

The Chronicles of Trinity

March 2023



Minute to Win It by Sophia Garcia and Angelina Iverson

On Thursday, March 16, Trinity Lutheran School hosted **Minute to Win It**, a family fun night. The games were made and designed by Trinity's 5th through 8th grade students. Participants had to complete each of the games in one minute. The games included Penny Tower, The Moving Marshmallows, Cereal Box Puzzle, Headbandz, Spin It to Win It, Feather up, Cookie Face, Shake it up, Defying Gravity, Duck Swing, Cuparoma, Mummify Me, and Ping Pong Balance. We hope you all had fun at Trinity's **Minute to Win It**!!

St. Patrick's Day by Riley Baker

When you hear the words St. Patrick's Day you may just think of leprechauns and maybe the Irish. St. Patrick, who lived in the 5th century, was the national apostle of Ireland. Since about the 10th century people have been celebrating St. Patrick's day on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade actually took place in America and not Ireland. It was held on March 17, 1601. Now, many years later people all over the world celebrate St. Patrick's day. You might think it's just another holiday but to the Irish it means a whole lot more.

Fun Fact: St. Patrick was not Irish. He was either Welsh or Scottish by birth!



Saturday, April 15: Trinity's International Celebration Day

Learn about the history and culture of other countries. Play games, sample foods, and make cards for missionaries. The international celebration is from 1 to 3 p.m. in Trinity's front parking lot (inclement weather will move the event to the school gym). It's free and open to the community.



St. Pat's Day: Shamrocks & Leprechauns

by Addison Meredith

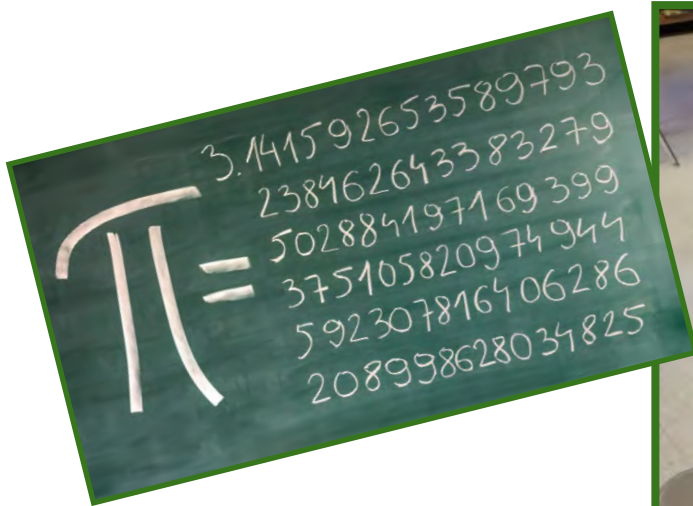
Though St. Patrick's Day has different meanings for different people. Many know it as a festive holiday. It is an Irish holiday. People may celebrate by dressing up like leprechauns or in nice green colors. On St. Pat's Day you will likely see a lot of the color green and many shamrocks. In Chicago, the city even dyes the river a bright green. However you celebrate, I am sure you might be a little green.



St. Patrick's Day *by Ava Harrison*

St. Patrick's day is on March 17 and is celebrated all over the world. St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of green. Originally, people would wear green because they believed that wearing green would make you invisible to leprechauns. People used to pinch each other if they weren't wearing green because, again they thought leprechauns existed. They thought leprechauns like to pinch people who were not wearing green. They had a lot of weird thoughts long ago. I hope you have a wonderful St Patrick's Day.

On March 14 [3.14] we ate Pi...



Lutheran Schools Week

by Addison Meredith

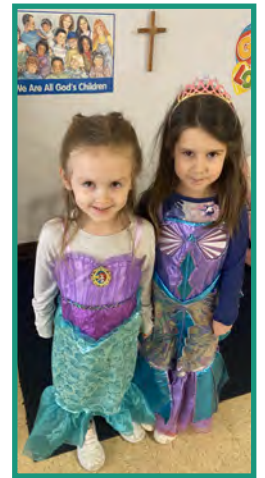
Making
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NATIONAL
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SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

From March 6 to 10 Trinity celebrated Lutheran Schools Week. We got to participate in really fun things every single day! Monday was "Underwater Day" and you got to wear your favorite underwater gear. Tuesday was field trip day, and we visited the Shedd Aquarium to see a bunch of fish and other aquatic life. Tuesday was also spirit wear day. We all wore green or Trinity shirts. Wednesday was "Dress Your Best Day" when we all wore nice clothes to church. Thursday was the day that Trinity's teachers served students breakfast - and we all wore our pajamas (it was so cozy, I almost fell asleep). And finally on Friday, it was Cowboy Day AND Grandparents' Day, when your grandparents or special person got to come to school with you. There are many ways that Lutheran Schools celebrate Lutheran Schools Week but I'm sure that Trinity had the most fun of all of them.



Grandparents, breakfast, best dressed, mermaids, and cowboys filled up Lutheran Schools Week.



Trinity Grandparents' Day

by Josie Woods and Aidan Harrison

On March 10, 2023, Trinity hosted Grandparents' Day. First, we started off in our classrooms while our grandparents and special people arrived and went into the parish hall for coffee and fellowship while they waited for their grandchildren. Next, we went to chapel where the kindergarten through second grade students shared about Jesus in a dramatic presentation with scripture and song, with Mr. Baerenklau as the head cowhand. It was "Dress like a Cowboy Day," and the story they shared was about cowboys and cowgirls needing a trusty ol' Bible, and being holy, innocent children of God. The student handbell choir played and everybody sang. After that amazing play was done, the students and grandparents went to the gym for a snack and a story. "Armadillo Rodeo" was the name of the story that we read, an amazing book by the way. Are we right? After that we worked on a fun little craft with our grandparents. We all enjoyed that. Lastly, we showed our grandparents our classrooms, introduced them to some of our friends, and they took us home afterward, or maybe somewhere else fun. Did you enjoy Grandparents' Day?





The Shedd Aquarium

by Addison Meredith and Sophia Garcia

March 6 to 10 was Lutheran Schools Week and one of the ways that Trinity celebrated this year was a trip to the Shedd Aquarium. We got to see a bunch of different fish and even some other animals like frogs and a one-legged duck (my personal favorite). We also got to touch creatures like surgeons and sea stars. There was a really cool show where a sea lion performed a bunch of neat tricks - he even waved. There were different kinds of exhibits, and really exotic sea life, one of which was clear, translucent fish! I think it's safe to say everyone had a great time.

Our View of the Shedd Aquarium

by Ariana Mehrazar, Roscoe Barnett, and Alex Harris

Preschool-8th grade went to the Shedd Aquarium on March 7, 2023. We saw all different types of animals, like beluga whales, sea turtles, sea otters, sea lions, white-sided dolphins, and even a one-legged duck! We were even lucky enough to touch starfish, and we even got to pet lake sturgeons! The dolphins were doing a bunch of tricks, like backflips. They are very talented. There was also a sea lion who would follow one of the workers if he gave him food. He would jump in the water, and then, when he had to go, he waved to us. He even shook the worker's hand. There were sea lions in the aquarium, and they were in a medium size cage. One of them was swimming, and the other was sleeping. We also got to observe beluga whales, and they were a little shy, though they were very, very cute. The starfish had a pretty rough texture, and some of them were even fluffy. The sturgeons felt very smooth, but also a little bit slimy. The one-footed duck was trying to sleep by closing its eyes and getting into a comfortable position. We had a great time at the Aquarium!

5th through 8th Grade: Favorite Part About the Shedd Aquarium

by Ava Harrson and Emma Serwas

Mr. B: The coral reef

Ava: The beluga whales or petting the sturgeon fish

Emma: Touching the fish and seeing the beluga whales

Addison: The one-legged duck

Ariana: Seeing all the animals especially the duck and sea lions

Angelina: Petting the animals and the sea turtles

Sophia: The beluga whales

Damian: Saying "hi" to random people

Josie: The sea turtle

Roscoe: The beluga whales

Francesco: The bus

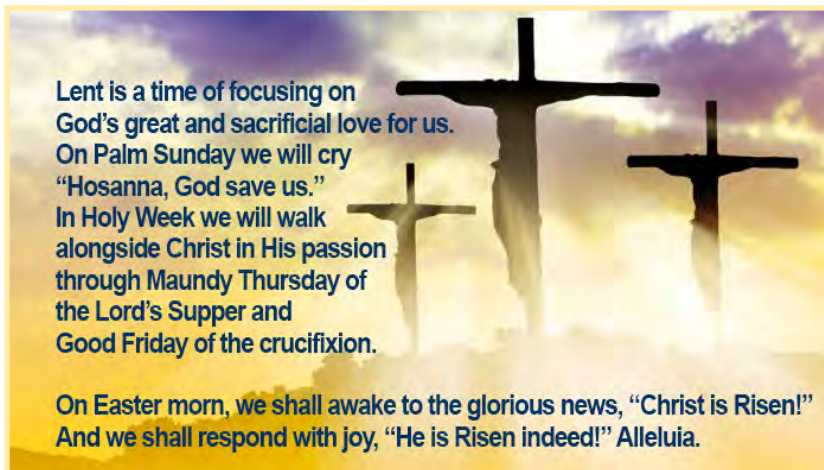
Alex: The people

Riley: Jellyfish

Aidan: The one and only lovely turtle

Ian: The penguins





Lent through Holy Week to Easter at Trinity:

Sunday, March 19 - church, 9 a.m. Bible class & Sunday school follow church

Monday, March 20 - church, 6 a.m.

Wednesday, March 22 - church, 11 a.m., followed by hot lunch, dinner at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 - church, 9 a.m. Bible class & Sunday school follow church

Monday, March 28 - church, 6 a.m.

Palm Sunday, April 2 - church, 9 a.m. Bible class & Sunday school follow church

Monday, April 3 - church, 6 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 - church - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7 - 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 7 a.m. & 10 a.m. - Breakfast between services

Monday, April 10 - NO CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt by Sophia Garcia

Last year, Trinity had a great Easter egg hunt and this year we will have an even better one. Saturday, April 8, at 9 a.m. people will seek to find eggs that are around the school (outdoors if the weather allows). Everyone will seek to find a certain number of eggs and the eggs will be filled with treats. Come and have fun with us at the Easter egg hunt!



Trinity Lutheran Church and School: Here Since 1860 by Francesco Lamphere

Trinity began in 1860 when German families in the area that is now Lombard started a Lutheran school. By 1868, the area was growing and the church joined the school. As the streets were made, they were named after the family farms.

We worship with the liturgy much the same now as then (though before the 1940s it was in German!). And the Church Year always begins with Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, then moves into Lent, Easter, Ascension, then Pentecost. This Easter at Trinity will return to offer an Easter breakfast between services, like we did before covid.

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod headquarters in St. Louis, gives us the weekly readings from the Bible. Pastor can choose from those what to preach about in his sermon, helping connect God's Word from the Bible to something that could happen today. Trinity teaches from the ESV, English Standard Version of the Bible. Pastor thinks that the greatest sermon was by the church's 150th anniversary guest preacher Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher, who did a marvelous job preaching about how there are still people here after all these years who believe in God and come to hear about Jesus.



Trinity Lutheran Church & School in the 1800s

Nowruz: Persian New Year & Spring Festival Begins March 21

by Arana Mehrazar

You might be wondering, what is Nowruz? Nowruz is a Persian Holiday that is celebrated in Iran, Afghanistan, Turkey, Azerbaijan, India, and more. Nowruz dates back to at least the 6th century BC in Iran. Nowruz means "a new day." It is also the start of spring. My family celebrates Nowruz, and we always set up our haftsin. Haftsin means seven seens, like apples in Persian that are called seeb. It is the number seven because seven is a holy number. It is a springtime celebration whose activities symbolize rebirth and the link between humans and nature. The Iranian poet Saadi (1210-1291) wrote: "Awaken, the morning Nowruz breeze is showering the garden with flowers." The seven seens are, Sabzeh, Samanu, Senjed, Serkeh, Seeb, Seer, and Somaq. I hope you have learned something about Nowruz.



APRIL FOOLS' DAY - APRIL 1 by Addison Meredith



Though April 1 has some other meanings, most people know it as April Fools' Day, the day of pranking people just because you can. Some pranks that I like to do are tell my parents I got a bad grade on a paper and make a whole fake paper and give it to them. Another one is to wake up really early before everyone else and make a lot of noise getting ready and try to convince others that it is time to get up. The last fun prank to do is to move small things that people need throughout the day and they will think they are going crazy, then put them back where they

belong later. Make sure you don't tell them and remember where you put the items so you can return them. Good luck this April Fools' Day and don't be surprised if you get pranked!



Things You Need to Know Before Getting a Duck *by Addison Meredith*

Many people love ducks, and many people want to own ducks, so if you are one of those people then please continue reading.

As many of you know ducks swim so you need to have a water source in or by their coop. If you don't that will make for a sad duck.

Next, what you need to know is to NOT get electrical heaters for your duck coop. If the electricity goes out, your ducks will get sick from the temperature change.

Lastly, ducks keep themselves warm with their feathers, so as long as you have a coop that can block wind you are fine.

So if you ever get some ducks please take this to consideration, and remember that a duck really likes ice.



More scenes from the Shedd

ANIMAL CRACKER DAY

by Ian Lesch and Damian Gomez



Animal Cracker Day is April 18, and it's when you eat animals that are crackers. Here's when they were first made. Stauffer's Biscuit Company produced their first batch of animal crackers in York, Pennsylvania, in 1871. Other domestic bakeries, including the Dozier-Weyl Cracker Company of St. Louis made them too, but the most famous are Nabisco's Barnum's Animals Crackers, first marketed in 1902 and named after the famous Barnum & Bailey Circus. They are made of the same stuff used in lubricant (soy lecithin).

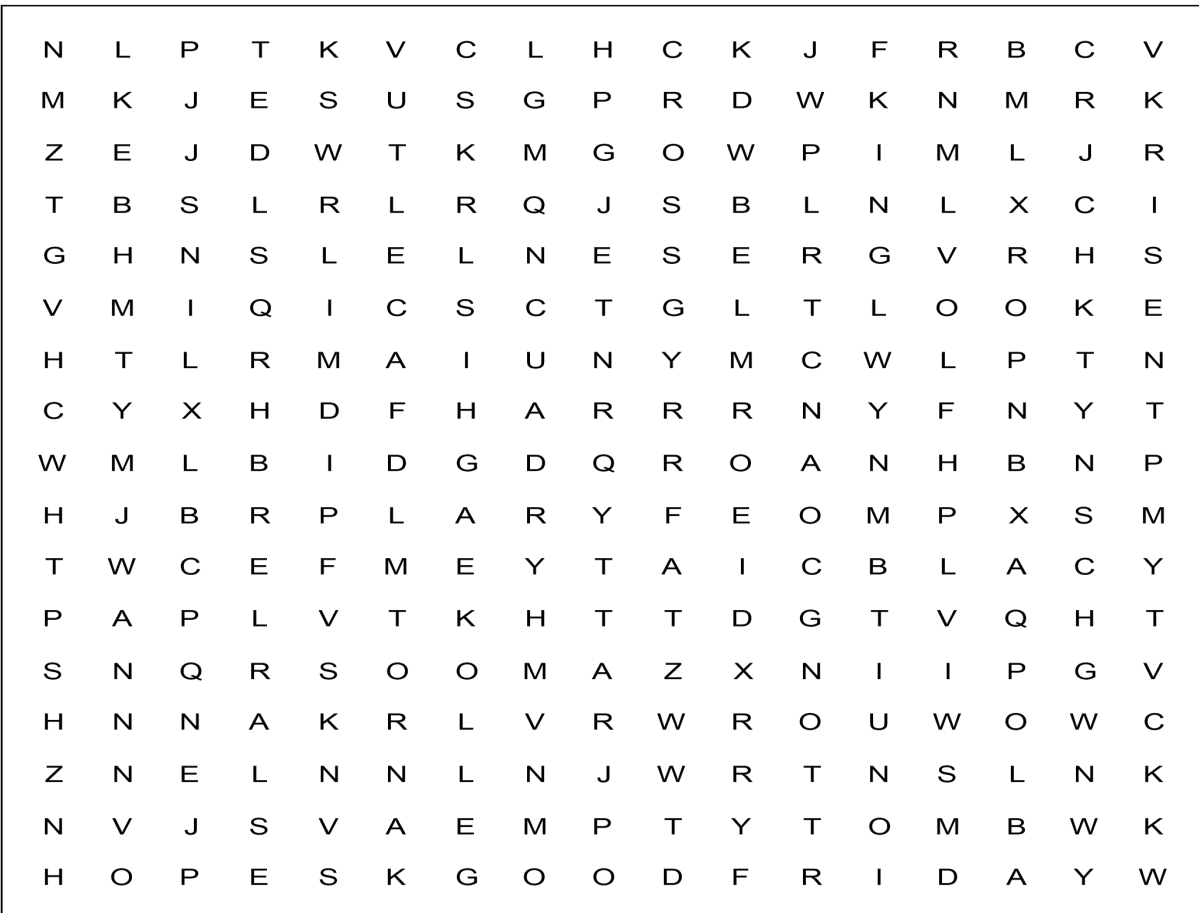


NO SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 27 to 31 - SPRING BREAK

APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY & APRIL 10 - EASTER MONDAY

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day



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