Continuous Flow" and ask people to come forward as individuals or as families to receive the Sacrament.

On Saturday nights, we will use the "Continuous Flow" method of distributing the Lord's Supper.

For those who are considered 'high risk' or would like to practice social distancing, we are scheduling times where small groups of people may come to receive the Lord's Supper. We will be offering the Lord's Supper at the following times:

Wednesday, September 2  
5:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

Thursday, September 3  
5:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

We will be having brief Communion services every 20 minutes at the above listed times. We will conduct these services in the Fireside Room. We will invite up to 8 people to join us for each service. We are asking members to call the church office at 225-6081 to arrange a time for you to come and receive the Lord's Supper. If none of these times work for you, please call Penny or Pastor Rawerts to arrange another time.

May we also suggest that if you come to receive the Lord's Supper, this would also be an opportunity to bring your offering envelopes.

### **Bible Classes and Sunday School**

Sunday Bible Class will resume on September 13, and will be held in the church.

Sunday School will resume on September 13. Classroom assignments have been changed. Sunday School teachers will lead their students to their new classrooms.

There will be no Sunday School music for the time being.

Since there is no Sunday School music, Sunday School classes will end at about 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class will strive to end at the same time.

The choir will not be rehearsing for the time being.

Junior and Senior Confirmation class will begin meeting on September 9 at 6:00 p.m. Each class will last about 90 minutes. Pastor Rawerts will be

repeating his class on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

The midweek Bible Class will resume on September 16.

The Church Council will re-evaluate these plans during a future meeting.

If you have any questions about these plans, please speak with Pastor Rawerts or one of the Church Council members.

**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 2020-2021 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 8:05 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 have its first meeting on September 8, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Trista Dunsmoor at 228-1346.

**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.

### **GRANDPARENTS' DAY**



Due to COVID concerns this year, we will not be holding Grandparents' Day at Trinity. We encourage students to do something special for their grandparents to honor them.

This year, National Grandparents' Day is on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **TLS PICTURE DAY**



School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 21, 2020. If you would like to have a younger child's picture taken, please speak with Ms. Cooper to set up a time. More information will be sent home with the TLS students.

### **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 for a while 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.

