

# The New Trinity Times

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## The Fish Doorbell

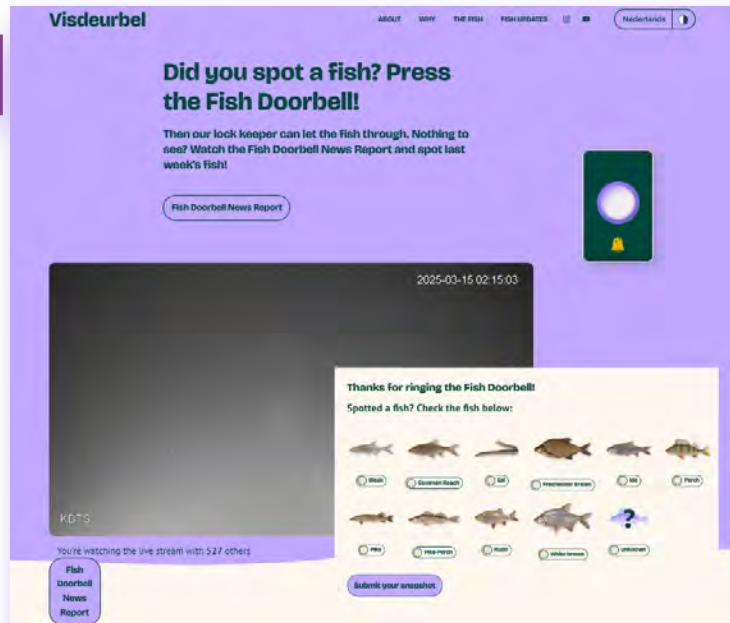
by Addison Meredith

If you google "fish doorbell" you might be surprised by what you find. You will find an actual fish doorbell. The website <https://visdeurbel.nl/en/> allows you to ring a doorbell to open up a door for fish.

There is a camera that shows you in real time when fish will pass. In the Netherlands, a barge was stationed in a river, but it was soon realized that there was no way for the fish past the barge to get to other side in order to find food.

At first, there was a plan to have a gatekeeper open a door in the barge once a day to allow fish to the pass through to the other side. The fish would have to wait, unfortunately birds and other predators would pounce upon the fish to eat them while they waited like "sitting ducks" for the door to be opened. A fun and creative alternative was found to enable the fish to get to the other side. There is an underwater camera that livestreams, letting viewers see when a fish arrives at the gate. When you are watching online and spy a fish, you can ring the doorbell. This notifies the on-land gatekeeper on to open the gate. You can only do this in the months from March to May, so why not log on to <https://visdeurbel.nl/en/> and help some fish get to the other side.

*Enjoy photos from  
Lutheran Schools Week on page 11*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 24-28: Spring Break  
- NO SCHOOL
- April 1: Hot Lunch - Pizza
- April 2: Midweek Church Service, 11 a.m., Lent Hot Lunch
- April 8: Hot Lunch - Mac 'n' Cheese
- April 9: Midweek Church Service, 11 a.m., Lent Hot Lunch
- April 10: Science Fair, 6:30 p.m.

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# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

by Angelina Iverson

World Day of Prayer was on March 7 this year. This day is an ecumenical holiday among Christians. World Day of Prayer was founded and led by Christian women. These women invite you to participate in prayer and action for peace and justice.



World Day of Prayer was created so that people of all races and all cultures would get together and pray to God. People would ask the Lord to guide them through life and to Heaven and to bring the right people into their lives throughout their time on Earth. Each year there is a theme for prayer and for 2025 it was, "I Made You Wonderful." As we pray - on every day - not just on World Prayer Day, we can think of that phrase. World Prayer Day is celebrated every year in over 170 countries around the world on the first Friday of March.

Next year on the first Friday of March invite a couple friends over and pray with and for them! We should also remember that we could invite friends and family to pray any day.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11: Nachos \$1
- April 13: Palm Sunday, Students Sing in Church, 9 a.m.
- April 15: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
- April 17: Maundy Thursday, Early dismissal, 11:30 a.m., Church Services, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- April 18: Good Friday - NO SCHOOL, Church Services, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- April 19: Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m. arrival
- April 20: Easter Sunday - CHRIST IS RISEN, Sunrise Church Service, 7 a.m., Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Easter Church Service, 10 a.m.
- April 21: Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

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**SAVE THE DATES:**  
Vacation  
Bible School  
June 2 to 6

**Coming Soon:**  
Fine Arts Festival  
**MAY 16**



# Holy Week

by Ariana Mehrazar

Holy Week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter, this year, from April 13, to April 20, 2025. This includes Palm Sunday (April 13), Maundy Thursday (April 17), Good Friday (April 18), Holy Saturday (April 19), and Easter Sunday (April 20).

Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, which is the event that begins Holy week. Many worshipers commemorate this by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna," recreating the original Biblical crowd's cheerful welcome.

Maundy Thursday, derived from the Latin "commandment," commemorates Jesus's instruction to "love one another." Worshipers receive individual absolution (which mirrors Ash Wednesday's ashes and signifying the end of Lent), during the service—Also reenacting the Last Supper and Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

Good Friday is a somber service, commemorating Jesus's crucifixion and sacrifice for humanity's sins. It's a day of reflection and humility, marked by the absence of Holy Communion—as it represents the breaking of Jesus's body on the cross.

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus's resurrection, which is a joyful victory over sin and death.

Holy Week is an amazing and important time for prayer, repentance, and drawing closer to God.

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE IS AT 9 A.M.. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES ARE AT 11 A.M. AND 7 P.M., AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES ARE AT 11 A.M. AND 7 P.M.**

# Easter

by Ariana Mehrazar

Easter is one of the most important parts of the Church calendar. Easter is on April 20, 2025. It's about the resurrection of Jesus. Even though many people know that Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus, people don't realize how important Easter actually is. Easter is important simply because if Jesus didn't die for our sins, or if He didn't rise again after three days, we would have to face the consequences of our sins.

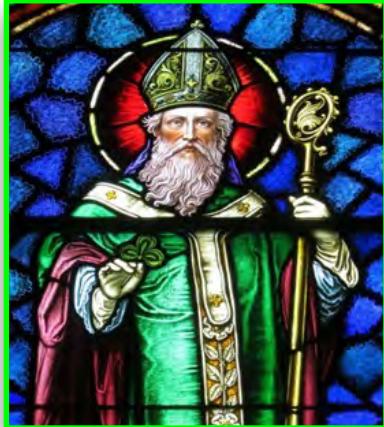


There are some fun and even interesting Easter traditions, including egg hunts, family get-togethers, painting eggs, and more. The Easter Bunny's job is to decorate and hide eggs for good children. Sometimes, the Easter Bunny will even deliver baskets of candy, toys, and colored eggs to children's homes.

**TRINITY'S EASTER EGG HUNT IS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19. ARRIVE AT 9:30 A.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES ARE AT 7 A.M. & 10 A.M. BREAKFAST IN GYM AT 8:30 A.M.**

Be ready to celebrate Easter this year. We should all pray, spread the word of God, read the Bible, and be thankful because Jesus died for our sins, so then we can go to Heaven.



# St. Patrick's Day & the Myth About Saint Patrick

by Chloe Doolin

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17. It originated in Ireland and has traveled all over the world. Saint Patrick was a missionary and it is said he would protect you from snakes and snake bites. Legend holds that Saint Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. He used the clover to explain the Holy Trinity of Christianity. It is estimated that Saint Patrick baptized 10,000 Irish people in about 300 churches. But the idea that Saint Patrick was Irish is not actually true! While he is the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick was born British - a citizen of the Roman Empire - and he was named Maewyn Succat. He was kidnapped when he was 16 years and taken to Ireland, where he was sold and enslaved. Eventually, he escaped but later returned to Ireland as God's missionary.

We hope you had a Happy Saint Patrick's Day!!!



# National Barbie Day

by Damian Gomez

Barbie is iconic. There is nothing that comes close to the spectrum of emotions that are conjured by this doll, and how she is perceived uniquely by every individual who has ever played or owned a Barbie doll.

The doll was created by Ruth Handler, the co-founder and then president of Mattel, who was inspired by her daughter Barbara's fascination with German made plastic dress up dolls they discovered on a trip to Germany.

Barbara Millicent Roberts, aka BARBIE, was born March 9, 1959, when the girl whose first name she inherited was 18. The rest is pop culture history and that is why the annual National Barbie Day is March 9.. By the way, Barbara Handler had a brother named Ken...and well you know what happened next.



**Barbie**



## MARCH 21: WORLD POETRY DAY

by Kellen Pilny

World Poetry Day (March 21) was founded by (*United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*) in 1999, and was created to encourage writers and readers to post or read globally on this day. It's been celebrated for the past 25 years! Not many people are educated about this day, but that's what it was made for. To promote reading and writing poetry to everyone.

One fact about World Poetry Day is that it does a great job of recognizing and bringing remembrance to great poets who are sometimes forgotten. A few of the better known poets include: Edgar Allan Poe, William Shakespeare, and William Wordsworth. All of these poets are widely known and celebrated for their outstanding works. They could even be considered as the elders of poetry.

Poetry is a very important form of writing, especially considering how many people came to an outstanding fame by pursuing it. Poetry is good literature and can be found inspiring, portraying emotions and capturing feelings in words.

World Poetry Day is a great opportunity to let contemporary poets show off their work, and gives us all an opportunity to take inspiration from the poetry of others. This day can keep indigenous languages and cultures active, and encourages people to translate poems into other languages, both popular and obscure, so all can enjoy them.

## LADY GAGA'S BIRTHDAY

by Arian Gomez

Lady Gaga's birthday is March 28, and this year she is turning 39 years old. Lady Gaga (whose given name is Stefani Germanotta) is a Catholic believer. I'm very happy that she is. Among her most listened to songs are **Die with a Smile**, which she sings with Bruno Mars, and **Just Dance**. I'm sure everyone here has heard her music. Personally, I love those songs, but many people liked her inspiring rendition of **Hold My Hand**, which she sang in a special pregame event on Bourbon Street before the Super Bowl in New Orleans, where she sang, "Your prayers will be answered, let God whisper how."





# April Fools' Day

by Sophia Garcia

April Fools' Day, celebrated each year on April 1, is the day that everyone goes around playing funny pranks on each other. It's kind of like a joke day. April Fools' Day has been celebrated for centuries but no one really knows when it started. Some think it came from the Roman holiday *Hilaria*, a festival in which participants dressed in costumes and masks mocking others which was observed around the spring equinox. Others credit the holiday's origin from the Middle Ages celebration of New Year's which took place on March 25 in most European towns. April Fools' Day has been a holiday since the 16th century and is still widely celebrated today.

## How Our Classmates Plan to Spend Spring Break

by Juliana Rivera, Abby Pilny and Chloe Doolin

### 5th grade

**Bobby:** I'm going to play video games.

**Chloe:** I plan to sleep, eat, repeat.

**Juliana:** I will go camping.

### 6th grade

**Abby:** I'm competing at the state gymnastics meet.

**Arian:** I'm planning to play video games, go shopping, and read.

**John:** I'm going to play fish with my friends.

**Josh:** I might be going to Florida.



### 7th grade

**Addison:** I will be reading and playing my guitar.

**Ariana:** I'm going to hang out with friends.

**Ava:** I might travel to Tennessee.

**Damian:** I will play games.

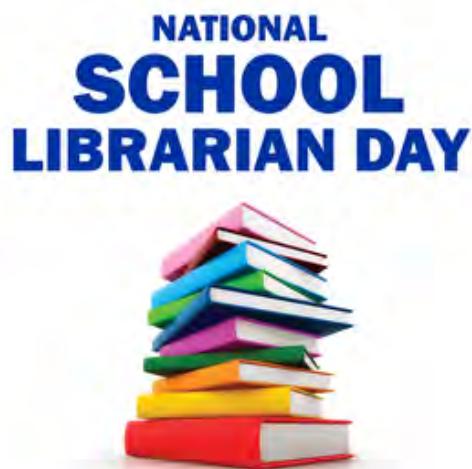
### 8th grade

**Angelina:** I'll be going to a concert.

**Kellen:** I'm planning on making money.

**Sophia:** I'll be playing in a soccer tournament.





## NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN DAY

On April 4 each year, National School Librarian Day recognizes those who keep the school library in working order.

The next time that you see Mrs. Robertson or Mrs. Myers, say thank you for all they do to keep Trinity's library in good shape.



Trinity's school library volunteers are Mrs. Anna Myers (left) and Mrs. Andrea Robertson (right). Did you know they are sisters?

## Meet Mrs. Klein

by Abby Pilny and Juliana Rivera



Mrs. Marjorie Klein is Trinity's Administrative Assistant

**Q:** How long have you been working at Trinity?

**A:** About a year

**Q:** What is your favorite color?

**A:** **BLUE**

**Q:** What was your favorite subject during school?

**A:** Office occupations, learning to type

**Q:** Do you have any pets?

**A:** Yes, one Bengal cat, about 17 years old

**Q:** What is your favorite thing to do during your free time?

**A:** I like to watch sports. And when I get my other knee replaced I'm going to go back to participating in sports.

**Q:** What is your favorite movie or TV show?

**A:** *The Sting*

**Q:** What kind of music do you like to listen to?

**A:** Easy listening rock

**Q:** Where is your dream vacation?

**A:** A white sandy beach with a book

**Q:** Coffee or tea?

**A:** Coffee 100%

**Q:** What makes a 'good' day at Trinity?

**A:** I like how different it is with all the people

**Q:** What's one skill you have that makes you unique?

**A:** I am really good with numbers, not math, but numbers.

**Q:** What is your favorite book?

**A:** *Clan of the Cave Bear*

**Q:** What are your favorite hobbies?

**A:** Sports

**Q:** What sports would you play?

**A:** Golf, pickleball, and softball





Miss Lexi Gibson  
teaches Physical  
Education at Trinity

## MEET MISS GIBSON

by John Doerries  
and Damian Gomez

**Q.** What's your favorite color?

**A.** GREEN

**Q.** What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

**A.** Mint Chocolate Chip

**Q.** Where's your favorite amusement park?

**A.** I don't have one

**Q.** What's your favorite book?

**A.** The Bible

**Q.** How long have you taught?

**A.** A year

**Q.** Do you enjoy teaching younger children? Is it a problem sometimes?

**A.** I enjoy it because there are a lot of personalities

**Q.** What's your favorite park

**A.** Detweiller Park in Peoria, Illinois

**Q.** What do you do on ur free time

**A.** Go to the gym, yoga, biking or anything active

**Q.** At what other schools have you taught?

**A.** Downers Grove North High School

**Q.** What's your favorite subject?

**A.** P.E or Math

**Q.** Where were you born?

**A.** North Carolina

**Q.** When were you born?

**A.** 2004

**Q.** Where did you go to school?

**A.** Nashville, North Carolina



## Meet Mrs. Solyom

by John Doerries

**Q.** What's your favorite color?

**A.** PURPLE

**Q.** What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

**A.** Butter Pecan

**Q.** Where's your favorite amusement park?

**A.** I don't have one. I get sick on rides :(

**Q.** What's your favorite book?

**A.** *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

**Q.** How long have you been teaching here?

**A.** I've taught Journalism at Trinity since 2017.

**Q.** Do you enjoy teaching younger students and is it a problem sometimes?

**A.** I enjoy teaching all ages, each of which has its own joys and challenges.

**Q.** What's your favorite park?

**A.** Lilacia Park in Lombard

**Q.** What do you do in your free time?

**A.** I don't have a lot of free time, but I enjoy reading, walking, writing, designing, and spending time with my granddaughter

**Q.** At what other schools have you taught?

**A.** I guest taught in communications at Roosevelt University, worked with Scholars Program at Walther Lutheran High School, and taught Art History & Mixed Media for the Homeschool University co-op.

**Q.** What's your favorite subject? **A.** English

**Q.** Where were you born? **A.** Indianapolis, Indiana

**Q.** When were you born?

**A.** A long time ago, on September 7

**Q.** Where did you go to school?

**A.** In Maryland, Virginia, Missouri, then college in Indiana at Valparaiso University and grad school at Concordia University Chicago

**Q.** What's your favorite Bible verse?

**A.** Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."



Mrs. Lori Solyom  
teaches Journalism to  
Trinity's 5th through  
8th grade students.





## STAR WARS REBUILD THE GALAXY

by Joshua Camiola

*Star Wars: Rebuild the Galaxy* is a four-part miniseries based on the LEGO Star Wars franchise.

It starts with a boy named Sig, who had an older brother named Dev. They lived on a farm on the planet Fenessa. These siblings loved each other very much but beat each other up every now and then, but other than that they were pretty cool.

Sig loved **Star Wars** very much; in fact he was obsessed with it! He always wanted to be a Jedi, but never got to meet one. Sig had super secret powers, he was a Force Builder. He was able to build things with the Force! He had never told his brother before, so when Sig reveals his secret, Dev wanted to explore and do Jedi things with his brother. Sig liked this idea because it involved going to find a Jedi temple. While there, they do something that messes up reality in the galaxy. And now, they have some things to straighten out...You'll have to watch the show to find out what happens!

## Animal Crossing New Horizons

by Bobby Hawn

**Animal Crossing New Horizons** is a game where you build up a civilization on a deserted island from scratch with the materials you have available.

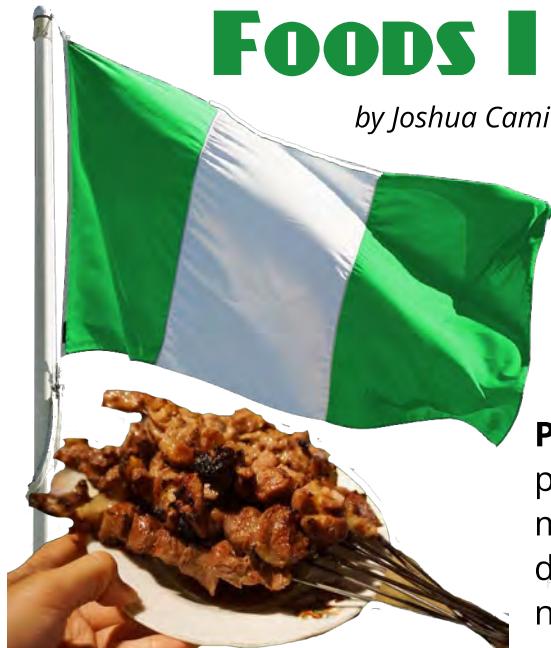
The first thing that happens when you boot up the game is that you find yourself at a desk at the "Deserted Island Getaway Package." You create your character, give him or her a name and birthday is, and decide what your island will look like. Then there is a cut scene where you watch a video about "island life" to get yourself prepared for your adventure through the island. You are then virtually dropped off on the island with two other randomized characters, hopefully ready to take on the meaning of the name of the game, animals. You next visit the owner of the deserted island getaway package to learn the basics of the game and collect materials. Following this tutorial/supply trip, you set out to do whatever you want. You will be able to advance through the game by collecting new villagers, obtaining a museum, getting the shop, getting the town hall, getting bridges and staircases, getting the campsite, and getting incredible dialogue with your villagers that show amazing personality.

I hope that you will play this game after learning all this and learning how much free build you have, there is no right or wrong you could have with this game, and I love it for that.



# FOODS I LIKE IN NIGERIA

by Joshua Camiola



**SUYA**

**Suya** is cut beef that is spiced and grilled over an open flame.

I like guavas, chimichangas, suya, jollof rice, pepper soup, ogbono soup, afang soup, and egusi soup.



**PEPPER SOUP**



**OGBONO SOUP**



**EGUSI SOUP**

Egusi Soup is a popular Nigerian dish made from processed melon seeds, red oil, meat, vegetables, seafood, onions, and is popular at celebrations.



**JOLLOF RICE**

**Jollof Rice** is one of the most iconic foods in Nigeria and is eaten in every part of the country. You may wonder why it's so highly rated, and it will shock you to know that it is simply rice prepared with tomato, onion, pepper, and some other spices. The secret lies with the spices! Find a traditional recipe for Jollof Rice at: <https://www.chefspencil.com/jollof-rice/>



**AFANG SOUP**

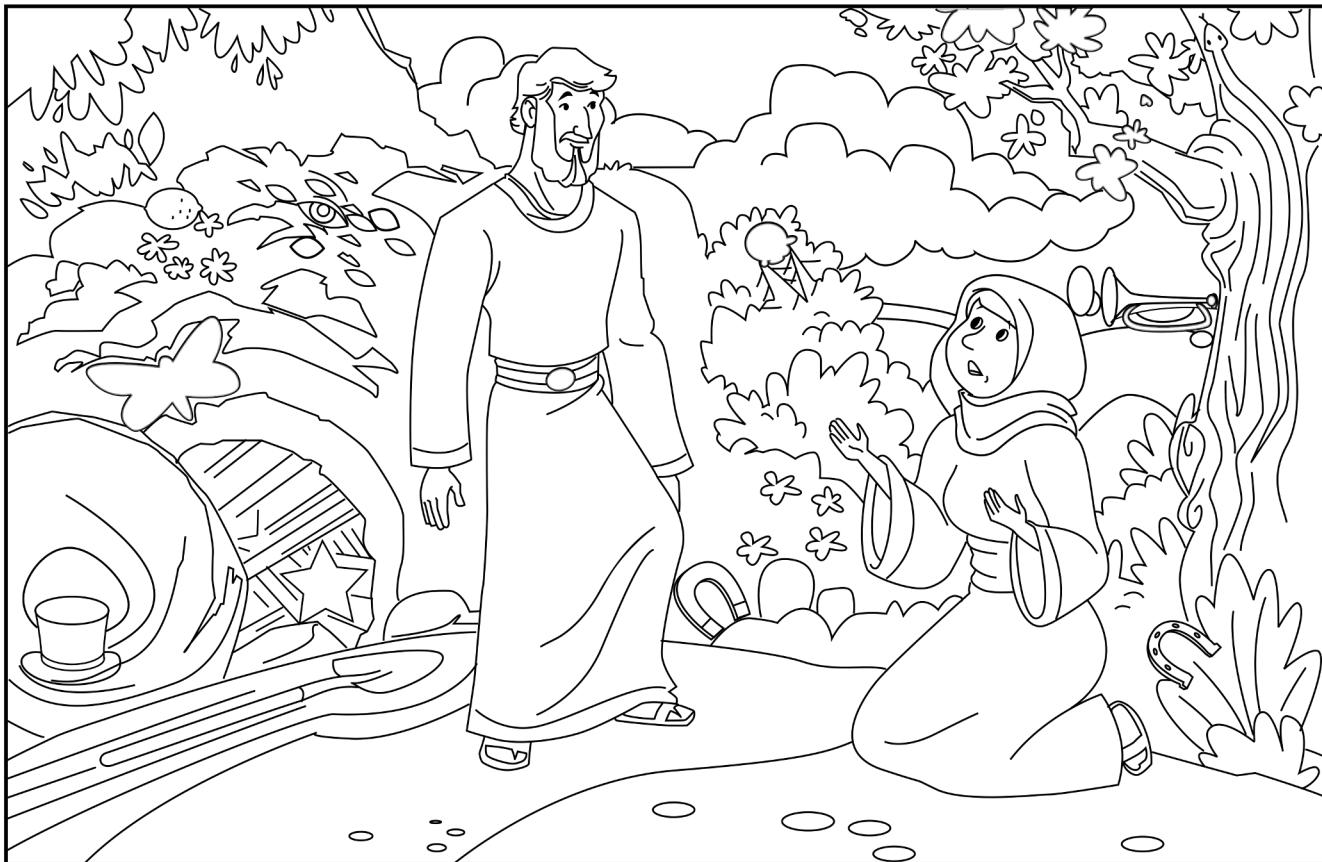
**Afang Soup** is traditionally made with vegetables, meat, stockfish, seafood like prawns and periwinkles, and finely chopped leafy greens - afang or okazi leaves

## Enjoy These Photos from Lutheran Schools Week

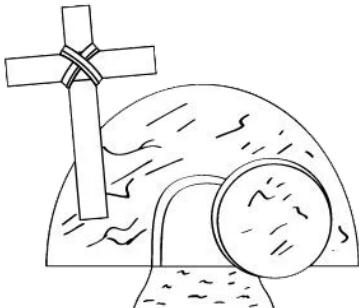


## Jesus Is Alive! Hidden Pictures

Find each of these items hidden in the picture: snake, magnet, horseshoe, lemon, shovel, ice cream cone, hat, star, eye, butterfly, and a bugle. When you find all the items, you may color the picture.



## EASTER WORD SEARCH



CELEBRATION	PURPLE
CROSS	REJOICE
EASTER	RESURRECTION
GOOD FRIDAY	RISEN
JESUS	SACRIFICE
LENT	SAVIOR
MIRACLE	SUNDAY
PASSOVER	TOMB

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