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Thanksgiving: Then & Now

The First by Naomi Pulli

When exactly was the first Thanksgiving? The holiday goes all the way back to November 1621. The reason for this beloved holiday was to celebrate the first great harvest for the pilgrims. The pilgrims were an English colony who had run away to find religious freedom from King James 1.

They didn't exactly have a car or plane to travel all the way to America, so they had to travel by boat. The boat was called, The Mayflower, and it took a while to get to America because they had to go back twice due to leaking on its fellow ship, Speedwell. Once they finally got on route to America, the trip there wasn't exactly pleasant. 45 of the 102 colonists died on the way to America, and those that arrived had a horrible winter that first year.

Many of the pilgrims died from terrible diseases they brought with them such as the plague,

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Thanksgiving: what it is and how it is different by Abby Gronwold

No doubt, Thanksgiving is a great holiday, but what is it? Where did it come from? Well, Thanksgiving is a holiday that might seem like it is only an American holiday, but it is celebrated in seventeen different countries. They celebrate it differently. The first Thanksgiving might seem like it was first celebrated by the pilgrims. While it's true the 3-day event in Plymouth in the fall of 1621 was the historical birth of the American Thanksgiving holiday, Native Americans had long celebrated successful harvests with feasts. But enough of the past. Let's get on to now. Thanksgiving is a holiday where you eat a big dinner. But for Christians, we do more than that. We give thanks to God for all he has given us- but we usually eat a big dinner

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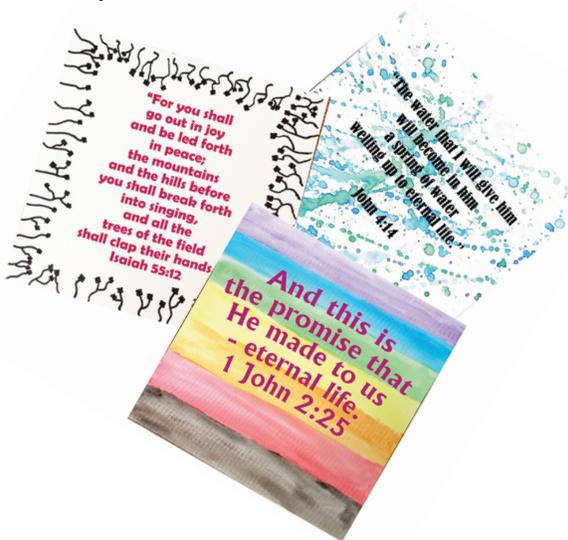
influenza, and smallpox. They were also starving because they did not know how to plant anything. That was until they had met Squanto, a member of the Indian Pawtuxet tribe.

Squanto was born in 1580 near Plymouth. He was kidnapped in 1614 by an explorer, Thomas Hunt, who took him to Spain where he was sold into slavery. Squanto then escaped and went back to Plymouth where he became a guide and translator for the Pilgrims.

Thanksgiving didn't become an official holiday until President Abraham Lincoln had announced that the nation would celebrate an official Thanksgiving on November 26, 1863, in the middle of the Civil War. The speech was written by his Secretary of State, William Seward, who declared that every November the fourth Thursday would be the day of Thanksgiving. This was following in the tradition of President George Washington who had called for an official "day of public thanksgiving and prayer" on November 26, 1789.

**Scripture Squares
by Trinity Students**

Beginning November 9, through the holiday season, Trinity's social media will feature student artwork with its daily "scripture squares." Find these creations on Facebook @trinitylombard (<https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLombard/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranlombard/>).



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too. Every family has unique traditions, like going to a friend or relative's house for dinner or going Black Friday shopping.

Whatever you do, it's pretty fun. This year, though, will be different with COVID. With all of the regulations, and if you have relatives in hotspot areas, you might not be able to see them at all, except for video calls.

Hopefully, we will be able to see our families in person, even if it means having to wear masks and social distance. At a minimum, we will hopefully see our friends and relatives on a video call. Have a fun Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving Break
Students will be dismissed for Thanksgiving break at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24. There is no aftercare on that day. There is no school November 25, 26, or 27. School will resume on Monday morning, November 30.



Winter Activities

by Abby Schnittker

Winter is just around the corner and we have already had our first snow. As winter approaches, there are fewer and fewer things that we can do outdoors because there is so much snow and so much ice. But, instead of staying inside and watching television, you may be able to head out on a snow day and go sledding! There are many good sledding hills

located in Lombard, Elmhurst, and Villa Park. Another great winter activity is snowboarding or snow skiing. I still have yet to learn how but I think this winter would be a great opportunity to master it. If the day is way too cold to go sledding or skiing then maybe you can learn to do a new skill indoors. Learning how to sew or knit are useful talents. This winter, I think that people should do their best to stay busy. Winter is a great season and a great time to enjoy the snow.

GOOD SLEDDING HILLS: In Lombard, try *Sunset Knoll Park*, 820 S Finley Rd. Elmhurst boasts four sledding hills - *Berens Park*, 493 Oak Lawn Avenue, *Crestview Park*, 245 E Crestview Avenue, *Eldridge Park*, 263 Commonwealth Lane, and a junior slope at *Ben Allison Park*, 444 S West Avenue. Villa Park offers sledding at *North Elementary School Park*, 700 N Harvard, and *Jackson Middle School Fields*, 301 W Jackson Street.

Winter Approaches

By Amelie Harrison

When you think of winter what comes to mind? Perhaps you think of cold, ice, or snow - but some people might wonder, "How will COVID affect winter?"

There are plenty of winter activities that take place, but with COVID, how will this change? Coming up are two major holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. How will COVID affect these holidays? The majority of people I spoke too have a Thanksgiving dinner with family and extended family - but with COVID we should limit our numbers and stick to smaller groups. Some people have Christmas parties, gatherings and dinners, but with COVID we should again limit our numbers.

Winter doesn't officially start until December 21st, but it's beginning to feel like winter on some days. The mornings are chilly and the sun sets earlier. The night brings freezing temperatures. The brisk winds blow, leaving chills. It's time to bring out sweaters, jackets, coats and brace ourselves for the cold that winter will bring.



What are the holidays without cookies?

Here's a favorite cookie recipe for any time of year from Carli Highberger...

Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

Information

Prep Time: 10 minutes - Cook Time: 8 minutes Total Time: 30 minutes - Servings: 36 cookies Calories: 183 cal

Equipment

measuring spoons - measuring cups
KitchenAid Mixer - spatula - baking sheet

Ingredients

- 1 cup salted butter softened
- 1 cup white (granulated) sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar packed
- 2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 2 cups chocolate chips (or chunks)



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a baking pan with parchment paper and set aside.
2. In a separate bowl mix flour, baking soda, salt, baking powder. Set aside.
3. Cream together butter and sugars until combined.
4. Beat in eggs and vanilla until fluffy.
5. Mix in the dry ingredients until combined.
6. Add 12 oz package of chocolate chips and mix well.
7. Roll 2-3 TBS (depending on how large you like your cookies) of dough at a time into balls and place them evenly spaced on your prepared cookie sheets. (alternately, use a small cookie scoop to make your cookies).
8. Bake in preheated oven for approximately 8-10 minutes. Take them out when they are just BARELY starting to turn brown.
9. Let them sit on the baking pan for 2 minutes before removing to cooling rack

Notes

When you remove the cookies from the oven they will still look doughy. THIS is the secret that makes these cookies so absolutely amazing! Please, I beg you, do NOT overbake!

Christmas with COVID-19?

by Riley Baker and Ian Lesch

Christmas with Covid will be very different for Trinity this year, starting with the Christmas program. As we all know, parents are not allowed to enter the school. So we will be creating a virtual Christmas celebration that can be enjoyed online.

Each class will record their own parts of the program, then it will be edited into a complete video presentation.

Families will be provided with a link to watch the celebration online. We can't sing together this season, so what we will be doing will be different - and maybe a surprise!

Classes will probably participate in the classroom door decorating contest again this year. Teachers and students will be able to have small parties in their own classrooms. Students will be able to bring in treats, but they must be *prepackaged*. On the last day of school before break, December 18, which is a half day with dismissal at 11:30 a.m., we will have no school work to do. Of course, we will have to wear masks per the new normal. Hopefully COVID will soon be gone and we can celebrate next Christmas with all of our traditional activities.



Nutrition

Serving: 1 cookie (using 3 TBS dough)
Calories: 183cal - Carbohydrates: 26g
Protein: 2g - Fat: 8g - Saturated Fat: 5g
Cholesterol: 27mg - Sodium: 153mg
Potassium: 31mg - Fiber: 1g - Sugar: 18g
Vitamin A: 197IU - Vitamin C: 1mg
Calcium: 24mg - Iron: 1mg

What's it like in *by Aidan Harrison, Joseph Fitak, and Kyren Spencer*



In after care there are usually 8 to 10 students. If you are attending aftercare, you must leave your own electronics in your backpack and play with toys at school.

There are Legos, board games, and other more fantastic activities for children.

We leave toys at home, and keep video games in our backpacks so we can enjoy the toys at school. We always say, "home toys are for home and school toys are for school."

According to Miss Kraegel, homework comes first for 1st to 8th grade. PS & K have table toy time, under Miss Rachel's supervision, followed by snack, free play, and then time outside or in the gym.

Students have snacks. They can eat the leftovers from their lunch, or they can eat fruits, veggies, and crackers as their snack. We have snacks each day. Aftercare is important because it gives parents a confident and safe place for their children to work and play especially if they work past 3 p.m.

What's it Like to be a Student in a Different Grade

by Nathan Pulli

I was once in 5th grade but now I'm in 7th grade, and I kind of missed 5th and 6th grade so I decided to interview them. They all have a new teacher, Mr. Baerenklau, so I decided to ask them about their teacher. Some of the boys, Aidan, Kyren, and Joe, said that they all think they have the best teacher, and think he is the funniest teacher ever!

Then I asked Ian and Riley if they think they have the best classroom, and they both say they love it and think they have the best classroom. I asked them if they would change anything about it, and they all said they would get rid of math and have no homework no matter what.

Then I asked them if they would want more students or not, and they all said they would keep the same number of classmates.

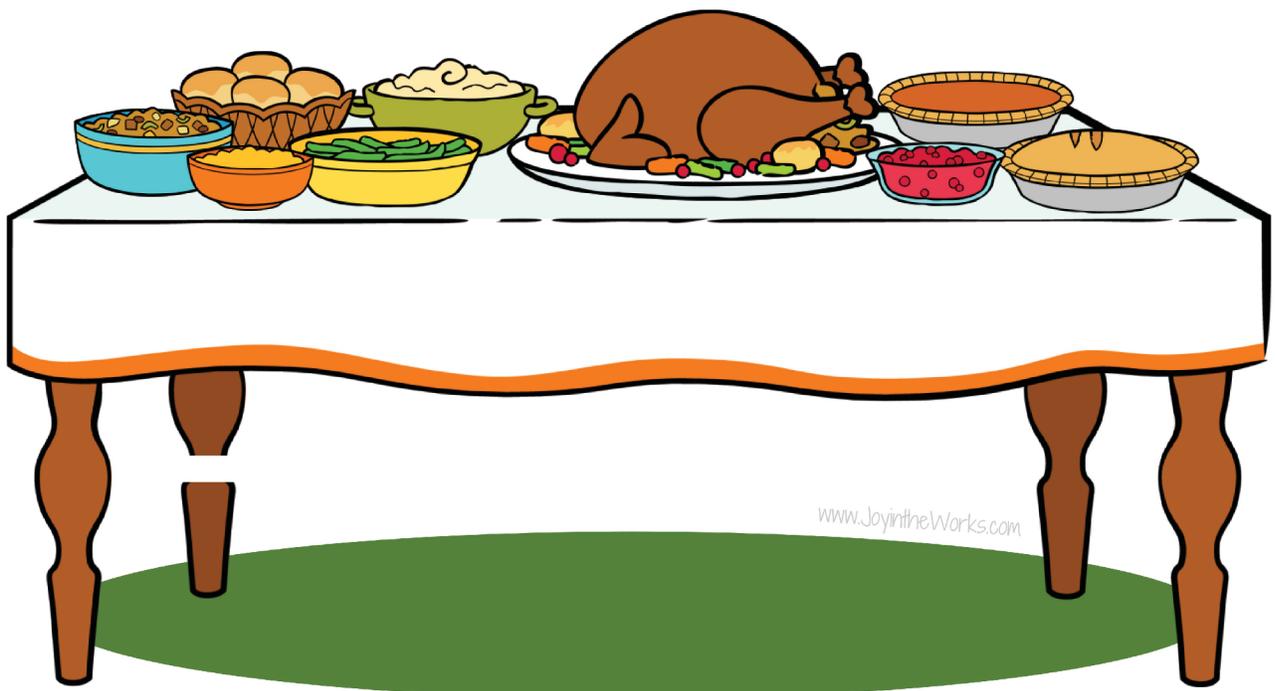
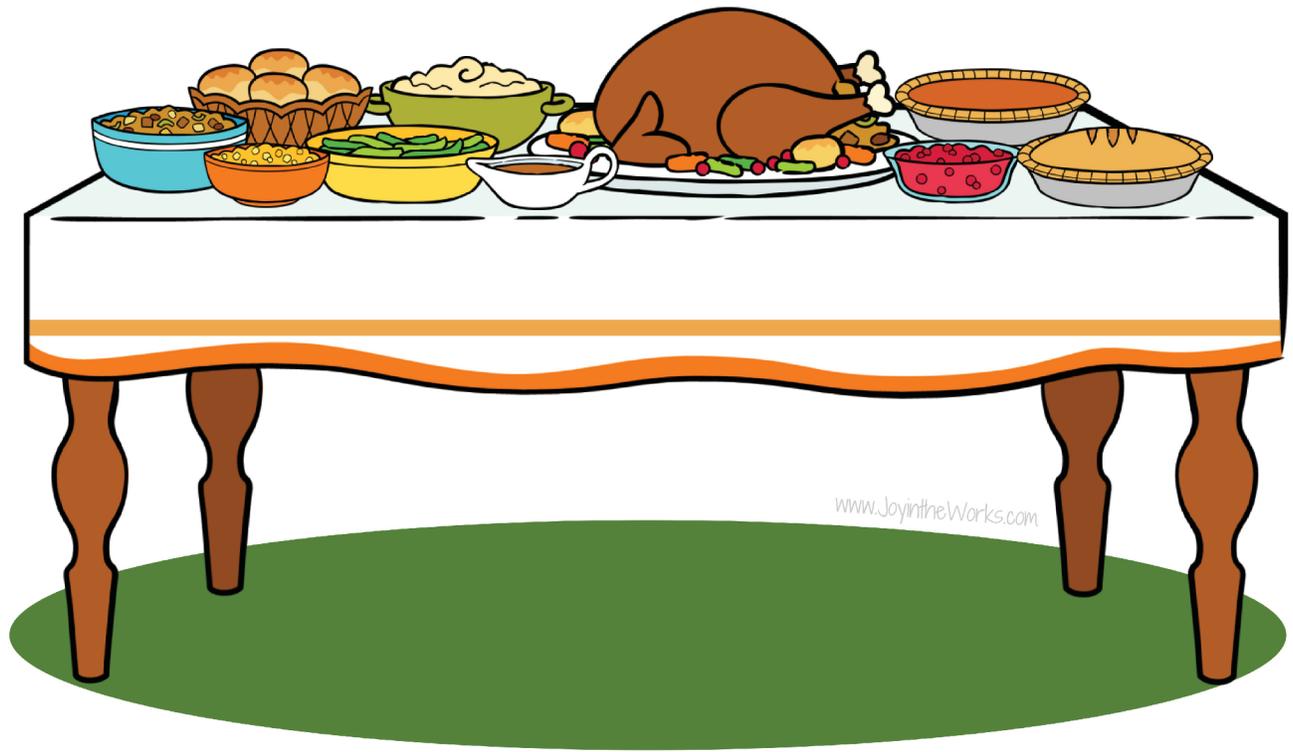
Trinity's 5th and 6th graders think they have the best class in the world. I asked them if they wanted to add anything to your class. They wanted to add a student "pick day," where one of the students gets to be in charge with the teacher. They also want a movie day every two weeks.

Answers to *Can you spot the 10 differences in this Thanksgiving Feast?* on page 6

1. The rug is smaller/The front legs are off the rug.
2. One table leg is missing a piece in the middle.
3. The tablecloth is missing the straight orange stripe.
4. The blue bowl has a yellow stripe instead of a white one.
5. The rolls only have 2 colors.
6. The corn pieces are missing from the bowl of corn.
7. The green beans are only one shade of green.
8. The gravy boat is missing.
9. The turkey legs are all brown.
10. The pie only has 2 cuts.

In the bottom picture,

Can you spot the 10 differences in this Thanksgiving Feast?



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