

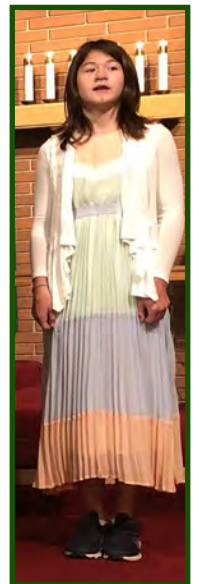
# The Chronicles of Trinity

January 2023

## WALCAMP *by Addison Meredith, Angelina Iverson, Sophia Garcia, and Emma Serwas*

This year, Trinity's 5th through 8th grade students got to go on a special trip. We went to Walcamp Outdoor Ministry in Kingston, Illinois, for Outdoor Education. This Lutheran camp is very special because it is are not just any old summer camp - at Walcamp they teach you about Jesus. That is not the only cool thing about Walcamp. We enjoy other fun activities like hiking, teambuilding, and learning about out space. But Walcamp isn't just for school, you also can attend summer camps or camp there as a family. They are many cool things to see, surrounded by nature and all of the beautiful creation God has given us. Maybe you can visit Walcamp too. Learn more at [Walcamp.org](http://Walcamp.org).

*Trinity students check out the camp cross at Walcamp.*



**Hands-On Family Fun Night**  
for 2 1/2-year-olds - kindergarten  
FREE & OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
5:30 - 7 p.m.  
includes COMPLIMENTARY pizza, salad & fruit dinner  
at **Trinity Lutheran School**  
(located on the northeast corner of  
Roosevelt & Westmore-Meyers Rd in Lombard)

At 6 p.m. enjoy exploring the fun of rocks and friendship in a hands-on activity time led by Trinity's Early Childhood Education teaching staff.

Please RSVP by January 30 to [secretary@trinitylombard.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylombard.org) or 630.627.5601

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## STUDENTS SING

Trinity Lutheran School students will sing in the February 12, 2023, 9 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church service. Please arrive in the church parish hall at 8:45 a.m.



SUPPORT TRINITY with dinner from The Patio **TODAY: 3-8 p.m.** Lombard location - download flyer at: <https://tinyurl.com/patio-jan30>



American Heart  
Association.

**KIDS  
HEART  
CHALLENGE™**

by Addison Meredith

As you may know, Trinity's students are participating in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge. Through February 10, students who choose to participate can raise money to help children with heart defects. When you raise a certain amount of money you will be able to earn some awesome prizes. This year, the prizes feature a really cool team full of dragons: Hearty, Breeze, Hydro, Dream, Marley, and Baxter. And those are just some of the prizes you can earn for fundraising. Sign up at [www.heart.org/khc](http://www.heart.org/khc) and up you can get a cool torch bracelet, so please think about signing up today and helping children with heart defects.

## *New Years Traditions*

by Alex Harris

Happy New Year! People across the world celebrate the New Year in their own unique way. Here in the U.S. we usually watch the Times Square "ball" drop in person or on television, and then we make a New Years resolution.

In Spain, people eat 12 grapes, which represent the 12 months of the year. It's said that it brings good luck in each month of the year!

The Lunar New Year, or Chinese New Year, is celebrated by people in China, Vietnam, and other Asian countries. Instead of Lunar New Year being on January 1st, it is actually on the 22nd! The Lunar New Year marks the beginning of spring, and the start of a new lunar cycle.

There are many more traditions around the world, and each one is unique and important in its own way!



Trinity's 6th through 8th grade students (above) and 5th grade students (below) smile upon arriving at Walcamp.

## **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

by Aidan Harrison and Josie Woods

- *Aidan: to not play Fruit Ninja*
- *Josie: to go to a concert*
- *Ian: make the high school basketball team*
- *Sophia: to be more athletic*
- *Roscoe: do ten pull ups*
- *Damian: enjoy life more*
- *Addison: to have a pet duck*
- *Angelina: to be a better person*
- *Emma: to be smarter*
- *Riley: to study harder*
- *Alex: to be healthy*
- *Ariana: to get better sleep*





## January: Sanctity of Human Life Month

by Ariana Mehrazar

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22nd as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day, noting it was the 11th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the United State Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion in all 50 states. January 2023 will commemorate the 39th

year our nation has observed the sanctity of human life (though many pro-life activities marked their 50th anniversary in January 2023), and this year, we are celebrating the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* by the high court on Jun 24, 2022. However, the need to pray for a culture of life in our community and our nation is still vitally important.

Each January, churches across the country commit themselves to observing the sanctity of human life while praying for our nation, preborn children and their mothers, and the pro-life movement.



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by Ariana Mehrazar

On January 16, 2023, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday marked the 28th anniversary of this national day of service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all

Americans to volunteer to improve

their communities. Some people think of this holiday as a day off of school or work and don't think about the true meaning. Now that you have read this, please remember that this is a day on which we honor the service of Dr. King who fought to establish civil rights for all Americans.

**FUN FACT:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his father Martin Luther King, were named after the Great Reformer Martin Luther of the 16th century, who worked hard to bring the church's teaching back in line with the Bible, and after whom the Lutheran Church was named.

## NATIONAL OPPOSITE DAY



by Josie Woods

On January 25, 2023, there was an unusual special holiday... Opposite Day! Opposite Day is a day where literally anything or everything is done backwards. You do not have to do

everything backwards, of course, but you may be surprised at how fun it truly is! Some ideas for this holiday could include saying "yes" when you mean "no", or the other way around. You can wear your clothing backwards, like a sweatshirt or a sweater. If your teacher allows you, you may sit in your chair backwards as well, but only with your teacher's permission! Anything opposite will fit the description.

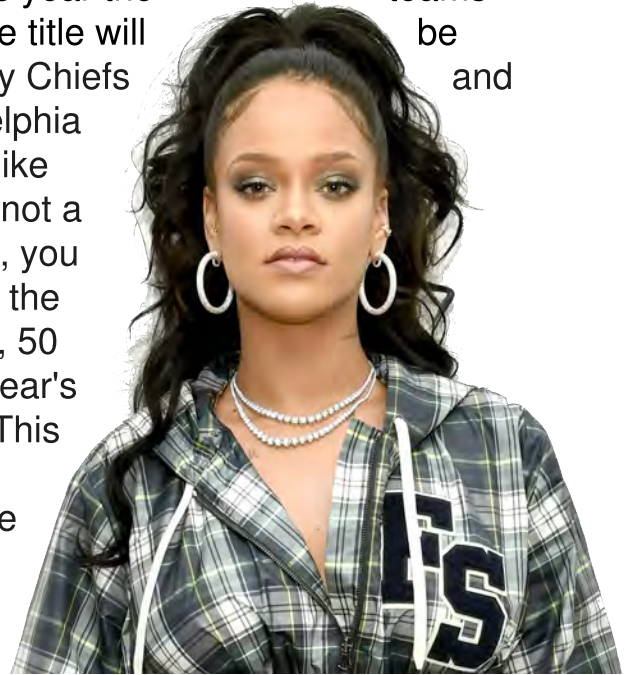
# THE SUPER BOWL by Riley Baker

The Super Bowl is an important event for many people. This year, Super Bowl 57 will take place at the State Farm Stadium in Arizona on February 12.



The first Super Bowl was on January 15, 1967, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The teams competing were the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs. This year the teams vying for the title will be the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles. If, like me, you're not a football fan, you

can look forward to the halftime show. Last year the performers were Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, 50 Cent, Mary J. Blige, and Kendrick Lamar. This year's headline act will be the talented artist Rihanna! This will be her first musical performance in seven years. The first Super Bowl halftime performance was put on by The University of Arizona Symphonic Marching Band. Even if you're not a football fan, the Super Bowl can still be something to look forward to.



## Emperor Penguins

by Ava Harrison

*Emperor penguins are a type of penguins that are very interesting. They are carnivores, which means that they eat meat only. A group of emperor penguins is called a colony. In the wild they live up to 15 to 20 years and are around 45 inches tall. Most emperor penguins weigh about 88 pounds. Unlike most birds, they cannot fly. They live in Antarctica and they breed in the winter. After a couple of weeks the female lays one egg, then she leaves to get food for it and the male keeps it in his brood pouch*

*and the female comes back after about 65 days and the baby has hatched. Then the male leaves to get his own food.*



# Valentine's Day History by Ian Lesch

Every year on February 14, Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed. Through later folk traditions, it evolved from



its origins as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs by the name of Saint Valentine to become a prominent cultural, religious, and commercial festival of romance and love in many parts of the world. Valentine's Day is associated with a number of martyrdom tales, including one about Saint Valentine of Rome, who was imprisoned for helping Christians who were being persecuted by the

Roman Empire in the third century. Early legend has it that Saint Valentine healed the blind daughter of his jailer. Many later additions to the story have improved its connection to the subject of love. For example, an 18th-century embellishment of the story states that before his execution, he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter addressed from "Your Valentine" as a farewell. Another story claims that Saint Valentine officiated at weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to wed. Valentine's Day was observed on February 14 according to the Gelasian Sacramentary, which dates to the eighth century. It appears that by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring, the day came to be connected with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries, when ideas of courtly love blossomed. It evolved into a time when couples would send greeting cards, flowers, and other forms of sweets as a way to show their love for one another in 18th-century England (known as "valentines"). Doves, the winged Cupid, and the outline of a heart are still utilized as Valentine's Day symbols today. Handwritten Valentines have been replaced by mass-produced greeting cards since the 19th century. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are presented to youngsters to ward off epilepsy (known as Saint Valentine's Malady) as well as to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart."

## The Real Story of Valentine's Day by Sophia Garcia

*Before the modern sentiment of Valentine's Day, there was once a very mean ruler who killed two men, both were named Valentine but each were killed in different years. They are recognized by the Catholic church as saints for their service to others. Rather than romantic minded matchmakers, these were men who loved God and were put to death for their faith in Him.*





**The United States Men's National Soccer Team**

At the 2022 FIFA World Cup, Team USA finished 14th out of 32 participants in Qatar.

## WORLD CUP:

## AND THE WINNER WAS... *by Angelina Iverson and Sophia Garcia*

If you didn't watch the World Cup that captured the attention of sports fans around the world from November 20 through December 18, here is the winner of the 2022 World Cup, along with a recap summary of the championship game. A lot of teams competed to win the trophy and the title, but only one team captured the title. The first place winner of the 2022 World Cup was Argentina. At the beginning of the match, France and Argentina were tied neck and neck. At the end of the match, officials had to add overtime and enforce penalty kicks to determine a winner. Argentina won 3-3 with 4-2 penalty kicks.

## The World Cup Recap *by Roscoe Barnett and Damian Gomez*



*Argentina (pictured at left) was the champion of the 2022 World Cup, France was the runner up, Croatia was in third place. The tournament was hosted in Qatar. There were 32 teams, 64 matches, and 172 goals scored. There have been 22 World Cup tournament and 80 national teams have competed.*

*Brazil has competed every year and has won five World Cup championships. We recommend taking time to watch some of the highlights or full games.*



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