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## OCTOBER 31:

### *It's Not Just Halloween*

by Carli Highberger, Naomi Pulli and Abby Schnittker

October 31 is not only Halloween. It is also Reformation Day! Reformation Day is when Martin

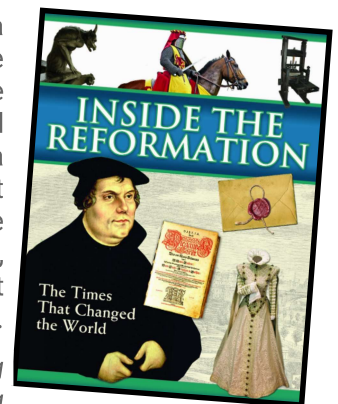
Luther posted his 95 theses or questions to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He posted question that addressed matters such as, "Why was the Catholic Church selling indulgences - or what we might view as 'get out of hell free' cards? Luther, a Catholic pastor, was not happy with the church because they were not telling the truth about what the Bible says. He believed that if you believe in Jesus Christ as Savior then you will go to heaven. Luther didn't think that the Catholic church was right to sell 'admission' to heaven, making people afraid for their loved ones and themselves. They feared they would not spend eternity with God if they did not pay. The Bible clearly states that Jesus paid for every sin we would ever commit, through His death and resurrection.

**Who was Luther?** Martin Luther, was a German professor who taught and studied theology, composer, priest, Augustinian monk, and a seminal figure in the Reformation. In 1507 Luther was ordained to the priesthood. As he studied God's Word, he began to reject several teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church, which he viewed as non-Biblical. For example, some leaders in the Catholic church would punish people for their sin (that's God's job). Luther translated the Bible from Latin to the common language of the people in Germany. Because of the revolutionary change he started, he is often called The Great Reformer.

**Why is the Reformation still significant for today's Christians?** Reformation Day is important because it provides us with an annual opportunity to focus on repenting of our sins and excesses of the past and to celebrate our common faith. The Reformation brought spiritual liberation to all people to be able to be free from sin and guilt and know true salvation as found in Jesus Christ.

*Inside the Reformation* is a visual journey through the Reformation with concise text and richly designed pages. While not laid out as a traditional history book, it communicates the same information through pictures, illustrations, and short articles in a fun way.

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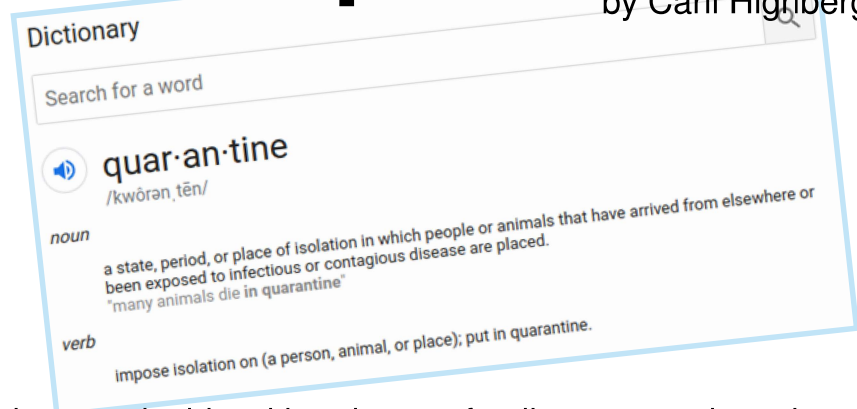
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# Are we STILL in quarantine?

by Carli Highberger

Many months have gone by and we are still involved in this pandemic. But are we technically still in quarantine?

People all around the world are being forced to live a new lifestyle most people have never lived before. But are we actually still in quarantine?



Quarantine means being forced to stay inside with only your family, pets, and maybe friends. We are ordered to stay quarantined by our Governor J.B Pritzker, because of COVID-19 which is contagious. Scientists are working on a vaccine for this illness but so far it has not been found. In my opinion I think we are not in quarantine still because we are allowed to go into public places - including school for most private school students.

I asked a public school student what he thought about this subject and he said that he thinks we are still in quarantine because he is still participating in remote learning. In my opinion, we are not still in quarantine, just some people think we are in quarantine because they are still doing remote learning and because they attend a public school which has many more students than our Lutheran school.

In conclusion I think that if you are a student, your opinion on this topic is based on which school you attend.

## ELECTION DAY

by Naomi Pulli

As you can probably tell from the picture, election day can be stressful. You have to really think about who you want to vote for, and who you think would lead our country responsibly. As most of you already know the major Presidential candidates this year are President Donald Trump, currently in office, and former Vice President Joe Biden.



President Trump was elected in 2016 by only 27 votes! It was a massive surprise considering how far behind former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton he was in the polls. The thing that seemed to attract most people was President Trump's promise to Make America Great Again (often abbreviated as M.A.G.A.).

# Pumpkin Carving Ideas

by Kate Schreiman

Halloween is coming up soon! There are so many activities and different things you can do for halloween. I decided to share some ideas for pumpkin carving and painting. A couple examples are shown at right, but there are definitely many more than just those. You can decorate a pumpkin to resemble a Disney character, a Marvel superhero, a movie character, or design your own cute or scary face! You could paint you pumpkin like a sunset, add sequins and feathers, or whatever else you can think of. Be creative! Pumpkin carving can be a lot of (sometimes messy) work but in the end it'll be worth it to be able to display your creative masterpiece.



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by Abby Schnittker



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This fall, the activities we do may be very different than what we used to do in years past. Since Covid-19 hit, there hasn't really been that many things for people to do. Often, when we want to go to a restaurant, attend a festival, or shop at the mall with friends, we can't because of the pandemic. Many stores and restaurants are currently closed or have gone out of business.

We will have to be creative in the process of figuring it out this fall. With the changing seasons, I believe there are more opportunities to interact and do something special with a family member or friend. It can be easier to plan an activity together with a family member, because then we don't have to worry about social distancing.

One weekend, you can visit a pumpkin patch and pick out a pumpkin for carving. Consider Sonny Acres (West Chicago) or Abbey Farms (Aurora). Maybe you could talk your Grandma into a trip to fabric store to select the makings for a costume. Perhaps you could help Dad out with raking the leaves or yard work, or you can stay inside with Mom - if she's a baker - and learn how to make a delicious apple pie.

When engaging in activities with friends, we can engage in social distancing by keeping each other at a safe distance so that we don't spread germs to one another.

Fall is one of my favorite seasons of the year and I hope that we can still enjoy its festivities safely.





## Summer's Over

by Joseph Fitak

Yes, summer is over and it's very sad. Now people can't enjoy cooling off with a nice cold cup of iced lemonade. As it turns cool, everyone will put on hats and coats and gloves when they go out. It's likely that some folks will get the flu or a cold. Bans on some sports due to the coronavirus might keep us inactive, so we won't play indoor soccer or basketball. But because fall is now really here, we might as well enjoy warming up with a mug of hot chocolate!



## Halloween with Covid? by Amelie Harrison

As halloween approaches a lot of people are wondering what this halloween will be like. Are people allowed to participate in Halloween traditions? If so, what are the safety precautions? How is COVID affecting holidays? Are masks going to be required? How will trick or treating unfold?

The Illinois Department of Health & Public Health has made adjustments for those who participate in trick or treating. Trick or treating hasn't been cancelled but it is advised to celebrate at home. The IDPH

states, "Trick or treaters this year should only travel with household members, and should social distance. Trick or treaters and people handing candy out must wear a mask." These adjustments have been made to keep us all safe.

Covid has made things hard for everyone and has affected everything from daily life to national holidays. With covid, gatherings and activities with lots of people are being canceled. Covid has set our limitations higher. An example would be the prohibition of haunted houses under Illinois's governor J.B. Pritzker, phase four of reopening plan.

This year's halloween will indeed be different, but by wearing a mask, social distancing and going trick or treating with household members we can still have a fun and safe halloween.



## The Fall Fest: Will We Have One? by Nathan Pulli

*I think that we might still be able to have a fall fest, but we should limit the things we do, so that we can all be safe. We could consider a socially distanced trunk or treat, or perhaps an outdoor obstacle course with tires or rain barrels. We could carve pumpkins or create fall-themed artwork. It is possible to have real fun, while being safe, so I'm voting YES to a Fall Fest.*





## Meet Miss Sturino *by Abby Gronwold*

Ms. Sturino, or, as we call her Miss S, is our gym teacher at Trinity. She is a great teacher and we love going to gym class with her. Miss S exercises along with us. She doesn't just tell us to do this or to do that, she also does it herself. Miss S says that she would feel bad if she didn't do something first, before she told us to do it. Her favorite thing about Physical Education is that when you exercise, you know that you are improving yourself. Miss S's favorite sport to play is softball. Her hobbies are exercising, hanging out with friends and her nephews, and watching TV. She would love to be a pro softball player and her dream vacation is going to Italy. Covid-19 has taught her to enjoy the little things. She ran her first marathon on October 3. Miss Sturino is one of our favorite teachers. Please, Miss S, don't ever forget that we love you. Also, don't ever, ever leave!

## Gym Class Fitness *by Riley Baker and Ian Lesch*

Miss S is Trinity's Physical Education (P.E.) or gym teacher. For students in preschool through 8th grade there is P.E. every Tuesday and Thursday. In gym class we participate in a wide variety of things, including games, exercises, and fitness testing. Miss S loves to teach fitness to all her students. One of the types of exercise that burns the most calories is cardio. That helps strengthen your heart. To be a P.E. teacher you have to go to school for fitness and teaching. One of the best fitness tests for us is the PACER test. *[Editor's Note: The PACER Test, or Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run, is anaerobic capacity test featuring a 20-meter shuffle run, where students run back and forth as many times as they can between two markers, using music to guide their pace.]*



## SportsTalk *by Aidan Harrison and Kyren Spencer*

Sports are difficult during covid. The worst part for sports fans is not being able to sit down at a field and watch a ballgame. On a funny note, at some sports games there are cardboard cutouts of fans. People can't go to a stadium souvenir shop and get a jersey or a football with your team on it because those shops are closed. It's hard to believe that money is being wasted on drones to clean and sanitize fields and stadium, when but in reality people aren't able to go to the sports arenas - the drones are primarily cleaning equipment that may sit in a storage closet gathering dust.

In baseball, they wet the field every day so the grass doesn't rip out while players run on it but they know no one is going to show up. And they have to sanitize the baseballs even though there isn't going to be a single soul showing up to watch. We think there is probably tumbleweed on some fields, just waiting for covid to be over.

Who could forget pre-quarantine football - when most people were not taking covid seriously - there was some guy who coughed on all the equipment as a PRANK! ??? That is truly irresponsible and could have caused people to get sick or die. Some sports, like soccer, can be physically dangerous and now there is the risk of coronavirus! The basketball season is in progress and will be into December, but there will be a lot of time and effort put into sanitizing the balls.

Sports are happening - in a way - but our analysis is that from a fan perspective, it's not a great experience.



# REFORMATION WORD SEARCH

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