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TONIGHT: Fall Fest Open House Fun

by Allison Gagliano
and Maria Gronwold



TONIGHT, Friday, October 18, the Fall Fest Open House happens at Trinity. There is going to be a wide variety of fun things to do: a hay maze obstacle course, pumpkin corner, giant web twist, face painting and sack races in the gym, plus a "Trunk or Treat" time. There will be hot cider, popcorn and candy apples. The Fall Fest fun begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 pm. It is open to all area families, and you can invite a friend!



THIS SUNDAY: Students Sing

by Carli Highberger
and Abby Schnittker

THIS SUNDAY, October 20, Trinity students will be gathering in church to sing, "On Eagles Wings." Trinity students enjoy singing God's hymns. And they especially relish the post-service fellowship time, eating snacks and socializing with one another. Trinity's student handbell choir will also be playing in church. Students say that they love playing the handbells together, and are fond of their director, Mrs. Perez. Please join us at Trinity Lutheran Church, THIS SUNDAY, for the 9 a.m. service. All are welcome to share this time of glorifying God. Students are to arrive at 8:45 a.m.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD,
all the earth! Psalm 96:1**

upcoming EVENTS

by Jordyn Mardini

- October 18:** Fall Fest Open House, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 20:** PS-8th grade students sing in church, 8:45 a.m.
- October 22:** Barones Frozen Pizza ORDER PICKUP
- October 23:** Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Benefit, 5-8 p.m.
- October 27:** Reformation Sunday, Trivia4Bibles, 4-6 p.m.
- October 31:** Reformation Day
- November 1:** All Saints Day, Walther Theatre field trip, "James and the Giant Peach" - all grades, leave at 8:45 a.m.
- November 3:** Daylight Saving Time ends
- November 6:** Windy City's "Beauty and the Beast," 10:30 a.m., Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:30 p.m.
- November 7:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3:15-7 p.m.
- November 9:** Trinity's 40th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- November 11:** Veterans Day
- November 14:** Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten families
- November 19:** school picture retakes
- November 20:** The Patio Restaurant Benefit, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- November 24:** students sing in church, 8:45 a.m.
- November 25:** Life Skills Day
- November 26:** Grandparents Day, EARLY DISMISSAL - 11:30 a.m.
- November 27:** NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- November 28:** NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- November 29:** NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

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Getting to Know Mrs. Perez

by Allison Gagliano and Abby Schnittker

One of Trinity's most committed teachers is Mrs. Patricia Perez. She is loved by students of Trinity (present and past) and has taught at Trinity for 43 years. Over her time at Trinity, she has taught kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grade, and last year, moved to the 5th and 6th grade classroom. She enjoys teaching handbells for 3rd through 8th graders and her overall favorite teaching subject is geography. She likes teaching about the wonders of our world. We asked her a few questions about her personal life and discovered that she has a black and white cat named Bojangles that she loves very much. Her favorite color is a deep sky blue. And her

favorite hymn to sing in church is "Thy strong word." There's no doubt that the dedicated Mrs. Perez is one of our favorites!

Meet Mrs. Gutwein

by Giovanna Ramirez

I asked some questions of Trinity's 1st and 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Sue Gutwein. She has been a teacher for 39 years, the last two at Trinity. Mrs. Gutwein has taught preschool, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. She was motivated to be a teacher by her own school teachers that she adored and admired. Mrs. Gutwein's favorite subject is reading, which she loves because it makes her happy - and the library is her "happy place." She and her husband have two grown sons, ages 35 and the other 33. Mrs. Gutwein also has a granddog named Yogi. She attended college at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, where her major was in early childhood education. She often tells her students that it's, "Time for recess!" I asked her what her favorite movie is - it's *Mary Poppins*. Her hobbies are gardening, going to the Morton Arboretum, and shopping. I had fun learning about Mrs. Gutwein, and think that she's a great teacher, and a fun one too.



Music and Band with Miss Rose

by Jordyn Mardini

Trinity provides a band program for 4th through 8th graders. Our band teacher, Miss Samantha Rose, teaches flute, clarinet, trumpet, horns, drums, and piano. Current band students include Riley, learning clarinet, and Ian, studying saxophone. Piano students are Sophia G. and Justin. Trinity's music classes are also taught by Miss Rose. She has been involved in teaching music and band for about 15 years!



Shoes for Water

by Michael Gagliano and Jaylin Miller

At Trinity, we are turning shoes into water! Kind of...here's how: In 1998, The "shoeman" went to Kenya delivering almost 30,000 pairs of shoes to orphans and refugees. Working in a town with a medical center that had almost no water, he wanted to change that. In 2008, The Shoeman Water Project was born. Since then, the organization has collected more than 1.3 million pairs of shoes from donors at schools and churches like ours! The "shoeman" uses shoes to bring clean water in South America, Central America, Africa and other places around the world. So bring in your gently used or outgrown shoes and help provide clean water to people who need it.

Joe Boway Returns to Trinity

by Julia Lesch and Jaylin Miller

At the beginning of October, Joe Boway visited our school. He led us in chapel and told us about children in Liberia. Joe helps raise support for Lutheran Christian schools that he has started in Liberia. He also helps obtain safe drinking water for the children and adults that attend and work at the schools. We were surprised to find that at the schools in Liberia, the main language spoken is English! Joe is a very funny guy, even when he doesn't intend to be! Joe showed us a video of how the children in Liberia have to walk a long distance every day to get water. He assures us that the students are doing great! Trinity has been helping support Joe and his Liberian Children's Ministry for more than 20 years. We have donated school supplies and other needs every year to help Joe bring Christian education to these children, who are always happy to receive what we send. Joe has played a big role in helping these kids get a proper education, and even more importantly, he has helped them come to know Jesus as their Savior. At their home in Indiana, where Joe and his wife reside, they have two children - one is in 4th grade and the other is in high school. For about a month, we collected money in our chapel offering, pens and pencils, notebooks, and backpacks. Trinity's month-long collection garnered about 20 backpacks, four boxes of spiral notebooks, and one big box of pencils, which we sent with Joe, along with the money collected from chapel offerings.



NEW MATH: Trinity Students Go to the Bank

by Allison Gagliano, Michael Gagliano, Carli Highberger, Jaylin Miller and Abby Schnittker

Trinity's 3rd and 4th grade class took a trip to Lombard's West Suburban Bank to learn how a bank works. They learned about interactive teller machines or ITMs, how to fill out a withdrawal slip, and how to use the coin counting machine. They learned a little bit about wealth management and how it could benefit them in the future. They visited the safe deposit vault and opened a safe deposit box - where they received some gifts from West Suburban Bank! They learned about IPS (Image Processing Department) and got to go behind the teller counter (Sophia G. said she liked that the best!). The class agreed that it was fun and educational as Mrs. Allor and the students learned about different jobs at the bank. The bank staff provided treats and informed the students there are still tests when you finish school. Thanks to West Suburban Bank for their hospitality and contribution to education.



TRINITY'S WEEKLY EVENTS at church & school:

by Jordyn Mardini

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8:40 a.m. Chapel, 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study

THURSDAYS: 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance

FRIDAYS: 8:15 a.m. Handbells





Trinity's Giving Tree *by Carli Highberger*

Did you know Trinity has a Giving Tree? Teachers and church leaders place leaves and apples on the tree listing ministry needs. Some of the things we have on the tree include: paint, church banners, kindergarten scissors, education tools, and more! People can pick something off the tree that they would like to pay for, put the money in a provided envelope with their chosen leaf or apple and place it in the offering at church or drop off in the office. The giving tree was put together by Mr. Jeff Steben, and was purchased with money donated by the Wood family. The tree honors Marilyn Steben and June Wood, who before their passing were active participants of the church. Both of these families have grown children who graduated from Trinity. Items on the Giving Tree range from \$5 to \$200. Trinity appreciates your gifts.

Hands-On Family Fun Night *by Julia Lesch*

A fun, interactive evening for preschool and kindergarten families in early October featured fall-centered activities. Children enjoyed five creative projects. They painted in fall colors with pinecones and corncobs, explored sensory boxes with fall items, and had fun with pumpkin-scented playdough. And they scooped out pumpkin guts for a creative and messy experience! Children also made their own "pumpkin pie" in a bag. The free event, open to the community, included a dinner of pizza, salad, and fruit. These popular "hands-on" nights debuted at Trinity last year. The next Hands-On Family Fun Night for preschool and kindergarten families will be Thursday, November 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A Pumpkin Classic *by Penny Loera*

This delicious "pumpkin pie in a bag" was part of Hands-On Night. Miss Rachel provided us with the recipe.

For Each Serving:

- about ¼ c. crushed graham crackers
 - 2 T. pumpkin pie filling
 - 1 vanilla pudding cup
 - a sprinkle of cinnamon
- Squish and squash ingredients together in a zip-loc bag. Snip the corner and squirt into a cup. Top with whipped cream.



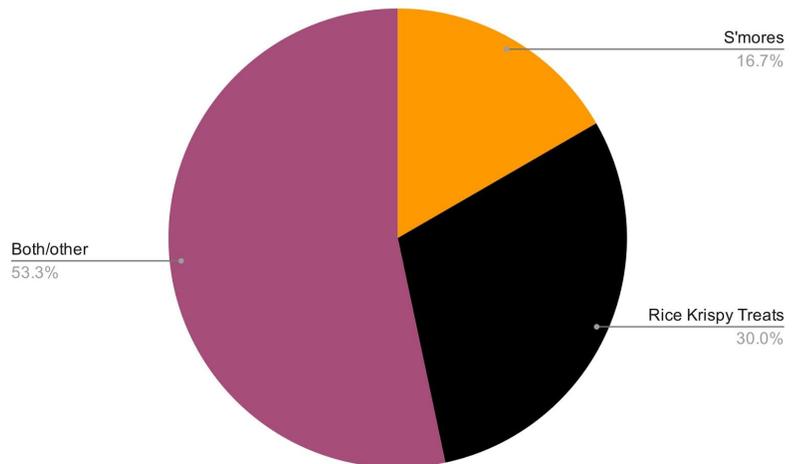
How Do You Like Your Marshmallows?

by Maria Gronwold and Lucia Giurdanella



A third of the people we surveyed like their marshmallows best in Rice Krispy

Treats (twice as many as S'mores) but more that half of them preferred both or something else. The first marshmallow was created almost 2000 years ago from the sweet sap from the "marsh mallow" root by the Egyptians. They made them for their gods, nobility, and the Pharaohs. However, marshmallows today are not made from the marsh mallow root. They are made from sugar, gelatin, and egg whites beaten together.



Trinity's Appreciation Luncheon *by Michael Gagliano and Lucia Giurdanella*

October 6 was a day of celebration, when immediately after church, Trinity said thank you to all who serve "with their hands or heart" at a special appreciation luncheon. Teachers, gardeners, coaches, ushers, errand runners and many others who give of their time and talents enjoyed chicken, mostaccioli, salad, pumpkin pie, and cheesecake, after Pastor Wagner spoke briefly, expressing Trinity's gratitude for their service.

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