

The mission of Trinity Lutheran school is to know Jesus Christ and to make Jesus Christ known.



Trinity Lutheran School News & Views

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



Christmas Program Fun

by Allison Gagliano and Penny Loera

On Thursday, December 19, Trinity Lutheran students will present a Christmas program. The worship-centered celebration will be at 7 p.m. in Trinity's church sanctuary. Family and friends are welcome to join us. The students will be singing a selection of Christmas hymns and carols and the 1st and 2nd grade students will be acting out the story of Christmas, narrated by the 5th through 8th grade. Afterward, refreshments will be served. The students have been practicing the program throughout December. Be sure to join us this coming Thursday evening for a fun beginning to what we pray will be a marvelous Christmas break.

upcoming EVENTS

by Maria Gronwold and Julia Lesch

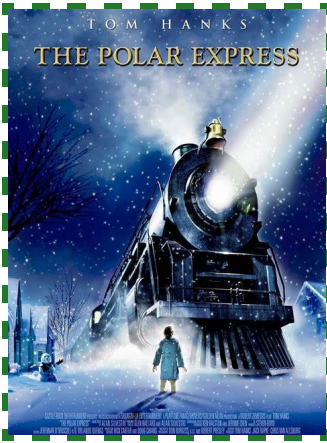
- December 19:** School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- December 20-January 6:** NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- December 24:** CHRISTMAS EVE, Christmas Eve Family Service, 3 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11 p.m.
- December 25:** CHRISTMAS, Christmas Service, 10 a.m.
- January 7:** SCHOOL RESUMES
- January 14:** Basketball game@HOME
- January 12:** students sing in church, 8:45 a.m.
- January 20:** NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 21:** Basketball game@St. Luke/Itasca
- January 23:** Hands-On Family Fun Night, 5:30-7 p.m. for preschool and kindergarten families
- January 24:** Basketball game@HOME
- January 28:** Basketball game@Immanuel/Elmhurst

TRINITY'S WEEKLY EVENTS at church & school:

- SUNDAYS:** 9 a.m. Church, followed by Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- MONDAYS:** 3 p.m. Garden Club, 7 p.m. Church
- TUESDAYS:** Hot Lunch, 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance, 3 p.m. Basketball
- WEDNESDAYS:** 8:40 a.m. Chapel, 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- THURSDAYS:** 3 p.m. Cheer/Dance, 3 p.m. Basketball
- FRIDAYS:** 8:15 a.m. Handbells

Merry Christmas!

Favorite Christmas Movie Classics by Allison Gagliano and Abby Schnittker



Winter is well on its way and fall is now at its end. When it is too cold to play outside in the leaves and enjoy the sun and the crisp air, one of the pleasures we have is that of watching Christmas movies under a warm blanket and sharing popcorn with loved ones. While a thick blanket of snow settles outside, you are snuggling into your couch, watching your favorite Christmas classics. We asked our class today what their favorite Christmas movies are. We gave them choices of six popular and fun Christmas movies and singled out the favorite top three. In third place, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* received a sum of two votes. Second place went to *Elf* with a total of three votes. And the first place winner was *The Polar Express*, with five votes. Watching Christmas movies with your family is a great way to spend a day of snowfall.

Favorite Christmas Jingle by Maria Gronwold and Abby Schnittker

Christmas is almost here. Even before Thanksgiving, you may walk into a grocery store or the mall and notice the Christmas music playing. The music of the season kicks in rather early but now we are getting into the Christmas spirit! We have asked our class and a majority of the school what their favorite Christmas jingles were. We gave them a choice of six popular Christmas songs and narrowed the answers down to the top three. *Jingle Bells* rocked in third place, but *Jingle Bell Rock* took a decisive second. The top Christmas jingle was *Sleigh Ride*. The author's personal favorites were *Jingle Bell Rock* and *All I Want For Christmas Is You* but we conceded the victory to the winning song, *Sleigh Ride* and all agreed that Christmas songs are a great and fun way to spread the Christmas spirit.



7th & 8th



5th & 6th



3rd & 4th



1st & 2nd



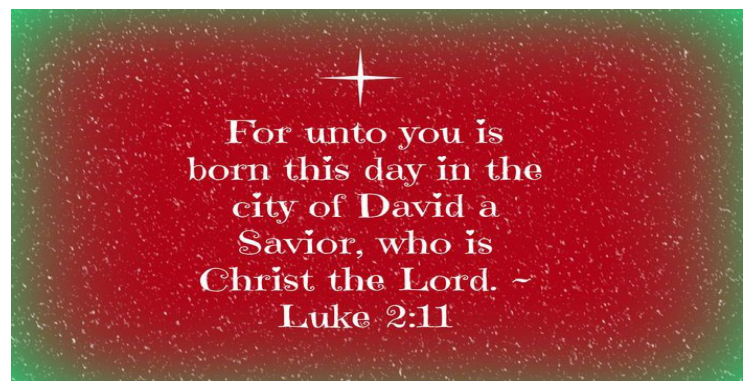
Kindergarten



Preschool

Trinity's Christmas door decorating contest brought out classroom creativity. Pictured above, Santa's elf, Michael, shows off the festive entries.

And the winner was...? Trinity's 1st and 2nd grade, followed by an honorable mention for 3rd and 4th grade. But we think that they are all fantastic!





Phil's Friends Field Trip *by Julia Lesch*

Phil's Friends is a ministry of hope to people with cancer, founded by Phil Zielke. Phil was diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma in 2004. He had been in stage 4 for nearly nine months. Phil endured aggressive chemotherapy treatments at the University of Chicago Hospital. He started teaching 3rd and 4th grade at Trinity Lutheran School in Roselle before he was diagnosed with cancer. In April 2005, three months before he married his fiancé Carrie, Phil found out that his cancer came back. Because of that he had to postpone his wedding and back away from teaching to do treatment. At the height of his treatments he survived several days of risky chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant.



Phil was in his hospital bed when God gave him the idea for Phil's Friends. He came up with the idea after he received care packages, cards of encouragement, and an outpouring of prayerful support that continued throughout his journey, as a result of the thoughtfulness and selfless love of others. The care packages brought simple reminders that he needed while going through his journey. In November 2005, Phil was declared cancer free. He resumed his teaching career, married Carrie, and began living out the calling God had placed on his life.

In June of 2009 Phil left teaching to devote his time to building the ministry. Phil's Friends began supporting others through care packages, weekly cards, and prayers - because of the support that Phil had received. Within a few months, the organization moved out of Phil and Carrie's basement and into the community. They established the Phil's Friends Hope Center. Now Phil's Friends engages thousands of volunteers. This in turn enables the organization to support hundreds of thousands of friends with cancer across the United States, through care packages, cards of hope, hospital visits, and prayer. Phil and Carrie have devoted their lives to carrying forward the bold



vision of supporting those with cancer in homes and hospitals across the world. They live in the suburbs of Chicago with their young sons Graham and Hudson.

Trinity's kindergarten through 8th grade students took a field trip to the Phil's Friends Hope Center. We



colored greeting cards that are handed to patients along with care packages. The cards included jokes, prayers, inspirational sayings and Bible verses. We also took turns packing care packages. Learn more about this Christian ministry of hope at philsfriends.org.

Roller Coasters In 7th & 8th Grade by Lucia Giurdanella and Maria Gronwold

Over the past few weeks, 7th and 8th graders teamed up in twos for science class. We have learned about energy and have constructed roller coasters made out of cardboard, hot glue, foam, tape, and other “found” materials. We posed in front of ours (picture at right). They have to be really creative, and the marble that goes down the ride can’t fly out!



Meet Mrs. Pilny

by Jordyn Mardini and Giovanna Ramirez



We visited with Mrs. Amy Pilny, part of Trinity’s preschool staff.

Q: How long have you been a teacher? A: 2 years, at Trinity

Q: Where did you go to college? A: Indiana State University

Q: Do you have children? A: Yes, a daughter, Abby who attends Trinity, and a step daughter, Sabrina

Q: Do you have pets? A: 2 cats

Q: What’s your favorite school subject? A: English or Writing

Q: Why is that your favorite subject? A: I always enjoyed being creative and putting my thoughts down on paper

Q: What motivated you to teach? A: I’ve always enjoyed working with children

Q: What was your major? A: Teaching Education

Q: What do you like about being a teacher? A: I like to see the children’s faces light up when they discover something new

Q: Favorite movie? A: *Secretariat*, about the Triple Crown winning racehorse

Q: Favorite hymn? A: *On Eagles Wings*

Q: Favorite quote? A: With God by my side, I can take it in stride

Meet Mrs. Moy by Michael Gagliano and Jaylin Miller

Mrs. Moy serves as Trinity’s office administrator. She works out of Trinity’s front office, serving both school and church. Mrs. Moy has been us since April 2019 and we have enjoyed her very much. She assists Trinity’s teachers by taking care of attendance, processing mail, email and phone calls. Mrs. Moy receives payments, greets visitors and gives tours, supervises the production of bulletins for church, handles distribution of mail and other correspondence. She also opens the door for everyone at the front door of the school, with the touch of a button! Mrs. Moy works four days a week at Trinity and seems to be almost everywhere! We are really glad to have her here. Thanks, Mrs. Moy.



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