

Trinity News & Views

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Christ is Risen A Chapel Celebration

by Carli Highberger

During chapel Trinity wanted to have a celebration for the day that Jesus Christ rose. There were many different surprises throughout the chapel that our 8th graders set up. When you walked in you were greeted with hand clappers used by Mrs. Messina. Everyone was really excited to start chapel. Once everyone sat down and was comfortable it was announced to look under your seat, where there was some type of noise maker. There were kazoos, hand clappers, blow horns, whistles, and more. Once everyone was able to find their noise maker, the count-down started. "Three! Two! One!" and everyone made as much noise as possible to celebrate Jesus.



Our Chapel Offerings

by Aidan Harrison

The Rice Bowls project helps people provide for hungry children by collecting money in a piggy bank that looks like a bowl of rice. There is a bowl in each classroom to collect our offerings. Rice Bowls partners with 58 faith-based Christian children's homes in 8 countries to provide all of the food needed for the children in their care. Visit RiceBowls.org to learn more about this Christian help organization.



Blossoms are Blooming! by Abby Schnittker

Now that spring is finally here, the grass is getting greener and flowers are starting to bloom. Sometimes it can be very difficult to decide which type of flowers to plant in our gardens.

Tulips are great flowers to plant in the spring. Be careful where you plant them because they will come back and bloom year after year.

Another great spring flower is daffodils. They have beautiful petals with vibrant yellow and white colors. However, they also return and bloom year after year each spring.

Hostas may not be flowers, but they are a beautiful spring plant that has fabulous leaves.

Now that it is warmer and spring has sprung, we can plant more flowers and plants. Flowers are wonderful bursts of color and can make your garden shine.

Not All the Beautiful Flowers Grow in a Garden...

Hand Flower Bookmarks by Grace Sabourin

One of my favorite parts of spring is to make up and look up fun spring crafts. I have a lot of favorite spring crafts but my favorite one is hand flower bookmarks.

- **First, gather felt, green marker, paper, Sharpie marker, scissors, glue, a green piece of paper, and popsicle sticks.**
- **Next, color the popsicle sticks green to look like flower stems.**
- **Then take your piece of paper and trace your hand and cut the hand shape out.**
- **Next trace your hand shape onto any color of felt with a Sharpie marker and cut it out.**
- **Glue your felt hand shape it on the green popsicle stick.**
- **Cut out two leaves from a green piece of paper.**
- **Glue the leaves on the green popsicle stick and YOU'RE DONE!**

I love many crafts that I do but this one is my favorite.



What flowers to grow in spring time

by Nathan Pulli

I don't know about you but I love spring time. It is an amazing time to run around and play outside. The weather is perfect and the flowers are starting to bloom! There are so many different types of flowers it's crazy. Some examples of my favorite flowers are flowers you could grow in spring time: daisies, roses, sun flowers, dahlia, clover, lilies, and many more. That is why I love the spring time and the flowers.

MEET MR. B *by Riley Baker*

Mr. James Baerenklau is Trinity's 5th-6th grade teacher. He has been teaching school for 31 years.

ME: What would you be if you weren't a teacher.

MR. B: I would be a zoologist.

ME: What is your favorite color?

MR. B: My favorite color would be green.

ME: What is your dream vacation?

MR. B: Anywhere as long as I am with my wife.

ME: Who inspired you to be a teacher?

MR. B: God inspired me to be a teacher.

ME: What do you miss most that COVID has ruined?

MR. B: Anywhere where there are crowds, like sports games.



Q & A with Mr. Cagney *by Kate Schreiman*

Mr. Kevin Cagney is an after school care teacher for 1st-8th grade. He started working here in the month of February 2021. In my opinion, he is very nice and generous to all the students here. Mr. Cagney is very good with all the children and is good at being able to get their attention.

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

A: My mom and my grandma are teachers and Miss S. has also inspired me.

Q: Do you like working here at Trinity?

A: Yes, it is really nice, and everyone here is nice and it is great that I am welcomed here.

Q: What would you be if you weren't a teacher?

A: I was very torn to want to be a nurse.

Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?

A: When I was a kid, I wanted to be an author, but my family talked me out of it.

Q: When is your birthday? **A:** March 10, 1996.

Q: Do you like being able to teach and watch over kids?

A: Yes, I love kids and it's great to be a good role model for all the kids.

SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS MEALS TO TRY AT HOME

by Angelina Cotcamp

Have you ever wanted the satisfaction of accomplishing a great dish and finally sitting down at the dinner table and taking your first delicious bite? Well, I have some mouthwatering recipes that you can try right at home.



HOW TO MAKE BEEF AND NOODLES

- Sauté ground beef in a skillet, then season with black pepper, thyme, and garlic powder.
- In another skillet, sauté onions and season with oregano.
- Cook noodles of your choice in boiling water according to the directions on the package, then drain.
- Finally, add noodles to the meat and onions in the skillet. Toss and simmer until heated through.
- Serve with peas or a side of your choice and enjoy!

HOW TO MAKE THE FAMOUS BAKED FETA PASTA

- First, add 2 pints of cherry tomatoes to a baking dish along with a half a cup of olive oil, a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Then toss together.
- Then, place a block of feta cheese right in the middle of the cherry tomatoes and add a drizzle of olive oil and a sprinkle of black pepper.
- When everything is ready, bake this in the oven at 400° for 35 minutes.
- Finally add minced garlic and fresh basil to the dish and mix around until all of the tomatoes have burst.
- After your sauce is prepared, add cooked pasta of your choice and mix again.
- Serve and enjoy.





Earth Day: April 22 *by Naomi Pulli*

Earth Day is coming up on April 22! It is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Some of the ways to support environmental protection are to pick up trash in the park or create a garden. You could even just tell someone about it! We should all do something a little special to maintain our Earth just as God has told us to in His word.

What to Do Over Summer Break

by Abby Gronwold

With spring break over, in a few months, our next break is summer break. Which means it's time to start preparing for what we're going to do! You could go to the pool, which is a great place to go to get away from the heat for a little while, and you can also get together with your friends and round up your family and have a little fun! It is also a good way to get exercise in. This is a better way to get exercise in, in my opinion, because it is very fun and you aren't sore the day after!



You can also give gardening a try. This is a great thing to do if you love the warm sun on your back and getting messy in the dirt. You can grow food to eat, or just grow flowers for show. And in this activity, practice makes perfect! Just keep going, and you'll be a pro in no time! You just need dirt, water, and some seeds of your choice, and you'll be good to go.

You could play with your pets. Cuddle with your cat, go on a walk with your dog, or watch your fish swim around. Whatever you decide to do, it's hours of fun!

One of the most important things in life is spending time with your family. If a relative lives far away, it might be time to check in on them! You can visit them in-person (but make sure you both don't have COVID), or you can make a video call, which is good way to get together if you are worried about getting it.

Have an amazing summer break!



Spring Has Sprung by Amelie Harrison

Spring has sprung and the weather is warming up meaning that outdoor activities emerge. There are countless spring activities to participate in such as gardening or outdoor sports.

Spring is a really good time for gardening because a lot of plants grow in spring and it's nice weather. It's not so cold out that plants won't grow and not so hot that you are uncomfortable. Gardening is fun and beneficial to your health and the environment.

There is a vast selection of outdoor sports such as bike riding, walking, running, soccer, baseball, football, kickball, jump rope and more. These are all a form of exercise, meaning that these activities are all beneficial for your health.

There are plenty of sporty activities but there is also a handful of serene activities you could fly a kite or go on a picnic. You could also find a playground near you, blow bubbles, draw with chalk, bird watch, cloud watch, butterfly watch, or even do something beneficial to the environment such as picking up litter.

There are endless activities outdoors that are suitable for yourself or a group. Spring is a great time to pick flowers and make flower bouquets. It is also fun to go on a nature walk. You can take a walk and look at nature around you. Overall spring is a great time for outdoor activities. The weather is nice and there are so many enjoyable activities to partake in.

Fun April Activities by Ian Lesch

Looking for some fun April activities? You can fly a kite, on Sunday you can celebrate Jesus rising from the dead, celebrate with a post-Easter egg hunt, go to church, and do many other things - like spend time with family. You could also make challenges or goals for yourself, such as spending less time with electronics and more time with family and friends.



Being Good Neighbors by Joe Fitak

Trinity just finished one of its annual projects: The Food Drive. This is an opportunity to donate food to people who may have trouble affording groceries. We collected canned foods, many types of dry foods, and basic household needs like soap and toilet paper. Trinity believes in helping the community and works hard to gather a lot to share with the food pantry.

THE FOOD COLLECTED BY TRINITY STUDENTS AND CHURCH MEMBERS GOES TO SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRIES AT:

- *First Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Chicago*
- *York Township Food Pantry in Lombard*
- *St. Vincent DePaul (in partnership with St. Pius X and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches) in Lombard*



Pastor Wagner's Best Friends

A dog is often called "Man's Best Friend" so when Pastor Wagner brought his buddies for a school visit, we had to write about it! Some journalism students got to meet the dogs and others interview Pastor about his pets.

PASTOR'S PETS! *by Angelina Cotcamp*

Today we learned a bit about Pastor Wagner's dogs! Pastor has two dogs named Bella, who is a Dalmatian and Loki, who is half Australian Sheep Dog and half German Shepherd. Bella was born December 17, 2009, and was adopted in February of 2010. Bella was adopted in Indiana then, she moved to South Dakota and finally moved to Illinois. While Bella is a very calm dog, she accidentally nipped Pastor's son's ear when she was a puppy. Loki was born July 15, 2018, and was adopted as well in September 2018. Loki is a very hyper dog and he loves to play. Even though I have never met Pastor's dogs, I am sure they are some of the most beautiful and adorable dogs.

Pastor Wagner's Dogs *by Riley Baker*

Paster Wagner has two dogs named Bella and Loki. Bella was born on December 17, 2009, and Loki was born on July 15, 2018.

The Pastor's Dogs *by Joe Fitak*

Bella is a full Dalmatian and Loki is half German Shepherd and half Sheepdog. Loki has a vicious bark. They are both Pastor's favorite dog! They are friendly to everyone.

MEET BELLA AND LOKI *by Abby Gronwold*

Bella and Loki are Pastor Wagner's dogs. Bella is a Dalmatian and Loki is a Australian sheepdog and German shepherd mix, and they are both adorable! Bella is white with tons of black spots and sheds all over the place, and Loki is a fluffball with a layer of black on the outside and gray on the inside. Bella is eleven years old (60-65 in dog years) and Loki is three (28-31 in dog years). They are both okay with water and don't go on trips. They both usually don't go on walks. Instead they both just run around the yard. Loki is very crazy and, if you've gone around to the back for at least a little bit of time, you've probably heard him barking, even though he hasn't bitten anyone in his life. You could say that his bark is worse than his bite! Bella is the more calm one, partially because she is getting old. Pastor gets better along with Bella because she is the calm one, but he loves them both equally. Both Bella and Loki are beautiful, nice dogs, and they are loved by everyone who has seen them.

Bella and Loki *by Amelie Harrison*

Today we saw pastor Wagner's Dogs (Bella and Loki) We saw Bella first who is an 11 year old Dalmatian. She was small and calm and was very pretty. Loki was a 3 year old Australian shepherd and German shepherd mix. He was black and really fluffy with floppy ears. Loki was much more lively and alert. I really enjoyed meeting Pastor's dogs today!

"Dogs are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions, they make no criticisms."—George Elliot





Pastor Wagner's Pups by Carli Highberger

Bella: Bella is really sweet but really hyper. She is a Dalmatian with black spots all over her body. She is pretty old, but she is still pretty hyper. She did not like to give kisses but she really liked to be petted.

Loki: Loki is the younger one. He jumped on everything. Pastor told us that Loki likes to wrestle. Loki had a lot of fur and he was mostly black.

Surprisingly, Bella shed more than Loki. Loki was very playful and liked to jump.

Both: Neither of them knew any tricks like "sit" or "lay down" but Loki knew how to stay and go.

Pastor's Dogs by Ian Lesch

Pastor has two dogs. Their names are Bella and Loki. Bella is a Dalmatian and Loki is half Australian sheep dog and half German shepherd. Pastor got Bella in February 2010, and he got Loki in September 2018. He gets along with both of them but mostly Bella because she is calm and Loki is all over the place. He lets them run around in the yard but he should start taking them on walks. Loki has never bitten anyone but Bella has accidentally nipped Pastor's son when they were playing with her. Loki likes to play but not for a long time, Bella not at all because she is an old dog. Bella is 11 years old and Loki is 3 years old. He doesn't take them on trips because he usually travels by plane. Bella was born in Indiana and she had to travel through three states when she moved here.

Pastor's Furry Friends by Grace Sabourin

Pastor has two dogs. Loki is a boy and Bella is a girl. Pastor said he had no favorite dog and that both of them are great dogs. The only thing he said when we asked him that question is that Bella is more calm than Loki. Bella is around 11 years old. Bella was born December 17, 2009. Bella was 2 months old when Pastor got her. Pastor got Bella from a breeder in Indiana. Bella is a purebred Dalmatian. Loki is around 3 years old. Loki was born on July 15, 2018. Loki was 2 ½ months old. Pastor got Loki from a shelter in Joliet, IL. Loki is an Australian Sheep Dog and German Shepard mix. Pastor loves his dogs very much!

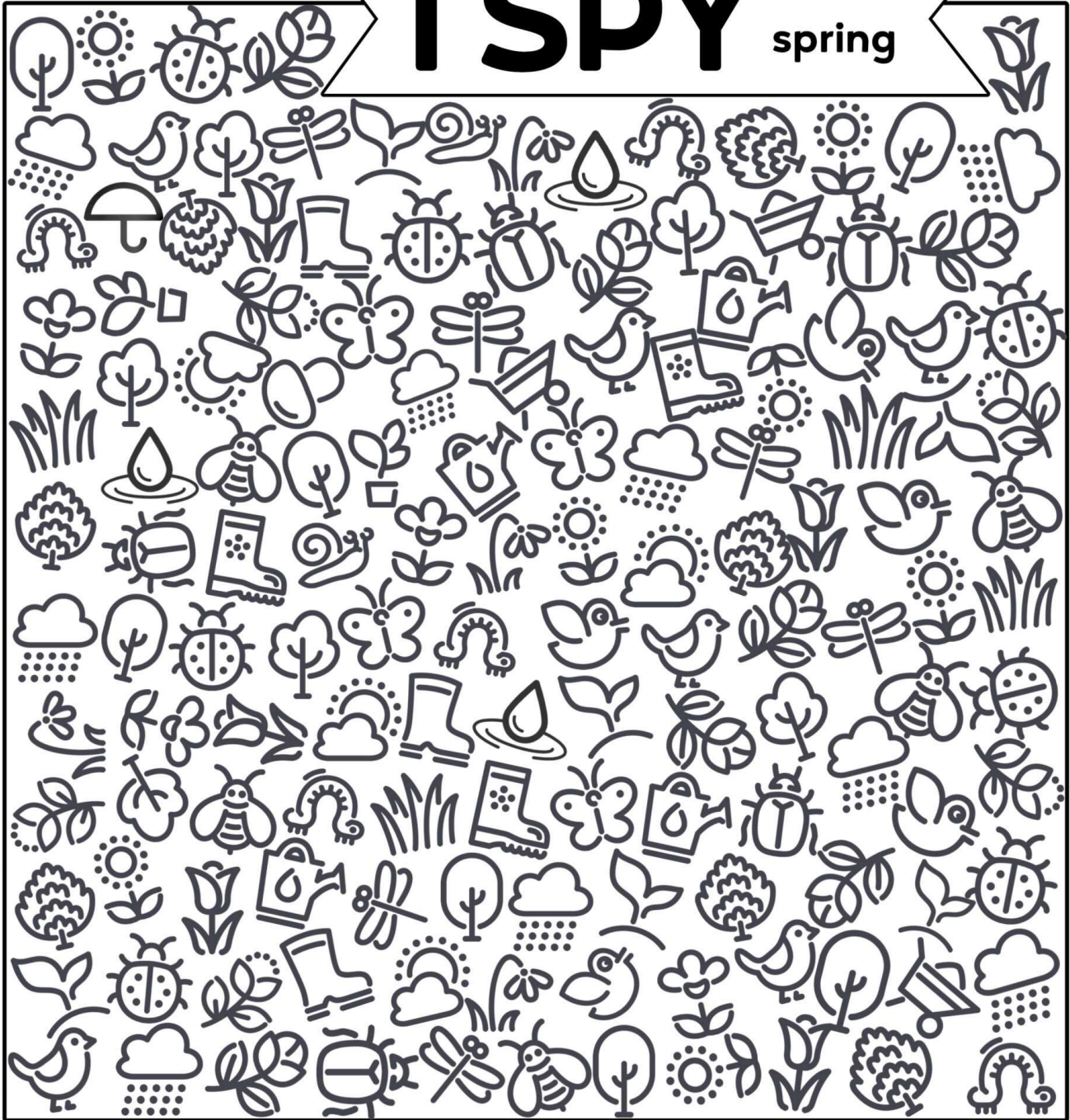
PASTOR'S PUPPIES by Abby Schnitker

Pastor Wagner has talked about his dogs many times. Eventually after trying to convince him for weeks, we finally got him to bring his dogs to school. When they arrived, we met Bella first, who is a beautiful Dalmatian. She is 11 years old and sheds a ton! She is very sweet and loves to be petted. Loki, who is an Australian and German Shepherd, is three years old and is very fluffy. Loki also loves to be petted, but he loves to play even more. Pastor loves his dogs and would do just about anything for them.

'A dog doesn't care if you're rich or poor, educated or illiterate, clever or dull. Give him your heart and he will give you his.'—John Grogan



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Who's Flying Which Kite?

Color the kite the same color as the shirt of the person flying it.

