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Learning About Life in Liberia

by the Trinity Journalism Class



by Abigail Pilny









Liberian Missionary

Joe Boway (clockwise



• October 17: Volleyball @ Trinity/ Burr Ridge, 4 p.m.

- October 18: Chapel 8:30 a.m.
- October 19: Dining for Dollars -
- October 20-21: Volleyball Tournament @ Trinity/Burr Ridge
- October 24: Hot Lunch Mostaccioli
- October 24: Volleyball @ St. Paul/ Brookfield, 4 p.m.
- October 25: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

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from top left) shows Trinity students why backpacks are helpful to Liberian school children, Joe shows how easily vehicles get stuck in the mud when roads are made of dirt, Trinity 7th and 8th grade class members help load school supplies for Liberia into Joe's vehicle, Joe posed with his long time friends, retired Trinity principal and teachers - Mr. and Mrs. Krohse, and (below right) Joe poses with Trinity's students and teachers.

Joe Boway, a Lutheran Missionary to Liberia in West Africa, visited our school and spoke at Trinity's chapel service on October 4, 2023. He told us about the 15 Lutheran schools in Liberia that he helped to start. Mr. Boway explained to us how important it is to share the goodness of Jesus with Liberian children and the rest of the world. While he was speaking, he thanked everyone for the school supplies we collected for his students. Liberian

children traditionally carry their books on their heads, so he assured us that the backpacks will come in handy.

We had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Boway after chapel, and here is some of what we learned.

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We found out that the schools are made with jungle materials, have a lot of windows, and sometimes chickens show up for class (really). Mr. Boway serves as superintendent at these



schools. Liberia is very far away from the United States all the way across the Atlantic Ocean (we located it on the globe - Chicago and Liberia are over 5,200 miles apart). In Liberia, Mr. Boway is trying to get water wells for the schools so the children and their families can have more accessible water. Because the schools are in the jungle, they are surrounded by monkeys, frogs, bugs, and other rain forest creatures. Mosquitoes can be a problem because they carry malaria. The areas

don't have any electricity and if anyone wants internet access they have to pay for it themselves. The roads are made of mud so when it rains your vehicle could be stuck for up to five hours before help arrives.

Mr. Boway wants to help the children learn about Christ. We learned that Liberian children don't know what Halloween is but they do know about the Reformation, both of which are recognized on October 31. One of the students will be baptized this coming Reformation Sunday. The Reformation is all about knowing who Jesus is and learning how to get into heaven. The Bible tells us in John 8:32 that "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Mr. Boway asked us who was the truth that came to set us free, and we answered "JESUS!!!" Mr. Boway told us that his favorite thing about teaching in Liberia is talking about American schools. In Liberia, the people speak a mix of 16 different languages including Liberian English.

Trinity gathered about a dozen boxes and bags of school supplies for the Lutheran school children in Liberia and collected money to help cover the shipping costs. If you would like to receive the Liberian Children's Ministry newsletter, you can email Mr. Joe Boway at bowayi@aol.com.

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- October 26: Hands On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
- October 27: Nachos for \$1.
- October 27: Volleyball @ Concord-Zion/Bensenville, 4 p.m.
- October 28: Fall Fest Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- October 31: Hot Lunch Hot Dog
- November 1: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- November 3: Cookies & Hot Chocolate for \$1
- November 7: Hot Lunch Pizza

- November 9: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- November 10: Dismissal at 11:30 a.m., Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12-3 p.m.
- November 11: Holiday Craft Show, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- November 12: Students Sing in Church, 9 a.m.
- November 14: Hot Lunch Mac 'n' Cheese
- November 17: Cookies & Hot Chocolate for \$1
- November 20-24: NO SCHOOL -Thanksgiving Break

Hands On Family Fun Night by Tyler Zita and Arian Gomez

FREE FUN FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED TWO THROUGH KINDERGARTEN OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

There will be a "Hands-On" Family Fun night on Thursday, October 26, at Trinity. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light dinner of pizza, salad, and fruit, available. Families will visit different classrooms and engage in various fall and pumpkin-themed activities. The fun includes singing and playing games, which parents may engage in as well. Each child will bring something special home with them. The evening activities end at 7 p.m.





TRINITY'S VERY OWN FALL FEST TRUNK OR TREAT

by Ava Harrison and Roscoe Barnett

Each year Trinity holds an event called Fall Fest Trunk or Treat. This year it's on Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be costumes and games, food and cars full of decorations and candy. We will have so much fun! We invite everyone to come. PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY. Children (and many adults) will be dressing in unique costumes.

Here are the costumes the 5th through 8th grade students have decided to wear.

Addison: Piate Arian: Mario

Ariana: Bumblebee

Ava: Hermoine Granger

Damian: Luigi

Franchesco: Soldier Roscoe: Dragon

Sophia: Construction Cone

Abby, Aidan, Angelina, and Tyler are still deciding so they'll surprise us.

Come on out and join us - dress in a crazy costume - we're going to have fun!

H20 ON THE GO WATER STATION GRANT

by Sophia Garcia

This year we are getting some new water fountains. They are specially designed for filling water bottles so you don't have to tilt the water bottle and end up spilling the water (which could create a potential hazard).



Thanks to our former principal, Mrs. Messina, for applying for the grant from DeltaDental and Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation. Trinity was one of the schools they selected for the H2O On the Go program with new water bottle-filling stations. Trinity students will also receive new toothbrushes, and reusable water bottles!





The Roman Legions

by Francesco Lamphere

To know the Roman Legions you must know the start of Rome. Rome started as a tiny kingdom in the little peninsula in Italy. The myth was that two children of Mars named Romulus and Remus had been born. They

found the tiny area in the Etruscan kingdom and they fought over it. That ended with Romulus caving Remus's head with a shovel. (Happy isn't it?) Then the kingdom was established, which became a republic, and then an empire. The Roman Empire had a Senate and an Emperor (they were supposed to be equal but the Emperor usually had the final say). The Legions were not the first Roman army. The rest of the forces were small, but Nero, the fifth Roman Emperor, founded the Roman Legions. He was evil. Nero burned Rome so he could get a new palace and increase his reputation by letting the people with no home go in his royal residence. The Germanic Empire of Magna found and beat some of Legions of Nero. The Praetorian Guard was made up of experienced soldiers that served 17 years or more in the Legions. They guarded the important people. More than 100 years later, Emperor Commodus was always punishing the Legionnaires, so they hired a wrestler named Narcissus who killed Commodus. The Legions were finally abolished by Emperor Constantine I, two centuries after that. But they weren't forgotten. They were the fiercest warriors the Roman Empire had known.



Meet Mrs. Lamontagna

by Abigail Pilny
Mrs. LaMontaga teaches
preschool at Trinity.
Q: How many years have
you worked at Trinity?
A: Ten

Q:What other schools

have you worked at?

A: A two-year-old class (Shining Stars) and taught after care at Grace Lutheran (River Forest).

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Purple

Q: What school(s) did you graduate from?

A:Trinity (here), Walther Lutheran High School, and Concordia University Chicago.

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: Christmas

Q: Where is your hometown?

A: Lombard, Illinois

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach? A: Art

Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?

A: Ephesians 2:8-9

Q: What is your favorite TV show?

A:The Office

Q: What is your favorite sport/exercise?

A: Softball

Q: Are you a morning person or night person?

A: Morning

Q: Do you like cats or dogs better?

A: Cats

Q: Where is your favorite vacation spot?

A: Florida

Q: What is your

favorite restaurant? A: Portillo's



Meet Mrs. Perez

by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

Mrs. Perez is Trinity's one and only 3rd and 4th grade teacher and an amazing teacher at that.

Q: What was your first job? A: I worked in a jewelry

store

Q: How long have you worked here?

A: 46 years

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach?

A: Social Studies

Q:What's your favorite grade to teach?

A: 4th

Q Why did you want to become a teacher?

A: Because I had teachers who influenced me

Q:How would you describe your style of teaching?

A: Traditional

Q: Do you plan on doing something different in 3-5 years?

A: I want to sit in a rocking chair and watch the Hallmark channel, and maybe travel.

Q: What is your favorite pastime or hobby?

A: I like to read and I like to do puzzles.

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

A: Ehh, I dont know. I'm pretty happy where I'm at.

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Blue

Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?

A: Philippians 4:13 Mrs. Perez is a great teacher and has a lot of amazing stories to tell.





Veterans Day: Honoring Those Who Served by Angelina Iverson



Veterans Day is on November 11. Why do we celebrate it? We celebrate it to honor our nation's veterans, the people (alive or deceased) who have served our country in the military. Veterans risked their life and, some who served died to make sure that our country and the people in it are safe.

Make sure not to get Memorial Day and Veterans Day mixed up. On Memorial Day we honor all the soldiers who have died during battle or

war and on Veterans Day we honor and thank those who served and got out of the military.

Originally Veterans Day was named Armistice Day. It was named Armistice first because we celebrated that when World War I ended.

It is nice to have a day just to admire and respect the Veterans who have done a lot for our country. When November 11 comes up this year see if you know anyone in or out of the military and if you do, make sure to thank them for all they have done or will do.

Christopher Columbus by Damian Gomez



We recognize the explorer Christopher Columbus on Columbus Day (which was on October 9). But some people have no idea who he is in history. Let me tell you about Christopher Columbus and the *Age of Discovery*. During the 15th and 16th centuries, leaders of several European nations sponsored expeditions abroad in the hope that explorers would find great wealth and vast undiscovered lands. The Portuguese were the earliest participants in this *Age of Discovery*, also known as the *Age of Exploration*. Starting in about 1420, small

Portuguese ships, known as *caravels* zipped down along the African coast, carrying spices, gold, and other goods, as well as enslaved people from Asia, Africa, and Europe. *Fun Fact: Did you know? Christopher Columbus was not the first person to propose that a person could reach Asia by sailing west from Europe. <i>In fact, scholars argue that the idea is almost as old as the idea that the Earth is round. (That is, it dates back to early Rome.)* Other European nations, particularly Spain, were eager to share in the seemingly limitless riches of the "Far East." By the end of the 15th century, Spain's *"Reconquista"*- the expulsion of Jews and Muslims out of the kingdom after centuries of war - was complete, and the nation turned its attention to exploration and conquest in other areas of the world.

Christopher Columbus, the son of a wool merchant, is believed to have been born in Genoa, Italy, in 1451. When he was still a teenager, he got a job on a merchant ship. He remained at sea until 1476, when pirates attacked his ship as it sailed north along the Portuguese coast. The boat sank, but the young Columbus floated to shore on a scrap of wood and made his way to Lisbon, where he eventually studied mathematics, astronomy, cartography, and navigation. He also began to hatch the plan that would change the world forever. In 1502, cleared of the most serious charges but stripped of his noble titles, the aging Columbus persuaded the Spanish crown to pay for one last trip across the Atlantic. This time, Columbus made it all the way to Panama - just miles from the Pacific Ocean - where he had to abandon two of his four ships after damage from storms and hostile natives. Empty-handed, the explorer returned to Spain, where he died in 1506. Today, we recognize Christopher Columbus for his part in the exploration of the New World we know as America.



Reformation! by Sophia Garcia

October 31 is known as Halloween, but you can't forget the day a man named Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg in Germany. Martin's dad wanted him to be a lawyer. He got into law school but one night he was in a horrible storm. He prayed to God and said if He let him live he would become a monk (dedicating his life to God). Luther got out of the storm fine and, keeping his promise, became monk. He found many things wrong with the church and he posted his concerns - those 95 theses. Luther eventually had to flee because he was

wanted for challenging the Church. He translated the Bible from Latin into German and he also wrote many hymns that we still sing today.

Things You Should Know About

Martin Luther

by Arianna Mehrazar

- Martin Luther died at just 62 years old because of a cardiac infarction/heart failure. Today, he might have lived into his 80s or 90s, but medicine in the 1600s was not as advanced as our doctors are today. He died on February 18, 1546. His last words were: "We are beggars. That is the truth."
- Martin Luther was a German priest, theologian, author, hymn writer, professor, and Augustinian friar. Pretty cool, right?
- The Catholic Church did not teach the Bible. Martin Luther didn't really like that, so he asked if the Church would start teaching the Bible, but they refused. Even after they refused, Martin still taught the Bible to others.
- In 1517, Martin Luther published his 95 Theses in an attempt to get the Roman Catholic Church to stop selling indulgences (making people pay to have sins forgiven).
- Reformation Day (October 31) marking Martin Luther's challenge to the Church, notes his immense and lasting influence worth celebrating.

We Asked Pastor...Is Halloween Okay for Christians? by Rev. Steve Wagner

The observance of Halloween is based on a couple of things. First, All Saints' Day is observed in the church on November 1, and it is a day where we remember those who have

passed away in the faith and give thanks to God for their gift of salvation in Christ. As it often the case, the church will also recognize a festival the night before (Christmas Eve for example). So, for the church, the name "Halloween" is based on the word "hallow", which means "God makes holy" (Hallowed be Thy Name in the Lord's Prayer for example). So, Halloween was originally a night to celebrate those who have died in Christ.

Also, the practice of wearing costumes was originally intended to allow Christians to mock Satan and all evil spirits, as they lost their power over us at Jesus' Easter resurrection. But, over time, that practice has evolved into what we know Halloween to be today.

Therefore, one is free in Christ to participate in dress up and in trick-or-treating, or to not, as long as the costumes are appropriate. Halloween was originally intended to celebrate the dead in Christ and to mock the defeat of Satan.

Volleyball Update:

Newest team members - the double trouble brothers - Damian Gomez and Arian Gomez!

Box Scores:

September 5: 0-2 Loss to St. John/LaGrange

September 7: 0-2 Loss to Immanuel/Elmhurst

September 15: 0-2 Loss to St. Luke/Itasca

September 19: 2-1 Win over Trinity/Burr Ridge

September 22: 2-0 Win over St. Paul/Brookfield

September 26: 2-1 Win over Zion-Concord/Bensenville

September 29: 0-2 Loss to St. John/LaGrange

October 3: 0-2 Loss to Immanuel/Elmhurst

October 10: 0-2 Loss to Immanuel/Hillside

October 13: 0-2 Loss to St. Luke/Itasca



October 17: AWAY match at Trinity/Burr Ridge, 4 p.m. start

October 20 & 21: Trinity/Burr Ridge Tournament

October 24: AWAY match at ST. Paul,/Brookfield, 4 p.m. start

October 27: AWAY match at Zion-Concord/Bensenville 4 p.m. start



St. John Meet (September 9)

VARSITY GIRLS

Sophia Garcia 28th, Angelina Iverson 32nd

JV GIRLS

Abby Pilny 18th, Addison Meredith 19th, Ava Harrison 59th, Addison Mann 61st **IV BOYS**

Gunnar Tully 48th, Jacob Garcia 58th

Walther Meet (September 12)

VARSITY GIRLS

Sophia Garcia 7th, Angelina Iverson 21st

JV GIRLS

Addison Meredith 15th, Abby Pilny 17th, Addison Mann 31st, Ava Harrison 40th

IV BOYS

Roscoe Barnett 23rd, Gunnar Tully 55th

Willowbrook Warrior Invitational (September 14) *VARSITY GIRLS*

Sophia Garcia 19th, Angelina Iverson 30th

IV GIRLS

Addison Meredith 4th, Abby Pilny 12th, Ava Harrison 29th

IV BOYS

Roscoe Barnett 21st, Jacob Garcia 33rd

Trinity's Chargers also competed October 2 at St.Peter/Schaumburg



October is National Dessert Month by Arianna Mehrazar



October is National Dessert Month and people around the country indulge every October, especially on Dessert Day - which was October 14, Celebrated by way of the local bakery, grandma's house, or a nearby chocolate shop. Traditional desserts include candies, pies, ice cream, fruits, cookies, pastries, cobblers, and donuts, too.

This delicious Autumn recipe can satisfy your sweet tooth way beyond National Dessert Month...

Caramel Apples

Ingredients

- 6-7 apples The number of apples needed may vary due to differences in size. Be sure to refrigerate the apples until cold.
- Granulated sugar The base for all caramel!
- Water This is a "wet caramel," using water to help melt the sugar.
- Heavy cream Creates a luscious caramel coating (don't use milk or half & half)
- Vanilla extract The vanilla extract is for flavor.
- Kosher salt Kosher salt will help with the flavor.
- Toppings Anything you would like to use for topping/coating your caramel apples (try sprinkles, crushed nuts, shredded coconut, colored sugars, candies)

Directions

- Prepare your apples. Remove the stems (if preferred), and insert a popsicle stick into each apple. Dip apple in boiled water to remove any wax (this is important, details below). Dry the apples and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, then store in the fridge until the caramel is ready for dipping.
- Make the caramel. Place the water, sugar and salt in a heavy-duty stainless steel saucepan over medium heat, and bring to a boil, whisking constantly. Continue to boil until the caramel reaches 315°F. Carefully add the cold heavy cream and continuously whisk until the mixture reaches 250°F. Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Carefully transfer the caramel to a heat-resistant bowl. Cool a little, until just warm.

Prepare your toppings, while the caramel cools slightly, Holding the popsicle stick, carefully dip each apple in the caramel until fully coated. If using toppings, immediately roll the just-dipped apple in your desired toppings. Set the dipped and coated apples back

on the parchment-lined baking sheet and place in the fridge to fully set. If you're not serving the same day, once the caramel has fully set, wrap each caramel apple individually in plastic wrap to store in the fridge. Enjoy! Allow to sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes before eating whole or slicing up to serve!

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contributed by Arianna Mehrazar

Homemade Pumpkin Ice Cream

Ingredients

- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1-1/2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine all ingredients; stir until sugar is dissolved.
- Fill a cylinder of ice cream maker two-thirds full; freeze according to manufacturer's directions.
- Refrigerate remaining mixture until ready to freeze.
- Transfer to a freezer container; freeze 2-4 hours before serving.

Candy Corn Ice Cream Sandwiches

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Yellow and orange paste food coloring
- 2-1/2 quarts orange sherbet
- Halloween sprinkles

Directions

- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour, baking soda and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.
- Divide dough in half. Tint 1 portion yellow. Divide remaining dough into two-thirds and one-third portions. Color the larger portion orange; leave the smaller portion white.
- Shape each portion of dough into two 8-in. logs. Flatten top and push sides in at a slight angle. Place orange logs on yellow logs; push the sides in at a slight angle. Top with white logs; form a rounded top. Wrap in plastic. Chill for 4 hours or until firm.
- Unwrap and cut into 1/4-in. slices. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until set. Cool for 2 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.
- Scoop 1/3 cup sherbet on the bottom of half of the cookies. Top with remaining cookies; dip edges in sprinkles. Wrap in plastic. Freeze for at least 1 hour.





TRINITY'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

by Abigail Pilny and Addison Meredith

On Saturday, November 11, 2023, Trinity is hosting its 43rd annual Holiday Craft Show. On this day, we will have tables of different items to buy here. You can shop from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You could sign up to make a table with any type of craft you would like. The reservation fee would be \$50. You must be 18 or older or accompanied by an adult. Artists will be selling many different types of items such as jewelry, decor, knitted goods, sweets and treat. There will be a delicious cafe, a Vendor Village, and animal adoption. And if you want to help, you can. We hope to see you all there at this fun craft show on



Calling All Trinity Friends!

Trinity's annual holiday craft show is a big deal! We put on our best smiles and our Christian witness to welcome almost 1,000 community visitors and more than 70 crafters and vendors to our Trinity home. **You can help be a part of this festive event!**

We need...

November 11.

VOLUNTEERS (adults, youth, and children 5th grade or older)

Come when you can, leave when you have to, but let us know. Please call or text Arlene Solyom at 630.715.7764.

SET UP...

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9: between 4 p.m and 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10: between noon and 9 p.m.

SHOW (before, during, and after)...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11: between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

DONATIONS

- ·hand-crafted items
- ·baked goods
- •objects for the rummage sale (no clothes please)

Bring items to Trinity's gymnasium, via the back parking lot

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9: between 4 p.m and 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10: between noon and 9 p.m.

(baked goods may also be dropped off between 7 and 9 a.m. on **Saturday, November 11**)

Proceeds from the event support the service ministry of Trinity's Mary Martha Guild and LWML Lutheran Women in Mission.

Food Pantry: A Way to Help

by Francesco Lamphere

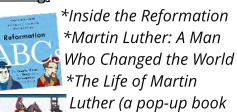
Most of us go home and think about dinner. Imagine going home and there's no food? We have people in our community who don't have enough food to have a healthy dinner. Trinity wants to help, because we are a Christian school and congregation, and Jesus urges us to help our neighbors. We always collect food pantry donations, but sometimes we make a extra effort in our support on two local food pantries [St. Vincent DePaul, out of St. Pius X Catholic Church a few blocks north, and York Township, a few blocks south]. We appreciate donations of nonperishable canned, boxed, and bagged food items and paper goods. You could bring pasta, rice, mac 'n' cheese, granola bars, and cereals. Your could bring soup, pudding, or refried beans. We should all share with our neighbors in need. They will appreciate it and you will feel good for helping. In John 11:35, "Jesus wept," because He had compassion. We invite you to have compassion too.



Did you see our television artists? Some of Trinity's 1st and 2nd grade students had their Weather Art featured on Channel 7 News' 5:30 a.m. weather forecast, including: Markus (October 3), Trevor (October 4), Olivia (October 10), Kayli (October 16), and Maya (October 17). Congrats!

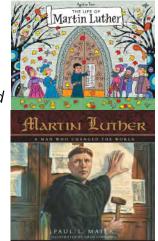
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Reformation ABCs



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