



# TRINITY TIMES

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## Did you know?

- The FAIR Financial Aid Application deadline for the 2017-2018 school year is Saturday, April 15, 2017.
- The Spanish Group will travel to Paris, Spain, Barcelona, and Madrid from June 12 - June 21, 2017.
- The Robotics Team won the state tournament on February 25, 2017, and they qualified for the world competition on April 18- April 20, 2017, in Louisville Kentucky. They also qualified for the national tournament set for April 6 - 8, 2017, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## FFA Spring Plant Sale

The Trinity FFA Chapter will begin selling a variety of flowers and vegetables in late April for their spring fundraiser. Please contact any Trinity FFA member for ordering information.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

Romans 8:28

## Principal Ben Stellwagen



Principal Ben Stellwagen and his wife, Laurie, are from Wheaton, IL, a western suburb of Chicago. After spending ten years in Bloomington, IN, they now live on the west side of Columbus, just a short trip down I-65 to Trinity each day. Mr. Stellwagen graduated from Valparaiso University with majors in History and Humanities and minors in Mathematics and Economics. He went to Indiana University for graduate school, where he received his M.A. in History. He is currently finishing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in Russian History, focusing on German Lutheran communities who lived in the interwar Soviet Union. His family likes to joke that he is a professional student, but he prefers the moniker "lifelong learner."

Mr. Stellwagen was Trinity's Special Education Coordinator and Resource Teacher for the past two years. He also taught two sections of Algebra. He enjoyed working with students in a variety of subjects and meeting their individual learning needs. He also organized the Veterans Day program, was an assistant varsity baseball coach for a year, and continues to be the Academic Super Bowl coordinator and math coach for the team. He has enjoyed his roles at Trinity and explains, "I greatly value the time interacting with students and continue to be amazed by their involvement and dedication to the various classroom and extracurricular activities offered at Trinity." At the end of last year, Mr. Stellwagen was named Trinity's interim principal and on Friday, March 17th, he accepted the call to be full time principal. He is excited about the new position and adds, "A great joy of this position will be the opportunity to worship with members at all the association churches, and I look forward to starting the rotation this spring." He also feels that his background prepares him to be Trinity's principal. He grew up in a family of educators: seventeen people in his most immediate family are involved in education, ranging from preschool through college at Lutheran and public schools as both classroom teachers and administrators. "The broad exposure to all levels of education has certainly been beneficial in my own transitions from professor to middle school teacher to special education coordinator to principal."

Mr. Stellwagen and his wife have been married for nearly eleven years and have three baptized children—Judah is eight and attends St. Peter's where he will be joined by his sister, Annabelle, who will be in Kindergarten next year. Their youngest, Katya, was born on December 29, 2016, making for an exciting winter for the family. He enjoys family life, reading, fantasy baseball, and the outdoors. "We are thrilled to call southern Indiana 'home' and to witness firsthand all that God has in store for the Trinity community in the years to come!" expresses Mr. Stellwagen.



## ***ISSMA Results for Trinity Lutheran High School***

Congratulations to all of our students who participated as instrumentalists and vocalists at the Indiana State School Music Association contests.

**Instrumental solo and ensemble** district level was held at Columbus East High School on February 4, 2017. Congratulations to Rachel Onken who received a Gold rating. She qualified to participate at the Instrumental State Level at North Central High School on February 25, 2017 and received a Gold Rating at State as well.

**Vocal solo and ensemble** district level was held at North Decatur High School in Greensburg on January 28, 2017. Students representing TLHS included: Celina Alexander, Kirstin Hoene, Sidney Hoene, Abby Lemming, Maggie Neawedde, Taylor Russell, Lexi Schneider, Matt Stuckwisch, Liz Thompson, and Libby Wischmeier. Special congratulations go to Kirstin Hoene, Sidney Hoene, Lexi Schneider, and Matt Stuckwisch who qualified to participate at the Vocal Solo State Level at Perry Meridian High School on February 18, 2017. They all received Gold Ratings at State.

The vocal and instrumental students are all under the direction of Mrs. Leah Schneider.



## ***Trivia Night***

Join the Spanish Trip participants on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for a night of fun and entertainment! Round up a team of six (or join one when you arrive) and work together to answer 100 trivia questions! Snacks, drinks, and door prizes will be provided. The night is sure to be filled with lots of laughs and brainy challenges. The cost is \$12 per person/\$72 table and all proceeds support this summer's trip to France and Spain. Stop by Trinity's office or call 524-TLHS to reserve your tickets today! We look forward to seeing you there!

## ***Upcoming Events***

- Spring Break: Monday, March 20- Friday, March 24, 2017.
- Trivia Night: Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 7 to 10 P.M.
- Cougar Fun Day: Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
- Good Friday: Friday, April 14, 2017 & Easter, Monday, April 17, 2017 - School will not be in session.
- Variety Show: Friday, April 21, 2017 from 7 to 10 P. M.

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