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# Trinity Lutheran School News & Views

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

## upcoming EVENTS

by Penelope Loera

**September 22:** 8:45 a.m. grades 1- 8 sing in church

**September 24:** 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance, 4 p.m. Volleyball game@HOME, Hot Lunch (mostaccioli)

**September 27:** 4 p.m. Volleyball game@Immanuel/Elmhurst

**October 1:** 8:40 a.m. special TUESDAY chapel with Joe Boway, 4 p.m. Volleyball game@HOME

**October 2:** no chapel

**October 3:** Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten families

**October 4:** 4 p.m. Volleyball game@St. Paul/Brookfield

**October 6:** following church, Trinity Appreciation Luncheon (no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School)

**October 8:** 4 p.m. Volleyball game@Concord/Bensenville

**October 9:** 4:30 p.m. Cross Country meet @Walther/Melrose Park

**October 11:** NO SCHOOL - Teacher InService Day

**October 14:** NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

**October 18:** Fall Fest, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**October 20:** 8:45 a.m. students sing in church

**October 27:** Reformation Sunday, 4 p.m. Trivia4Bibles

**November 1:** Walther Theatre field trip, "James and the Giant Peach" - all grades



## Students Sing Sunday in Church

by Julia Lesch

This Sunday, September 22, Trinity's 1st through 8th grade students will sing in church. "How Majestic is Your Name" will be sung early in the service. The students seem to enjoy singing in church. They do so once a month and the congregation seems to welcome it. This Sunday, Trinity's high school youth group will also be providing music during the church service. Trinity's school children will next be singing on October 20. **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6**

## TRINITY'S WEEKLY EVENTS

### at church & school:

**SUNDAYS:** 9 a.m. Church, followed by Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

**MONDAYS:** 3 p.m. Cross Country, 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, 3 p.m. Cross Country, Volleyball practice

**THURSDAYS:** 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance

**FRIDAYS:** 8:15 a.m. Handbells, 3 p.m. Cross Country

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## Cross Country

by Lucia Giurdanella and Keyana Moscatello



The authors (above in Trinity green) hold their own in a field of close competitors.

Trinity's cross country competitions are one or two mile races. Teams in our league consist of 1st through 8th grade students, depending on the school. We don't race on a traditional track but in the forest or on a trail. We learn to adapt to running on different terrains like hills and over streams. When a race begins, you start in a square with the rest of your team and then you just run in a clump after that. Near the end, when you see the finish line, you start to pick up your pace, trying to pass others as you aim for a full-on sprint. Trinity's first meet was at terrace park. The team ran two miles. Everyone did really well. Our most recent cross country competition was at Walther Christian Academy.

## Handbells

by Jordyn Mardini and Giovanna Ramirez

Trinity offers a musical opportunity for students in grades 3 through 8 with the handbell choir. Trinity's children's handbells are directed by Mrs. Perez. Handbells, according to Mrs. Perez, have been offered to Trinity students for about 35 years. She says that she has taught them longer than she can remember! Later in the year, the children's handbell choir will play on Sunday in church.

## Volleyball

by Allison Gagliano and Maria Gronwold

On September 17, the Trinity Chargers won their very first volleyball game of the season. We won 2 out of 3 matches and our fans were proud. Trinity had a school volleyball team for many years, but after a brief time without, this is our second consecutive year of playing volleyball. Every Tuesday and Thursday we have volleyball practice after school. We always have a lot of fun playing, and even if we don't win all of our games, we still have a good time.



Trinity's Chargers face off against the Tigers at Trinity/Burr Ridge on September 13.

## Cheer and Dance

by Julia Lesch

Mrs. Rittenhouse coaches Trinity's cheer and dance squad. They practice on Thursdays and Tuesdays after school. Team members include: Addison, Abby, Angelina, Sofia, Riley, and Sophia. They cheer on the sideline in home basketball games and dance during halftime. New team members (and spectators) are welcome! Trinity used to have cheerleaders in the past, but this is the first time there has been a dance team and this is the second year for this team.

**Praise him with tambourine and dance. Psalm 150:4**

# What Makes Trinity Special?

by Carli Highberger and Abby Schnitker

One thing unique about Trinity is its people. The people at Trinity are very kind and different in many ways. Our school is small, but we have many different after school activities year round. There is volleyball and cross country in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track in the spring. After school, there's almost always something going on, like garden club, or cheer and dance. There's music - band, strings, piano, handbells and choir. Another unique thing about Trinity is how committed and loving the teachers are. For example, Mrs. Rittenhouse coaches several sports, Mrs. Perez teaches handbells, and Miss Kraegel decorates the halls and handles all the recycling. We are especially thankful for the contributions of our teachers, staff and volunteers for making it possible for us to both learn and have fun outside of class.

We asked a few other students about what they thought was unique about Trinity. Penny mentioned the marbles we have in Mrs. Messina's classroom. When ever we are quiet and behaving well, our teacher puts a handful of marbles in a jar, when that jar is finally filled, we get to watch a movie and eat popcorn for an afternoon. Jordyn noted that our school is small, and how that is great because we all get the attention we need. It's our own little world. We love Trinity!

## Joe Boway: Bring Jesus to Children in Liberia

by Carli Highberger and Keyana Moscatello

We have been collecting backpacks, number two pencils, 40 or 70-page spiral bound notebooks for Joe Boway. Who is Joe? He is a special friend of Trinity and the founder of Liberian Children's Ministry. Joe, his wife, and ministry team have been starting Lutheran schools in Liberia and telling the children and their families about Jesus. The reason we are collecting school supplies is because many people in Liberia don't have the things we have. If our school pencil broke, we could easily get a new one, but things that we might take for granted can be hard for African school children to obtain. God has given us the opportunity to share His love through providing these school supplies. If you would like to join in - please bring these items before October 1, when Joe visits Trinity for a special Tuesday morning chapel.



Pictured above, Joe Boway speaking to Trinity students during a chapel service last year.



At left, Carli, Lucia and Abby display some of the backpacks already collected for distribution to Liberian school children.

Backpacks, number 2 pencils, and 40 or 70-page spiral bound notebooks will be collected up until October 1.

# Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Rittenhouse

by Jordyn Mardini and Giovanna Ramirez

We interviewed Mrs. Rittenhouse, Trinity's kindergarten teacher, and learned that she has been a teacher for thirteen years now, three of them at Trinity Lutheran School, beginning in the position of 1st and 2nd grade teacher and then moving to kindergarten. She went to Luther College in Decorah. Mrs. Rittenhouse coaches several athletic activities at Trinity. She's very good at her job and the students love her. Her favorite subject is reading because she enjoys it and wants to give her students the opportunity to be part of the "joyful and powerful world of books." Mrs. Rittenhouse is the mother of two young boys who attend Trinity. Justin is in 2nd grade and Lane is in her kindergarten class. One of her favorite movies is *The Wizard of Oz*. Mrs. Rittenhouse has a regular quote that she daily asks her students: "Where should your body be right now?"



## Hot Lunch by Allison Gagliano and Maria Gronwold

Every Tuesday, hot lunch is served by Mrs. Gronwold, and the students really enjoy it! Michael remarked, "The food is good and I love it." Keyana had similar thoughts, saying, "We get to eat food and it's delicious." Abby S. likes it "because it's yummy." The hot lunch menu, which rotates throughout the month, features pizza, mac 'n' cheese, hot dogs, and mostaccioli. (Our informal survey concluded that the local favorite is mostaccioli.)

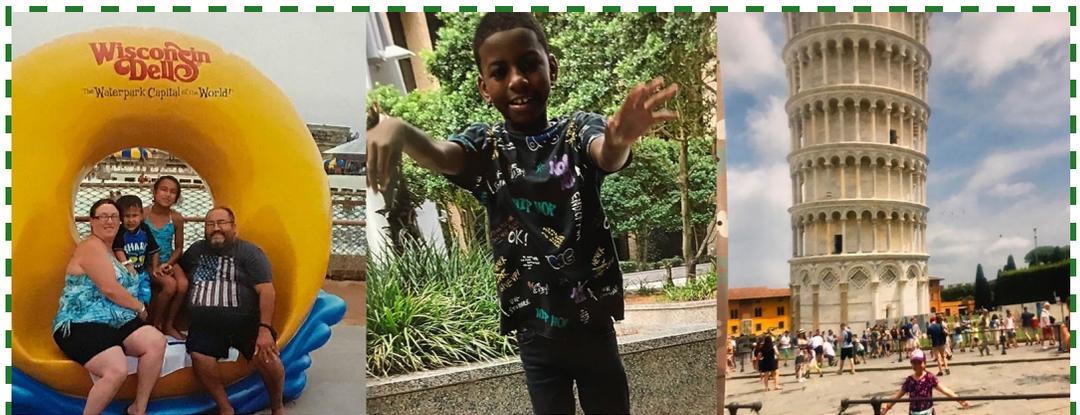
## Thanksgiving Break by Michael Gagliano and Jaylin Miller

Before you know it...Thanksgiving will be here. For Trinity students, school dismissed early on Tuesday and resumes the next Monday. For most of us, it is celebrated with friends and family and has a lot of delicious food. We asked some of our classmates what they do on Thanksgiving. Abby is planning to go to her cousins' house for Thanksgiving and eat a lot of food! Lucia and her family sometimes go to her grandma's house to celebrate, and Keyana says goes over to her cousins' house to get fat!

## SUMMER MEMORIES by Lucia Giurdanella and Abby Schnittker

Summer is over and school is well underway. A few students shared with us what they did over the summer. Abby attended summer camp, Lucia went swimming in the ocean and also visited North and South Carolina, which she found incredibly enjoyable. Kyren kicked off his 4th grade year with a trip to Alabama with his parents. Sophia and her family went watersliding, fishing, and to Wisconsin Dells, while Angelina was at the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy! Summer is indeed over but we still share fun memories.

Shown from left: Sophia and family at the Wisconsin Dells, Kyren in Alabama, and Angelina at the tower in Pisa, Italy.



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