

The Chronicles of Trinity

February 2022

Lutheran Schools Week *by Angel Turner*

Lutheran Schools Week is a week that Trinity Lutheran students love. This year Trinity will celebrate **Lutheran Schools Week March 7 to 11**. This year's theme is "In All Things" from Colossians 1:15-20, which tells us that all things were created through God and for God, and without Him nothing would function together, and that He is the beginning of everything.



One of Trinity students' favorite things about **Lutheran Schools Week** are the activities.

The themes that are featured throughout the week will include **Serving Christ** (Monday). Trinity students will make blankets, collect cereal boxes, and wear spirit wear to start the week.

For day two, the theme is **Thanks for Creation**. Students can wear a shirt with an animal or bring a picture where you see God's Creation.

Day three will be a Wednesday, so we will attend church, **Dress Your Best**, and write thank you notes to Trinity's congregation!

On Thursday, day four, the theme is **Community**. We will read with partners in church and each class will wear class colors: 7th and 8th grade wear **PURPLE**, 5th and 6th grade wear **BLUE**, 3rd and 4th grade will also wear **BLUE**, 1st and 2nd grade wear **RED**, Kindergarten will also wear **RED**, Mrs. LaMontagna's Preschool class will wear **RED**, and Miss Kraegel's Preschool class wears **WHITE**.



For the last day of **Lutheran Schools Week**, the theme will be **Children**. On this day we will have Pajama Day, enjoy breakfast together, and later in the day there will be a movie and popcorn!

We hope that you are looking forward to **Lutheran Schools Week**!



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Springtime!

by Abby Gronwold and Alex Harris

Spring is coming up, and that means playing outside and warming up. There are so many things to do. Whatever you like to do, there is something for it in spring. Whether active, artsy, or lazy, we hope you will like our recommendations for what should be on your bucket list for this spring.

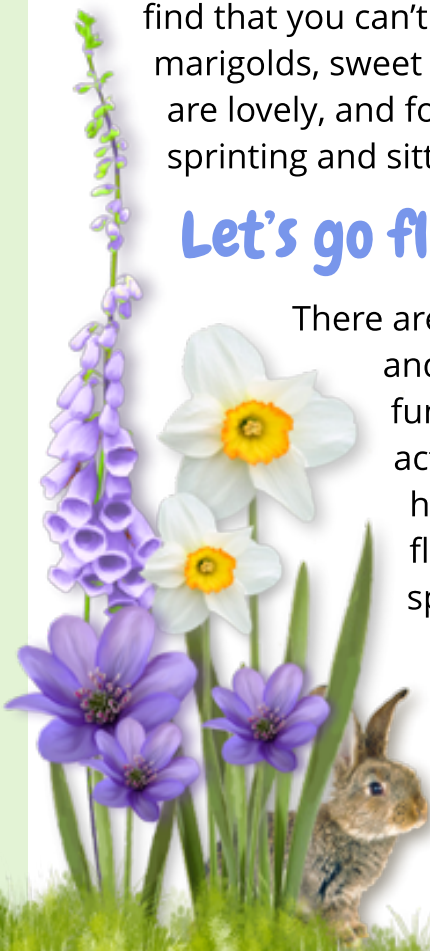
Flowers

Looking for something to do? You could go to a park and take a walk while admiring the foliage, or you could go and grow some flowers yourself! There are so many types of flowers blooming in springtime, and they are so beautiful! Some flowers that grow in early spring are snowdrops (sometimes they even grow through the snow), Virginia bluebells, bloodroot, and glory of the snow, while later-spring flowers include irises, peonies, alliums, and bleeding hearts. However, if you haven't gardened before or find that you can't grow plants, some beginner, easy-to-grow flowers are marigolds, sweet alyssum, zinnias, impatiens, or begonias. All of these flowers are lovely, and for people who love the outdoors but want an in-between from sprinting and sitting, gardening is a wonderful thing to do.

Let's go fly a kite

There are a lot of things that you can do outside in the season of rain and regrowth, there are many fun things to do. You could create fun crafts, such as pressed flowers, or you could go out and be active by flying a kite or going on a walk, or you could simply have a picnic with family or friends while enjoying the flowers. Another fun thing is to learn to cook or bake a springtime dish that you haven't tried before.

So, don't let yourself get bored this spring. There are so many fun things to experience in this coming season, for whatever you like to do. Have an awesome springtime!



AFTER THE EXCITEMENT

by Lina Cotcamp

After all the snacks have been devoured, the many exciting touchdowns, the halftime show, and after family and friends have gone home, what will we ever do now? After a great Super Bowl Sunday we all have to go back to work or school. This seems like a very dull day. However, there are still some fun activities after the Super Bowl.

Throughout the week after the Super Bowl, many podcasts and radio shows will be talking about the exciting game. Most of the time, they talk about the champion of the Super Bowl and maybe even interview some players. They also talk about the amazing plays that will never be forgotten.

Another positive factor about your Monday after the Super Bowl, is that there might be leftovers from the night before. Whatever it might be, you still have a delicious treat. Also, in stores, there may even be sales on soda, chips, and sweets. Even though Super Bowl Sunday is over, there are still some exciting things that are left over.

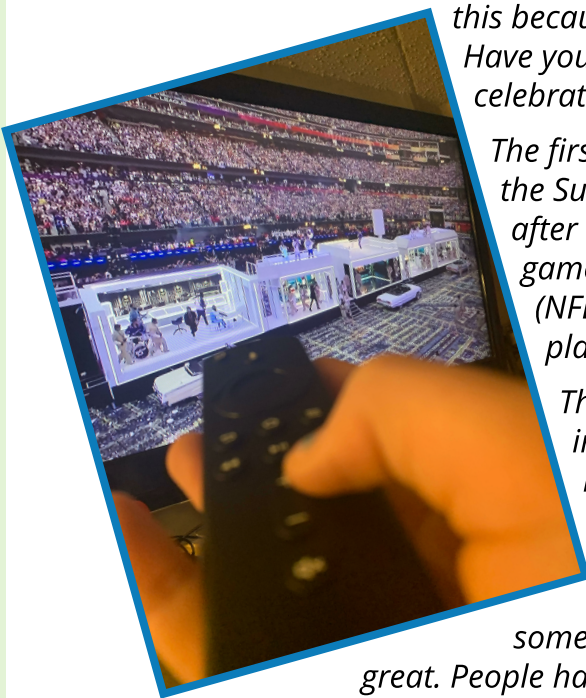
History of the Super Bowl

by Grace Sabourin

The Super Bowl is celebrated every year across the United States. It takes place in the beginning of February. The Super Bowl marks the end of the football season. Americans have to celebrate this because there are many football lovers in the United States. Have you ever wondered how the party side and the actual sport celebration came to be?

The first year of the Super Bowl was in 1966. The team that won the Super Bowl was given the Vince Lombardi Trophy named after a famous coach who won the first two Super Bowl's. This game was a merger between the National Football League (NFL) and the American Football League (AFL). The teams who play are the best from each league.

The party side of the Super Bowl started to become popular in the 1970s. This is not an official holiday, but people treat it like that. People who like football and even those who don't enjoy football watch the Super Bowl and gather together for parties. People also have parties for the halftime show. This is an amazing chance to get to hear some amazing music every year. These performers tend to be great. People have delicious food on Super Bowl Sunday. These meals are usually buffet style rather than a sit down meal. Some common foods are pizza, chicken, chips, guacamole, salsa, and wings.



A little Chicago history...Valentine's Day was not always chocolate and hearts!

The Saint Valentine's Day Massacre

by Mckenzie Brain and Sophia Garcia

February 14, 1929 - Here is the story of the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre.

Four men dressed as police officers entered the Chicago headquarters of gangster Bugs Moran. They lined seven of Moran's henchmen against a wall, and shot them to death. George "Bugs" Moran was a career criminal who ran the North Side Gang in Chicago during the bootlegging era of the 1920s. He fought bitterly with "Scarface" Al Capone for control of smuggling and trafficking operations in the Windy City.

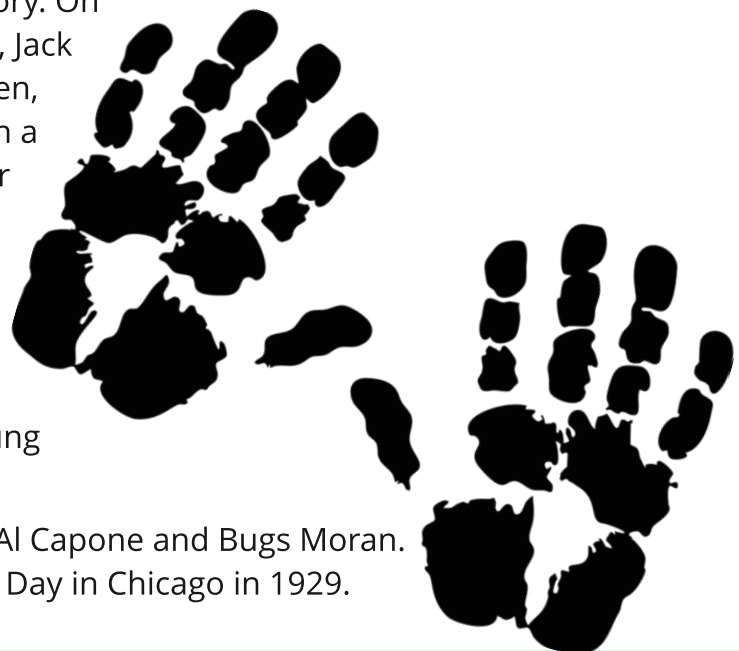
Throughout the 1920s, both gangsters survived several attempted murders. On one notorious occasion, Moran and his associates drove six cars past a hotel in Cicero, Illinois, where Capone and his associates were having lunch and showered the building with more than 1,000 bullets, shooting at the building and the men in it.

A \$50,000 bounty on Capone's head was the final straw for the gangster. He ordered that Moran's gang be destroyed. On February 14, a delivery of bootleg whiskey was expected at Moran's headquarters. But Moran was late and happened to see police officers entering his establishment. Moran waited outside, thinking that his gunmen inside were being arrested in a raid. However, the disguised assassins were actually killing the seven men inside.

The murdered men included Moran's professional, Frank and Pete Gusenberg. Reportedly Frank was still alive when real police officers appeared on the scene. When asked who had shot him, the mortally wounded Gusenberg kept his code of silence, responding, "No one, nobody shot me."

The Saint Valentine's Day Massacre actually proved to be the last confrontation for both Capone and Moran. Capone was jailed in 1931 and Moran lost so many important men that he could no longer control his territory. On the seventh anniversary of the massacre, Jack McGurn, one of the Valentine's Day hitmen, was killed in a crowded bowling alley with a burst of machine-gun fire. McGurn's killer remains unidentified, but was likely Moran, though he was never charged with the murder. Moran was relegated to small-time robberies until he was sent to jail in 1946. He died in Leavenworth Federal Prison in 1957 of lung cancer.

That was the end of the rivalry between Al Capone and Bugs Moran. And that's what happened on Valentines Day in Chicago in 1929.



Space In February

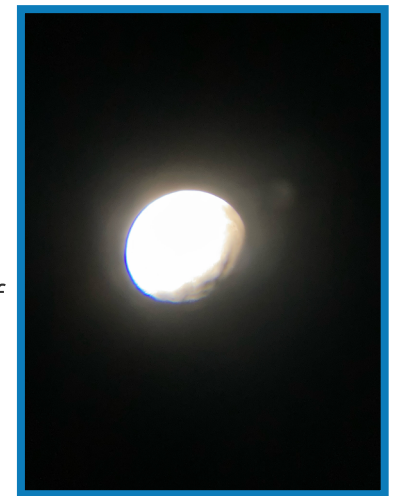
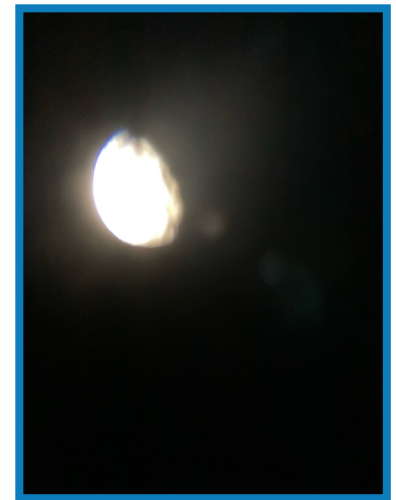
by Josie Woods and Angelina Iverson

February is a perfect time to notice or enjoy one of the most popular and well studied sights in the night sky: the Great Nebula in Orion. The Orion Nebula is a colossal cloud of gas and dust where a bunch of stars are born. Actually; it is the nearest large star forming in the region to our solar system, at around 1500 light years away. The bright, central region of the Orion Nebula is a giant cavity in the cloud being carved out by the powerful ultraviolet light from a handful of extremely colossal stars. Finding the Orion Nebula is simple on February nights, as the constellation Orion will be high in the south around 8 or 9 p.m. look for three stars of the hunter's belt, and then look for the stars that hang below its forming Orion's sword. In the center of its line of stars is one that looks kind of fuzzy or blurry. That's the Nebula. It is obvious to the naked-eye under relatively dark skies, and is easily seen with a telescope, or binoculars as a faint haze. The planet Venus will be at its brightest for the year in February, around mid-month. It rises with Mars around four a.m and is visible low in the southeast until sunrise. Venus is the lightest of all the planets in our solar system because of the highly reflective clouds that completely cover its globe.

TWO NEARBY PLACES TO SEE THE STARS & PLANETS:

Adler Planetarium...As America's first planetarium, Chicago's Adler Planetarium (adlerplanetarium.org) opened in 1930, presenting the visions of the night skies to residents and visitors of the Windy City. Adler Planetarium holds three auditoriums, with a 3-D and digital theater featuring educational films geared toward family audiences and a traditional planetarium boasting a 71-foot diameter dome. As of 2012, Adler's Doane Observatory is the site of the largest telescope in the Midwest, and guests can view the stars through the instrument every third Thursday of the month.

Cernan Earth and Space Center...The Cernan Earth and Space Center (triton.edu) on the Triton College campus in River Grove, is named after Eugene Cernan, who became the last Apollo astronaut to walk on the moon's surface in December 1971. Open seven days a week, the Cernan center displays its astronomy shows within a planetarium featuring a 44-foot diameter dome and seating for 100 visitors. The center also boasts exhibits of Apollo mission memorabilia, which include the spacesuit Cernan wore during his final moonwalk.



ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY

by Joe Fitak and Ian Lesch

The March 17 celebration of St. Patrick's Day began in 1631 when the Church established a Feast Day honoring St. Patrick. He had been the Patron Saint of Ireland and had died around the fifth century – a whopping 12 centuries before the modern version of the holiday was first observed.

Patrick was a missionary and though the legend that he drove the snakes out of Ireland in Jesus' name may not be true, he did bring many people to Christianity.

So when you get your Shamrock Shake this year at McDonald's - you can remember the holiday that focuses on the wearin' o' the green has its roots in the church.



IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER by Nathan Pulli



Trinity's Summer Camp enrollment has started! Summer camp starts June 6, and is open to students in grades preschool through 4th grade. Current students may enroll through May 27. Beginning March 1, friends and neighbors may sign up. Mrs. LaMontagna and Miss Kraegel have both been teaching at summer camp for a number of years and this is what they had to say about it. According to Mrs. LaMontagna, "Summer Camp is a fun and exciting time." She likes that there are all different age groups. She shared that this summer's camp themes include Dinosaurs, America,

Construction, and Sports. Miss Kraegel likes that it is fun, with many activities to do, but that the children are also learning about Jesus at the same time.

We just celebrated **Presidents Day** on February 21:

Did you know that America's 16th **President Abraham Lincoln** lived most of his life in Illinois and launched his political career from the capital of Springfield? America's first **President George Washington** lived in Mount Vernon, but the one in Virginia, and NOT Mount Vernon, Illinois.

THIS YEAR, LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

We will "spring ahead" with Daylight Savings Time on March 13.

Spring 2022 officially begins on March 20 - we can't wait!