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Trinity Celebrates Lutheran Schools Week

by Ariana Mehrazar and Aubrey Miranda

Lutheran Schools Week is an opportunity for Lutheran Schools to come together as a community of believers across the nation, and around the world. We do this to celebrate the joy and purpose found in Lutheran education.

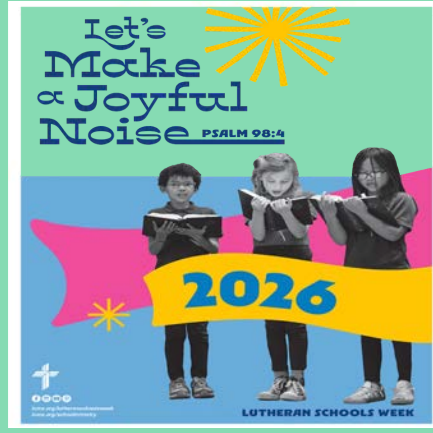


March 2 through 6, Trinity will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. On

Trinity celebrates Lutheran Schools Week annually in March, some Lutheran school observe the event in January.

Monday, students will be "reading with buddies" (older students reading with younger ones) and will be wearing pajamas. Tuesday will be a movie day. and Trinity spirit wear day. Wednesday is "dress up" day - a chance to wear your finest or fanciest clothes, as Kindergarten through 8th grade will attend the Midweek Lent church service. Thursday morning, teachers will be providing the students with breakfast, and it is also Hat/Funky Hair Day. On Friday, we will be celebrating Grandparents Day, providing snacks and water. Friday is also an early dismissal day, with students leaving school at 11:30 a.m.

During this week, students will be able to see that joyful noise is not simply about loud sound, but it's about hearts aligned with God's goodness and mouths eager to proclaim His grace. Psalm 98:1 says, "Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for Him."



Let us make a joyful noise, not just for a week, but every single day. May this celebration remind us of the joy we have in the Lord!

GRANDPARENTS DAY: MARCH 6

Find the details about the special morning at Trinity on page 2.

#GrandparentsDay



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Known as the "mother of Black Lutheranism in central Alabama" and a strong advocate of education for rural children, Rosa Young (1890-1971) was instrumental in founding and promoting the development of Lutheran schools and congregations in Alabama's Black Belt [read about *The First Rosa* on page 2].

What You Need to Know About Grandparents Day - and Why We Celebrate It

by Gunnarr Tully

Trinity teachers Miss Robertson and Miss Mainz have been working with the students on a special Grandparents Day chapel presentation! We hope that all Trinity grandparents can attend. If you don't have grandparents available to attend, you are welcome to invite another family member or special friend. First on the agenda, is the chapel presentation at 8:30 a.m. (in the sanctuary). The theme is "Life Is Good," and features musical numbers by the students. After chapel, we will go to the gym for an arts & crafts project with our grandparents and guests. There will be an opportunity to show our guests our classrooms, and snacks will be provided. Classes dismiss early at 11:30 a.m.

We celebrate grandparents because they are very important. Here are three reasons to consider:

Reason 1: Without grandparents, you wouldn't have parents. And without parents, you wouldn't be here.

Reason 2: Grandparents remember the past and tell us their stories. [In Mexico, legend has it that on the Day of the Dead, if you forget to honor a person in the land of the dead, they'll die forever.]

Reason 3: The Fourth Commandment says, "Honor your father and your mother," or anyone in authority over you. So, it's also a way to honor our grandparents. Many of them can tell us about the interesting things they have done. Maybe they fought in a war or served as an astronaut in NASA's Apollo program. [Editor's Note: If they did THAT, please let us know!] And those are three reasons why we should celebrate Grandparents Day.



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

The Lutheran Rosa

by Juliana Rivera

#theLutheranConnection



**Hero of Faith -
Rosa Young**

by Christine
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<https://www.cph.org/hero-of-faith-rosa-young>

The First Rosa

full length film
(42 minutes)

<https://vimeo.com/157626572>

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Instead of going to the back of the bus, which was designated for African Americans, she sat in the front. When the bus started to fill up with white passengers, the bus driver asked Parks to move. She refused. As a result of her defiance, Parks was arrested and found guilty of disorderly conduct. A lawsuit on her behalf languished in the Alabama court system for years, but segregation on public buses eventually ended in 1956 after a Supreme Court ruling declared it unconstitutional. Before Parks, however, was *The First Rosa*. The Lutheran Rosa was Rosa J. Young. Young, who became a teacher in 1909, taught more than 2,000 students, impacting their lives forever with her faith and her belief in the importance of education, at a time when education for children of sharecroppers was limited. She started the first Lutheran schools for black children in 1916 and 1919, working with the Lutheran church to plant many more. Many of her students went on to enter the ministry as pastors and Lutheran school teachers, impacting many others with her faithful vision. Rosa J. Young was awarded an honorary doctorate by Concordia Theological Seminary in May 1961.

Find more resources at:

<https://www.lcms.org/thefirstrosa>

#theLombardConnection

The Ride to Freedom Ran Through Lombard

by Floyd Turner

Lombard was an important stop on the Underground Railroad during the 19th century. Escaping slaves found food, shelter and other aid in the village 20 miles west of Chicago. Learn more from the Lombard Historical Society:

<https://www.lombardhistory.org/undergroundrailroad>

- Noted folk artist Sheldon Peck used his home in Babcock's Grove (now Lombard) to help slaves seeking freedom who were traveling on the Underground Railroad.
- Peck was an abolitionist, who wanted slavery to end.
- Peck's son Frank, wrote about slaves staying in the home, as many as seven at a time.
- Under the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law, Peck risked fines and prison by operating this Underground Railroad station.
- The "railroad to freedom" ceased operation with the passage of the 13th Amendment after the Civil War.



The Sheldon Peck Homestead, a National Park Service Network to Freedom site, is across the street from Paradise Bay Water Park at St. Charles Rd. and Grace St. in Lombard.

Traditions of Lent

by Abby Pilny

Lent is a season in the church year that marks the 40 days prior to Jesus' death on the cross. It is a season of penitence, and for some, sorrow or anxiety, leading up to Good Friday. During Lent, people have different traditions. The most well-known practice is that of giving up something for Lent. This practice of self-denial is a popular tradition. To be honest, I don't understand how some people give up something you really, really want - such as sweets, favorite foods, phones, televisions, spending money, or other things we enjoy in daily life. But these small sacrifices are made to honor Jesus and remember the ultimate sacrifice that He made for us.



This recognition of how much Jesus loves us makes this such an important time of the church year. If you choose to give up something for Lent, be sure to do so for the right reason, to honor Jesus.

Lamb of God Pure and Holy

A Hymn for Lent

by Jacob Garcia, Addison Mann, and Addison Meredith

Lent begins on February 18 and runs through Holy Week, ending before Easter Sunday on April 5. Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday, signifying the start of Lent. During this time, we don't reflect an attitude of "happy all the time" because we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. Although this season tends to have a darker vibe, music and hymns are still a major part of our church services. There are 23 hymns in the *Lutheran Service Book* designated for us to sing during the season of Lent. One great hymn is from the early 16th century, "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy," #434, written and composed by Nikolaus Decius. He was a German monk, hymn-writer, Protestant reformer, and composer. The song is based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist declares Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." It also draws heavily on the suffering servant imagery from Isaiah 53:4-7 and the sacrificial themes in 1 Peter 1:18-19, focusing on Jesus' sinless sacrifice. Decius died in March 1541 in Stettin from suspected poisoning. The origins of our Lutheran hymns for Lent differ, but all focus on Christ's sacrifice for us.

@LentBeforeEaster

Why PURPLE?

During Lent, the Church is adorned in the deep, rich color of purple to represent repentance and prayer. In Jesus' time on Earth, it was a rare, expensive process to color fabric in this shade, so it was only worn by the rich and royal. Jesus wore a purple robe only once, when soldiers mocked and tormented him, before His crucifixion. The Bible says that they placed on him a "purple garment" in order to make fun of Him as "King of the Jews." Purple reminds us of the horrors Christ endured for our salvation. It reminds us of God's love and our need to repent of our sins.

Farewell to Alleluia's?

Traditionally, during Lent, the word "Alleluia" is not heard in church services during the subdued season of Lent. It is joyfully reintroduced at Easter for the celebration of Christ's resurrection!

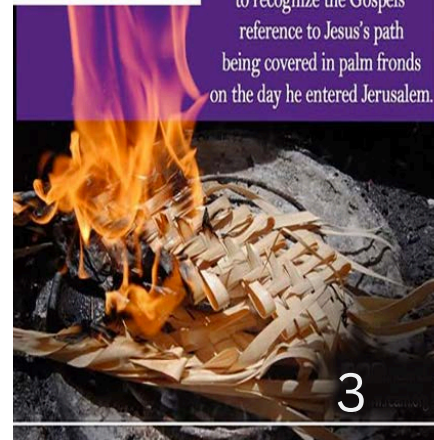
Music in a Minor Key

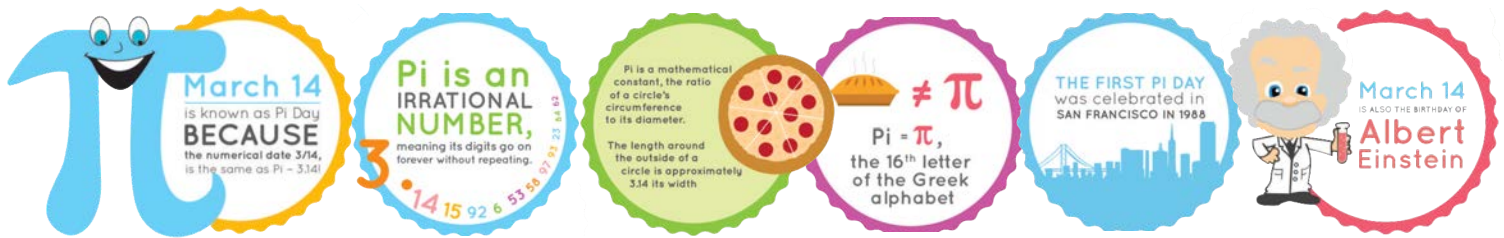
Lenten hymns often feature slower tempos and discordant minor keys. It has been said that while on Earth, we are restrained from the triumphant, perfect, major notes of the songs we will sing with the angelic choirs of heaven.

DID YOU KNOW...?

BURNING OF PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, when Christians carry palms to recognize the Gospels' reference to Jesus's path being covered in palm fronds on the day he entered Jerusalem.





by Bobby Hawn and Ava Harrison

Hey guys! It's your favorite Thanksgiving desert... but its national holiday happens in March! WAIT...This isn't PIE Day, it's PI Day, on March 14, 2026. It is a holiday where we celebrate the mathematical symbol that is endless in the decimal spectrum.

π DAY

Pi is used in physics, astronomy, and of course, mathematics. It is also used in architecture and construction. Here is a list of facts to consider about Pi and Pi Day.

- We will never actually know the true number of Pi, because it is endless.
- Pi is a number identified by a Greek letter that dates back to ancient Greece.
- Pi Day is on March 14 because the number Pi's first three digits are 3.14 (March 14).
- The record for reciting the most decimal places in the number Pi was set by Rajveer Meena of India in March 2015. He recited over 70,000 decimal places!
- People began calling the number Pi as a shorthand, after they got tired of needing to say "the quantity which when the diameter is multiplied by it, yields the circumference"
- The Exploratorium, a San Francisco science museum, holds a "circular parade" each Pi Day (while singing Happy Birthday to the late genius scientist Albert Einstein).

One way to celebrate Pi Day is by eating pie, so here's a recipe for (Bobby's favorite) pie:



NATIONAL
**STUDENT
VOLUNTEER DAY**
FEBRUARY 20

by Ava Harrison

Annually, on February 20, we celebrate Student Volunteer Day. Volunteering is giving your time and resources to make a positive impact in a community. National Student Volunteer Day began in 2016 to celebrate and encourage students' efforts to volunteer. The idea behind this day is to foster a culture of service among students. Each year, students participate in a range of activities. The day also aims to inspire more students to get involved in volunteering. Each year, students participate in activities like organizing charity events, cleaning up public spaces, and tutoring younger students. It demonstrates how we can make a difference on National Student Volunteer Day - and throughout the year. Volunteering helps students gain valuable life skills, such as teamwork and leadership, and can also promote awareness of social issues. Student volunteers contribute billions of hours in the United States. Between September 2022 and September 2023, volunteers in the United States contributed about 4.99 billion hours of service, with an estimated economic value of \$167.2 billion. Volunteering gives students an opportunity to gain relevant work experience and improve their employability. Additionally, it can build personal and professional connections while helping other people.

Chocolate Pie

Ingredients

Dark chocolate, 6 oz. finely chopped
Cornstarch, 5 Tablespoons
Egg Yolks, 5 large
Heavy cream, 1 cup
Vanilla extract, 1 ½ teaspoons
Whipped cream, for topping

Granulated sugar, 1 ½ cups
Salt, ¼ teaspoon
Whole milk, 2 cups
Butter, 4 Tablespoons
Prebaked Pie Crust

- Step 1:** Place sugar, cornstarch, and salt in a heavy-bottomed saucepan and mix until combined. Whisk together egg yolks, milk, and cream in a separate liquid measuring cup, then slowly pour into the dry mixture. Mix until you have a smooth, lump-free consistency. Cook over medium heat, whisking frequently, until thickened.
- Step 2:** Add chocolate, butter, and vanilla. Remove from heat and whisk until you have a smooth, glossy chocolate mixture.
- Step 3:** Pour through a fine mesh strainer into a heatproof bowl. Then pour the filling into prebaked pie crust.
- Step 4:** Cover and chill. Smooth the top of your pie with the back of a spoon or spatula, then press a piece of plastic wrap against the surface (this prevents a skin from forming). Chill in the fridge for at least 6 hours. Top with whipped cream before serving.



ENJOY!

Source: SugarSpunRun.com

St. Patrick's Day

by Jacob Garcia, Alice Hensley, and Addison Meredith

St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated for over 1,000 years. There are many festivities that happen for St. Patrick's Day.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day isn't as green or leprechaun-centric as the American celebration. For Irish Catholics, the holiday involves attending mass, where they pray to St. Patrick. Legend holds that Patrick converted Ireland to Christianity, using the now popular green shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity.



On the American side of the Atlantic, there are some fun family-friendly traditions you can participate in. Chicago is known for its huge St. Patrick's Parade, usually held on the Saturday before the holiday. You can take a trip downtown to watch the festivities - which include dyeing the Chicago River a bright green. People enjoy wearing green, so they don't get pinched by a leprechaun - or an ordinary prankster! Please wear green on St. Patrick's Day (this is serious)!

Food that is traditionally served on St. Patrick's Day, usually consists of corned beef, cabbage, and Irish soda bread, as well as Shepherd's Pie (a casserole of ground lamb or beef, potatoes, gravy, and mixed vegetables).



Beware this St. Patrick's Day because the leprechauns are known for pulling pranks, and when you see a shamrock, remember the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Chicago vs Dublin

by Keira Hager



Even though Chicago and Dublin have two extremely large St. Patrick's Day Parades, they aren't necessarily the same. In fact, their theatrical performances have a variety of differences. The largest distinction is that in Dublin there are many more props in their parade, than Chicago's parade. These props include masks, puppets, and floats.

Numerous people find these displays fun and exciting. They enjoy the parade, and delight in the excitement and theatrics of the event. Plus, there's no better place to visit for St. Patrick's Day than Ireland itself. As masses of people crowd around the road, performers pass by sitting on gigantic floats, dressed up in all sorts of fun costumes, playing music, and showing off cool tricks. These festivities are very fun and boisterous, however, some of the puppets are stomach curling. To avoid the chaos and bizarre creepy puppets, you should go to the end of the parade route. Most of the craziness is in the heart of the route. The end is pleasant and enjoyable, perfect for family friendly outings, and having a great time.

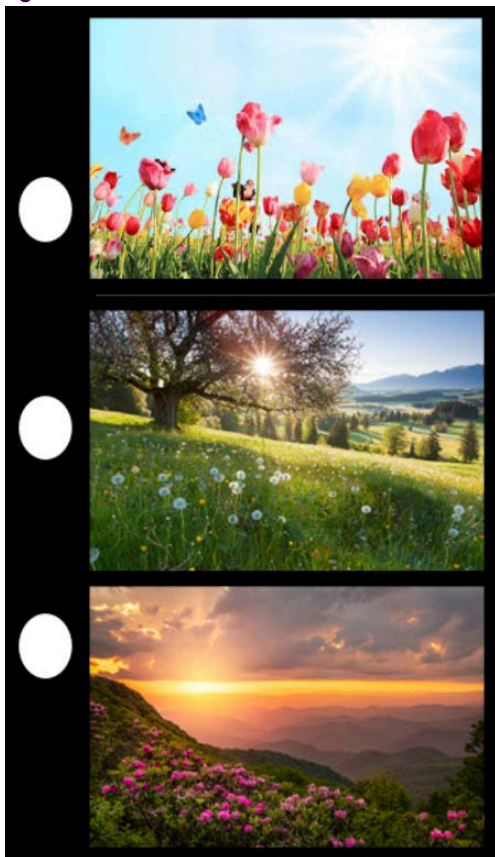
Most people know about the awesome St. Paddy's Parade in Chicago. It features an extravagant array of dancing, tricks, music, blow-ups, and the famous dyeing of the Chicago River to turn it a bright emerald green. In Chicago, St. Patrick's Day comes alive. It has the marching bands processing down the street, dancers showing off their moves, and fans watching with excitement. In the U.S.A, Chicago is THE place to go to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Both parades are great ways to celebrate The Feast of St. Patrick. They

each have their perks and disadvantages. Of course, there is always somewhere else you could go, a venue that's less crowded and also fun. But when it comes to the big events, Dublin and Chicago are two of the best choices.

We hope that you and your family have a grand St. Patrick's Day!

A NEW SEASON by Keira Hager



By now most of us are ready for summer again. We all want to be sitting in the nice cool pool, playing a game outside, or just enjoying the warmth of the hot summer sun. We're ready to start going on new exciting vacations, playing sports, and having a blast at amusement parks. But before summer comes spring, and there's plenty to adore during that season too.

At the beginning of winter, it was fun. We could enjoy the fresh snow and all the things that come with it. However, after a couple weeks it became tiring, and we wanted to stay inside.

On Groundhog Day, for many, it was disappointing that the groundhog saw his shadow. We didn't exactly want six more weeks of winter. However, that doesn't stop the arrival of spring!

Mark your calendars! On March 20, 2026, winter will officially end, and spring will officially begin. This day is also the Vernal Equinox [*Equinox is the official name for a twice-yearly astronomical event, when the sun crosses the celestial equator*]. From then we can start looking forward to warmer days. We can enjoy the season when chicklings hatch, baby animals are born, and plants start to grow. We can start wearing our T-shirts and shorts again. We also edge even closer to that special season of summer. But until then, just sit back, embrace these last few weeks of winter, and appreciate the seasons that God has given us.

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

It's Not Just Our Season That is Changing...It's Our Clocks Too!

In 2026, Daylight Savings Time will begin on March 8 and end on November 1. Don't forget to roll your clocks forward one hour (officially at 2 a.m.) on March 8, 2026.



My Trip to Phoenix by Abby Pilny

In January my family and I took a quick trip to Phoenix, Arizona. It was only a short weekend trip but while I was there, I did a lot. The main reason we traveled was for a gymnastics meet. I also got to see extended family, hang out with friends, go hiking under the sunset, swim in the pool, and get a bit tan.

The trip started out on Friday (so I missed a day of school), and that was the day we flew out. On the airplane I had a great time watching Harry Potter for the first time. When we arrived we met up with friends at this really good burger place and went back to the hotel to have a little night swim.

We slept in on Saturday and woke up for breakfast with teammates. We decided to go swimming again and attempted to get tan in two hours! It was so warm - great weather compared to the 10° freeze back home in Illinois. We ate Cane's chicken, went out for ice cream, and took an easy hike to a place called "The Hole in the Rock," where we watched a beautiful sunset, unlike any I've experienced in Illinois. We enjoyed a really nice dinner with my sister and her husband, and I went to sleep excited for the next day's competition.

I arose bright and early on Sunday to braid my hair for the gymnastics meet, where at 8 a.m. I was in the first session. I started on the uneven bars and did really well. Next was the balance beam and I was really happy that I stayed on, having been very shaky before. I'm glad that I could get over it. Then we had the floor exercise I excelled. My routine had a start value of 9.5 start value, and I ended up with a 9.2, which is pretty good. Our final event was the vaulting table, and I performed better than I usually do getting a score of 9.325. I was very happy with the outcome and ended up placing in every event including the all-around. I was also very happy because last year I was injured and didn't do compete well. I definitely redeemed myself this year. [\[see Abby's photos on page 10\]](#)

Let Us Make a Joyful Noise... ChoralFest

by Heidi Johnson

Trinity's 5th through 8th grade students participated in this year's Walther Christian Academy ChoralFest and sang their hearts out to the Lord!

The February 5 field trip to the Lutheran middle and high school was a fun opportunity for all of Trinity's middle school students.

ChoralFest takes place every other year. (In between, on alternate years, Walther hosts BandFest.)

Choral festivals are a tradition handed down over centuries. The world's oldest choral music festival has returned to St Paul's Cathedral in London. More than 80 singers from the choirs of St Paul's, Bradford, and Lichfield Cathedrals joined in massed song, 370 years after the very first choral festival took place there in 1655.

Here are some of the Trinity students' favorite parts from the Walther ChoralFest.

Juliana: "Singing and making new friends"

Heidi: "Learning new things about music, and having a solo by our school, singing *Who You Say I Am*"

Floyd: "Singing the Alleluias"

Bobby: "Activities at the start"

Ava, Alice, Josh, Aubrey, and Addison (5th): "Mango warmup activity"

Jacob: "Singing"

Keira: "Watching the high school sing"

Ariana: "Learning new songs and techniques"

Gunnarr: "Listening to others sing"

As a bonus, here's a teacher fave...

Mrs. Curelo: "Listening to us sing *Christ is With Me* and hearing the two girls playing the flute in that song"



CHORALFEST SCHEDULE

8:30am - Check-in & Warmup Games
9:00am - Welcome & Prayer, Rehearsal 1
10:00am - Break
10:20am - Rehearsal 2
10:45am - DR. BROWN!
11:15am - Bathroom Break
11:25am - Lunch
12:00pm - Rehearsal 3
12:25pm - Performing & Listening!
12:45pm - QuickBreak (ChoralFest shirts ON, places for recording session)
1:00pm - RECORDING!
1:20pm - Prayer & Blessing
1:25pm - Find all your stuff and get ready for the bus
1:30pm - Get the bus & go "sing to the Lord as long as you live!"

We had a busy day!



WALTHER
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Walther Christian Academy is the Chicago area Lutheran High School. Located in Melrose Park, the 6th through 12th grade school was founded in 1954.

THE GRAMMYS: FAITH & POLITICS

by Joshua Camiola,
Addison Mann, and
Addison Meredith

The Grammys is an annual ceremony where the best music and performers from different genres are selected. In 2026 there were 95 categories in which musicians could have the chance to win a Grammy award. Rap artist Kendrick Lamar won the most awards this year with a total of five Grammys, but rapper and singer Bad Bunny won the top prize for Album of the Year. At the Grammys, after receiving your award, you receive a few moments for your “acceptance” speech. Many artists use this platform to speak up for what they believe in, whether it is religious or political. Singer Billie Eilish (who won Song of the Year for Wildflower) spoke out against ICE [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement], and hip-hop country artist Jelly Roll (who won Best Contemporary Country Album) thanked God, and Bad Bunny spoke out against ICE - AND thanked God. Regardless of political beliefs, it is a mark of American freedom to see these wildly popular celebrities be so bold about their faith as well as their political beliefs.

Some notable Grammy Awards included...

- Album of the Year - **DeBí Tirar Más FOTOS** by Bad Bunny*
(Harry Styles* announced this award)
- Song of the Year - **Wildflower** by Billie Eilish and her brother Finneas
- Record of the Year - **Luther** by Kendrick Lamar and SZA
- Best New Artist- Olivia Dean
- Best Pop Vocal Album - **MAYHEM** by Lady Gaga
- Best Alternative Music Album - **Songs of the Lost World** by the Cure
- Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album - **A Matter of Time** by Laufey**
- Best Gospel Performance/Song - **Come Jesus Come** by Cece Winans featuring Shirley Caesar

Many more amazing musicians won Grammy awards - 95 in all! It's good to live in a country where you should not ever be afraid to share your beliefs, your faith, or political views.

WINTER OLYMPICS 2026: THE OPENING CEREMONY

by Alice Hensley, Joshua Camiola, and Addison Meredith



Every four years, the Winter Olympic Games and the Summer Olympic Games take place, in different places around the world - but they all start the same, with an elaborate Opening Ceremony. All of the athletes from the participating nations gather together - regardless of how many athletes each country sends. The Torch Ceremony happens first. This year, two actors from a Canadian sports drama, Connor Storrie and

Hudson Williams, were the Olympic Torch bearers. The torches remain lit for the entirety of the Olympics. The Parade of Nations is the main event. Each country's team walks in, beginning with Greece to honor the birthplace of the Olympics, and ending with Italy, this year's Olympic host. During the Parade of Nations, the competitors wear specially designed, country-branded uniforms that blend national identity, cultural heritage, and modern fashion. The Olympic Opening Ceremony is certainly a wonderful way to kick off the Olympics, which features amazingly talented athletes from all over the world. Whatever your favorite Olympic sport may be - we hope that you've been able to watch some of these extraordinary competitions.



Pictured above, Jelly Roll (left) and Bad Bunny (right)

* Editor's Note: In the spirit of full transparency, one of the authors would like you to know that her personal favorite is Bad Bunny, Harry Styles is “the one and only,” and Best New Artist should have gone to Sombr (no hate tho).

**The Icelandic artist Laufey's name is pronounced Lay-vay.



American biathlon skier and shooter Paul Schommer (left) and U.S. bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor (right) are two Olympic athletes that are open about their Christianity.

Rick Riordan and "The Percy Jackson Universe"

by Bobby Hawn



Do you like reading? Well, I have the book universe for you. That's right, not just a series of books. It's 25 books, featuring gods and monsters from the mythologies of old. Rick Riordan has created books based on stories from Greek, Roman, Egyptian, and Norse legends. The Greek and Roman narratives follow the demigods of the children of the mythological gods. Riordan's Norse series also features demigods. The Egyptian myth saga follows two magicians on a mission to stop the big bad serpent Apophis. Here are the collected series, in reading order:

That's the entire library of Riordan's mythologies! Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, Trials of Apollo, and Nico di Angelo Adventures are Greek and Roman, Kane Chronicles is Egyptian, and Magnus Chase is Norse. The best part is that Irish Mythology is also on Rick Riordan's list of upcoming book ideas. If you end up reading these, I recommend *The Last Olympian*, *The Serpent's Shadow*, and *The House of Hades*, but I haven't finished every book yet, so there could be more good reads after *Heroes of Olympus*, and, with how much I've enjoyed these books, I guarantee there are.

Percy Jackson Series 1

1. The Lightning Thief
2. The Sea of Monsters
3. The Titans Curse
4. The Battle of the Labyrinth
5. The Last Olympian

The Kane Chronicles

1. The Red Pyramid
2. The Throne of Fire
3. The Serpent's Shadow

The Heroes of Olympus

- I. The Lost Hero
- II. The Son of Neptune
- III. The Mark of Athena
- IV. The House of Hades
- V. The Blood of Olympus

Magnus Chase

1. The Sword of Summer
2. The Hammer of Thor
3. The Ship of the Dead

The Trials of Apollo

1. The Hidden Oracle
2. The Dark Prophecy
3. The Burning Maze
4. The Tyrant's Tomb
5. The Tower of Nero

The Nico di Angelo Adventures

1. The Sun and The Star
2. The Court of the Dead

Percy Jackson Series 2

1. The Chalice of the Gods
2. Wrath of the Triple Goddess
3. Book three to come!

Author Rick Riordan



HA!
HA!

Spring Cleaning Jokes

Q: What did the broom say to the mop?

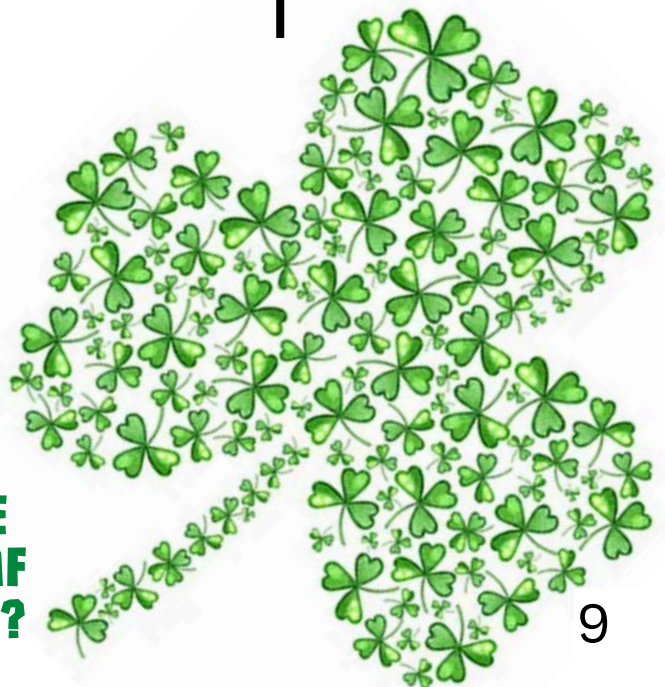
A: "I'm so tired of people pushing us around."



Q: Why was the broom late?

A: It over-swept.

CAN YOU FIND FIVE HIDDEN FOUR LEAF CLOVERS?



SPRING WORD SEARCH

APRIL	CHICK	JUNE	SEASON
BLOSSOM	DAFFODIL	MARCH	SHOWERS
BREEZE	EASTER	MAY	SUNSHINE
BUD	EGGS	NEST	THAW
BULBS	GRASS	PUDDLE	TULIP
BUNNY	GREEN	RAINBOW	UMBRELLA
BUTTERFLY	HATCH	ROBIN	

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- Friday, February 20 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**
- Tuesday, February 24 - **Hot Lunch: Mostaccioli**
- Friday, February 27 - **Hot Cocoa & Cookies for \$1**
- Monday through Friday, March 2 through 6 - **Lutheran Schools Week**
- Tuesday, March 3 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**
- Wednesday, March 4 - **Midweek Lent Church Services, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.**
- Wednesday, March 4 - **Dine to Donate, Panda Express/Lombard 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**
- Friday, March 6 - **Grandparents Day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Early Dismissal)**
- Tuesday, March 10 - **Hot Lunch: Mac 'n' Cheese**
- Friday, March 13 - **Nachos for \$1**
- Tuesday, March 17 - **Hot Lunch: Tacos**
- Friday, March 20 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**
- Sunday, March 22 - **Students Sing in Church Service, 9 a.m.**
- Tuesday, March 24 - **Hot Lunch: Mostaccioli**
- Friday, March 27 - **Nachos for \$1**
- Sunday, March 29 - **Palm Sunday Church Service, 9 a.m.**
- Monday, March 30 - Monday, April 6 - **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break**
- Thursday, April 2 - **Maundy Thursday Church Service, 7 p.m.**
- Friday, April 3 - **Good Friday Church Service, 7 p.m.**
- Sunday, April 5 - **Easter Sunday Church Services, 7 a.m. Sunrise & 10 a.m. (Easter Breakfast, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)**
- Monday, April 6 - **NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday**
- Tuesday, April 7 - **School Resumes, 8:15 a.m.**
- Tuesday, April 7 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**
- Wednesday, April 8 - **Chapel, 8:30 a.m.**
- Thursday, April 9 - **Social Studies Fair, 6:30 p.m.**
- Friday, April 10 - **Hot Lunch: Hot Dogs**



Trinity 8th grade student, Abby Pilny, rocked a gymnastics competition in Phoenix - and got to enjoy some scenic vistas while there. Read her story on page 7.

