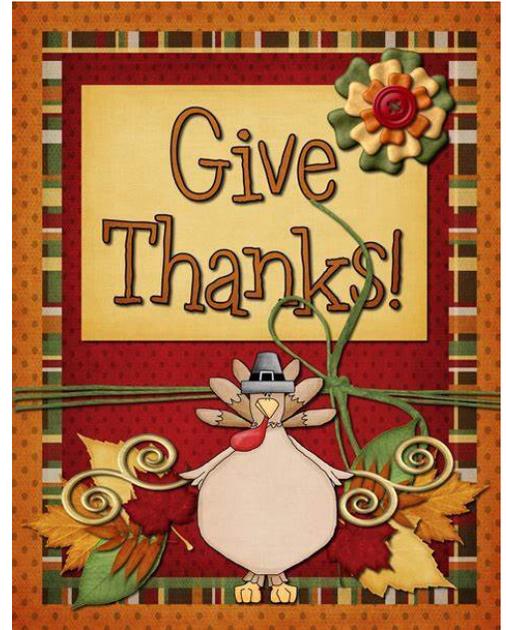


# The Chronicles of Trinity

November 2022

## It's November, What Now? *by Riley Baker*

Some people think that once it says November 1st on the calendar it is the Christmas season. Well, they are wrong. When November comes around it is the time of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the time to be thankful for all that you have and it is also the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. It is also a time to help others since God has gifted us with everything we have we should share it if we have the opportunity. Thanksgiving is about giving thanks and appreciating what you have. So, in the long run, take time to celebrate Thanksgiving before you rush into the Christmas season.



## Singing in Church *by Ariana Mehrazar*

Trinity students will be singing in church on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. The students will sing the song, **Give Thanks**. Trinity's Church Music Director Kurt Linstead will be playing the piano for the students. As you may know, he plays the organ every Sunday at church. We hope all of the students will attend and come sing. We will see you there!



Please join us for

Trinity Lutheran School

Live Nativity Night

December 10th  
4-6 p.m.

There will be...

Hot chocolate and snacks,  
live animals, pony rides, and music

We will also be collecting canned foods for the local food pantry.

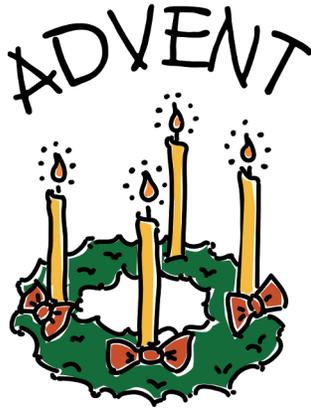
## The Living Nativity *by Alexandra Harris*

This year, Trinity will be having a Living Nativity! This will be taking place on Saturday, December 10th. It'll be right outside, in the big field. There will be real animals, like ponies, which the students will be able to ride! There will be volunteers for students to wear costumes and dress up as Mary, Joseph, Wisemen and even the Shepherds. The teachers thought it would be nice to have something for the students and children in the neighborhood to learn about Jesus and God just before Christmas!

# All About Advent

by Roscoe Barnett

Advent is a cool time because you get to light a candle every week of Advent. Advent is a tradition that is we celebrate at church. We celebrate because we await the birthday of Jesus. We also celebrate it because it's the season leading up to Christmas. I personally like it because while it is a time of reflection, it is also the time of year I can sometimes go sledding and play on the ice with my friends and my dog. My dog likes it because the snow falls on her fur and it feels nice to have it happen to you.



## An ADVENT Q & A with Pastor Wagner by Riley Baker

**Who established Advent?** St Gregory of Tours in the 400s

**What is the general idea of Advent?** It's the time to reflect on your selves and seeing that you need to repent

**When does Advent start?** The last Sunday in November or the 1st Sunday in December depending on the calendar

**What is the point of the Advent wreath?** There are five candles, three blue ones, and one pink one on the edge and the one white candle in the middle - Two of the blue ones remind us of our repentance - The third week is when you light the pink candle and it's about our joy that Jesus is coming the last blue candle (the fourth) - it reminds of of God's mercy when we get in trouble and on Christmas is when the white candle gets lit and it is the Christ candle

**What would be a symbol for Advent?** The color blue is an advent symbol and the best symbol is the wreath - Until 30 or 40 years ago the color was purple, but they changed it from purple to blue because in Lent we are sad over our sins and in Advent we are happy that Jesus is coming

# THANKSGIVING AROUND THE WORLD

By Addison Meredith

Here in the United States we make a lot of food and eat a big meal with our family. We also count are blessings and say what we are thankful for and see all that God has given us, but we never really take a look at what people do for Thanksgiving around the world, so let's take a look at what people do in Japan, Australia, and Finland. First we have Japan. In Japan the day is generally a quiet public holiday and celebrated with a family trip to a green space or amusement park, followed by a modest dinner. Next we have Australia. Australia has many similarities to Thanksgiving here but they celebrate thanksgiving on the last Wednesday of November. The last place is Finland. In Finland they do something not so Exciting, because, well they don't really celebrate the holiday at all which is really sad they're missing out, well these are how people celebrate Thanksgiving around the world.

## Chili Cook Off *by Angelina Iverson*

Last Saturday, November 5, there was a chili cook off from 5pm to 7pm. It was held in the school gym and 7 people were competing. The contestants made their chili at home and brought it to the school for tasting. The taste testers or the judges, were the people who came for fun or to help out. They were ranked 1. Best over all, 2. Hottest (spiciest), 3. Mildest, 4. Most Unique, and finally 5. Best presentation. The winners were Mrs. Stepanie Garcia with a close tie with Sandra and Glenn Wilken for best over all, the hottest chili was to Mr. Bryan Meredath, and the best presentation was Mrs. Lori Solyom's white chicken chili. The prizes included an assortment of Pampered Chef Kitchen items including a variety of towels, ladles, and cutting boards. There was also soda and water being sold by the 5th-8th graders and Trinity PwTL was selling baked goods. People had a lot of fun tasting the chili and talking.



## What Is After School Care? *by Ava Harrison*

What is After School Care like at Trinity? After School Care is a program after school hours for kids that don't go home until after 3:15 p.m. Although it costs a little bit of money, it is very fun because each day we do something different like work with PLAY DOH, play board games, color pictures, or put together puzzles.

There is also time for all the students to get their homework done. We have great teachers there to help; Miss Kraegel and Miss Molly., for children in grades 1 through 8, and Mrs. LaMontagna for the preschool and kindergarten children.

We enjoy a snack and then we go outside or into the gym, and sometimes both groups spend time together in a preschool room.

We have an awesome time together and we invite you to come join the fun. So, parents, if you can't pick your children up at three o' clock, send em' along to After School Care! See you there!



## CURRENT EVENTS IN SPACE

*by Josie Woods and Aidan Harrison*

On November 1, 2022, we were in the phase of the moon known as the first quarter. On November 8, a new phase started, it is the full moon. What's super cool is that it is the beaver moon. It has a pinkish tint to it, and the craters in the moon look like a beaver. Starting on November 16, 2022, we go into the third quarter. On November 23, there will be a new moon.

Daylight savings began on Sunday, November 6, 2022. So, hopefully you remembered to set your clocks back one hour! Each fall at 2 a.m., we set our clocks back to 1 a.m.

**BREAKING NEWS:** Scientists found an atomic gas cloud twenty times the size of the Milky Way galaxy. It was found on November 2, 2022

## How to take care of Axolotls

*by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith.*

Axolotls are crazy animals and almost look like tiny aliens, so let's learn about these crazy creatures. There are so many cool facts to learn. There are some things you need to know about them like the size tank and the temperature and the amount of food.



They need water to be at 59-69 degrees Fahrenheit or 15-18 degrees Celsius. One axolotl should have a 15-gallon tank, at least, but if you want maybe a less tall one would be good because it is better for space on the floor than length. You should feed them about twice a day. They require a lot of maintenance. We hope you learned a lot and now know how to take care of them.

## All About Ducks

*by Addison Meredith and Emma Serwas*

Ducks are amazing creatures, and Addison absolutely loves ducks - and so does Emma, so why don't we just write about these amazing creatures!

Let's start with their habitat. They live basically everywhere but Antarctica. They like ponds - A LOT.

They eat grains and grasses, aquatic plants, and invertebrates. You should not feed them bread, popcorn, chocolate, onion, garlic, avocado or citrus fruit. (do you hear that ducks) well I think we got it all. We hope you have learned something about ducks - and remember a duck is always watching!



## All About Birds

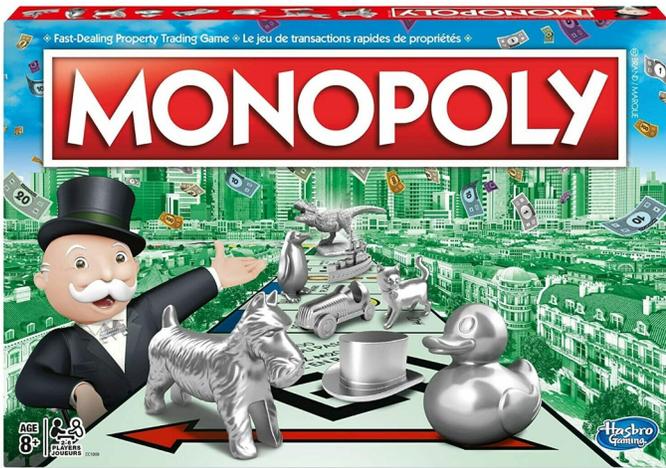
*by Ariana Mehrazar*

There are many different types of birds. I will tell you about parrots. Parrots can live over 100 years. Parrots are the only animals that can mimic human speech. Parrots are also the only birds that can eat with their feet. There are 350 species of parrots in the world. Even though the Spix's Macaw is the rarest bird in the world, it is sadly extinct. Another interesting bird is the dove. They live on an average 10 to 15 years.

# The Band

by Aidan Harrison, Riley Baker, and Alex Harris

Everyone who is in band plays an instrument; those people range from 5th to 8th grade. They can play instruments like the clarinet, the oboe, the flute, the saxophone, the trumpet, the trombone, the french horn, the percussion instruments and the strings. There are many benefits of playing an instrument, those being increasing your memory capacity, it increases your hand eye coordination, it sharpens your concentration skills. Playing an instrument is not only for people's enjoyment but as you can see it can be very beneficial for you to! If you get the chance, think about playing band do it.



## NATIONAL PLAY MONOPOLY DAY

by Ava Harrison and Sophia Garcia

Monopoly is a fun game that lots of people like to play. Monopoly is the most played game in the world. Monopoly has been played by 500 million people worldwide. In November there is a day that is especially for playing Monopoly. National Play Monopoly Day is on November 19. Some facts about monopoly are that it was made by Lizzie Magie and Charles Darrow and it was made in 1902. Monopoly is a fun game.

# PLAY MONOPOLY

## Why Dog Sledding is Fun by Roscoe Barnett and Damian Gomez



We can tell you three reasons dog sledding is fun. A lot of people do it. It is a nice way to spend time with your dogs, and it is fun to do.

1. Some people do it on their own time and participate in races (the most famous is the Iditarod in Alaska).
2. You don't have to be in races, it can just be a nice way to spend time with your dogs.
3. It is fun to do, because you can go sledding and you can train your dog to do it with you.

**Editors note: It's early for snow - but a**

**great time to shop for a sled on Amazon Smile and benefit Trinity!**

[https://smile.amazon.com/?ref=smi\\_ext\\_ch\\_36-2385617\\_dl](https://smile.amazon.com/?ref=smi_ext_ch_36-2385617_dl)

## HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CAT

*by Damian Gomez and Roscoe Barnett*

First, you have to feed your cat, get toys for your kitten, and get your pet a comfy mat to rest on. Cats and kittens need to eat, play, and relax. If they do not eat they will starve, if they do not have fun they will get bored (and get into trouble - probably destroying your stuff!), and if they do not sleep they will get tired.

While some cats are lazy and don't seem to have energy to play, most enjoy it.

Cats love their food. Most will even eat anchovies. They love treats.

Most kitties really enjoy naps. Soft places in the sunshine are popular with the feline set.



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