

The Chronicles of Trinity

December 2022

School Christmas Program

by Ariana Mehrazar

Trinity's School Christmas Program is a fun time where we get to sing songs about Jesus. It is an event that happens every year in the month of December.

We will sing many songs, including Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, then, O Come All Ye Faithful, Days of Elijah, What Child is This?, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in a Manger, J-U-B-I-L-E-E, Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night, and Joy to the World.

Trinity's School Christmas Program will be at 6 p.m. on December 22, 2022. Please dress up nicely, and we hope to see you there.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



What is the Meaning of Christmas?

by Alexandra Harris

Christmas can mean a lot of different things to different people. It can mean spending time with your family, love, and bringing joy to others, but the most important is the birth of Jesus. The birth of Jesus means that our Savior has finally come to die for us. After all of the waiting and anticipating He is finally here! When He is born he brings us love, joy, and hope.

The True Meaning of Christmas

by Addison Meredith

Many people might think that Christmas is about opening presents and waiting for Santa to come, but that is not the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is for giving, not getting and for celebrating the birth of Jesus. Jesus was not born in a fancy house but in a manger. He was born for us and to pay for our sins. You can now see what Christmas really means so remember to not just think about getting.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Trinity Lutheran School presented a Live Nativity to the community.



Trinity's Live Nativity

by Ariana Mehrazar

Trinity Lutheran School presented a Live Nativity on December 10. Along with Nativity scene, we hope that you enjoyed the hot chocolate and snacks, live animals, pony rides and music. Thank you for bringing the canned foods because we share those with local food pantries.

Thank you for every one that helped us in the Live Nativity. We appreciate all of your help. Thank you to Mrs. Pilny, Mrs. Garcia, and those who planned and coordinated the entire event. Thank you to Pastor Wagner, Mrs. Messina, along with all the teachers, students, parents, and church members who helped at the Live Nativity. Thank you the people who helped with the animals. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the evening.

We are all so happy that you came to join us for the Live Nativity.



Things You Should Spend Time Doing on Christmas with your Family

by Damian Gomez

The first thing you should do with your family is to decorate cookies. If you don't know how to decorate - the first step to do is to get out any holiday cookie cutters and either buy or mix cookie dough. Roll out the dough, then use the cookie cutters to cut it into shapes then put the cookies on a baking tray put in a preheated oven. Most cut out cookies bake for 8-12 minutes at 350 degrees (but be sure to check the recipe or instructions for the dough you are using). When the cookies are out of the oven, let them cool. Now gather you choice of frosting and sprinkles and decorated them how ever you like (be creative)!

Second thing to do is watch Christmas movies, like Home Alone, The Grinch, The Santa Claus, or The Polar Express.

And the last thing you should do is wear "ugly Christmas sweaters" and take a photo.

Those are my ideas for what you should do with your family to spend time together on Christmas. Merry Christmas.



What Pastor Wagner Does on Christmas

by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

- Q.** What are your Christmas traditions? **A.** Going to church, after church we open presents, watch football, and sleep
- Q.** What is your favorite Christmas movie? **A.** A Charlie Brown Christmas
- Q.** What meal do you eat on Christmas? **A.** Either turkey or ham
- Q.** What do you want for Christmas this year? **A.** I want to spend time with my son (I know right? Pastor has kids!!!)
- Q.** What is your favorite part about Christmas? **A.** Hanging out with family
- Q.** What's your favorite Christmas hymn? **A.** Angels We Have Heard on High
- Q.** What is your favorite Christmas story? **A.** I guess it would be The Night Before Christmas
- Q.** What is your favorite thing to do in the snow? **A.** Have a snowball fight
- Q.** What is your favorite part about preaching in the Christmas service? **A.** I get to say JESUS IS BORN!

What Is Candy?

by Ian Lesch

Candy is also commonly referred to as sweets or, in some parts of the world, lollies. These are confections that are made around the world, primarily with sugar. However, candy is a very broad category that encompasses other sweet confections like chewing gum, sugar candies, and yes, by definition, chocolate. Another common trait that defines these confections is that they physically are made out of mostly sugar. This is what makes them different from things like cakes. Cakes, pastries, and

frostings can also contain large amounts of sugar, but they don't have the same characteristics as a product made from almost only sugar. Candies are usually much smaller and can be eaten by hand. They aren't necessarily meant to be shared with people, unlike cakes or loaves of bread, and they are definitely consumed more casually as compared to something like a pudding or cupcake. Candies are usually snacks or treats that are eaten between meals or on the go.



The Legend of the Candy Cane

by Ian Lesch

The legend of the candy cane comes from Germany in 1670, Indiana in the 1800s, or Georgia in 1947 - depending on who is telling the story! One think they all agree on is that the candy cane was created by a candy maker who wanted to share the story of the first Chrstm's when Jesus was born.



The shape of the candy cane is meant to look like a shepherd staff because Jesus leads his followers like sheep, and if you flip the candy upside down it is not only a staff but a J for Jesus.



The canes were made from a rock hard candy to remind us that Jesus is our "rock."



Wide red stripes were added to the candy cane, representative of the Jesus' crucifixion and the blood He shed for our sins. The red stripes remind that His blood, we are given salvation and life. The white stripes stand for the holiness and purity of Jesus.



Peppermint was very similar to hyssop, which was used for sacrifice and purification in the Old Testament. The flavor and scent remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. The intense flavor and aroma also remind us of the spices brought by the Wise Men when they came to visit Jesus.



Of course, when the candy cane is eaten, it is often broken, which the candy maker meant as a reminder that when Jesus was crucified, is body was broken.



The candy cane was also made to be given as a gift, representing the love of Jesus when he gave us the gift of salvation.



JESUS was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities...and by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5



Christmas Baking by Riley Baker

Christmas baking is always a favorite in many households, whether it be a fun activity or a family tradition. Modern Christmas cookies can trace their history to recipes from Medieval Europe biscuits, when many modern ingredients such as cinnamon, ginger, black pepper, almonds and dried fruit were introduced into the west. In Europe during the 16th century Christmas cookies had become well known and families baked cookies in various shapes and sizes related to Christmas. Now you can find many other Christmas desserts besides cookies, like cakes, peppermint bark, and even cracker candy, whatever your family chooses to bake it will always be delicious.

Christmas Treats by Addison Meredith and Angelina Iverson

People make treats for after their Christmas dinner or for holiday snacks. Here are two easy and delicious treats you can make:

Sugar Cookies

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter, softened to room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 large egg, slightly beaten
- 3 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract (can substitute almond extract)

1. Make the cookie dough:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Using a stand mixer or hand mixer, beat together the softened butter and sugar until creamy. Mix in the egg and vanilla, followed by the whipping cream. With the mixer on low speed, mix in the flour mixture just until no more dry streaks of flour remain.

2. Roll out and chill:

Divide the dough in two parts. Roll each half out between two sheets of parchment paper. (The parchment makes this sticky dough easier to roll out and the dough also chills more quickly.) Transfer the sheets of cookie dough, still sandwiched between parchment, to the fridge. (Place on baking sheets if needed so you can balance the sheets on top of other items in your fridge.) Chill for at least one hour or up to overnight.

3. Heat the oven to 400°F

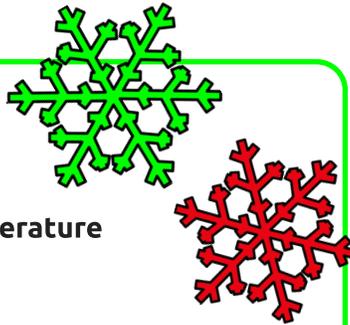
4. Cut out the cookie shapes:

Peel off the top layer of parchment from one of the sheets of cookie dough. Use cookie cutters to cut out the cookie shapes. If the dough gets too soft, chill it in the refrigerator for 5 to 10 minutes before continuing.

5. Bake:

Transfer the cookies to a parchment paper. Bake for 5-8 minutes at 400°F. Remove the cookies from the oven as soon as you see them turning color at the base of the cookie. Let cool completely. Repeat with remaining batches of cookies. You can also gather the scraps, roll them out again, and cut more cookies to bake.

6. Decorate with frosting and sprinkles as desired.



Peppermint Bark

- 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
 - 12 oz. white chocolate, chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
 - 8 candy canes, crushed
1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
 2. Fill the bottom of a large pot with 3" water and bring to simmer over medium heat.
 3. Reduce heat to low, then place a large heatproof bowl on top.
 4. Add semi-sweet chocolate and stir occasionally until chocolate has melted.
 5. Stir in peppermint extract.
 6. Pour into the prepared baking sheet and spread into an even layer with a plastic spatula.
 7. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.
 8. Over the same pot of barely simmering water, place another large heatproof bowl.
 9. Add white chocolate and stir until melted.
 10. Pour over set semi-sweet chocolate
 11. Top immediately with crushed candy canes.
 12. Refrigerate until set, about 20 minutes.

Christmas Around the World

by Sophia Garcia, Emma Serwas and Addison Meredith

Christmas is a holiday that is celebrated all around the world, but we will look at how it is celebrated in different countries.



In Germany, families will gather around the table for a heartwarming meal and attend church. The children will play with their new toys, and they will light the last candle on the Advent wreath.



In Holland (The Netherlands), on December 6, St. Nicholas Day, the children leave out carrots and hay in their wooden shoes then go to sleep. The next morning the carrots and hay in the shoes have been replaced with toys and candy and St. Nicholas has also hidden more goodies throughout the house.



In China (The People's Republic of China), Christmas is more commercialized because Christmas is still a new thing, focused on buying things and not on the real meaning of Christmas, as many Chinese people are Buddhists and Taoists, and do not know the story of Jesus' birth.



In Ukraine, one of the traditions is for family members to cook twelve "fasting" dishes to represent the twelve apostles. The main dish at the festive table is *kutia*, a mix of boiled grains, honey, nuts, poppy seeds, dried fruits, and other toppings. Ukrainians fast on *Sviat vechir*; only when the first star is seen in the evening sky, may the supper begin. The family comes together to have a dinner. These twelve dishes are traditionally vegan plus fish, and do not contain meat, milk, or eggs. While the dishes served can vary regionally, as well as from family to family, the two mandatory dishes are *uzvar* and *kutia*, both reckoned by ethnographer Khvedir Vovk to be remnants of ancient rituals which date back to the neolithic era. *Kutia* is traditionally served first at the meal, after being offered by the head of the household to the frost. A spoonful is tossed at the ceiling, and the number of poppy seeds which stick portends the fruitfulness of the fields and farm animals in the coming year. It is rarely served at other times of the year. *Uzvar* is a beverage made with cooked dried fruits and berries. It can be mixed in with the *kutia*, or served separately at the end of the meal. Servings of both dishes are also set aside overnight in the *pokuttia*, the corner of the house with religious icons, for the ancestors. Traditional Ukrainian Christmas festivities start on Christmas Eve, which is celebrated on January 6, by the Julian calendar. The Christmas celebrations end on January 19, the date of the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus, known in Ukraine as *Vodokhreschhe* or *Yordan*. In many communities the ancient Ukrainian tradition of caroling is carried on by groups of young people and members of organizations and churches calling at homes and collecting donations for the poor. *Ashopkais* is a traditional portable nativity scene used to represent nativity and other figures in a puppet form.

THE DARK STORY OF SANTA CLAUS

by Josie Woods and Aidan Harrison

Instead of the Santa Claus you're thinking of, let's talk about Krampus. Krampus is the evil Santa Claus. Like St. Nicholas, He comes on the evening of December 5, every year. While good ol' St. Nick gives candy and presents to good children on December 6, Krampus beats children who are naughty with sticks and branches. Or he eats them in some cases and takes them to Hell. So... as long as you are a good child you will receive candy or gifts

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Christmas Traditions in Greece and Norway *by Angelina Iverson*

What are your Christmas traditions in your house? I would imagine a Christmas tree, cookies, and a bunch of Christmas movies.

In Greece they decorate a boat with a bunch of lights which is known as the Christmas Boat. As we probably do in our house, they make Christmas treats. These treats are from Greek recipes and one of them is known as the Saint Basil's Cake.



In Norway they have traditions like us. Early Christmas morning they gather around their tree and open presents. Norwegians also have a traditional meal of mainly pig or lamb. The Norwegians, just like us, have Christmas lights shining on Christmas and even weeks after New Year's Eve to keep the holiday spirit.



Christmas in Iran *by Arian Mehrazar*

In Iran, despite approaching the Yalda night celebration, many Christians are ready to celebrate in order to give light and brightness to the long winter nights on Christmas night.



In Iran, however, the date of Christmas is close to Yalda night and the longest night of the year.

The Christian population of Iran who live mostly in the cities of Urmia, Tabriz, Tehran and Isfahan.

While other Christians around the world celebrate Christmas Eve with stuffed turkey, Iranian Christians serve Sabzi Polo with fish along with vegetable Cucu on their Christmas dinner table. This completely Iranian dish is accompanied by a dessert of Pirok and Gata sweets, which can be found in any sweet shop these days. Gata is a type of layered and dry sweets that are filled with butter and walnuts between the layers, and pirok is a kind of nutty sweets that use marmalade for its middle layer.

Iranian Christians go to the church after eating the special Christmas dinner "Cucu + Vegetables" and talk and shake hands with one another. The priests pray at the altar and the lit candles of the church give a calm and dreamy atmosphere to the church. Christians stay together until midnight; right until the church bell rings at 12 o'clock. At this moment, everyone looks at the sky in complete silence and gets busy with God.

The existence of 187 churches and shrines in different parts of East and West Azerbaijan shows the ancient presence and residence of Iranian Christians in this ancient land. Qara Church in Chaldaran (related to the Safavid period), Holy Stepanos Church in Jolfai Ares (in the 9th century AD), Zorzor Church in Chaldaran (related to the Safavid period), Holy Mary Church (in the 16th century AD) and Vujumbar Church are some of the churches. Armenians are in East and West Azerbaijan.

The Christmas celebration of Iranian Christians, like Nowruz, is one of the most important and deep-rooted religious

KRAMPUS CONTINUED.

from St. Nick. Everyone reading this now, is a good child. You all received gifts from St. Nicholas recently, am I right, or am I right? This creature originates from Germany. He is the very opposite of Santa, and God. He is terrible, if you didn't already get that impression from the part where I already said he beats children with sticks and branches when they are naughty. But He gets worse and worse as the story goes on about him. He was part of Pagan rituals, He's the son of hell, and the Norse God of the Underworld. Again he is absolutely terrible. There are numerous horror films and stories about him. He is a very terrifying creature. In Austria and Germany, (where it's most popular) there is a festival called "Krampuslauf." In this activity, which most of the time involves alcohol, people parade along the streets dressed as the creature. I would definitely not want to be there for that! How about you?



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHRISTMAS?

by Emma Serwas

Christmas is a holiday enjoyed all around the world. We thought it might be fun to ask the 5 through 8 graders, along with Mr. Baerenklau, and Mrs. Solyom, what part about Christmas is, their favorite. This is what they said.

Alex: Decorating everything with lights

Riley: Seeing the Christmas lights with snow

Aidan: Gift giving

Josie: Watching peoples faces when they open their presents.

Mrs. Solyom: My favorite part about Christmas is celebrating Jesus's birthday, and seeing the lights in the hallway

Mr. B: Celebrating the birth of Jesus

Ariana: Jesus's birth and being with my family

Damian: Spending time with each other

Ava: We go to our Grandma's house and go have a nice meal with other family members, and we open presents

Roscoe: Presents and snow

Angelina: Spending time with family and opening presents

Sophia: Watching my parents wake up in the morning

Addison: Eating cookies and watching people opening presents

Emma: Making gingerbread houses, but not making them because I ate all the frosting

Favorite Christmas Hymns

by Ava Harrison and Emma Serwas

We asked people in the 5th and 6th grade class to name their favorite Christmas hymn...

Mr. Baerenklau: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Pastor Wagner: Angels We Have Heard On High

Addison: Angel We Have Heard On High

Angelina: Silent Night

Ariana: What Child Is This

Ava: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Damian: Angels We Have Heard On High

Emma: Silent Night

Josie: Angels We Have Heard On High

Roscoe: These Are The Days Of Elijah

Sophia: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Cool Christmas Crafts

by Ava Harrison and Sophia Garcia

There are many ways to share creativity but one way is through crafts. To be more specific, Christmas crafts. Here are two fun crafts we've named...

Painted Pine Cone

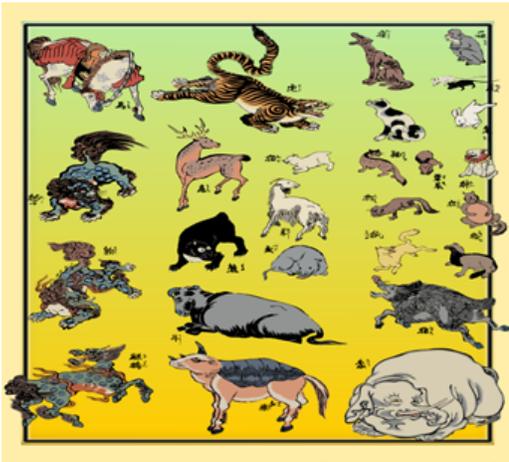
You need paint (acrylics work well), a color for your Christmas tree and other colors for lights or ornaments, along with white paint, glue, and colored construction paper of your choice for a star. First, paint your pine cone. Allow paint to dry, then dab white paint on the tips, and dot with chosen colors for Christmas lights. dots of color for the lights. Then take the colored paper and cut out a star. When the tree is dry, glue the star on top, and voilà!



Toilet Paper Men

You need empty toilet paper rolls, fabric, cotton, balls, buttons, paint, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, and mini pom-poms. First paint the empty toilet paper rolls for desired color and glue on fabric and other items as desired to make a snowman, reindeer, Santa, or elf, as shown in the image above.





International Animal Rights Day *by Ava Harrison*

International Animal Rights Day was on Saturday, December 10, 2022, the same day that Trinity hosted the Living Nativity. An annual day observed in a growing number of countries around the world, the day was established for the purpose of giving a voice to all animals and raising awareness for their rights. It's "Memorial Day" and "Independence Day" for the animals. This is a day that we should thank God for all the animals that have helped and lived with us for years.



Pictured above, animals from Trinity's Live Nativity, clockwise from top left: pony, goat, donkey, and rabbit.

All About Bunnies *by Ariana Mehrazar*

There are many different types of bunnies, and I love them all. BUNNIES ARE AWESOME! First, I will tell you about the Netherland Dwarf rabbit. It is the smallest bunny species in the world. As cute as they may be, they don't like being picked up or held. They are very quick to bite and scratch when they are frightened. They sleep at least eight hours a day. Now, I will tell you about the Cashmere Lop bunny. They usually live about eight years. They eat hay, vegetables, fruits, and pellets. If you want to get a Cashmere Lop as a pet, they cost around \$40 to purchase.



Pictured at left: Cashmere Lop rabbit. Shown below: Netherland Dwarf bunnies.



ALL ABOUT FISH *by Ariana Mehrazar*

Fish are awesome, and there are so many different kinds of them. One type of fish is the brightly colored Clownfish. There are 30 different species of Clownfish, and all Clownfish are born male. Did you know that Clownfishes are hermaphrodites? That means they are born male, but can turn into a female. That's amazing! Also fascinating is the Puffer Fish. Puffer Fish look like other fish, until they are threatened, when they puff up to about twice their normal size by gulping water. Then they look a ball of spikes, like in this photo. They do it to protect themselves from all different kinds of predators. All types of fish have gills to help them breathe in their underwater environment.

Pictured above left, a Clownfish, and above right, a Puffer Fish.

All About Dwarf Frogs

by Roscoe Barnett

There's a lot of different animals, some, like the Dwarf Frog are amphibians. They are cute, fast, and can jump high. First, Dwarf Frogs are cute because they have little claws, cool eyes, and big legs. Second, they are fast because of how light their body is. Lastly, they can jump high because of their long, powerful legs and how powerful they are.



Pictured above: A Dwarf Frog.



All About Cicadas

by Ava Harrison

There are many insects I like but my favorite insect is the Cicada. Cicadas are very interesting in my opinion but they could just be normal insects to you. They have the typical flying insect characteristics, wings - six of them, and eyes - of which they have five two on the sides and three in a triangular shape in between them. The Seventeen Year Cicada only comes out from their hole in the ground every seventeen years, which seems crazy to me, but fascinating. Babies are called nymphs and leave an exoskeleton, or molt, on the tree as they develop through multiple stages. They are very interesting creatures.

Pictured at left: A Seventeen Year Cicada



Pictured left to right: Preschool (Mrs. LaMontagna), Preschool (Miss Kraegel), Kindergarten, and 1st & 2nd Grade

Meet Pastor Wagner *by Angelina Iverson & Addison Meredith*

Q. What is your favorite color? **A.** Metallic royal blue

Q. Why did you choose to be a pastor? **A.** I don't know -I have wanted to be a pastor since I was little, but God chose me so I guess it was up to God

Q. Do you have any pets? **A.** Yes, two dogs: a Dalmatian and an Australian German Shepherd mix

Q. What is your favorite Bible verse? **A.** Romans 8:28

Q. What is your favorite book or movie? **A.** Book: the Bible, Movie: I like any movie that is funny or about sports

Q. What is your favorite part about being a pastor? **A.** Helping people

Q. How do you come up with the sermons at church? **A.** It takes work, I read what the Bible passages say and I pray that God will tell me what I should say, and then I write up something

Q. If you had three wishes what would they be? **A.** No more suffering, no more death, and that the Astros would quit losing in the World Series

Q. What is your favorite animal? **A.** Dogs

Q. What is your favorite food at Thanksgiving? **A.** The dark meat on the turkey

Q. Why did you move from Texas to Lombard? **A.** I moved from Texas to Indiana to go to school to be a pastor, and then I moved to South Dakota to be a pastor there, and then I moved here to be the pastor at Trinity

Q. What is your favorite season and why?

A. I like fall because it has cooler weather

Q. What is the farthest you have ever travel for your ministry as a pastor? **A.** I taught a class for youth at a Higher Things conference in Seattle, Washington, in 2013

Q. Do you think you are a good pastor?

A. No, because I make mistakes all the time

Q. What are your favorite sports teams and why?

A. The Houston Astros, Houston Texans, and the Chicago Blackhawks. I grew up in Houston, when I didn't care about the NHL, but I watched the Blackhawks win the Stanley Cup championship

Q. What's your favorite hymn and why?

A. "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," I've liked the tune and the melody since I was a boy



Pictured left to right: 3rd & 4th Grade, 5th & 6th Grade



Mrs. Messina *by Ian Lesch*

Q. Why did you want to become a teacher?

A. I enjoy working with children and I enjoy getting to pass knowledge along and helping students get to grasp a new concept.

Q. What's your favorite subject to teach?

A. My favorite subject to teach is reading because there are so many different viewpoints.

Q. What's your favorite time of year?

A. I love fall because it's not super hot and it's comfortable and at night you get to cuddle up in a blanket.

Q. What's your favorite holiday?

A. My favorite holiday is Christmas because you get to gather with family and get to enjoy each other's company.

Q. What's your favorite part about being a teacher?

A. My favorite part is being able to work with children and adjusting them to change and then helping children move onto a different class

Meet Mrs. Perez *by Riley Baker*

Mrs. Perez has been a teacher at Trinity for over 40 years! Here is a quick survey to learn more about one of our favorite teachers.



Q. What is your favorite color?

A. Blue

Q. Where did you go to college?

A. Carthage

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. A cruise through Alaska.

Q. Do you spoil your granddaughter?

A. Yes, of course.

Q. What is your favorite thing about Trinity?

A. That it has a family atmosphere.

Q. What has been your favorite vacation?

A. Texas to go see my granddaughter.

Q. What is your least favorite subject to teach?

A. Science

Q. Would you like to move to Texas?

A. Yes and no.

Q. What is your favorite grade to teach?

A. 4th grade

Meet Miss Kraegel

by Ava Harrison

Q. What is your favorite color?

A. Green

Q. What do you love about being a teacher and why?

A. I love that each day is different, I love seeing children make connections with things they learn in school and their own world - most of all, I love being able to tell children that Jesus loves them and is their Savior

Q. Have you ever had a favorite class and if so, who?

A. No, I love them all even when I'm crabby

Q. Have you ever worked somewhere else?

A. Yes, when I was in college I worked at a cheese store

Q. Was there any other job you wanted to have besides a teacher and if so, what job? **A.** No

Q. Which do you like teaching more, Spanish or Art?

A. It's a tie

Q. What's your favorite holiday and why?

A. I Love Thanksgiving because I love November and the warmth of home and family and a time to thank God for all his blessings

Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. I don't really teach this, but I like reading with the first and second graders

Q. What are some of your hobbies?

A. Reading, gardening, and walking outside



History of Figure Skating *by Angelina Iverson*

Ice skating was first introduced at the Olympic Games in 1908. The popular pairs figures skating event was first held in the Summer Olympics that year, and became part of the Winter Games in 1924. Now, it is one of the most popular winter sports. Many people enjoy this sport and work hard to become good at it. Others skate just for enjoyment and still others practice and compete with a high level of skill. Ice skates were first made in approximately 1800 BC. They were made out of cow or horse bones and they made holes in them to fit leather straps through them. Eventually the blades were crafted out of steel, boots were created to be more sturdy, so they could hold the skaters feet in place. People who skate can choose from hockey, figure skating, speed skating, or they can glide peacefully along the ice!



Pictured from left to right: Ancient ice skates crafted from bone, a 1940s figure skater, and 1998 Olympic Gold Medalist 15-year-old Tara Lipinski

The Doors of Christmas

Pictured below: 7th & 8th Grade

Pictured below: Scenes from Trinity's Live Nativity



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