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## TRINITY'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

by Heidi Johnson

Trinity's Annual Trunk or Treat is **FREE** for everybody. There are games, activities, concessions and, of course, candy. It takes place in Trinity's front parking lot **NEXT Saturday, October 25, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** Trinity has been hosting this fun event since 2019! Costumes shouldn't be scary, and please don't bring dangerous looking props, either. This is a family friendly activity where you can go from trunk to trunk collecting individually wrapped candy. Bring siblings, cousins, neighbors, friends, or anyone you want to share the fun with! There will be priced concessions, and children will be given goody bags. *NEW this year, Miss Mainz will be providing a FACE PAINTING station.* Donations of non-perishable food and paper goods for area food pantries will be collected at the event. If you have any questions or would like to host a decorated trunk, please contact Trinity's office with details 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).

## The Reformation

by Damian Gomez

In the 1500s Martin Luther began the Reformation that eventually became the Lutheran church. Luther was a monk who was afraid of not going to heaven. Soon after Luther began carefully studying the Bible, he realized that he was saved, but that the church leaders were not teaching the truth of God's word. Martin Luther realized what they were doing and decided to take action. He famously wrote his 95 Theses - a list of ideas

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## NEW THIS YEAR:

### Face Painting!

Please bring non-perishable foods or paper goods for local food pantries

## HALLOWEEN: FALL FUN OR FRIGHT?

*A Lutheran perspective  
on Halloween*

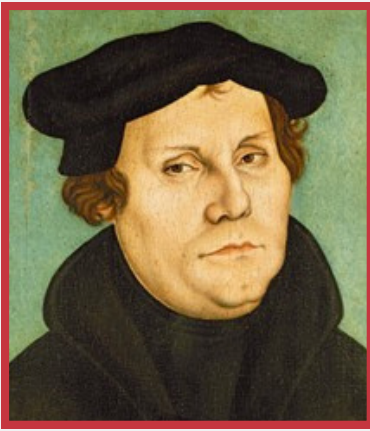
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*The History of  
All Hallows Eve and  
All Saints Day in the  
Church*

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# Martin Luther: The Great Reformer

by Ariana Mehrazar



Martin Luther was a Catholic monk, pastor, German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor, and Augustinian friar. Martin Luther was afraid because he thought he wasn't going to go to heaven, because the church wasn't teaching the things that were said in the Bible. Having intently read the Scriptures, he tried to have the church teach the truths from the Bible. However—those in charge of the church wouldn't change, so Martin kept studying and teaching the Bible anyway. Martin Luther is known for the ninety-five theses that he wrote —primarily to make an attempt to get the Roman Catholic Church to stop selling indulgences. (This was a practice of making people pay to receive forgiveness for their own sins and to buy forgiveness or the sins committed by others who had already died—which was in direct conflict with the Bible's assurance that Jesus' death and Resurrection HAS ALREADY paid for all of our sins.)

Luther's beliefs helped ignite and fuel the Reformation—which would give rise to Protestantism, (as the third major force within Christendom), alongside Roman Catholicism, and Eastern Orthodoxy. The Reformation marks the turning point when the church, or those who became the Lutheran Church, taught more about the Bible and Christ. Reformation Day, (which is on October 31st), celebrates the efforts by Martin Luther that resulted in an immense and lasting influence. Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546, at just 62-years-old from a cardiac infarction/heart failure. Were he born into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, he might have died in his eighties or nineties, but sadly, doctors of the 16th century did not have today's advanced tools and medical understanding. Just think...if Martin Luther would have had another ten or 20 years to share his Biblical insight and knowledge!

Martin Luther wanted peace with God, more than anything, and his search led him to the Bible. Martin Luther had immense amounts of courage and faith. He was not afraid to take adventures or to point out the errors of the church leaders. Martin Luther's last words were: "We are beggars. That is the truth."

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# REFORMATION

that pointed out where what the church was teaching was not in line with what the Bible said. Luther wanted the church to make changes (in order to be true to Scripture). But the church leaders didn't want to make those changes, and they labeled him a heretic. The religious officials wanted to kill Luther, so he went into hiding, where he wrote and continued to study God's Word. Many people saw the truth that Luther brought to their attention, so they decided to break away from the church (today known as the Roman Catholic church) and to start their own "reformed" churches. That is how the Lutheran church began. The Reformation focuses on three Biblical truths: We are saved by FAITH (in Jesus) alone, through God's GRACE alone, as revealed in SCRIPTURE (The Bible) alone.



***Reformation Day is October 31, celebrated in church this year on October 26.***



# A Lutheran Perspective on Halloween

Guest Commentary by Rev. Steve Wagner

Halloween is a day with a long history, and it brings up lots of opinions. Halloween was originally a day that was celebrated as a pagan holiday, so some may have concerns with Halloween. But later, the name "Halloween" came from the name "All Hallows' Eve", because Halloween is the day before All Saints' Day, which is a Christian holiday that honors those who have died in the faith and are in heaven. Halloween also happens to be the same day (October 31, 1517) that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door in Wittenburg, Germany, which started the Reformation movement.

Today's celebration of Halloween though has nothing to do with its pagan past. These days, it has become a way for children to have fun by dressing up in costumes and getting candy as gifts, but nothing more. As a Lutheran, we have Christian freedom with respect to Halloween. If one has concerns about Halloween's pagan past, it is acceptable to not participate if they choose. However, if one chooses to participate while understanding that Jesus alone is Lord, that is perfectly acceptable too. But whatever you choose to do on Halloween, please be safe and share the love of Jesus!



## About Halloween

by Juliana Rivera

Halloween can be fun...with costumes and candy, but here's the history behind it.

Halloween's name derives from the Christian observance of All Saints' Day, known as All Hallows' Day, and its vigil, All Hallows' Eve. The celebration was established by the Catholic Church in the 8th century to commemorate all saints, but it also occurred at the same time as the ancient Celtic harvest festival of Samhain, which honored the dead. Over time, the Christian and pagan traditions blended, leading to modern Halloween customs such as costumes, trick-or-treating, and jack-o'-lanterns, which have roots in both spiritual beliefs and secular traditions.

During the Middle Ages, people had an active awareness of the demonic. In Martin Luther's famous Reformation hymn, **A Mighty Fortress**, the words say, "Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us." Many believed that the demons were especially active on All Hallows' Eve, so they carved gourds with ugly faces and set them out to guard their homes. This was similar to the architectural tradition of mounting grotesque gargoyles on the drain spouts of cathedrals to ward off devils. People paraded in the streets, wearing costumes and masks to confuse the demons and mess up their evil plans.

There is danger in taking the devil too seriously. Satan is not all-powerful, all-knowing, almighty, or present everywhere. He is a fallen angel, who was created by and turned against God. The devil was defeated by Jesus' death and resurrection of Jesus. He is a liar and a loser who tries to convince the world that Jesus' death on the cross isn't enough to save us.

## All Saints Day

by Abby Pilny and Juliana Rivera

All Saints' Day started out as a church holiday to remember all the saints that have gone before us. Some people nickname All Saints' Day as **The Christian Funeral**. It is always November 1 and celebrated on the first Sunday of November, the week after Reformation Sunday. This is a day that we remember the people that have died in the faith through the years and have gone to heaven, and a day that we love and give thanks to God for the life that they had and that they are now with Him. Pastor Wagner celebrates the day by going to church. In prayers at the church on All Saints' Day we name each of the church members that have died in the last year, one by one. It was originally celebrated in the first century. Catholic churches pray that the saints spend less time in purgatory, but as Lutherans we believe that people who die believing in Jesus, go directly into His presence.



## How to Carve Pumpkins

by Arian Gomez

Pumpkins are the first thing I think of when I hear the word HALLOWEEN!!! (Which is my favorite holiday.) And then I think of carving pumpkins, something that many of us do in October.

And if you don't know how to carve a pumpkin - this is time to learn how.

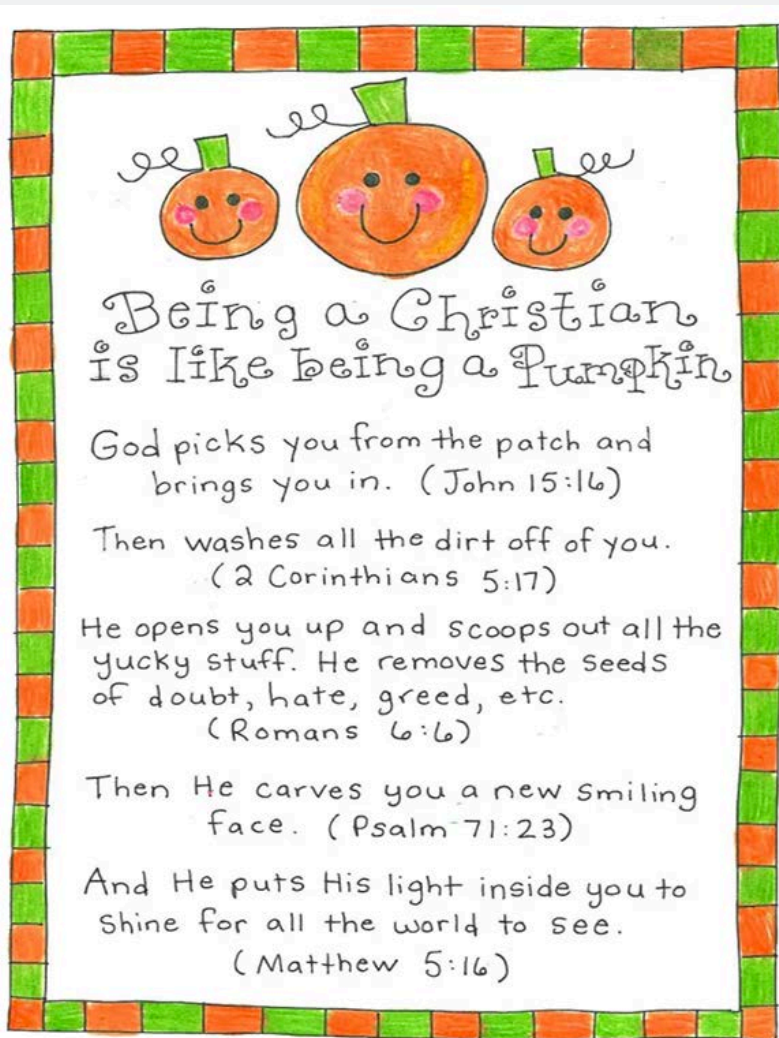
You'll need:

- a pumpkin
- a marker
- a knife (with a parent to use it)
- a big spoon
- a bowl
- a candle
- a lighter (also with a parent)

Steps:

- Draw a face on the pumpkin (big features so you can cut them out)
  - Have a parent use the knife to cut the top off the pumpkin
  - Scoop out the insides with the spoon, place them in the bowl (you can discard or put the seeds on a baking sheet for a parent to roast in the oven)
  - Have an adult cut out the face (eyes, nose, mouth) with the knife
  - Have a parent light the candle, and dribble some wax in the bottom of the pumpkin to secure the candle
- Set it on the porch for all to see [Pay attention to the pumpkin and blow out the candle before you go to bed!]

*I hope you have fun carving your pumpkin - and have a wonderful Halloween.*



## FUN THINGS TO DO IN FALL

by Addison Mann

Fall has finally come, and there are a lot of things to do. We can enjoy many seasonal things like visiting a pumpkin patch, carving pumpkins, and fall hiking. Pumpkin patches are fun places to enjoy with family or friends. There are many in the Chicago suburbs where you can pick out some pumpkins, maybe even to carve. Pumpkin carving is a traditional way to decorate the outside of your house - put them on the porch with fall flowers or a scarecrow. This is a great time of year to go hiking and look at God's wonderful creation.

Check out:

**Sonny Acres Farm in West Chicago** [[sonnyacres.com](http://sonnyacres.com)] - Fall Fest through October 30 with pumpkins, hayrides, children's rides, petting zoo, shops, food concessions, and more

**Keller's Apple Orchard in Oswego** [[kellersfarmstand.com/fall/apples/](http://kellersfarmstand.com/fall/apples/)] - pick your own apples until October 26

**Johnson's Corn Maze in Sycamore** [[johnsonspumpkinstand.com/corn-maze/](http://johnsonspumpkinstand.com/corn-maze/)] - 6-acre maze, or a smaller 1-acre maze for the "littles"



# November 14 is Family Reading Night by Keira Hager

On Friday, November 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran School is hosting a Family Reading Night in the school gym. All are invited and welcome to attend this free event.

At Family Reading Night...

- 5:30 to 6:15 - Dinner is served
- 6:15 to 7 - Storyteller Chris Fascione brings excitement to literature as he acts out stories geared to children and families

Fascione is nationally known for “bringing literature to life.” Learn more about our special guest’s fun and unique style of storytelling at [chrisfascione.com](http://chrisfascione.com).

Trinity is presenting Family Reading Night as a time for families to come together in fellowship. We want to encourage families to read together. We also hope that this event will help us get to know new people, ones who may not yet know Jesus, with whom we can seek an opportunity to share the Gospel.

## CHALLENGE:

If Trinity is having a family reading night in November, then based on this, what is the month's theme?

## ANSWER:

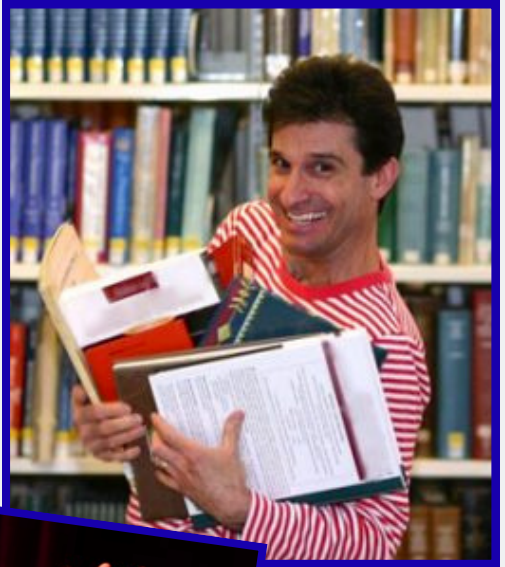
November's theme of the month is literature related.

## November is...

- National Novel Writing Month
- National Life Writing Month
- National Family Literacy Month
- Picture Book Month

And November 10 - 14 is World Nursery Rhyme Week

Don't forget to RSVP for dinner (call or email the office at 630.627.5601 or [secretary@TrinityLombard.org](mailto:secretary@TrinityLombard.org)). We look forward to seeing you there. Enjoy, and God bless!!!



Enjoy Chris Fascione, professional storyteller, at Trinity's Family Reading Night on November 14.



Upcoming dates that students will sing in church are:

- November 9, 2025
- February 8, 2026
- March 22, 2026
- May 10, 2026

## Children Sing in Church

by Ava Harrison

Trinity's students sang in church on September 28. They sang an upbeat, kazoo filled version of **Let Us Make a Joyful Noise**. The song is based on Psalm 95:1-2, Trinity's Bible verse of the year.

The next time Trinity students will sing during the church service will be on November 9. We will be singing **Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**. It's important for the students to sing in church because we need to let the people in church know that we understand what God has done for us.

# veterans day

by Addison Meredith

Veterans are very important to our country. Without them and their significant sacrifices for us, we might not be able to live in the free country that we do today. For everything that they have done for us and our country, they deserve all of the thanks we can give them.

On November 11, 2025, we celebrate veterans, and all they have done for us. Though being a veteran seems great - after all, they ARE heroes - that might not always be the case. Many veterans struggle with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), anxiety, depression, or physical issues such as chronic pain, and in some cases, the loss of limbs. About 15% of veterans tend to suffer from these mental issues due to the high stress environments they endured during their service. Sometimes these mental health issues result in veterans not being able to work. Additionally, many people who have served in our military are now elderly.

There are many ways to support veterans. You can donate to a non-profit organization that provides veteran assistance. Even something as simple as saying, "thank you" can be appreciated. In fact, there are quite a few veterans who are part of the Trinity church and school family. So let's do something nice for veterans on this Veterans Day, because they have done so much for us.



## TRINITY'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

by Jacob Garcia

Trinity's 2025 holiday craft show is Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can find almost any kind of craftwork there. You can even adopt a cat at the pet adoption station. Volunteers are needed, and there are currently a few more spaces for vendors and crafters. Admission is FREE. For parents who wish to holiday shop unhindered, Kids Korner is a place where they can color and create their own crafts.

### Christmas Wreaths for Sale

Trinity students and the PwtL [Parenting with the Lord] group are selling Christmas Wreaths as a Trinity Lutheran School fundraiser. The 22" mixed evergreen wreath is made of Noble fir, berried juniper, and incense cedar, trimmed with faux red holly berries and comes with a red velvet water repellent bow. Each wreath is \$25. Orders must be turned in to the Trinity office by November 5. Delivery is within the first 10 days of December.

Order forms have been sent home with students and are available outside of Trinity's office and in the parish hall.

There is a sample wreath on display - if you don't see it, and wish to do so, ask at the office.



To sign up for a craft or vendor space, email [events@trinitylombard.org](mailto:events@trinitylombard.org). You may also pick up an application in Trinity's office.

Volunteers are needed. There are tasks for all ages and all levels of physical ability.

Assistance is welcome:

- Thursday, November 6, anytime between 3 p.m. and 10 p.m. (set up)
- Friday, November 7, anytime between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. (set up)
- Saturday, November 8, anytime between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. (set up/show/clean up)

If you are able to help in any way, please notify Trinity's office or text 630.715.7764.

Donations of hand-crafted items, baked goods, or objects for the rummage sale (no clothing please) will be accepted in Trinity's gymnasium, via the back parking lot, Thursday, November 6, between 4 and 10 p.m., or Friday, November 7, between noon and 9 p.m. If you need to drop off items prior to November 6 or need to arrange pick up of item, contact Trinity's office at 630.629.8765 or [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org).





# Trinity's new steam lab by Gunnarr Tully

*Forward: The wished-for Trinity S.T.E.A.M. Lab creator-maker space was undertaken by the author's father, Kevin Tully, after Trinity's application for a grant to finance the project was denied. Mr. Tully saw the importance of the S.T.E.A.M. lab to increase interactive educational opportunities for current students and to serve as an appealing draw for prospective students. With the help of donors, church members, students and their families, Kevin, his wife Beata and son, Gunnarr, went to work. They raised money and awareness and completed most of the necessary labor. We are grateful to the Tullys for spearheading this project.*

*Trinity's S.T.E.A.M. Lab is now open for academics and integrative learning.*

**S.T.E.A.M. is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.**

## an interview with mr. kevin tully

**Q:** Where did you get the idea to start on this project?

**A:** *God called me to use my skills to build the S.T.E.A.M. Lab.*

**Q:** When is the S.T.E.A.M. Club going to start?

**A:** *Soon, now that the Cross Country team has completed their season.*

**Q:** Are you going to lead the S.T.E.A.M. Club?

**A:** *I think so.*

**Q:** Is there anything BIG that we don't know about the S.T.E.A.M. Lab?

**A:** *Yes, but it's a surprise!*

**Q:** Is there anything that you would like to see in the S.T.E.A.M. Lab that we don't currently have?

**A:** *Yes, a ham radio set, and more 3D printers.*

**Q:** Why don't we already have those?

**A:** *We need funding.*

**Q:** After completing all the work on the S.T.E.A.M. Lab, is there anything you hope to work on next?

**A:** *Yes, Mr. B (Principal Jame Baerenklau) and I are working on something.*

**[editor's note: even I don't know what it is!]**

## an interview with principal james baerenklau

**Q:** What do you expect from Trinity's S.T.E.A.M. Lab?

**A:** *It will be used this year for Science, Technology, and Art.*

**Q:** Do you have any additional plans for the S.T.E.A.M. Lab?

**A:** *Yes, it will be used for the S.T.E.A.M. Club.*

**Q:** What grades will be invited to participate in S.T.E.A.M. Club?

**A:** *We're still deciding that, but definitely those in middle school (5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade).*

Photos below feature the author's class working in the S.T.E.A.M. Lab, designing water transport systems and learning taxonomy while classifying sea shells.



# Timothy Botts: Learning from the Artist-at-Work

by Ariana Mehrazar and Aubrey Miranda

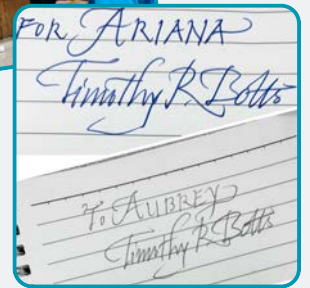
As reported in last month's issue of The New Trinity Times, Timothy Botts is an artist who focuses on scripture calligraphy. He came to Trinity on September 19, 2025. Mr. Botts presented us with a big piece of blank paper on a whiteboard. What we didn't expect was for him to make a masterpiece right before our eyes! Every stroke that he executed was carefully penned, and with great patience.

Mr. Botts wrote beautifully on the paper, Psalm 95:1-2, "O come let us sing to the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving."

Timothy Botts' paintings are all about praising God. He explained about his art, "It honors God because I'm using His words which are the truth." Timothy Botts has spent his career making beautiful artwork for God, and for us.

He shared some fun facts with us about his life and work:

- Gold is a color that symbolizes God.
- He has this "swirly technique" in his art.
- In 6th grade, Tim was the school's spelling bee champion!
- He likes the color blue because it's associated with heaven.
- Botts has been doing this for 55 years.
- He can speak Japanese.
- Timothy found out about calligraphy in college and wanted to be an artist since he was in 1st grade.
- He was a good artist and speller, but he wasn't good at sports. His teacher told him that he was a great artist—and Timothy was glad that she did.
- Botts' favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17, and he likes it because sometimes artists make their artwork about themselves, so this reminds him to give the glory to Jesus.
- From time to time, people ask Timothy to create artwork on the walls, especially the walls of churches, and sometimes he has to sit on scaffolds to paint - and he gets scared working like that. So, he remembers Michelangelo—who painted his famous frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel—which took seven years, and legend holds that artist painted while lying on his back.



After Botts finished his presentation, he let us come up to him to ask questions—and get his autograph! We are all very glad that Timothy Botts came to see us and enlighten us about what he does, why he does it, and even how he does it.

**"The Bible you use should be the one that you read." - Timothy Botts**

## Trinity's Bible Verse for the Year, Psalm 95:1-2 by Bobby Hawn

***"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"***

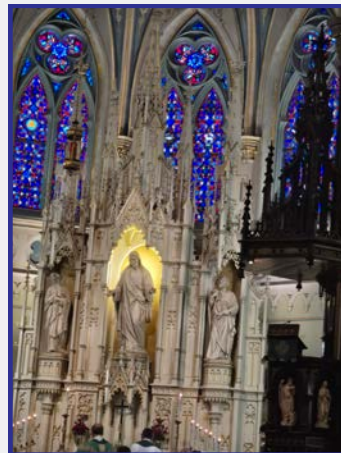
*This Bible verse tells us to sing to God! It tells us to make a joyful noise to the sturdy rock. God is our Rock that keeps us from falling over and slipping into the hands of the devil. It tells us to go into God's presence with thanks to Him - thanks to God for allowing us to come into this world and for letting His Son come down to Earth and die on the cross and forgive our sins. The verse reminds us to make a joyful noise to God and to praise God at all times, rejoicing that we have been forgiven and that we will be saved! It assures us that Jesus will return and raise all of the bodies up out of the grave, and bring all believers into Heaven, where we will be brought into the new Earth, one that has no sin! It will be a perfect place - one in which the devil will not tempt us, where there will be no death, no sadness, no sins. Thanks be to God!*





## My Perspective: Our Confirmation Retreat *by Abby Pilny*

Last month, Pastor Wagner took the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the place where he studied to become a pastor. We went there for a confirmation retreat, which is basically a weekend where we attended classes, slept in dorms, played games, went to church, and most importantly learned about our faith and worshiped Jesus. The main thing that we studied was the Apostles Creed. A creed is a statement of what you believe, and what it means. The Apostles Creed is a very long detailed paragraph about our faith in Jesus Christ, and it includes a lot of details, including his death on the cross to save us. The Apostles Creed was not written by the Apostles but is based on what the Apostles believed. We participated in chapel three times a day (*at the campus' Kramer Chapel, top right*), and on Sunday we attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne (*middle right*). We learned a hymn about our belief in Jesus. Several other pastors from the seminary came to talk to us and we got to ask them questions. When we had a break, we ate food in the cafeteria, where we could finally get our bottomless Dr. Pepper. Also, during our free time, we went over to a recreation room where there was a pool table, darts, table tennis, and air hockey. I liked everything except the dorms. They got very cold during the night, and the beds were made of what I call, "cardboard." Though, my favorite parts of the entire trip were when Ava and I went to the playground during the storm, when we ate at Raising Cane's after church, and even the church itself. All in all, I would call it a really fun trip that I will remember for a long time.



## Confirmation Class Trip to the Seminary at Fort Wayne, Indiana

*by Ariana Mehrazar, Addison Meredith, Arian Gomez, Aubrey Miranda, and Ava Harrison*

We all came to school in the morning on September 19, but we were only there until around 12:15. We left early to get to the seminary quicker. After around three hours and 30 minutes of travel, we arrived at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, where we were going to be for the next two days. We were about to have a fun activity-full weekend.

The night we arrived, we went to the dorms, (the beds cracked). After we settled down, we got some food from the dining hall and then went to class. After class we went to the game room and played, then we retired to the dorms and hung out with each other while playing Roblox.

We woke up the next morning and returned to the dining hall for breakfast - where we enjoyed having some Dr Pepper. We then started a day full of classes, but don't worry! There were breaks in between. We were taught about the Apostles Creed by Rev. Dr. Todd Peperkorn. After classes, it was time to go have some fun bowling and eating pizza. Following that, we attended Chapel and then returned to the Rec Room and enjoyed playing ping pong, pool, air hockey, and even just chatting with each other. Then, we went back to the dorms and went to sleep.

On the last day, we had to wake up early to go to a Sunday service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We packed up, arrived at the church, and then we were on our way home. While we were on the road we stopped at 7-Eleven and we even stopped for chicken at Raising Cane's.

All in all, we had an amazing trip and learned a lot!



# joe boway: bringing light to liberia's jungles

by Joshua Camiola



Photos, left to right: Joe Boway speaking in chapel, students helping load school supplies for Liberian Lutheran children into Joe's vehicle, and Principal Baerenklau presenting Joe with a check to help cover shipping those supplies.

Joe Boway is a nice, kind, smart man who was born in Liberia, came to America and learned about Jesus. His desire to introduce Liberians to Christ led Joe back to the jungles of Liberia, where he has now opened and filled a 16<sup>th</sup> Lutheran school. Joe operates these Christian schools - tirelessly seeking support to stock these schools with supplies. He makes these schools fun, and the latest school, in Gay Town, Liberia, is packed. In 2004, Joe opened the first Lutheran schools in the west African nation. These schools serve 7000 students. In 2024, 400 students and parents were baptized into the Christian faith after learning about Jesus and how He died and rose again to save us. This is the first time that I've met him. I have really liked him.



## FUN RUN FOLLOW UP

by Alice Hensley

The Fun Run took place during the school day at Trinity on Friday, September 26. Students collected pledges for the event, raising more than \$1,000 to support Trinity's music program. Grades first through eighth ran laps around the school, but don't worry! Preschoolers got to join in on the fun, by running laps inside the gym. Students ran and walked hard in the hot early Autumn weather to earn foot charms. Everyone worked hard and had a lot of fun doing it.



## CHARGERS CROSS COUNTRY WRAP-UP

by Addison Meredith

The Trinity Chargers Cross Country team season has come to an end, and like always, the runners ran very well. At our mid-season meet in Mount Prospect, hosted by Jerusalem Lutheran, we won! Three runners finished in the top five: Fifth grade student Addison Mann finished second in her age group, Addison Meredith (8th grade) finished second for her age group, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade runner Keira Hager finished first - for her age group and for the ENTIRE meet! Our other runners also ran very well due to the fact that it was a two-mile race, and they had never done that before. In our final competition at St. Peter Lutheran in Schaumburg, Keira and Addison Mann both placed in the top ten. This was a great cross country season, and we can look forward to another great season next year; so join the team, and run your hardest.

## Orphan Grain Train

by Floyd Turner

On Wednesday, October 22, for our chapel service, Pete Gnan of Orphan Grain Train will share how the ministry provides much needed food, personal needs, and medical supplies to people struggling because of war, famine, and natural disasters – or even in an area of the world that is very poor. Joe Boway's Liberian Lutheran school students were blessed by a delivery of 3,000 pounds of food from Orphan Grain Train. The group's North Dakota volunteers were grateful for being able to provide funding for church resources. Recently, Orphan Grain Train sent shipments loaded with teacher kits, student supplies, and medicines to war-torn Ukraine, and truckloads of food to areas of the United States that are still recovering from last year's hurricanes. Learn more about Orphan Grain Train at [ogt.org](http://ogt.org).





# Pumpkin Jokes

**Why are jack-o'-lanterns so smart?**  
*Candles make them bright.*



**What is black, white, orange, and waddles?**  
*A penguin holding a pumpkin.*

**Why do pumpkins sit on people's porches?**  
*They have no hands to knock on the door.*



**Why do pumpkins perform so poorly in school?**  
*They had all their brains scooped out.*

## Fall Seek & Find

Can you find these items?



Trunk or Treat throwback! Here's a photo from Trinity's first one in 2019. This trio of costumed cuties is in high school now.

# dates to Remember

## UPcoming EVENTS

Thursday, October 16 - **Wendy's fundraiser**

Friday, October 17 - **Nachos for \$1**

Sunday, October 19 - **Pastor Appreciation Reception, following 9 a.m. church service**

Tuesday, October 21 - **Hot Lunch: Tacos**

Wednesday, October 22 - **Chapel, 8:30 a.m.**

Friday, October 24 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Saturday, October 25 - **Fall Fest Trunk or Treat, 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

Sunday, October 26 - **Reformation Sunday**

Tuesday, October 28 - **Hot Lunch: Mostaccioli**

Wednesday, October 29 - **Chapel, 8:30 a.m.**

Friday, October 31 - **Reformation Day**

Sunday, November 2 - **All Saints Sunday**

Tuesday, November 4 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Wednesday, November 5 - **Chapel, 8:30 a.m.**

Thursday, November 6 - **Parent-Teacher conferences, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Friday, November 7 - **NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher conferences**

Saturday, November 8 - **Holiday Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Sunday, November 9 - **Students sing in church, 9 a.m.**

Tuesday, November 11 - **Veterans Day**

Tuesday, November 11 - **Hot Lunch: Mac 'n' Cheese**

Friday, November 14 - **Hot Cocoa & Cookie for \$1**

Friday, November 14 - **Family Reading Night, 5:30 to 7 p.m.**

Tuesday, November 18 - **Hot Lunch: Tacos**

Friday, November 21 - **Hot Lunch: Pizza**

Monday, November 24 through Friday, November 28 - **NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break**

Wednesday, November 26 - **Thanksgiving Eve service, 6 p.m.**

Thursday, November 27 - **Thanksgiving Day service, 10 a.m.**

Monday, December 1 - **Classes resume, 8:15 a.m.**

