

The mission of Trinity Lutheran school is to know Jesus Christ and to make Jesus Christ known.



# Trinity Lutheran School News & Views

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



by Abby Schnittker and Maria Gronwold

- February 21:** Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
- February 26:** Ash Wednesday services, 1 & 7 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- February 27:** Leap Up Night, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
- February 28:** Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m.
- March 2-6:** Lutheran Schools Week
- March 2:** Shedd Aquarium Field Trip, Trinity T-Shirt Day
- March 3:** Class Colors Day, Basketball game@HOME, 4 p.m., Anyways Restaurant Benefit
- March 4:** Dress-Up Day, Energy Fair, 2:30 p.m., Lent services, 1 & 7 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- March 5:** Feed My Starving Children Field Trip, Crazy Socks Day, Family Storytelling Event & Open
- March 6:** Student Breakfast by the Teachers, Pajama Day
- March 8:** Students sing in church service, 8:45 a.m.
- March 11:** Lent service, 1 p.m. & Lent devotions, 6:30 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- March 13/15:** Shop with Scrip orders due at school/church
- March 14:** Spelling Bee, 7:30 a.m. - noon
- March 18:** Lent service, 1 p.m. & Lent devotions, 6:30 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- March 19:** Spring Picture Day, Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m.
- March 25:** Lent service, 1 p.m. & Lent devotions, 6:30 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- March 30-April 3:** Spring Break
- April 1:** Lent services, 1 & 7 p.m., Soup 'n' Bread Supper, 12 & 6 p.m.
- 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 between services (8:30-9:30 a.m.)

by Abby Schnittker and Allison Gagliano

The first week of March marks Trinity's celebration of **Lutheran Schools Week**. Trinity's students will be participating in many fun activities during the week. The entire school will be going on a field trip to the **Shedd Aquarium** on Monday and students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be traveling on Thursday to **Feed My Starving Children**, where they pack food for the hungry around the world. Wednesday after church there's an **Energy Fair** and Thursday brings literature to life during a special evening with storyteller **Chris Fascione**. Friday morning kicks off with **Breakfast for Students**, served by Trinity teachers. Fun days include **Trinity T-Shirt Day** (Monday), **Class Colors Day** (Tuesday), **Dress-Up Day** (Wednesday), **Crazy Socks Day** (Thursday), and **Pajama Day** (Friday). **Lutheran Schools Week** is a fun time to be at school. Everyone always has a great time doing activities with other classes.

#### From LCMS.org

**Lutheran Schools Week** provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

**"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Trinity's weekly events appear on page 2.



# Ash Wednesday *by Lucia Giurdanella and Maria Gronwold*

Ash Wednesday is the kickoff to Lent. The reason we call it Ash Wednesday is because the pastor puts ashes on your forehead, usually in the shape of a cross. In Genesis 3, God says, "...you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." The Pastor says, "you are man, you are dust, and to dust you shall return," while putting the ashes on the foreheads of congregation members. The ashes are a representation of our sin and are made from a mixture of old, burnt palm branches (often from the previous year's Palm Sunday service) and oil.

# The Season of Lent at Trinity *by Allison Gagliano and Jordyn Mardini*

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and reflection. It is a time to turn our hearts back to God and to seek His forgiveness. During this season, we are called to examine our lives and to make changes that will bring us closer to Him. Lent is a time to grow in our faith and to deepen our relationship with God. We are invited to participate in various Lenten practices, such as fasting from certain foods or activities, and to engage in prayer and reflection. Through these practices, we can experience the power of God's love and grace in our lives.

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**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

**FRIDAYS:** 8:15 a.m. Handbells

**Thursday, March 5**  
**Trinity welcomes**  
*Master Storyteller Chris Fascione*  
 for a free  
**Storytelling Open House**  
**RSVP 630.627.5601**  
*for complimentary dinner at 5:45 p.m.*  
*or just arrive by 6:30 p.m.*  
*for the "man of 100 voices"*



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Congratulations to Mrs. Perez on becoming a first-time grandmother. Isabella Grace made her appearance in the world on February 18, blessing her parents, Dion and Brianna, with their first child. May God richly bless this little girl and her loving family.



Mrs. Messina is a hard-working person. She not only teaches Trinity's 7th and 8th grade class, and 5th grade Science but she also is the Trinity's Principal. When needed, she even pitches in as Secretary and Janitor. Mrs. Messina teaches because she enjoys working with children, helping give them the tools they need for a successful future. She loves to read, play volleyball and softball, but since becoming Trinity's Principal she does not have a lot of time for hobbies. In her first year of she worked with preschool, but the rest of the teaching career has been with 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Mrs. Messina taught for a dozen years at Immanuel Lutheran in Hillside, then spent a year service a Catholic school before coming to Trinity. This is Mrs. Messina's first post as Principal which she has found both fun and interesting.

## Bzzzz...It's Spelling Bee Season by Julia Lesch and Penny Loera

Trinity is hosting a Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 14, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Students in grades 1 through 8 from Trinity and other Lutheran schools in the area will be competing. There will be awards for individuals and an overall school prize. If you are competing, you can practice by studying the words at [www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com). Eight schools are expected for the event. Each of the grades will have two winning spellers and two runners up. The winners will be posted at the end of the Spelling Bee.

## About Valentine's Day by Jordyn Mardini and Giovanna Ramirez

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## Trinity Teachers Share their Favorite Valentine Gifts by Giovanna Ramirez

A favorite gift on Valentine's Day...

- Mrs. Messina:** Five years ago, she married her husband
- Mrs. Perez:** A box of chocolates (it is a documented fact that Mrs. Perez REALLY likes chocolate!)
- Miss Rachel:** All the little treats that preschool gave her
- Mrs. Moy:** It's not about what gift she received, but the focus is on who gave her the gift - like her daughters and husband, whom she loves with her whole heart
- Mrs. L. Solyom:** It is her father's birthday, so she gives thanks for him and all the special people in her life (better than anything received)
- Miss Kraegel:** Dark chocolate covered caramel



