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September 11: Terror and Tragedy

by Tyler Zita

One of the most tragic events in United States history is the terrorist attacks of 9/11 in 2001. Four plane crashes occurred on 9/11: Flight 11, Flight 175, Flight 77, and Flight 93. Flight 11 crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m. Sixteen minutes later Flight 175 hit the south tower and 9:03 a.m. One hour and 47 minutes later, both towers had collapsed and destroyed a dozen surrounding buildings, including each of the seven World Trade Center structures. At 9:37 a.m. Flight 77 nose dived into the Pentagon and caused a partial collapse. At 10:03 a.m. Flight 93 crashed into a field in Pennsylvania, instead of the White House or United States Capitol (its presumed targets). The reason Flight 93 struck the ground outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania, was that the passengers realized they were on their way to the attack Washington, DC, and took control of the plane. Unfortunately, all the passengers on every flight that was hijacked that day had their life taken from them during the assaults. Hours after the attacks, the CIA determined that a terrorist group called Al-Qaeda was responsible for the attacks. In total 2,977 civilians were murdered and 19 terrorists were killed in the day's events. Between 6,000 and 25,000 people were injured. Also, 343 firemen and 27 police officers died in the rescue efforts at Ground Zero.



Twenty-two years later, we may still wonder, "Where Was God?" on September 11, when terrorists attacked America. Pastor Wagner addresses our feelings and fears from a Christian perspective: <https://youtu.be/-6f8dZibjY>

UPCOMING EVENTS

by Sophia Garcia

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- September 19: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
- September 20: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- September 22: Nachos for \$1
- September 24: Students Sing in Church, 9 a.m.
- September 23: Charger Challenge/5K Fun Run, 9 a.m.
- September 25: Picture Retake Day
- September 26: Hot Lunch - Mostaccioli
- September 26: Dining for Dollars - Anyways



GET YOUR TRINITY SPIRIT WEAR NOW

by Roscoe Barnett

Do you have any Trinity spirit wear? If not then order yours NOW, before **September 20**. Choose from t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and long sleeve t-shirts. The cost for a t-shirt is \$15. Long sleeve t shirts are \$18. Get a crew neck sweatshirt for \$25, or a hoodie for \$30. The spirit wear comes in green, gray, and black with youth and adult sizes. Stop in the office if you have questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 27: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- September 27: Dining for Dollars - Anyways
- October 3: Hot Lunch - Pizza
- October 4: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- October 6: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day
- October 9: NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- October 10: Hot Lunch - Mac 'n' Cheese
- October 11: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- October 13: Nachos for \$1
- October 13: RaiseRight Orders Due
- October 17: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog
- October 18: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- October 24: Hot Lunch - Mostaccioli
- October 25: Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- October 26: Hands On Night
- October 27: Nachos for \$1
- October 28: Fall Fest Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- October 31: Hot Lunch - Hot Dog



Family Movie Time

by Angelina Iverson

On Saturday, Trinity hosted Family Movie Time with a viewing of **The Pilgrim's Progress**. The movie is based on a book by John Bunyan, a pastor from the 1600s who wrote the story while in prison because of his faith. The movie was appropriate and enjoyable for both children and adults. There were seats in the back and several rows further up front for people who preferred to sit closer to the screen. Popcorn and other snacks were served. About 25 people attended the free event, which was also open to the community.

Chargers Challenge 5K FunRun

by Sophia Garcia

On Saturday, September 23, Trinity is hosting a 5k FunRun with exciting obstacles. Hope to see you there. Hope you have a good time.

Participants are asked to gather pledges to help raise funds for school activities.

CROSS COUNTRY

-by Addison Meredith

This year Trinity has one of the best cross country teams. The participants on this year's team include Sophia Garcia, Angelina Iverson, Abby Pilny, Ava Harrison, Jacob Garcia, Addison Meredith, Gunnar Tully, and Addison Mann. Coach Bryan Meredith returns this season and makes sure we run hard and push ourselves. At the September 12 cross country meet, three Charger runners placed: Sophia took 7th in the 2-mile run, and in the 1-mile run, Addison Meredith placed 15th and Abby Pilny took 17th.

Everyone performed amazingly at the cross country meet and each runner gave their best effort to run as fast as they could.



Trinity Lutheran School
Can you complete the
CHARGERS CHALLENGE?

Saturday, September 23, 2023
arrive by 9 a.m.

It's like a 5k FunRun but **BETTER!**
 Beat the obstacles along the route to collect a charm at each challenge

Gather pledges to raise funds supporting activities at Trinity Lutheran School

PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP PLEDGE COLLECTORS!
spectators welcome

watch for registration/pledge forms via JupiterEd or pick up a copy in the office

Ask a Charger Cross Country team member about their meets! They most recently participated in the Willowbrook Invitational Cross Country meet on September 14.



After facing off with St. John/LaGrange (September 5) and Immanuel/Elmhurst (September 8), each ending in an 0-2 loss, the Chargers took on St. Luke/Itasca on September 15.

Upcoming home games are scheduled on September 19, 22, and 26. The Chargers will be on the road for a September 29 game.

Volleyball at Elmhurst *by Aidan Harrison*

On Friday, September 8, the Trinity Chargers volleyball team had a match against the Eagles at Immanuel Lutheran School in Elmhurst. The 2023 volleyball team has seven players: Sophia Garcia, Aidan Harrison, Angelina Iverson, Tyler Zita, Abby Pilny, Addison Meredith, Francesco Lamphere, and Ava Harrison. The Chargers unfortunately lost the match but they tried their hardest and had fun in the end. There are more games coming up on the schedule, and these committed players will try their hardest during those matches as well.

Cheer On Trinity's Volleyball Chargers *by Ava Harrison and Abigail Pilny*

This year, we have a successful volleyball team at Trinity. Our volleyball team members include; Tyler Zita, Aidan Harrison, Sophia Garcia, Angelina Iverson, Addison Meredith, Ava Harrison, Francesco Lamphere, and Abby Pilny. Our coach, Mr. Baerenklau has led us through three games. We had a home game against St. John Lutheran School of LaGrange and an away game against Immanuel Lutheran School in Elmhurst. We lost both games sadly, but thankfully we have many more to go! We had a home game versus St. Luke Lutheran School of Itasca on Friday. Come on out on September 19, 22, and 26 for our upcoming home games. We encourage everyone to come cheer us on while we try our best to win. Wear green or a Trinity shirt or sweatshirt to help increase team spirit. Please don't be mad if we lose. It's not our fault. We hope you can make it to the games we will participate in. We think volleyball is fun. We tried it and we highly recommend it.

GO CHARGERS!



by Arian Gomez and Damian Gomez

Living as six sibling is very interesting. Here are some facts and thoughts about what it feels like:

Our car is big and annoying, but so are my brothers and sisters, so I can live with it.

When we have movie night we can't all fit on our couch and the big kids (Arian and Damian) have to sit in the back row with two black wooden chairs with a nice black little table.

When we are at our house our laundry pile is very big.

It takes a long time to make food, and it takes

most of our food that we have for each meal.

And our mom has a deal with a lot of different stuff - she sometimes panics but there are always good things that happen because she is a child of God. She always prays and goes to church with us, and loves us very much.

Thank you mom!

We hope that this gives you an idea of what it is like to be one of six siblings living together.

DRAW RIGHT NOW

by Ariana Mehrazar and Abigail Pilny

Draw Right Now is a fun thing to do in Mrs. Terrell's class of 5th and 6th graders. We get to challenge ourselves by drawing. We can draw many things, and so far, we've drawn auroras, turtles, whales, and lions! We only are able to draw like this in class on Fridays, so it's even more exciting when we do. When we learn how to draw something new, we have until the next Friday to finish it. In between classes when we're finished with our work, we're able to draw if we would like. We enjoy the challenges of 5th and 6th grade and we are grateful for our teacher and principal, Mrs. Terrell.





Meet Mrs. Terrell By: Ariana Mehrazar

Q: What is it that motivates you as a principal and teacher? **A: "Love for children"**

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach? **A: "Religion."**

Q: What is your greatest achievement?

A: "My calling as a Lutheran educator."

Q: Do you have a specific quote that you teach by?

A: "I love you little whipper snappers."

Q: What is the hardest part of your job?

A: "Getting everything done."

Q: What is your favorite part about teaching?

A: "When we do projects like art."

Q: Have you taught in any other schools or states?

A: "Not in any states, but in schools."

Q: How long have you been with Trinity? **A: "5 years and now, so, 6 years."**

Q: What is your favorite Bible verse?

A: "Joshua 1:9 - Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Q: What is your favorite holiday? **A: "Thanksgiving."**

Q: How long have you been teaching? **A: "25 years."**

Q: What is your favorite hymn? **A: "I love all hymns."**

Q: Who is your favorite historical figure? **A: "Martin Luther."**

Q: Where is your hometown? **A: "Tulsa, Oklahoma"**

Q: Who was your favorite teacher as a child? **A: "Mr. Pool, my 6th grade teacher."**

Q: What grades do you like teaching the most? **A: "3rd through 6th grade."**

Q: Which University did you attend?

A: "Concordia University in Nebraska, and Roosevelt University in Chicago."

Q: If you didn't become a teacher, what would you be instead?

A: "A deaconess."

Q: What is your favorite flower?

A: "Rose."

Q: What kinds of food do you like?

A: "I like plain food."



Culture Fanasa

by Ariana Mehrazar

Have you ever wondered what people's cultures are, or what they celebrate? Everyone has different traditions that they like to celebrate, and I think we should ask some people about their cultures. Each person is different, but we should respect one another, because everyone is unique and special in their own way. Well, I'm here to tell, and show you, about my classmates' and teacher cultures.

Teachers

Mrs. Solyom - "We celebrate everything."

Mrs. Terrell - "We celebrate our life in Christ. We celebrate birthdays."

7th and 8th Grade

Angelina - "Peru Independence Day."

Sophie - "I'm just going to say Christmas."

Tyler - "I celebrate Christmas."

Aidan - "Christmasss. Halloweeennn."

5th and 6th Grade

Arian - "I celebrate Mexican Independence Day."

Abby - "We celebrate Thanksgiving. Wait, can I put Halloween too? Or is there too much Halloween?"

Roscoe - "Easter and Christmas."

Francesco - "Black History Month and Chinese New Year. Both."

Damian - "Christmas. I'm sorry."

Ava - "I'm a strong believer in chipmunks. Wait, can you say National Chipmunk Day? Wait, Ariana, can you put Chipmunk Appreciation Day? It's March 22nd."

Addison - I'm a strong believer in Christmas. and mmm...Halloween. I'm a strong believer in Christmas and Halloween. That's it :(

And finally, me!

Ariana - "I celebrate Nowruz. It's the Persian New Year :)."



MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY *by Damian Gomez*

Hola everybody! We have Independence Day each summer, but did you know that Mexico has an Independence Day too?

History: Mexico, once known as New Spain, was a colony harshly ruled by the kingdom of Spain for over 300 years. The native population was oppressed, farmland and personal wealth were confiscated and only Spaniards were allowed to hold political posts. The oppression became too much

and a Catholic priest in the town of Dolores named Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla had enough. On September 16, 1810, he rang his church's bell and delivered a speech now known as the Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores), demanding the end of Spanish rule. This started the brutal Mexican War of Independence, which lasted over a decade. On August 24, 1821, Spain withdrew and officially recognized Mexico as an independent country.

How they celebrate it.

Mexicans everywhere gather annually with family and friends to honor this date. A country-wide holiday, the Independence Day celebration for many includes starting the day by wearing the Mexican flag colors of red, white, and green. It often ends with people watching fireworks swooping through the night skies and they also put Mexican flags on top of their car to show they celebrate it. And that's how they celebrate Independence day in Mexico. I hope you learned something about Mexican independence.



NATIONAL GUACAMOLE DAY

by Ava Harrison



National Guacamole Day was on September 16, 2023. This day is to appreciate the delicious and exquisite flavor of guacamole. Did you know that the Aztecs were the first to make guacamole? They first made this around the 1500. Guacamole is very good because it's customizable. Meaning that you can add what you want into it. There's also a

wide variety of things that you can eat with guacamole, like different types of chips and vegetables. There are many recipes to make guacamole. It only takes around ten minutes to make. Guacamole is good for almost everyone because it is vegan and healthy and lowers bad cholesterol. That is why guac is so good.

EASY GUACAMOLE

Peel and pit **two ripe avocados** and mash in a medium serving bowl. Chop **one small onion**, **one ripe tomato** and stir into mashed avocado. Add **one teaspoon minced garlic**, **two tablespoons of lime juice**, and season with **ground sea salt** and **cracked black pepper**. Cover and chill for 30 minutes, then enjoy.

All About Sugar Gliders

by Abigail Pilny



Sugar gliders are small but cute animals. They are sometimes

referred to as lesser gliding opossums or sugar squirrels. Sugar gliders get their name because of the specialized flap connecting the front leg to the hind leg, giving them the ability to glide.

They are mammals. They have gray hair and a couple black stripes. They are very small. They are only 5 or 6 inches long and weigh between 4 and 6 ounces. They occasionally eat insects, mice, nuts, and other small mammals. Sugar gliders usually live for about 4 to 6 years.

Sugar gliders are able to glide up to 148 1/2 feet and have been observed to leap at and catch moths in flight. Females have a pouch on their belly in which they raise their young for ten weeks after birth. I hope you enjoyed learning about sugar gliders!

THE AMAZING DODO BIRD



by Addison Meredith

Dodo birds have got to be one of the most interesting birds ever. Now I get it. dodo birds are extinct, but that doesn't mean they are not interesting. Now let's talk about why they became extinct. They lived on a island called Mauritius and when explorers came to the island they needed food. Sadly they chose dodo birds, and they could not fly. Maybe they could originally, but because the island that they lived on had no natural predators they did not need to fly, so they might not have been able to fly. After of hundreds of years of not needing to fly, they no longer had the ability. The birds were not alarmed when the people came, as they had no experience of predators. Dodo birds may not have been that dumb, just victims of circumstance. Hopefully you learned something about dodo birds, the amazing flightless bird.

All About The Cutest Animals In The World by Ava Harrison

The cutest animals in the world - otherwise known as chipmunks - are so interesting to learn about. Did you know that chipmunks can gather up to 165 acorns in one day? Or that they make burrows underground and the entrance to the burrow can extend up to 20 feet in length? When they are in a group they are called a scurry, and that leads to my next fact, Chipmunks are very fast. They can run up to 21 miles an hour. They also have pouches in their cheeks



that can expand three times bigger than their head, which is a lot of space for carrying seeds, grass, nuts, berries, roots, mushrooms, corn, insects, or small eggs. Chipmunks will burrow almost anywhere. From rocky areas to next to sidewalks and flowerbeds and lawns. Out of all the known chipmunks species, (there are 25 known species), 24 live in North America and the last species is called the Siberian chipmunk and lives around Asia and Europe. I hope you love chipmunks as much as I do and find them as fascinating as I do.

Don't Miss This...

Trinity's students will sing in the Sunday, September 24, church service. Church begins at 9 a.m.



Trinity Students Featured in Creative Writing Journal



Caesura is a publication of Concordia University Chicago that celebrates the creative writing of

young Lutherans, coedited by Professor Andy Pederson, the nephew of Trinity's own Beth Kraegel. Students from Trinity's Journalism class submitted work last spring. Congratulations to Trinity students Roscoe Barnett, Ava Harrison, Ariana Mehrazar, Angelina Iverson, and Sophia Garcia, and Trinity alumna Alexandra Harris, each of whom had pieces featured in Caesura. You can view or download the issue here: <https://tinyurl.com/Caesura2023>, or request a copy via Trinity's office.

Need a Reason to Volunteer? Check This Out...



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