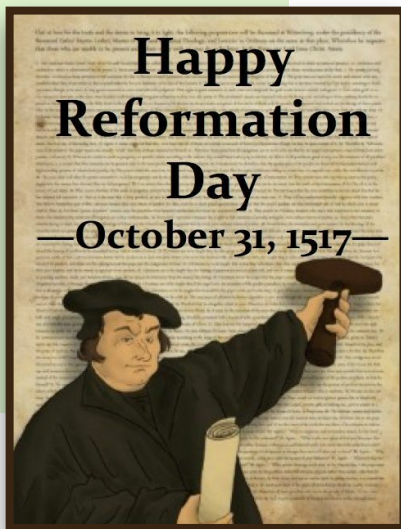


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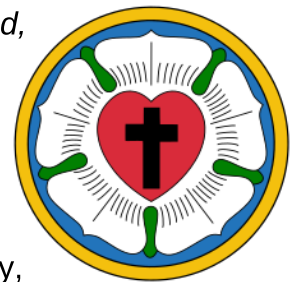
The Reformation *by Riley Baker*

This month on the 31st, in the Lutheran church, we celebrate a holiday called Reformation Day. Reformation Day marks when Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Castle Church door. His questions showed that the Roman Catholic Church was wrong about teaching people to pay money for their sins to be forgiven so they could make it into heaven. After Luther raised the ideas, the church was not very happy with: Luther and church leaders tried to kill him. Luther picked the October 31 because November 1 held a special place in the church calendar as All Saints Day, and that meant everybody would be at the church the next day. He did not agree with the church's taking of money in exchange for forgiveness. The church controlled how much money one would have to pay through confession, so after a priest knew how bad your sin was they determined how much you had to pay. Martin Luther

knew that's not what God had intended or wanted. This is why he wrote the 95 Theses. The church had lost sight of the Gospel. Tradition often brings about systems of having to perform good works to earn your way back to God. Luther was born on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, Germany and died on February 18, 1546, from a stroke at the age of 62. Martin Luther was buried in the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He was married to Katharina von Bora, a former nun, from 1525 to 1546. They had six children, whose names were Hans, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Martin, Paul, and Margarete. One famous quote from Martin Luther is, "I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen." Another Luther quote is, "For, where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel," and, "Reason is the greatest enemy that faith has." Luther translated the Bible from Latin to German. Most of his life Luther believed and taught that Christians are saved through faith and not their own efforts, which turned him against many things that the Catholic church was teaching. Luther preached a gospel of freedom and salvation. What he taught was that salvation was a gift from God, available to everyone through faith in Jesus and his sacrificial death.

Luther's Seal *by Riley Baker*

The Luther Seal or Luther Rose has a the red heart with a black cross at the center, that Luther said should remind us that the righteous live by faith in Christ, the crucified. The heart sits on a white rose to show that faith gives joy, comfort and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the color of heavenly spirits and angels. The white rose stands in a bed of blue, which is the color of heaven, to show that joy in the spirit and in faith in this life is only the beginning of future heavenly joy. Surrounding the bed of blue is a gold ring to show that happiness and joy in heaven has no end but lasts forever, just as gold is the highest, most noble and precious metal.



Can Lutherans Celebrate Halloween?

Editor's note: There's a lot about Halloween in this issue of The Chronicles of Trinity. After one student expressed concern that we might be wrong in writing about trick or treating, jack o'lanterns, or dressing up, it was decided to share a pastor's perspective on the holiday.

Should we sit this one out because of the witches and the warlocks and the ghosts, the paranormal activity and freaking scary movies? Rev. George Borghardt of Higher Things, a Lutheran ministry to youth and young adults, reminds us that Jesus is Lord of all and stronger than the devil or any demon. He states that Christians we are free to treat (but probably not to trick). Pastor Borghardt says, "You're free in Christ to dress appropriately in costumes which mock all of the powers of darkness. Because of your baptism, because of the cross of Christ, you can spork the devil with a pitchfork in his bottom and he can't do anything about it." He cautions, "Now outside of the faith of Jesus the devil isn't a laughing matter, he's dangerous, he's a thief which comes to steal, kill and destroy." Pastor reminds us, however, that, "Christ is the victory over sin death and the power of the devil...you're free in Christ to treat, to dress up...In Christ there's nothing to fear, ever, especially on All Hallows Eve."

Watch Rev. Borghardt's entire message "Can Lutherans Celebrate Halloween?" here: <https://youtu.be/7ObPCPKyHK4>, and learn more about Higher Things at higherthings.org.

The History of P U M P K I N Carving by Ian Lesch

The origin of pumpkin carving and decoration goes far back to ancient cultures of the world. Celtic cultures were the first to introduce carving to the scene, which later became a staple of Irish culture. The term "Jack O'Lantern" comes from an old Irish folk tale called Stingy Jack. Legend has it that Jack invited the devil to have a drink with him. The thing is, Jack wasn't called stingy for no reason. Jack wanted to get away with a free drink so he tricked the devil into paying for the drinks! When Jack passed away, the story goes that he was prevented from going to Heaven but was instead doomed to wander the earth at night as punishment, with only a single coal ember to light his way. Jack would place that burning ember in a hollowed out turnip, like a lantern, and the people called him "Jack of the Lantern" - eventually shortened to Jack O'Lantern. In homage to the legend, Irish folk would carve vegetables in Jack's likeness, as a deterrent to keep Jack away and attract "good spirits." That's right! Pumpkins were NOT the first vegetables decorated for what was known as All Hallows Eve. It was originally turnips and other root vegetables.



HALLOWEEN TREATS, ACTIVITIES, AND CRAFTS!

by Angelina Iverson and Sophia Garcia



This Halloween at Trinity, on October 30, we will be having **TRUNK OR TREAT** again! Last year we weren't able to do this due to Covid. How Trunk or Treat works: People park in the parking lot and have their vehicle trunks open and filled

with candy and treats (and goodies like "pumpkin prayers"). Then, participants go trick or treating, from trunk to trunk. The event will also feature Halloween arts and crafts. [\[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT TRINITY'S TRUNK OR TREAT ON THE NEXT PAGE.\]](#)

October 29 is **WEAR YOUR COSTUME TO SCHOOL DAY**. We hope to see all of your wonderful costumes! We will also be decorating pumpkins in the gym. There will be different tables with different types of art supplies, like yarn and feathers, to use to create unique and beautiful pumpkins.

Not long after Halloween is **TRINITY'S HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW** on November 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lot of crafts for sale, a resale area, lunch for sale, and a children's craft activity area. If you want to have a table and sell your own crafts, you can do that too.

Trinity Lutheran Church
of Lombard
presents the 41st Annual
Holiday Craft Show
Saturday, November 13, 2021
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Trunk or Treat



All About Trunk or Treat by Mckenzie Brain

Trunk or Treat will be fun, but this is what you need to know about Trinity's **Trunk or Treat**:

First we have the reason for **Trunk or Treat**. **Trunk or Treat** is a creative alternative to trick or treating - it's outdoors, but all together in one space. And it's for all ages.

Now we have where and when. **Trunk or Treat** is in the Trinity Lutheran School parking lot, in Lombard. It's from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the day before Halloween, October 30.

Our next topic is how and what. How **Trunk or Treat** will work is that participating cars will be parked in a big loop. Children can go from trunk to trunk collecting small toys and candy. As we are outside, a mask is optional. At **Trunk or Treat**, people will be giving away candy, like taffy, suckers, and smarties. Toys might be goodies such as finger traps, little booklets, or temporary tattoos.

If we have a Trinity **Trunk or Treat** in the future (after Covid restrictions are lifted) it might be a little different. We could return to indoor activities, such as an obstacle course or maze. I'd like to see a hallway full of "lasers" and a competition so that whoever has the most candy earned in prizes will win.

I'm so excited for Halloween, I can't wait to see you!

A Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so that I can learn about You;
(cut the top off the pumpkin)

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do.
(clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given to me.
(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
(cut ears shaped like a Bible)

Open my mouth to tell others You're near.
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do!
(place a candle inside of pumpkin and light it)

Amen.



Halloween Safety

by Abby Gronwald

We all love Halloween, but do you know how to be safe on this super-fun day? Learn some Halloween safety before you get out this Halloween.

First and foremost, even though it is an extremely small chance, DO NOT eat candy you suspect is poisoned. If you think it is, tell an adult to call the police and set it aside. Tell other trick-or-treaters coming to that house that you suspect the candy is poisoned. (Other than people handing out bug poison as gag gifts, there is only one record of someone purposely trying to deceive people into eating poison.)



Second, use the buddy system, preferably with an adult or teenager, but a friend is good too. It is always safer when you are in greater numbers.

Next, watch out for cars and aggressive animals. People are generally more careful driving on Halloween, but that doesn't mean that they can stop, swerve, or get out of the way any faster. Carry a flashlight after dark, and be careful if you are walking in the streets or crossing a street. Also, don't wear a costume or mask that obstructs your vision. If you really want to wear a mask, wear one that lets you see all around. Or, you could use face paint instead, which is harder to put on, but you can put it all over your face and it lets you see and you just wash it off when you're done. Some people dress up their pets on Halloween, and that might make the pets more aggressive and angry. There's also lots of noise, commotion, and people, and that might get them excited too.

Lastly, stay in an area you are familiar with. Getting lost, being petrified, and trying to find your way home in the dark by yourself is not a very fun way to spend Halloween.

With all of this safety stuff, it might appear hard to have fun on Halloween, but as long as you keep this in your mind, you will be prepared for anything on Halloween. So, have fun this Halloween, and be safe!

HALLOWEEN DURING COVID by Aidan Harrison

Halloween is definitely one hundred percent going to be different this year, but how exactly? One difference is that people will be taking extra precautions while trick or treating. People might be using gloves to give out candy or they will be staying socially distanced from other trick or treaters on the sidewalk. Last year, some people did not allow their children to go trick or treating. Now that there is a vaccine more people might be celebrating Halloween this year, but likely with special precautions.

Halloween: A Time to Dress Up

by Grace Sabourin

There are a lot of Halloween traditions, but the one that may be the most popular would be dressing up for Halloween.

On October 31, many people around world dress up in their costumes of their choice. Some people don't celebrate Halloween, which is okay but less fun. Some people that are my age think that they are too old to dress up. Those people celebrate Halloween differently, maybe by having sleepovers or parties. I surveyed my classmates to find out what they would be dressing up as for Halloween or if they will not be dressing up.



- Me (Grace) - Cinderella
- Alex - Tiana
- Lina - Rapunzel
- Riley - Jasmine
- Mckenzie - Pirate
- Abby - Alice from "Alice and Wonderland"
- Josie - Sully from "Monsters Inc"
- Angelina - Luna Lovegood from "Harry Potter"
- Sofia A - A clown
- Sophia G - Alex Morgan (a famous soccer player)
- Angel - Doesn't know what she is going to be yet
- Ian - Inflatable Shark
- Aidan - Link from "Legend of Zelda"
- Mason - Harry Potter
- Joe - Doesn't dress up

If you haven't picked your Halloween costume yet that is okay because you still have about two weeks until October 31. If you have no idea of what you are going to be, maybe what some of my classmates are dressing up as, good give you an idea for your costume.



Jumping into Fall

by Angelina Cotcamp

As we slowly glide into winter from summer, fall comes. Fall represents change. The leaves go from green to yellow, orange, and red. The temperature changes from hot and humid to chilly and cool in the night. There are also many activities and holidays that we celebrate during this time of harvest. Some of the activities that we enjoy include apple picking, trick-or-treating, pumpkin carving, getting lost in a corn maze, and cooking a delicious apple or pumpkin pie. Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving are some holidays that we celebrate in fall.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween occurs on the 31st of October. The traditional way of celebrating Halloween originated with the ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to scare away ghosts. The modern way of celebrating Halloween is by wearing costumes, carving pumpkins, and going trick-or-treating. Many festivals, parties, and competitions still take place during the month of October.

THANKSGIVING

In the Autumn of 1621, the first Thanksgiving feast took place. The English colonists, as we call Pilgrims, celebrated the colonies' first successful harvest with the Wampanoag. We celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November. This year, Thanksgiving lands on the 25th. On this day we celebrate the harvest and give thanks to God for all of the blessings that we have. The most common items on the dinner table at Thanksgiving are turkey, biscuits and gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. Families will come together to give thanks and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Personally, fall is one of my favorite seasons. "Sweater Weather," amazing food, spooky costumes, and leaves changing colors, are some of the most enjoyable things. Overall fall is an amazing season and will never get old!



OREO MUMMY COOKIES by Abby Gronwold

Ingredients:

- Oreo cookies
- white chocolate melts
- black chocolate melts

STEP 1: melt the white chocolate and drizzle it on the Oreo cookies. Let it harden.

STEP 2: put two circles of white next to each other like eyes. Let it harden.

STEP 3: Put smaller dots of black in the dots of white.

STEP 4: Enjoy your Oreo mummies!



What is **your favorite** thing about **Autumn?** *by Aidan Harrison*

Lina: October baseball when MLB plays off again

Grace: pumpkin scented and flavored things and nice weather

Ian: Halloween pumpkin pie

Joe: jumping in leaves

Mason: when the trees die

Abby: all the candy on Halloween

Mckenzie: the color of the leaves

Sofia: seeing people's creative Halloween costumes

Sophia: jumping in the leaves and trees

Angelina: the weather

Angel: the color of the leaves

Riley: bringing my dog places

Alex: the weather

Mrs. Solyom: the color of the leaves and my birthday is in September



Hot Lunch at Trinity *by Joey Fitak*

Hot lunch happens every Tuesday at Trinity. There is a wide variety of food. We rotate between mac 'n' cheese, hot dogs, pizza, and mostaccioli, with a different hot lunch main item featured each week. We have ice cream on pizza day, and different types of snacks on other days. You can also get double the food for extra money, if you are still hungry. You can place your hot lunch order with the school and the school orders the meals from local restaurants. Mrs. Gronwold prepares and distributes the meals to passes the food out to each class. Sometimes, there might even be extra mac 'n' cheese!



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GETTING TO KNOW MRS. G. *by Josie Woods*

Mrs. Suzanne Gagliano's works in Trinity's office every Wednesday. Her birthday is July 15, 1975 - she is a Cancer.

Her favorite hymns are *Beautiful Savior* (537 in the red hymnal) and *Lift High the Cross* (837 in the red hymnal).

Any shade of blue is her favorite color. Mrs. G's top choice for food is Filet Mignon (*FIL-ay min-on*).

Monet (*MON-ay*) - *Water Lilies* is her favorite artist and painting. Her second is *Starry Night* by van Gogh.

Psalm 27:1 is her preferred Bible verse and her favorite book of the Bible is Job.

Pickleball and hockey are her favorite sports. Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a wiffle ball, with 26–40 round holes, over a net.

The Audi Quattro Convertible is her favorite car.

She likes cats. Her first cat's name was Mozart, but called him MoMo for short. She is looking into adopting a pet right now.

Mrs. G's favored flower is a carnation. Her preferred season is summer.

Her favorite animal is a cow and the Big Dipper is her favorite constellation.

Mrs. Gagliano's favorite movie is *Mary Poppins* (the original with Julie Andrews) and *We Shall Be Free* by Garth Brooks is her favorite song.

Her favorite vacation was an Alaskan cruise.

Making Noise in Music Class *by Mason Powe*

In music class, we sing notes and we sing like witches to warm up our voices. Making funny noises in music class is how we get ready to sing. Our teacher, Miss Rose, leads us in this. As we get near the holidays, we will sing some Christmas songs. We have lots of fun.

Meet Miss Rose *by Sofia Arroyo*

Meet Trinity's music teacher, Miss Samantha Rose. This is 20th year of teaching at Trinity Lutheran School and her 17th year of teaching at Walther Christian Academy, our Lutheran high school. After school, Miss Rose teaches private lessons, directs plays and musicals, and she likes to go for walks. She has one dog (but no cats). His name is Gibbs and he is 12 years old. Miss Rose enjoys visits with her mom on her farm, road trips, and birding. Birding, Miss Rose explained, is going looking for birds (not hunting them). Her favorite foods are pickles, brownies, bacon and brussels sprouts. On the weekends, in addition to birding, she hikes, and she plays the piano and french horn. Miss Rose also makes handmade greeting cards. With her students at school, Miss Rose likes to lead them in rhyming games, learning about music history, and getting ready for concerts. Miss Rose most frequently teaches french horn, trumpet and piano. She likes Debussy and Billy Joel and teaches without looking at the music. Miss Rose conduct concerts and performs in them too. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 4:1, "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart."



Name _____ Date _____

Pumpkin Maze

Draw a line from start to finish to find your way through this pumpkin maze.

