

# Trinity News & Views

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## Lutheran Schools Week at Trinity

by Ian Lesch

Trinity celebrated Lutheran Schools Week March 1 through 5. Lutheran Schools Week is a week when we do fun stuff.

Each day had a dress up theme: Dress as a Dr. Seuss Character, Dress as your Favorite Animal, Wacky Wednesday, Spirit Wear, and Wear your Pajamas to School. Some of my classmates favorites were Pajama Day, and Wacky Wednesday.

Students in kindergarten to 8th grade make blankets for sick children in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Edward Elmhurst Hospital.

One day teachers made breakfast for the students, another day we had ice cream, and Pastor Wagner read us a Dr. Seuss story.



National Lutheran Schools Week provides more than 1,900 preschools, elementary schools, and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

### The 2021 Theme: Sent to Serve

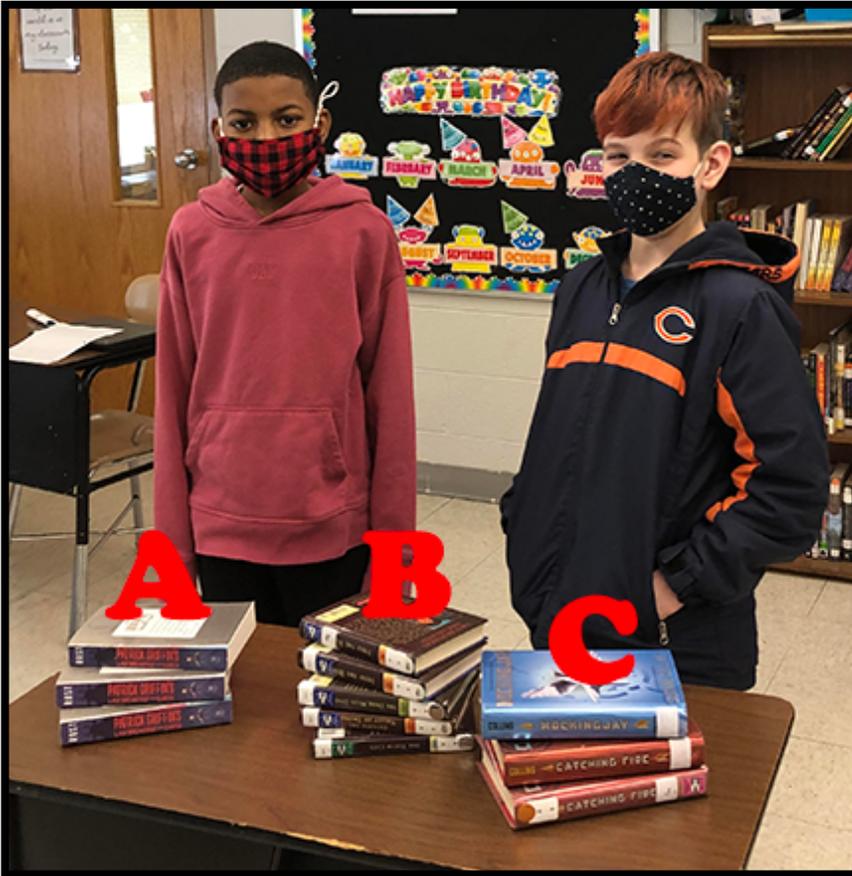
"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."  
Matthew 20:28



## WHY I ❤️ TRINITY

by Abby Schnittker

For the past few years, Trinity has been a great school for me. In fourth grade, I left my school and came here because my other school wasn't a great fit. When I arrived here, I immediately started to make friends. Because there are smaller classes, I got the attention I needed from teachers and I formed a tight bond with the students around me. The teachers make sure that you know how to do your assignment before completing it. The teacher cares about you and how you are doing. They are always willing to help you out on things that you don't understand. However, they are also willing to challenge you with assignments and different questions. There are also many volunteers and kind people that help with hot lunch and different school activities. Trinity is a wonderful school to belong to and a great place to be yourself.



# Our Bible Verse Survey: Which of these three is YOUR favorite?

by Aidan Harrison & Kyren Spencer

- A. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1  
27%
- B. Be still, and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10  
46%
- C. For unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins. John 8:24  
27%

## Helping End Hunger and Poverty with Heifer International

by Joe Fitak and Aidan Harrison

The Heifer Project is about raising money for people who don't have enough money to buy food or a good way to make a living. By donating you can help buy animals for needy families, providing them with a sustainable income source. Every day 690 million people go hungry. Supporting Heifer International, which helps families in the United States and around the world. You can help reduce that number!



Over several weeks, Trinity's chapel offerings purchased a flock of chickens, a pig, a sheep, and a goat for families living in poverty. Learn more at [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org).

## My Favorite Movie: A Review by Nathan Pulli

My favorite movie is **Zombieland** because there is a lot of action. It is scary and funny. The actors are good, and they do a great job with the comedy. It is one of the best movies I have ever watched. I highly recommend this movie as I have enjoyed it many times.





## The History Behind St. Paddy's Day!

by Naomi Pulli

*When you think of St. Patrick's Day, you're probably thinking about all the sparkly green hats, and the necklaces with a shot glass on them that say, "kiss me I'm Irish." On that note we'd like to say that, that's not all the holiday is about - it is actually based on a real person! I personally think it's kind of ironic though, because St. Patrick wasn't Irish and his name was not Patrick either! He was*

*known as a saint and his real name was Maewyn Succut, but he didn't care much for the name so he went by Patricious. He actually had a lot of other nicknames too, but we'll just stick with the one.*

*His father was a deacon in the Christian church. It wasn't until Patrick was captured by Irish slaves at 16 that he finally gave himself to God. While he was in Ireland he learned the Irish language and culture before trying to escape back to Britain. Patrick obviously wasn't the most skilled at escaping because he got captured again! This time by the French. He was held in France and he learned about monasticism. He was released back into Britain where he continued to study Christianity way into his twenties.*

*He claimed that he had a vision that had told him to spread Christianity to the Irish. When he went back into Ireland his religion was not welcomed. So he went to some small islands off the coast. There he gained some followers and went back to the mainlands to spread more about the Christian religion over the years to come. In that time he baptized thousands of people, ordained new priests, guided women into convents as nuns, and a lot of other great things. Legend has it that Patrick may have been responsible for the shamrock! They say he used it to teach about the Trinity because it had three leaves.*



## About the Shamrock

by Kate Schreiman

The Shamrock was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of Spring. When the English seized Irish land and made laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rules.

Fun fact: The color traditionally associated with St. Patrick was blue, not green.



## The Shamrock & Saint Patrick's Day

by Kyren Spencer

According to some Christian believers, Saint Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Irish Christian converts. He used each leaf to represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The three leaves of the shamrock are also said to stand for faith, hope, and love. The shamrock has long been a symbol of Saint Patrick's Day and it has a long colorful tradition that means different things to different people. The tradition of wearing shamrocks on Saint Patrick's Day can be traced back to the early 1700s. Saint Patrick understood the Celtic people. When Saint Patrick died, several communities joined together for his burial. One legend is of Saint Patrick lighting an Easter bonfire when it was forbidden to light any other fire in Ireland until after the lighting of the High King's own bonfire. When the High King saw that Saint Patrick was lighting the fire he sent soldiers to kill him and put out the fire. But Patrick escaped and the fire would not go out so many on the King's court bowed down to Saint Patrick and were converted to Christianity. Even though the High King was not one of these he granted Patrick free speech and the right to preach freely throughout Ireland.

## Mack, My Dog by Grace Sabourin

Mack is my beautiful dog. Mack is around seven months old. Mack is one of the most vocal dogs I have ever met. He loves to talk to me when I am not paying attention to him, when he wants something, or when he sees me or my mom making food. Mack loves when we go on walks, when we play fetch, when we see his dog cousin Gus who is a mini bernedoodle, and when we see his other dog cousin Gus who is a beagle.

I have had four dogs in the past year which is pretty weird and sad. The reason I have had that many is because my 13-year old yellow lab Monte died in March 2020 right when the Covid lockdown was starting. It was definitely hard not being able to see friends, not go anywhere, to be stuck at home, and to not have the dog I've been around for my whole life be there.



After spring break, my family started looking at rescue puppies. It seemed like everyone in Illinois was adopting puppies because we looked for over a month without a response. We looked on one rescue website that had hundreds of dogs up for adoption, and we got nothing back from them. One day my mom posted something on a Facebook group where you can see if anyone in the group has a type of rescue animal you want. My mom said we were looking for a lab mix. Within 15 minutes someone messaged her and said they had a male 8-week old black lab dutch shepherd mix. My mom said we would go visit him on Sunday to see if he is a good fit for our family. Sure enough he was. We picked him up that Wednesday. We named him George. About 2 and a half weeks later we found out George had distemper, a fatal disease. After a week or so he couldn't really walk and wasn't eating. We decided to put him down because he was suffering. It was very sad.

Two months later we found another dog. He was a lab beagle mix. We named him Louie. Louie was a great dog until we found out he was very aggressive towards anyone who tried to come close to him when he had a bone or toy. My family gave Louie to a family that will love him and train him not to do that. My mom surprised me and my sister saying that we are getting another puppy. I was surprised because I thought we were done getting puppies. It was like, third time a charm! Mack is a purebred English black lab. We decided to get a dog from a breeder because we tried to rescue two times and it didn't work.

The labrador retriever goes back to the 1830s. Labs are hunting dogs. Labs come in three main colors: yellow, black, and chocolate. There is one other which is silver. Silver labs tend to have behavior issues because it takes a different kind of breeding to get that color. Black labs are the calm labs, yellow labs are the intelligent ones with good temperaments, and chocolate labs are the crazy ones. There are English and American labs. American labs are more hyper and English are more calm. I love all labs, though.



My family and I have had Mack for around five months and nothing bad has happened so that is good. Some nicknames we have for Mack are Mack-a-doodle, Mack-a-roni, Mack-a-roni and Cheese, Mackie, Big Mack, Mack Attack, M, and Mr. Mack. Mack is my favorite dog to have around for sure. I love MACK.

## A BIT ABOUT THE PURRFECT CAT, THE HIMALAYAN *by Lina Cotcamp*



Himalayans are not the kind of cat that will almost tear your eyes out and destroy your house. In fact, they maintain a very calm personality, they are quite fond of people and they are the perfect "lap cat." While the Himalayan cat is very calm, that does not mean that they are lazy. These cats are very intelligent and they even get along with well-mannered dogs. The average Himalayan has a lifespan from 9 to 15 years and can weigh between 7 and 12 pounds. The Himalayan cat was created by two researchers from Harvard in 1935. They cross-bred a Siamese female cat with a Persian male cat. Although they didn't mean to create a new breed of cats, they still created one of the most beautiful breeds in my opinion.

### MEET THE HIMALAYAN IN MY HOUSE

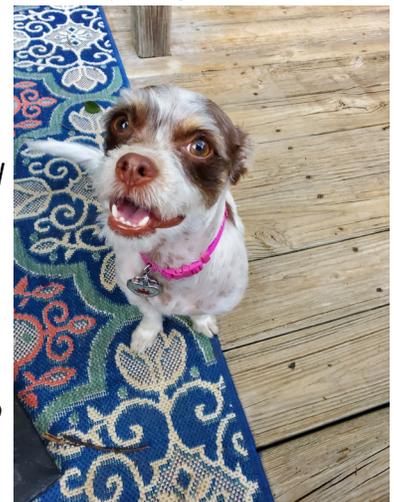
Lizzy is an eight-year-old Himalayan cat and was born June 6, 2012. When I was four years old, my dad adopted Lizzy as a kitten. When Lizzy was about four years old, she started to live with my grandma and ever since then, my grandma loved her! Lizzy is very calm but once in a while, she will run around and play with anything she finds. She also loves being with humans and she loves the plant next to the window where she will always be. If she doesn't see anybody for ten minutes or more, she will start to meow. Also, if you are laying on the couch with a blanket on your lap, she will come up to you and start to dig her nails into your blanket like she is kneading dough. Then she will lay on you, curl up in a little ball and purr. I have known Lizzy almost my whole life and she is the most loving animal I have ever known.



## PEANUT THE SHICHI *by Riley Baker*

*Peanut was born on June 7, 2018. She is one of the most gentle dogs. Her breed is a ShiChi. She may sound fierce with her bark and and tiny growl but she won't hurt you. When I first got her she weighed less than a key chain with keys. Unfortunately, she was treated badly before I adopted her. The person "taking care" of her gave Peanut over-the-counter shots instead of taking her to a veterinarian for three weeks. Those didn't prevent*

*anything. The former owner acted a little suspicious so we took her to the vet (not waiting 3 weeks). She was very sick. She had every worm a puppy could get and the vet was surprised she could even move. After a couple of weeks of medicine she was healthy. Now she is a little dog who loves to play. When she plays tug-of-war with her toys she does a cute little fake growl. Once you get to know her she is amazing! There is no reason to be scared because she won't bite. Peanut's "grandma" got her into enjoying cheese. Now, every time she hears a crinkle she thinks it cheese. It's cute, but sometimes annoying. Peanut loves it when people carry her everywhere. Sometimes I think she thinks she is a queen. ShiChi's can weigh up to 13 lbs. They can reach 10 inches in height when they grow up and can live up to 12 or 15 years.*



## Homemade Hot Chocolate (Chocolate Bar Hot Chocolate)

by Carli Highberger

Prep: 5 minutes  
Cook: 5 minutes  
Total: 10 minutes  
Servings: 1

### Ingredients

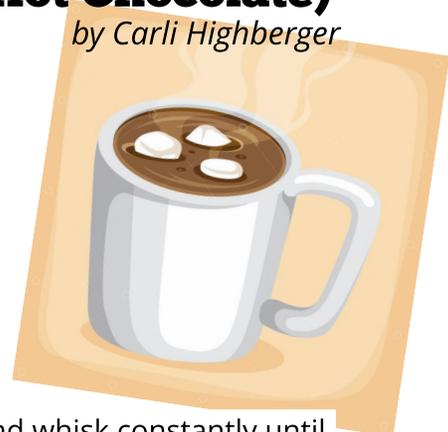
1 (1.55 ounce) bar milk chocolate candy bar, chopped  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  cup milk, or more to taste  
1 pinch ground cinnamon (optional)

### Directions

Place chocolate pieces in a saucepan over medium-low heat; add milk and whisk constantly until chocolate is melted and well blended, about 5 minutes. Whisk in cinnamon. Remove from heat; add more milk if desired. Serve in a mug.

Recipe from: Duckball - <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/229421/chocolate-bar-hot-chocolate/>

**My opinion:** I find this hot chocolate good for a sore throat. In my opinion it is not as good as the store bought "Swiss Miss" but it is still not that bad. I would rate this drink a 7/10, but who knows, your opinion may be different!



## Growing a Garden by Amelie Harrison

As we enter March and the spring season, we start to notice the signs of new life. Spring is a great time to start gardening. Gardening is useful for many things including health benefits, environmental benefits, and it provides foods at a lower cost. Gardening is simple and relaxing.

If you're a beginner in gardening, how do you garden? Well, gardening is a simple process. To start you should decide what you'd like to plant. Spring is a good time to plant many flowers such as daffodils, tulips, lilacs, crocus, zinnias, or marigolds. Good vegetables to plant in spring are beets, carrots, tomatoes, beans, broccoli and more.

After deciding what to plant you should find a good spot to plant it. You should consider what environment the plant you picked grows best in. If your plant needs lots of sun, plant it outside in a spot that receives more light. Research and find that spot prior to planting.

The next step is to purchase supplies. Some common supplies needed are hand shovels/hand rakes, garden gloves, watering can, soil and any flower or vegetable seeds. If you already have these supplies, then you are one step ahead!

After you have purchased the supplies needed you will then need to plant the seeds according to the seeds package. You might want to do some research beforehand about the specific flowers or vegetables so you can learn more about how to plant the seeds. You will also need to know how to take care of the plants so that your plants won't die. You should learn the fundamentals of nurturing your plants, including how often, how much, and when to water your plants, and how much sun they need.

These are all important things when it comes to taking care of plants. Gardening is simple and with a little bit of research and effort you can grow beautiful flowers and healthy vegetables.



## Meet All-Star Trinity Volunteer: Mrs. Gronwold

by Abby Gronwold

Mrs. Jennifer Gronwold - we all know her. She's the person that comes to school almost every day and serves hot lunch, directs parent parking lot pick up, and much more! But did you know that she also teaches pottery at the Lombard Park District's Sunset Knoll? That she used to work as a nurse? All this and more...

Mrs. Gronwold works with Trinity's parent group, Parenting with The Lord - or PwTL - and coordinates a lot of the things they do. She founded and runs the Garden Club, which we have not had this year because of COVID, but will hopefully have soon. She says that she would like to have Garden Club next year, as long as it's allowed by COVID restrictions. Mrs. Gronwold started volunteering at Trinity because she loves Trinity. She loves the kids, the teachers, and, most importantly, loves the Lord, and wants to share His love with anyone she can. She has volunteered here for thirteen years. Her favorite part about being at Trinity is spending time with the students.

Her hobbies are many, some being knitting, pottery, cooking, spending time with her three children, and gardening. Mrs. Gronwold's dream vacation is somewhere on the water with her family. Her favorite childhood memory is visiting her grandmother. One student says, "She will help anyone who needs help and brings abundant joy to the school every day." Mrs. Gronwold is amazing, and we all love her very much.

## Meet Mrs. Gagliano

by Ian Lesch

Mrs. Suzanne Gagliano runs Trinity's office on Wednesdays. Before beginning that this school year, she has been volunteering here since 2009. Mrs. Gagliano's favorite part of volunteering here is that she feels like she is working with a family and she is happy she can use her talents. Recently, she served Trinity's hot lunch for the first time. She has also been a coach's helper and helped with practices. Mrs. Gagliano has two children and they are twins, Michael and Allison, who graduated from Trinity in 2020.



We are currently in the season of Lent, but before you know it, Easter will be here and we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ!

**Trinity's 2021 Holy Week Services:**

- Palm Sunday, March 28, 9 a.m.\*
- Maundy Thursday, April 1, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.\*
- Good Friday, April 2, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.\*
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 7 a.m.\* & 9 a.m.

*\*services are also livestreamed*

## Easter Word Search

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