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FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK

CALLS AND MEETINGS IN APRIL



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| Home | 4 |
| Hospital | 2 |
| Shut-Ins | 6 |
| Meetings & Classes | 31 |
| Hours Counseling | 5 |

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for Ronney Coulter, 68, were held at the church on April 12th. Grave side services were held at the National Cemetery in Leavenworth on April 16th. We pray our Lord's comfort to Jeanne and the family. And, we remember the words of Easter, "He is Risen!"

EASTER

635 members and guest were here to worship in our four services on Easter. Again, we were blessed by beautiful music. Thank you to our Adult Choir and Director's Lottie Lee and Rhonda Gierstorf who was also soloist in the morning. Thank you also to Neil Wieland (Trombone) and Cameron Fridell and Ariana Geoffroy (Trumpets) and Aiden Sinclair (flute). And, thank you to our organist Melissa Blanton, and to accompanist, Cheryl Lanter. These people spent hours and hours getting ready for the many services. Most certainly we are blessed by their talent, commitment and discipline.

WINDOW COVERINGS

Have you noticed the new coverings on the church's stained-glass windows? What a difference. We can now see from the outside that we have stained glass and from the inside they are so much brighter. Cost: around \$30,000.

GARAGE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

And, have you noticed that work has begun on the Garage/Maintenance Building? Drive by to see. It will be on

the parking lot north of the new building. On Sunday the Voters approved borrowing up to \$50,000 from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to finish paying for this building. We already have some \$44,000 to pay on it.

The Voters also approved the purchase of the north 80 feet of Lot 1 of the block north of the new building. This is the corner of 8th and Riley where the now vacant Seventh Day Adventist Church is. Cost: \$4,500. We now own the whole half-block. It was necessary to get this lot to fill in the area north of the parking lot.

KAIR RADIO BROADCAST

We now have 52 sponsors for our 2019 KAIR Radio Broadcasts. Thank you to all who gave \$50.00 to sponsor a Sunday broadcast. We are on at 9:30 a.m. Be sure to listen if you are unable to be present here in the sanctuary for worship.

MOTHER'S DAY

On Mother's Day we recognize our High School Seniors at our 8:00 a.m. service. Please meet at 7:45 a.m. in the church basement. Please bring your cap and gown. We will process into the church.

ASCENSION DAY

May 30th, forty days after Easter, is Ascension Day. We will have worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. Please pray for this service. Plan to come and bring someone with you.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

Once again, about leaving before Communion. This happens more at 10:30 than at 8:00 a.m. If you are invited to the table of a friend, do you get up and leave as soon as you have eaten? Will you be as polite to our Lord as you are to your friend? The service ends after the Benediction and after you have greeted all the folks around you.

"THE ART OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY"

On April 4-5th, Diane Schletzbaum, Marcene Selberg and I attended a seminar, "The Art of Radical Hospitality", at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. In case you are wondering what Radical Hospitality is, it is hospitality that goes beyond being friendly. It is intentional hospitality that surprises and delights people by making them feel noticed giving them personal attention and providing excellent follow through. It is hospitality that makes them feel so welcome they want to return again and again. Please note below the three Principles of Radical Hospitality.

THANK YOU

Did you notice the "welcome signs" on the lawn of Easter Sunday? They were the work of Diane Schletzbaum. Thank you, Diane.

Thank you to Jim Duitsman who painted around the basement windows before the new Lexan was placed on them.

And, thank you to Joyce Duitsman for planting flowers in the circle by the air conditioners.

FLOWER BEDS

How about you? Will you adopt one of our flower beds for the summer? I understand we need someone now, to mow the playground. Please contact Terry Hamilton.

Lots going on in May. Hope to see you many times – worship, Bible class, school activities (Circus, awards, graduation, etc.).

Peace!

Pastor Ziegler

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THE 3 PRINCIPLES OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY

1. NOTICE:

- Arrive early so you aren't rushed.
- Offer a warm greeting to each person starting with the person in front of you.
- Be on the look-out for people who are alone or lost. Say "Hi".

2. PERSONAL ATTENTION:

- Introduce yourself and learn people's names.
- Take responsibility welcoming those within 10 feet of you, especially those who may be alone.
- Spend at least 3 minutes before and after worship talking to someone you don't know very well.
- Introduce people to others you know.

3. EXCELLENT FOLLOW THROUGH:

- If you become aware of a problem, help solve it or find someone who can.
- Offer a warm and sincere goodbye.

LET'S MAKE TRINITY
A PLACE OF
RADICAL HOSPITALITY

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

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| Home | Needed in 2019 | \$ 316,593.89 |
| | Given in 2019 | 301,403.42 |
| Missions | Needed in 2019 | 13,943.23 |
| | Given in 2019 | 11,450.37 |
| Building | Needed in 2019 | 10,789.37 |
| | Given in 2019 | 11,030.77 |

As you can see above, we are AHEAD in one area of our budget and BEHIND in two. We lost some more ground in the HOME budget and are now BEHIND \$15,190.47. We also lost some ground in the MISSION budget and are now BEHIND \$2,492.86. We are AHEAD \$241.40 in the BUILDING budget. It is with money saved from the building budget that we are paying for the covering of our stained glass windows, around \$30,000. Stewardship reports are now in the narthex. If you do not have offering envelopes and wish to have some, please contact the church office.

Special gifts during April were:

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| Lutheran Hour | 120.00 |
| Lutheran World Relief | 150.00 |
| Dream Fund III | 35.00 |
| Emergency Fund | 17.00 |
| Technology (current) Fund | 90.00 |
| Garage/Maintenance Building | 53.00 |
| Organ Fund | 103.00 |
| Flower Fund | 8.00 |
| Food Pantry | 20.00 |
| Bethesda Home | 10.00 |
| Vacation Bible School | 50.00 |
| Lutheran Heritage Foundation | 55.00 |
| Trinity Place Foundation | 25.00 |
| KAIR Broadcasts | 500.00 |
| Music Ministry | 345.00 |
| Playground Fund | 30.00 |

With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:

| <u>BENEVOLENCE</u> | <u>GOAL</u> | <u>GIVEN</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bethesda Home | \$ 1,100.00 | 334.00 |
| Luth. Heritage Found. | 600.00 | 202.00 |
| Lutheran Hour | 900.00 | 968.00 |
| Luth. World Relief | 3,500.00 | 1,035.58 |

We have made our Lutheran Hour goal. Thank you to all who gave to make this possible. Please use the other benevolence envelopes in the front of your packets so that we can make the other goals which are above.

Since Vacation Bible School will be the first week in June, we encourage you to use that envelope in May to help pay for this special ministry. So far this year in that envelope we have received \$297.00. It would be good to receive \$2,500.00 since per pupil cost of Vacation Bible School is around \$10.00.

Please note that the Building Fund and the Building and Grounds Foundation are two different things. There is a Building Fund line on our envelopes and each November we pledge (make a commitment to this. Our yearly budget or goal for this is \$35,000 or \$634.61 per week. This money is used for building or property debt when we have it or is saved and used for property maintenance when needed. The glass doors for school and church were paid out of this. Money saved from this fund was also used for the new church roof.

The Buildings and Grounds Foundation is an endowment fund. There is one envelope in the front of your packets for this. Money given in this envelope is invested and only the income is used. This fund has now grown large enough so that last year the dividend and interest income from it was \$17,682.16. This year, \$15,000 of this amount will go into the regular home budget to help pay off expenses connected with our properties, i.e., utilities, insurance, waste disposal, etc. The difference will be saved and used for property upkeep, i.e., this year the painting of the old school (yellow) building.

If you have questions about these funds, please ask.

Also, please pray for our Financial Picture and that as a congregation we will grow more and more as tithing people.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND

When we started this fund, we wrote: "It is our DREAM that Trinity Lutheran School be one of the finest schools in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, that our program of Christian and academic education be second to none, that our teachers and support people be among the best paid, and that our facilities equipment and materials be of top quality."

To fulfill this DREAM, we established the Trinity Lutheran School Endowment Fund in 1969 with a gift of \$100. All gifts received are invested and only income is used. Income received in 1970 was \$191.95. Income received in 2018 was \$160,679.98. Total income received through the years (dividend and interest) now total \$2,466,499.27. All of this has been used for Trinity School, for teacher salaries, facility education, classroom remodeling, equipment, teaching materials, program development, books, desks, technology, etc., etc.

Since the first of this year this fund has received \$23,639.80. Memorial gifts were: Wilbur Neill - \$50.00; Wayne Donaldson - \$50.00. A gift of \$95.00 was given in honor of Lois Estes. Choice Dollars of \$931.00 was given by Bob and Frances Peterson. Another couple gave a gift of \$2,300, a tithe of a special gift they had received.

Let me encourage you to remember our School Endowment Fund in your giving. The envelope is in the front of your packet. Also, please remember it with memorials and bequests. Every gift will work for years to come, every gift will bring blessings to children yet to be.

LOOKING BACK

Ten Years – May 2009

.....After serving 22 years as school librarian, Mary Boknecht was retiring.

.....Trinity Place was nearing completion. Sidewalks and parking lot were being poured, bathroom fixtures and appliances were being set.



.....746 members and guests were present for Easter Services. Trumpeters were Evan Berry, Trent Jewell and Jill Mueller.

.....Steve Lackey and Travis Peuker were putting new shingles on the parsonage. Cost, \$9,400.00 this was the second time since 1964 when it was built.

.....Money was being raised for a new computer server. Goal was \$15,000.

.....Andrew Becker, Dylan Klawuhn and Cooper Smith became Eagle Scouts.

.....A Prairie Fest Concert was held in the gym.

Twenty Years Ago – May 1999

.....Peggy Haase accepted a Call to San Pedro, California.

.....Graduates from Trinity School were Daniel Bunce, Scott Estes, Adam Goodpasture, Rachel Handke, Muntaza Khan, Jake Kenyon, Shawn Powell, Jenny Reavis, Jeremy Schmelzle, Felicia Smith, Kimberly Smith, Bobby Stone, Nathan Warman, Kyle Wilson.

.....Debt on the new building was \$382,936.38.

Thirty Years Ago – May 1989

.....April 17-20, Pastor attended a seminar on prayer at Fuller Seminary in Orange, California.

.....April 30-May 3, Pastor and Esther attended an evangelism conference in San Francisco.

.....Al Reinke resigned his teaching position at Trinity school.

.....On May 1, Xu Nguyen died in Boston. Xu had lived with the Ziegler's after coming from Viet Nam to America.

Forty Years Ago – May 1979

.....In 1973, a 54-passenger bus was purchased for \$4,800. Men of Trinity sanded and painted it.

.....A new roof was put on the school (yellow building) at a cost of \$5,000.

.....A bequest of \$500 was received from the estate of Cora Stolp.

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Hello Ladies!!

A fabulous time was had by all who attended the Tea Party last weekend! We had over 40 women in attendance, where we enjoyed tea & food, fun, and fellowship! A huge thank you to all the ladies who helped set up, prepare food, and take down!



We have a few things going on this month!

* Now that the Lenten season is over, LWML will resume meeting, and we'll be in the church basement on May 1st from 7-8pm, Don't forget your Mites!!



* Be on the lookout for a sign up in the bulletin for our upcoming Bible study, Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman. We will meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the church basement, beginning on May 28th.

* The book of the month for Novel Ideas is *Something in the Water*, by Catherine Steadman. We'd love if you read along and joined us for discussion at 9am on May 25th at the Sunflower!

* WIP night will be meeting on May 20th at 6pm in the church basement, so bring your unfinished projects and get busy crafting!

* We're still working on our crochet projects for Chain of Hearts, so pack up your crochet hooks and knitting needles, and join us in this service project on May 28th at 6pm in the church basement!



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY, COMING SOON!!

We are gearing up to begin a new Tuesday evening Bible study! We will be reading and discussing Proverbs 31 with a book entitled, *Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman*, by Elizabeth Ahlman. This is an inviting Bible study discussion of the passage in terms of language, history, purpose, and application. Readers will come away with a sense of renewal and affirmation - and a keener understanding of the biblical example of the Proverbs 31 woman. Christian women - young and old, married and single - will learn valuable lessons from Proverbs 31 and apply it to their lives.

Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the Yellow Building, beginning May 28th!

Cost for the book is \$14.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Liz Hofacker at 913-940-0690.

FROM THE LOFT

During the Easter services this year, a thought kept going through my mind. What would the world be like without music? What would our Easter services be like without music? For me personally, it would be a wonderful service but there would be a void. There are hundreds of references to music in the both the Old and New Testament. Here are just a few of my favorites:

James 5:13

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

Psalm 100:1-2

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

2 Samuel 22:50

Therefore, I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your Name.

Ephesians 5:19

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

1 Chronicles 13:8

Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets.



Thank you to Melissa Blanton and Cheryl Lanter for serving as our organists/accompanists for all of the services during the Lent and Easter season. Thank you also to Rhonda Gierstorf for the beautiful solo arrangement of “He’s Alive!” Thank you to Ariana Geoffrey and Cameron Fridell for playing the trumpet for us. Neither of these people have ever played an instrument in church before, but they saw a need and used their musical ability to serve Him. Thank you also to Neil Wieland for playing trombone and using his talent to guide our instrumental ensemble. Thank you to AJ Sinclair for playing his flute at our evening Easter service.

The Music Ministry is such an important part of our worship service, not only at Easter and Christmas, but **EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY!** Thank you to our Adult Choir! You give your time and talents each week to add something special to our worship services. We appreciate each of you!

We want to encourage YOU to join our music ministry! Both groups meet in the yellow school building (2nd floor, on the left). You don’t have to be a professional singer. Here is what you need: a willingness to learn, the time to rehearse with us on Thursdays, and the joy of singing (or ringing) with our choirs!

Bell Choir: Thursday evenings (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
Adult Choir: Thursday evenings (7:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

Director: Rhonda Gierstorf
Directors: Lottie Lee and Rhonda Gierstorf

Praising Him with Song,
Lottie Lee
Co-Choir Director

Walk Your Way to Health; Health Note for May 2019

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Maybe you are a bit like me – I am not into running. Or maybe you have had an injury and you can't run. So, walk! Each and every step you take is part of your journey to better health.

Research from the National Runners Health Survey and the National Walkers Health Study found that the same energy used for moderate-intensity walking and vigorous-intensity running resulted in similar reductions in the risk for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and possibly heart disease over the six years of the study. The more people who walked or ran each week, the more their health benefits increased.

Walking requires no special training or equipment. Good shoes are important and should feel supportive, not snug or restricting. Light weight, flexible shoes with shock-absorbent soles are ideal. No special clothing is required. Let common sense be the guide. A T-shirt and shorts in warm weather and dressing in layers for cooler times. A hat and gloves are also important tools. For safety wear brightly colored clothing and reflective strips if you walk when it is dark. For safety purposes, walk facing cars if there is no sidewalk. Beware of dogs and unfamiliar surroundings or people. When you begin walking take time to stretch and to warm up and remember to stretch when you finish. Begin modestly and set realistic goals for yourself. Incorporating walking into your daily routine helps to increase your activity. You can work-in walking when you: 1) take the dog out for a walk, 2) park farther from your workplace or shopping, 3) window shop at the mall, and 4) walk during your lunch break. If you are especially busy, you can split your walking into 10-15-minute segments.

With walking it is not all or nothing; it is step-by-step. The main thing is to walk naturally and comfortably. If you want to aim for an ideal stride, try to keep your posture erect with your chin up and your eyes forward. Keep your shoulders square, your back straight, arms close to your body and bent at the elbows. To avoid problems, back off when you are ill or injured. Staying well-hydrated is always important, but especially in hot weather. Walk indoors in bad weather at a gym, the mall, on a treadmill, or even in the hallways at work.

Maybe you have been sedentary for a while. With walking that is no problem. Even if you start with a few minutes a day, simply moving will have benefits to your heart and balance. Each day you can increase activity slowly. The American Heart Association now recommends that adults aim for a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity per day and at least 150 minutes of moderate activity per week.

Walking has it all. It's simple and natural, very moderate to intense. You can walk alone or with others, inside or out, in the country or in the city, at home or away. You can get all the benefits of moderate exercise with a very low risk of injury. And, it is inexpensive. With all things considered, Charles Dickens got it right: "Walk to be healthy, walk to be happy."

Carol D. Zimmermann, MS, RN

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references: American Heart Association/American Stroke Association at www.heart.org and Harvard Health Publications at www.health.harvard.edu/newsletter

I would like to add to the above article that there are many places to walk in Atchison. If you want to walk indoors, Memorial Hall at 819 Commercial St is open for walkers from 7 AM to 12 noon Mon-Fri. The river road walk is a nice level place to walk with benches if you need to rest. If you want a more challenging walk with some hills there are trails at Jackson Park out south 5th street. For safety avoid walking on slippery surfaces; wet floors and wet pavement can be slick!

Blessings, Marcene Selberg RN, Parish Nurse

Greetings from Trinity's 4th grade classroom!

It's hard to believe there is only one month of school left! Fourth graders have learned SO much this year.

We start each day with religion class. We have studied many important stories from the Bible, beginning with Creation. Some of this class's favorite stories were "Three Men in a Fiery Furnace," "Israel Crossing the Jordan," and "David and Goliath." We recently finished a Unit on Jesus' Last Teachings, Death, and Resurrection. Our final unit covers the Ascension and Pentecost.



We do memory work on Tuesday and Thursday. Part of their memory work this month will be reciting the Books of the Bible in order. We have listened to many songs to help us learn them.



In math we spent a good part of the year reviewing multiplication and division facts. Then they worked on larger multiplication problems and long division. They learned how to add and subtract fractions. We also had units on measurement, both customary and metric. Our final unit is about geometry. Yesterday we learned how to measure angles. Students finally got to use the protractors! They were so excited!

We had a new reading series this year. My fourth graders love animals and many of their favorite reading stories were about animals. I think their favorite story was the very first one we read: "Because of Winn Dixie". It's a great story about a dog found in a grocery store and the girl who adopts him.

At the beginning of the year, I gave the students a blank map of the United States and asked them to fill in the names of any states and capitals they knew. Many did not know any at all. A few knew where Kansas, Texas, or California was. I think one child may have known 13 states, but no capitals. Throughout the year we studied all the regions of the United States. Now most of my students can label all 50 states and capitals! We are still working on spelling them correctly, but they have come so far.

On May 3rd, we will be going to Overland Park to Deana Rose Children's Farmstead for our field trip. We will get to see many farm animals such as cows, ducks, rabbits, and sheep. We might get to feed a baby goat. They also have bison, eagles, prairie dogs, and many other animals on display. We will explore a Native American earthen home and observe lots of Native American artifacts. We will get to see a one-room school house and take a wagon ride. Students will be able to fish with a cane pole or mine for gems if they choose. Deana Rose also has a blacksmith shop, an old-time bank, a barbershop, and a general store. Students always love going to Deana Rose and these fourth graders can't wait!

It's been a great year in fourth grade!

Mrs. Oswalt



THE CIRCUS IS COMING!!!

The Trinity Big Top Circus is coming to town!!! Hold onto your hats - this is going to be the best circus ever!! Plan now to attend, Thursday, May 9, in the Trinity Big Top Gym at 6:30 p.m.

TRINITY AWARDS NIGHT:

K-8 students will receive numerous awards the evening of May 21 at 7 p.m. in the TLS Gym. Students will be recognized for performance in Renaissance Reading (STAR), Study Island, participation in special programs such as Mathletics, Athletics, and many more.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN ANNOUNCED:

Trinity is proud to recognize the achievements of this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian!

Rebecca Hoffman, daughter of Justin and Heather Hoffman, has earned the honor of being the Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2019!

Jacob Blanton, son of Jeremy and Melissa Blanton, has the honor of being the Salutatorian for the graduating class of 2019!

Congratulations to both outstanding students!

We look forward to hearing their speeches during our graduation ceremony on May 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church sanctuary.



Rebecca Hoffman



Jacob Blanton

FACTS INFORMATION FOR 2019-2020 ENROLLMENT:

FACTS opened on March 1st for new students and *any changes* to current accounts. Current students are enrolled automatically in the FACTS system. Please remember you can update your information at any time.

Families applying for Grant and Aid may begin that process March 1. Applications **MUST be submitted by July 26 for consideration. It does require some documents to be included with the application. *You must reapply each year.***

NEW FAMILIES: Our website: www.tlsks.org has a link that will take you to the application process. Once you have completed the application, our school will approve your account and enter payment information. Application for financial aid is available and is to be completed online. FACTS is available 24/7 for support in the application process.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING ANOTHER FANTASTIC SCHOOL YEAR AT TRINITY!

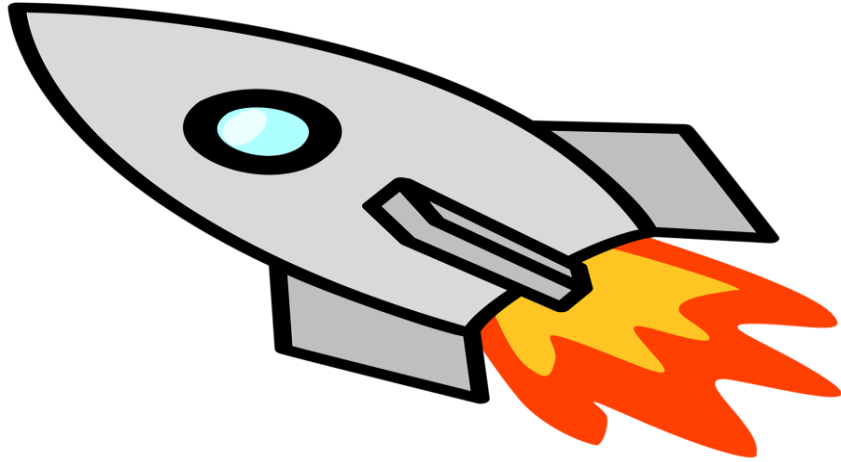
SMILE WHEN YOU SHOP

Every little bit helps! So, when you shop online shop Smile.Amazon.com and a small portion of your order will be redirected to Trinity! When you chose your charity, be sure to search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas. Here are the steps to sign up:

- Go to Smile.Amazon.com
- Sign up for a new account (if you haven't already signed up)
- Once logged in, it will ask you to sign up for your charity. Search, Trinity Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas.
- Start Shopping! (Be sure to always start at Smile.Amazon.com).

BLASTOFF for VBS

June 2nd- 6th 1-4pm Gr. 5-8th June 3rd- 7th 9-12noon Age 3-Gr. 4



SAY YES to VBS - Trinity Lutheran Atchison, KS - SAY YES to VBS!
603 N. 8th Street – 913-367-2837

Jesus Saves! John 3:16

Say YES to VBS! Suggested \$6 per VBSer or \$10 per family Give form to TLC, TLS, or Sylvia Thompson: VBS Coordinator

Child's name _____ 2018-2019 grade _____ Birth date and age _____

Parent's names _____

Home address _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____ E-mail _____

Emergency contact-Relationship to child-Phone number _____

Food allergies/medical concerns _____ Family doctor/phone _____

Church name _____

People who may pick up child _____

Transportation needed? (If so, parent will be notified) _____

**PARENTS PLEASE sign below if you grant the VBS permission to photograph/film the
minor(s) designated above during VBS _____**