



Trinity Lutheran School

News & Views

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a newsletter created by Trinity's 7th & 8th grade journalism class

upcoming EVENTS

by Giovanna Ramirez

January 17/19: Shop with Scrip orders due
January 20: NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21: Vision & Hearing tests, Basketball game@St. Luke/Itasca, 4 p.m.
January 23: Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten families
January 24: Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
January 28: Basketball game@Immanuel/Elmhurst, 4 p.m.
February 4: Basketball game@Concord/Bensenville, 4 p.m.
February 7: Basketball game@St. Paul/Brookfield, 4 p.m.
February 9: Trinity Women & Girls Spa Day, 2 p.m.
February 11: Basketball game@Trinity/Burr Ridge
February 14: Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
February 14/16: Shop with Scrip orders due
February 17: NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
February 18: Basketball game@St. John/LaGrange, 4 p.m.
February 21: Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
February 26: Ash Wednesday services, 1 & 7 p.m., preceded by Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.
February 28: Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
March 2-6: Lutheran Schools Week
March 30-April 3: Spring Break
April 9: Maundy Thursday services, 1 & 7 p.m.
April 10: Good Friday services, 1 & 7 p.m.
April 10-13: Easter Break
April 12: Easter Sunday services, 7 & 10 a.m., breakfast in gym between services

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Champion

by Michael Gagliano & Jaylin Miller

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929. He was a man of speech and action. Rev. King would talk about freedom for the African Americans and civil rights for all. His speeches were very descriptive. "I have a dream," is his most famous. In that appearance, He referenced both Abraham Lincoln and the Bible and spoke on an America where people would "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." When Rev. King spoke to the people, they loved his words about the history of African Americans changing and going down as the "most memorable thing in the world." He declared, "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." Rev. King's wife, Coretta Scott King, was an American author. She joined her husband in advocating for civil rights and appeared in multiple documentaries about her life and activism and that of her husband. Supportive of her husband's work throughout their marriage, she continued his civil rights quest after his assassination on April 4, 1968. He is remembered for his great passion, his powerful words, and his understanding that God created all people equal.



All About: Miss Sturino by Lucia Giurdanella and Maria Gronwold



Miss Sturino has been the gym teacher at Trinity for two years. She loves sports and enjoys being a leader, so she became a gym teacher. Miss S, as she is known at Trinity, decided that she wanted to be a gym teacher in high school. She got her undergraduate degree at Elmhurst College, and is currently working on her Master's, while teaching at Trinity! Miss Sturino also teaches the 7th and 8th grade science and works before school care in preschool. She has two sisters, one is her twin, and one is 11 years older. Her favorite TV show is *Grey's Anatomy*. She has student taught at Addison Trail High School and Churchville Middle School. Miss Sturino also coaches basketball during the season.

Interviewing the Famous Mrs. Niehaus

by Julia Lesch and Carli Highberger

Mrs. Niehaus has been a teacher for 19 years, during ten of which she taught 5th and 6th grade at Trinity. The other nine years she taught grades 3 and 4 at Zion Lutheran School in Hinsdale and grades 1 through 4 in Elmhurst Public Schools. She retired from Trinity in 2018 and she misses teaching here. Since then Mrs. Niehaus has gone on a cruise to the western Caribbean and she plans to go sightseeing in Vermont. Unlike some teachers, Mrs. Niehaus wanted to be a teacher before going to school for it. Her proudest moment was graduating from college, and beginning her career as a teacher. Although she enjoys teaching a lot, she also likes spending time with her grandchildren, watching movies, reading books, and traveling. Wanting to spend more time with her family and desiring to travel were part of the reason that she decided to retire. Mrs. Niehaus can also be a very zen person - when she needs to relax she walks, or listens to music, or crochets. Her favorite hymn is *Christ be My Leader*. Although she has her likes, she also has her dislikes. Mrs. Niehaus has a fear of heights. Her primary reason for becoming a teacher is that she likes learning new things. She also enjoys finding different ways to teach things and likes sharing what she learns with her students. Mrs. Niehaus believes that children need to study, as people don't always learn something the first time you see or hear it. Mrs. Niehaus shared her thoughts about social media: she believes that it is good up to a certain point but often is overused. She would like to see people return to talking face to face.



Mrs. Messina's Trip to Italy by Jordyn Mardini and Giovanna Ramirez

Mrs. Messina, Trinity's principal and 7th/8th grade teacher traveled to Italy after Christmas, accompanied by her family. She visited the cities of Florence, Cefalu, and Rome. Her favorite place was the coastal resort town of Cefalu, where they enjoyed visiting with relatives. Mrs. Messina saw many famous landmarks, including Bernini's *Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi* (Fountain of the Four Rivers), the *Trevi Fountain* (pictured at right), and the *Spanish Steps* in Rome, and the *Ponte Vecchio* arched bridge in Florence. Her favorite historical place to visit was The Vatican, where there was much artwork, some of it modern, to her surprise. In Florence, she also saw Michaelangelo's famous sculpture of the Biblical *David* at the *Accademia di Belle Arti*, and she went to the *Uffizi* and *Accademia Gallery* art museums. Italy's cathedrals are famous. Mrs. Messina remarked that, "The churches were huge considering the lack of modern technology." The food through Italy is reportedly amazing but Mrs. Messina found the food in Rome disappointing. Her favorite meal was in the *Jewish Ghetto*.



“Takin’ Care of Business” in Grades 3 and 4

by Lucia Giurdanella and Maria Gronwold

It may never be too early to start learning about the wide world of work. Trinity’s 3rd and 4th grade students have been going on monthly field trips to local businesses as part of their social studies. The favorite business visit by the class was their most recent trip to Typhoon Golf in Villa Park. The company makes promotion items related to golf. Abby and McKenzie enjoyed “watching the machine making the products,” while Sofia liked “making the bags,” and Kyren was entertained by “the golf balls in the machine.” Mrs Allor’s favorite trip was going behind the scenes at Culver’s. The class has visited five different places of business, including the Post Office, West Suburban Bank, Embassy Suites, and Culver’s. Next month, they will go to the Sheldon Peck Homestead, the oldest house in Lombard. It was the historic residence of folk artist Peck and a noted stop on the Underground Railroad which guided slaves to freedom in the Civil War era. If you’d like to know more about the trips, you can ask any Trinity 3rd or 4th grader.

- Typhoon Golf (5)
- Culvers - Embassy Suites (1 - 1)



Chapel Buddies by Allison Gagliano and Abby Schnittker

On Wednesdays, Trinity students attend chapel. Many chapel days, the 7th and 8th grade students head down the hall to the preschool classroom where we are assigned our young “chapel buddies.” This is a great way for Trinity’s oldest students to get to know the youngest ones and have an opportunity to bond with them. “Chapel buddies” head to the church building together, enter the sanctuary, sit down in the pews, and get ready for prayer. If some of the little ones start to talk or get distracted, the older students gently tell them to pay attention and fold their hands. When chapel has ended, the “chapel buddies” hold hands and the 7th and 8th grade class guides the children back to preschool and have them sit down. The 7th and 8th graders learn responsibility and model church-appropriate behavior in a way that causes both classes to enjoy being “chapel buddies.”



These Are A Few of Our Favorite Hymns

by Carli Highberger and Abigail Schnittker

Hymns are songs about God that we sing in church to praise and serve Him. We interviewed our 7th and 8th grade class to find out what is their favorite hymn. We narrowed the selection down to the top three. In 3rd place is *On Eagles’ Wings*, collecting two votes. *Go Tell It On The Mountain* was the runner up in 2nd. The 1st place winning hymn was *Jesus Name Above All Names*. Hymns are a wonderful and musical way to spread God’s love. What’s YOUR favorite hymn?

Trinity Chargers Basketball by Allison Gagliano, Julia Lesch, and Jaylin Miller

Trinity’s basketball coach is Ms. Sturino. She has been coaching the Chargers for three years. This year’s squad is composed of ten players: Jaylin, Allison, Julia, Giovanna, Michael, Ian, Justin, Jayden, David, and Kyren. The first game, January 14, was the first game of the season at home versus the Tigers of Trinity/Burr Ridge. On January 21, the Chargers are going up against St. Luke/Itasca at their school. The team has been working extra hard to win so head on out to the 4 p.m. game and cheer them on! The newest players are learning very fast and are hoping to get their shots off. Trinity’s basketball program incorporates students in 1st through 8th grade (a big change from the past 6th through 8th grade teams). Go get some wins! Go CHARGERS!

Mark Your Calendar for Lutheran Schools Week

by Penny Loera and Jordyn Mardini

Get ready for *Lutheran Schools Week* celebrated at Trinity during the first week of March. This year's theme is *JOY:FULLY Lutheran* and the hymn is "*Filled with Joy, in Grace Abounding.*" There will be activities each of the days from March 2 through 6, including a field trip to Feed My Starving Children. Get ready for fun!

HAT DAY: A Tip of the Hat to...

by Julia Lesch

On January 15 Trinity host a Hat Day. The school's dress code does not allow hats except on Hat Day. It was a special event chosen by the spirit council of 7th and 8th grade. The council decided that Mrs. Allor's monster hat was the best hat among the teachers. Some other fun hats included a fish hat worn by Abby in 7th grade, a cow hat modeled by 4th grade Abby, and a shark hat donned by Theo in preschool.



TRINITY'S WEEKLY EVENTS at church & school:

SUNDAYS: 9 a.m. Church, followed by Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

MONDAYS: 3 p.m. Garden Club, 7 p.m. Church

TUESDAYS: Hot Lunch, 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance, 3 p.m. Basketball (THERE IS NO CHEER/DANCE PRACTICE ON BASKETBALL GAME DAYS)

WEDNESDAYS: 8:40 a.m. Chapel, 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

THURSDAYS: 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance, 3 p.m. Basketball

FRIDAYS: 8:15 a.m. Handbells



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