

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER May 2018



**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.*



## **GOD DOES WORK GOOD THROUGH ALL THINGS**

Not surprisingly, he was criticized.

Super Bowl LII was held on February 4, 2018. During a pre-game interview, analyst and former Super Bowl winning coach, Tony Dungy commented that Eagles' quarterback Nick Foles would "play well because his Christian faith would allow him to play with confidence."

In a society that is becoming more and more anti-Christian, it is not surprising that numerous people criticized Tony Dungy for his comments. One twitter comment said this: "unbelievable you (Tony Dungy) would use your employer..... to spout this nonsense on the air."

"Nonsense"?! That man has every right to share his opinion about the Christian faith. However, by calling the Christian faith "nonsense," he actually helped to validate the Bible. What does the Bible say about unbelievers?

"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for

they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV 84). By calling the Christian faith "nonsense", he is doing exactly what the Bible says unbelievers will do. His comments demonstrate how that particular passage of the Bible is true.

We find comfort and confidence in God's special promise to cause all things to work for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28). Let's keep that promise in mind, as we consider another twitter sent out in response to Dungy's comments. "God has bigger things to focus on than football." So in other words, the one true God doesn't care about football and what happens during a game?

Think again of God's promise. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28 NIV 84). "All things", the Lord says. "All" means exactly what it says, "all, everything." No matter how important or unimportant, significant or insignificant an event, a happening, or a person or an object might be, God is still using it and working through it to bring blessings to his believers.

Remember Jesus's words? "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:29-30 NIV 84). Since the Lord cares about birds and even a single strand of hair on your head, we can be sure he cares about what happens at a football game. The players, the coaches, the fans—all of them are souls that God wants to be in heaven one day. Since he works all things out for the good of his believers, we can be sure that he guided even the events of the Super Bowl so that they accomplished the purpose he knows is best.

The Lord even used the comments of a Christian analyst for his good purpose. Obviously, we don't and can never begin to know all the ways God causes things to work for our good. But with our spiritual eyes we can see a few.

God worked through Tony Dungy's comments to give a Christian witness to millions of people. Those comments encourage Christians and cause unbelievers to at least take note of the fact that the Christian faith is out there and that people believe it brings them benefits.

God does indeed have an interest in every event in this world. He does indeed cause all things to bring blessings to his people. That includes the witness of a Christian on television, criticisms unbelievers make, and an event some people evidently think that God doesn't care about.

*Pastor Rawerts*

### **2018-2019 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

We are now accepting pre-registration for preschool for the 2018-2019 school year. Please speak with Ms. Leinen to reserve your child's spot in Trinity's preschool.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**



Confirmation Sunday will be May 13 at the 9:00 AM service. Questioning will take place during our Saturday night service on May 12 at the 5:00 PM service. Please ask the Lord to bless the following young people who will be speaking their confirmation vows on that day:

Madysen Fleckenstein  
Connor Kannas  
Ethan Kjenstad  
Trent Lien  
Madeline Ramsey  
Trevan Rychlik

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN GRADUATIONS**

Our Trinity Lutheran School will be having its graduation on May 20, 2018, during our morning worship service. Immediately after the service we will be having a brunch and a program. Please bring a dish to pass. Coffee and juice will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Trinity Lutheran Kindergarten graduates are:

Isaac Howard  
Abram Kjenstad  
Brayden Lehman

The Trinity Lutheran high school graduates are:

Mason Allam  
Rachel Donis  
Jordan Kjenstad  
Kristin Kjenstad  
Connor Stubbe  
Rylee Trapp

May the Lord continue to bless them now and forever.



### **PRESCHOOL GRADUATION**

Preschool graduation will be held May 16, at 10 AM. It will also be the last day of preschool. All TLS families are invited to each lunch with your student that day.

### **PANTHER CAMP & CAMP LUTHER**

Information is available on the GPLHS website [www.gplhs.org](http://www.gplhs.org) about Panther Camp and Camp Luther. Click on the "Latest News" tab to see the brochure. There is also some information on the bulletin table.

### **AMAZONSMILE**

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

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

You must START your shopping at this website: <https://smile.amazon.com> and 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 Jessica Kjenstad.

### **GROCERY RECEIPTS**

Thanks to all of you who have been saving the Ken's and Kessler's grocery receipts throughout the school year. Please continue saving the receipts through the end of May.

### **BOX TOPS**

Please continue to save your "Box Tops for Education" throughout the summer. These can be placed in the box on the bulletin table.

### **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.*

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Congratulations to the students for achieving their goal in this year's Jump Rope for Heart! The students raised \$3,001.00, and our goal was \$3,000. This was the most our school has ever raised! Thank you to all who donated and helped collect donations! Our top fundraiser for Trinity Lutheran School was Morgan VanVeen.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to fifth grader Amara Klipfel for winning second prize in the AARP Grandparent's Essay Contest. She was selected

out of all participating fifth graders in the Aberdeen Area.

### **THANK YOU, COACHES**

A special thank you to Mr. Al Kjenstad, Ms. Tyhe Mischke, Ms. Anna Noeldner, and Mrs. Mariann Klipfel for all the many hours you have devoted to our kids; coaching the kids in a nice, long and successful season. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

### **PANTHER FIELD DAY**

On Friday, May 4, grades 1-8 will be traveling to Watertown for the GPLHS Panther Field Day. Anyone attending can purchase a hamburger meal for \$5 or a hot dog meal for \$3. If you prefer, you may send a sack lunch with your child. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kjenstad.

### **UPCOMING GREAT PLAINS EVENTS**

\*On May 12, 2018 GPLHS will be hosting a chess tournament for all ages. For more information, contact Chris Pluger at [cpluger@gplhs.org](mailto:cpluger@gplhs.org)

\*On July 16, 2018 GPLHS will be hosting its 4th annual 4-Person Golf Scramble. For more information contact Pastor Hansen at [thansen@gplhs.org](mailto:thansen@gplhs.org).

### **LAST DAY OF AFTERCARE**

Aftercare for this school year will end at 5:30 PM on May 16<sup>th</sup>.



### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Trinity Lutheran School's last day will be May 17, 2018. There will be Yearbook signing, a closing Chapel Service at 11 AM, and the students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. May the Lord richly bless each student as they enjoy the bounties of summer, and bring each of them safely back this fall.



