

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



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.*



## **JESUS HAS WON THE GREATEST VICTORY FOR US**

The Chiefs or the Forty-Niners?  
The Packers or the Vikings?  
The Twins or the Brewers?

As one grows in faith and gains more understanding about what is truly important in life, a person is tempted to ask, "Does it really matter?"

The temptation is there for many to attach themselves emotionally to an athlete or a team and to base a large portion of their happiness and self-concept on the way that athlete or team performs. When my favorite stars win, I feel like I have won. And I enjoy feeling like a winner. So I want them to win and in some cases I believe I need them to win so that I can feel good about myself.

But there is no guarantee that my favorite athletes will win. What happens when they lose? Does that mean I am a loser? Does that mean I can't feel good about myself or be happy?

If I am looking for a winner so that I can feel good about myself and be happy, I have one. It's Jesus. Jesus is the greatest winner of all. He has won for us the greatest blessings of all. By faith in him, we are winners too. We can rejoice in his victory and what it means for us.

Sin—it would crush us with guilt and damnation

Death—it would separate us from God's blessings forever and plunge us into eternal despair

The Devil—he would accuse and taunt us forever

Hell—its punishment would never end.

But Jesus has conquered sin, death, the Devil and Hell itself. Never forget that he lived for you, he died your death, he suffered your curse, endured your hell, and....rose in victory—for you.

How could he do this? Because he is true God and a true human being. Why did he do this? Because he loves the

whole world, that includes you. Jesus does love you no matter who you are or what you have done.

Because he won, I am blessed and I have reasons to celebrate. Why? Because of Jesus' victory, I am a forgiven child of God, who is righteous in his sight. I can comfort my conscience when it torments me. I can be sure God will not turn against me because of mistakes I have made. I can be sure that God will always love me and is always helping me. I can be sure that God is always blessing me in the way that he knows is best.

The victory Jesus has won benefits me more than any Super Bowl or World Series win. I am going to have something better than a Super Bowl ring or bragging rights with others. I am going to be perfect one day. I am going to live forever. I am going to live in glorious bliss that will be better by far than the momentary euphoria that winning a game might give to me.

By the grace of God, I know what Jesus has done. I know that his victory is my victory. I know his victory gives me the greatest blessings of all. His victory gives me the greatest reasons of all for celebrating and being happy.

Even if my team loses, I am still a winner because of Jesus.

Pastor Rawerts

Portions of this article have been adapted with permission from an article by Pastor Jonathan Schultz, Calgary, Alberta

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

A new women's Bible study is now meeting at noon on Tuesdays in the Fireside Room. We are doing some 19 minute Bible studies. This way people can come on their lunch breaks, or if they can't always make it, these smaller Bible studies will allow enough time to get back to work and they won't be behind or miss anything from week to week. If you have any questions, please call Trista at 605-228-1346.

## **CHILI COOK-OFF**



On March 1, 2020, at 11:20 a.m., we will be having our second annual 'Chili Cook-off.' Everyone is invited to enter their special chili in the contest. If you would like to enter, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin table. Additional information about the contest is provided on a sheet which is also on the bulletin table.

Each contestant brings a crock pot of his or her own chili, made from their own recipe. Each contestant should make as much as they would for a normal potluck meal. Ideally, please bring enough so that everyone who wishes is able to have sample of your chili, and so that other people can to eat of their fill of it.

Those in attendance will be invited to sample as many different kinds of chili as they would like. They will then be allowed to vote on the chili they liked best.

Along with the various kinds of chili, we will serve Fritos, crackers, corn bread, sour cream, cheese and onions, and dinner rolls. For beverages we will serve coffee and water. We ask that those who attend would bring a dessert to pass.

## **RECIPES NEEDED**

We would like to make a cookbook for our church. The book will contain only *salads* and *desserts*. We have someone who will print it and bind it for us at no charge. If you are interested in contributing to the cookbook, please turn your recipes in to Penny. The recipes may be typed, printed, or emailed to her. You may contribute more than one recipe in each category.

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**



It's not too early to think about signing your child up for the 2020-2021 school

year. We have already had inquiries and even several pre-registrations. We would like to be sure our members have enough time to sign up first. We offer a 5-day preschool, 3-day preschool and a 2-day preschool and your choice of morning or afternoon preschool. Aftercare is also available. Please call the school (605-229-4697) to register your child.

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2019 must be directed to a nonprofit organization by March 1, 2020, or the Dollars will be directed by Thrivent. There are 3 ways to do this: (1) Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice". Thrivent is open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. (2) You may go online to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). (3) You can do a conference call with Jan Mohr at 725-2025. (Jan's hours vary, so leave a message and she will call you back.) If you have any questions, please call Jan.

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIP AVAILABLE**

Scrip is available from Ken's and Kessler's. Ken's and Kessler's will give us 5% of the scrip, and they will continue to give the 1% on the grocery receipts. If you have any questions, please let Peggy Martens know.

## **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'.

## **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSBYTES**

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



## **SAVE THE DATE**

We will be holding a fundraiser for our school at Culver's Restaurant on Tuesday, February 25th from 5 - 8 p.m. During that timeframe, Culver's will donate a percentage of all sales to Trinity Lutheran School PTO. Students in grades 4-8 will be delivering food and clearing tables during this time. Please share with your friends and family to visit Culver's on February 25th between 5 and 8 p.m. to support our school!



## **TLS GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AND BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

On Saturday, February 29, 2020, TLS will be having its Girls' Volleyball Tournament and our Boys' Basketball Tournament in the TLS gym. Please come and cheer for your favorite teams.

### **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY HELPING AT THE CONCESSION STAND**

TLS has a busy activity schedule with volleyball and boys' basketball, and our school depends on parent volunteers to help with the concession stand during these sporting events. Whether or not your child is involved with sports, please consider signing up to help support our school. Sign up at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4EADA62AA1F85-20192020> or call Trista Dunsmoor to sign up.

### **UNCUT BARS NEEDED**

Another way to help support TLS and our concession stand is by making bars to sell. Please drop off **uncut** bars for the concession stand by February 28, 2020 to be sold for the TLS Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, February 29.

### **ANNUAL SPELLING BEE**

The students in grades 1-4 will be participating in a Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 6. It will be held in the gym at 2 PM, and family, friends, and members are invited to watch.

The students in grades 5-8 will be participating in a Spelling Bee on February 7 in the gym at 2 PM. Family, friends and members are invited to watch.

## **BOX TOPS**



Please continue collecting box tops for Trinity. It doesn't matter how many, every box top counts; and Trinity Lutheran School gets "free" money from the redemption of these labels. The money has been used for playground equipment, new uniforms for the sports teams, books for the library and other items for the school. The box tops must be sent in no later than February 28. So, let's fill our ***Box to the Top!*** for TLS.

### **APPAREL STORE ONLINE**

Trinity Lutheran School is now selling school apparel online. Go to: [teamlocker.squadlocker.com](http://teamlocker.squadlocker.com) and click on "Find Your Store" near the top right, enter "Trinity Lutheran," and select "Trinity Lutheran Tornadoes" to begin shopping.

### **GIRLS' CHEERLEADERING Teams**

Cheerleaders will be divided into A team (5-8 graders), B team (K-3 graders). Marianne Klipfel organizing and teaching our cheerleading teams. Thank you, Marianne.

B team will have practices on Tuesdays during noon lunch recess (January. 21, 28, 20, & 27, and possibly into February.)

A team will practice on Wednesdays during the lunch recess for January (22, 29) and possibly into February.

