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**FROM PASTOR ZIEGLER'S DESK**

**CALLS AND MEETINGS IN JUNE**



Home	11
Hospital	8
Shut-Ins	2
Meetings & Classes	19
Hours Counseling	7

**BAPTISM**

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, Ruby Jeanne Berry received the gifts and blessings of Holy Baptism. We welcome Ruby into God's family.

**FUNERAL SERVICES**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, funeral services were held for Carilyn Blasi, 80. Carilyn served her Lord here at Trinity in many, many ways through the years. She was a Sunday School teacher, Kennedy Caller, Altar Guild member, worked at funeral dinners, visited the nursing homes on Mondays, faithful in classes and worship. We pray our Lord's comfort to Ken and family.

Services were held at Becker-Dyer's for Edna Higley, 86 on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Edna was the mother of Richard Higley and I visited her in the hospital and home several times in past years. We pray our Lord's comfort to Richard and the family.

**GARAGE/MAINTENCE BUILDING**

As you have probably noticed, after much rain delay, the Garage/Maintenance Building is finally going up. As I am writing this, workers are putting the roof on the building and studs in place for the porch. By the next Newsletter, it should be finished or almost finished.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Again, we had a GREAT Vacation Bible School. Over 233 children were enrolled and attended. Most of these were from Trinity, but there were also children from 29 other area churches. Thank you to Sylvia and Barb and Heather and the many, many other workers, adults and youth, who made, once again, our Vacation Bible School an event of ministry and mission.

**CREMATION**

I am often asked questions about cremation. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you will find an article about cremation and its history.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Diane Schletzbaum for taking care of Esther's Nest, weeding, planting flowers, etc. Also, for planting flowers in the front of the mobiles. Thank you to Joyce Duitsman for planting flowers in the circle-bed by the air-conditioners and thank you to Terry Mills for planting the flowers under the church sign across the street. Thank you to John Bisping for re-doing the bench in Esther's Nest. Thank you to Glen Buckley for all his work in taking good care of the playground. And, thank you to these men whom I have seen mowing: Adam Goodpasture, Joshua Hetz, Terry Hamilton, David Goodpasture, Phil Sinclair, Austin and Evan Hamilton. I'm sure I've missed someone. Please let me know.



Thank you to Rebecca Hoffman and Jaid DeWitt who dusted all the books and shelves in my office. They worked four hours and did an excellent job!

## JOHNNIE REUNION

June 7-9, I was in Winfield to attend the Johnnie Reunion. I graduated from St. John's College in 1954 (think of it, 65 years ago). Seven others from that year were there. I went with Ron and Allison. At the banquet she accompanied on the piano for the New Life Singers. She was a member of that group when she attended St. John's.

## EVERY MEMBER COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, was Every Member Communion Sunday. Our attendance that day was 365. I'm sure the rain kept some folks away, but we did have ten people come to the Lord's Table who had not been here for many months. We will continue to pray, invite, encourage and urge.

## ADULT INQUIRER'S CLASS

Remember that Adult Inquirer's Class begins on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. So far we have nine people enrolled, seven new people and two members. Please be praying that there will be 25 people in this class. And, please be praying for that person you know who is not walking with Christ, and who does not know Him as Savior. Then, after much praying, invite that person to class and offer to come with them. Please note that this year we now have on the back of the enrollment blank what each class is about. There are hundreds of people in Atchison who do not know the Lord. You know some of them. Some of them are in your family. What is at stake is eternal salvation.

## EVERYONE HIS WITNESS

Remember? On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, we are going to have a one-day seminar, "Everyone His Witness". It will be led by Rev. Dan Galchutt from the Kansas District Office. The seminar is about witnessing in our everyday lives and contacts, to show us how, and equip us to. The materials are produced by Synod and printed by CPH. I've heard many good things about this seminar which has been given in several of our Kansas congregations. It will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch (half-hour) will be served here at church. Materials will be provided (no cost). We are praying for a basement full of people (at least 50). We are hoping that at this first seminar, all our staff, leaders, and committee people will be present. An enrollment blank will be in the Sunday bulletin.



## DEBT-DOWN SUNDAY

We are designating the second Sunday of each month as Debt-Down Sunday. On that Sunday what is given to the Building Fund (in the white envelopes) will go to make the payment on our Garage/Maintenance building debt

(\$50,000). What you are already giving to the Building Fund on that day will go for the debt. If you are not now giving something on that line, we pray that on that day you will and in that way, help pay-down the debt. And, it would be great if you are already giving to the Building Fund, on that Sunday you will give something extra (\$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00) to pay down the debt faster. Our first "Debt-Down Sunday" will be July 14<sup>th</sup>.



## "\$119 IN '019"

Sunday, July, the 28<sup>th</sup>, will be "\$119 in '019" Sunday. We've had this special Sunday since 1990. Since paying off the debt on the Education Building (new building) this offering has gone into Dream Fund III. We need to keep building this to have funds for when we begin doing the work our Building Committee is now planning.

## TRINITY SCHOOL'S 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

We are planning to celebrate Trinity School's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets have been in the bulletin. Also, you will receive a letter about this.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

I am hearing good things about the Men's Prayer Breakfast that meets at Paolucci's on the second Thursday morning at 6:30 a.m. For more information talk to Jim Duitsman or Mike Farrell.

## TRINITY BOOKSTORE

Have you stopped in the Trinity Bookstore lately? Please do. John Bisping has done a great job building new shelves, etc. and Roschelle has added much inventory, lots of new books, good reading for adults and children.

See you next Sunday...children in Sunday School, adults in Bible Class, the whole family in worship, studying God's Word, singing praises to His glory, thanking Him for His blessings and goodness, fellowshiping with fellow believers.

Peace!

Pastor Ziegler

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## THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

To get the Newsletter out before July 4<sup>th</sup>, the financial news below is of June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Home	Needed in 2019	\$ 465,579.25
	Given in 2019	446,336.48
Missions	Needed in 2019	20,504.75
	Given in 2019	16,483.28
Building	Needed in 2019	15,866.25
	Given in 2019	16,019.63

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, almost half the year, we are BEHIND \$19,242.77 in the HOME budget (4.1%), BEHIND \$4,021.47 in the MISSION budget (19.6%), and AHEAD \$153.38 in the BUILDING budget. Stewardship reports will be in the Narthex on July 21<sup>st</sup>. As we go through the summer months we ask that you be faithful and generous in your giving. If you are behind in your giving, we pray that you will make every effort to catch up.

**Special gifts during June were:**

Bethesda Home	42.00
Lutheran Heritage Foundation	50.00
Lutheran Hour	15.00
Lutheran World Relief	322.00
Emergency Fund	20.00
Flower Fund	20.00
Garage/Maintenance Building	130.00
Vacation Bible School	694.61
KAIR Broadcast	50.00
Technology (current) Fund	52.00
Loaves and Fishes	65.00
Organ Fund	50.00

**With these gifts this is how our BENEVOLENCE PICTURE looks:**

<u>BENEVOLENCE</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>GIVEN</u>
Bethesda Home	\$ 1,100.00	458.00
Luth. Heritage Found.	600.00	372.00
Lutheran Hour	900.00	1,018.00
Luth. World Relief	3,500.00	1,452.00

Remember that Bethesda Home is an institution for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Lutheran Heritage Foundation, prints and distributes all kinds of literature for the mission fields (catechisms, S.S., etc.) Lutheran Hour spreads the Gospel through radio, internet, DVD's, etc. And Lutheran World Relief feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, helps where there is tragedy, etc. All worthy ministries which need and deserve our help.

Please read the Pastor's Report about "Debt-Down Sunday" and "\$119 In '019". Also, soon we will be looking for 40 School Sponsors.



"You've heard it countless times: 'Put your money where your mouth is.' Or as someone has paraphrased, 'Back up what you say with what you pay!' Jesus had an even deeper perspective. He said: 'Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' In other words, put your money where your heart is, but make sure your heart is in the right place." ~ Quoted

**LOOKING BACK**

**Ten Years – 2009**

.....Tona VanSchoiack and Michael Stone were married on June 20.

.....Funeral services were held for Nora Underwood, 88 and Rose Pierce, 80.

.....Trinity Place was in full operation. Ribbon cutting dedication and open house were held on June 12.

.....Nineteen people came on June 27 to wash windows and blinds at the new school building. Terry Mills served her famous cinnamon rolls.

.....On June 2-4 Pastor was at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his graduation on June 3, 1959.

.....Lance Kiehl completed the Kennedy Training.

.....103 people were present for the New Member Potluck.

.....154 children were present for VBS.

.....Debt on the second parsonage was \$84,265.43.

.....In the Home budget we were behind \$16,864.59 but in the Mission budget we were ahead \$593.26 and in the Building budget we were ahead \$1,426.30.

.....A new server was purchased for school and church.

**Twenty Years Ago – 1999**

.....Pastor Ziegler attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Seminary graduation.

.....On June 29, we had a farewell celebration for two much-loved Trinity teachers, Ella and Peggy.

.....Trent Jewell won the First Place Trophy in the fishing derby for catching a two-pound catfish.

.....172 children came to VBS. Roger Rench was director.

.....Music Director, Daved Driscoll attended the "Created to Praise" seminar at St. John's Lutheran, Ellisville, Missouri.

**Thirty Years Ago – 1989**

.....Freda and Doug Goodpasture were taking care of the flower beds in front of the mobiles and between our buildings.

.....A bequest of \$9,500 was received from the estate of Mrs. Leota Boatright.

.....Penny Bowen, Monica Donaldson, Susan Draper, Charles Higley, Kathy Neill and Vonda Young completed the "Creative Teaching" class taught by Ella Lehl.

**Forty Years Ago – 1979**

.....Many children, plus Luke Schmelzle, Tom Wutke, Larry Sadowski and Jon Schultz put on the musical, "Barbecue for Ben."

.....Thirty students were enrolled in Trinity's Summer Education Program.

.....182 children were in VBS, Patty Finnern was Director.

.....Candice Bruna was baptized, and funeral services were held for Homer Knight.

## **ABOUT CREMATION**

The early Christians firmly rejected pagan Rome's cremations. Caecilius, a Roman pagan critical of Christians in about 195 A.D. angrily stated that Christians "execrate our funeral pyres and condemn cremation." In short, Christians did more than just spurn cremation for themselves.

Sometimes Christians were persecuted for condemning cremation. In AD 177, in Lyons, Gaul (modern France), Christian-hating persecutors rushed into Christian homes, brutally killed many, burned their bodies, cast their charred bones into the Rhone River, and then mockingly shouted: "Now let's see if their bodies will rise again..." (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 5:63).

By the mid-fourth century, Rome's cremations had mostly ended. But in some regions, pagans still clung to it. This prompted Charlemagne the Great in AD 789 to declare cremation a capital crime throughout the Holy Roman Empire. And as Christianity expanded geographically by the mid-eleventh century earth burial had replaced cremations in Denmark, Brittain, and Scandinavia. Christians opposed cremation so firmly that when pagans converted, they had to promise never to be cremated.

Then, for almost a millennium, earth burial was the only method of disposing of the dead in all Europe. Burial had also become the exclusive practice in the New World. But by the early 1800's some deists, atheists, universalists and a few Christians, motivated by the philosophy of the Enlightenment, brought cremation back to Europe, and by the latter 1800's it came to the United States.

When cremation returned in the early 1800's in some areas of Europe, Christians, unlike their earlier ancestors, were notably silent. It was not until 1886, that Pope Leo XIII issued two anti-cremation decrees that barred Catholics from "demanding cremation for one's own body or that of another." In 1892, the Holy See issued a third decree demanding that Catholics were not to cooperate in any cremation activities. In 1917, the Code of Canon Law prohibited ecclesiastical burial of bodies that were to be cremated. In 1926, Pope Pius XI condemned cremation saying its advocates were "enemies of Christianity." He also declared that cremation de-emphasized the resurrection of the body. But in 1963, Pope Pius VI made an about-face by contradicting the five previous degrees and worse, said nothing about two thousand years of Christian opposition.

The biblical concept of death as "sleep" prompted the early Christians to give Roman burial sites a new name, coemeteria (sleeping places), from which we get

"cemeteries" in English. The word coemeteria symbolized Christians awaiting the resurrection, an affront to the pagans.

We remember, too, that while the pagan nations around Israel burned their dead, God's people did not. They looked upon the body as a creation and good gift of God. Therefore, even in death they had great respect for it, washing, wrapping, using spices, giving proper burial. Think of the Old Testament patriarchs, Lazarus, the son of the widow of Nam, the body of John the Baptist, the body of Jesus Himself.

While the Scriptures do not say a clear "yes or no" to cremation, certainly we should look at the practices and traditions and words of God's people through the centuries.

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### **An Out of This World VBS!**

3 -2 -1 BLASTOFF - Trinity Lutheran VBS welcomed over 200 Space Cadets to a "Miraculous Mission" Vacation Bible School. Each day we looked into God's Holy Word to discover God's "Miraculous Mission" to save you, me, and the whole world. At the center of every lesson was the Gospel: God's gracious gift of Jesus.

A special thanks to our Mission Specialists, Pilots and Co-pilots, Mission Builders, Astronaut Door Greeters, VBS Shuttle Drivers, Registration Crew, Nurses, Future VBSers' Childcare, Outer Space Decorators and Photographers, Community THANK YOUS, and to our Congregation Crew Members! Also thank you for the prayers and monetary donations from those who have a heart for our VBS Children's Ministry.

Concluding the week was the VBS Friday Night "Splashdown Celebration". All VBSers and families enjoyed a Space Supper and More, shared John 3:16 followed by a rocket display for all - "For God so Loved the World."

You are invited to join us at Trinity Lutheran Sunday Worship and Sunday School and Trinity Lutheran School as we Share God's Miraculous Message.

VBS 2019 was a BLAST! You won't want to miss VBS 2020! Mark your calendars!

**Sylvia Thompson VBS Space Commander**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**August 23, 6:00 p.m.**  
**ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

## **Health Note July 2019: Energy Drinks** **(reprinted from Lutheran Parish Nurse International with permission (lpni.org))**

When seeing an advertisement for energy drinks, do you want to try them? There are a number of popular brands, a few of these are Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar. The claim is to give one more energy, improve performance and increase concentration. These can be bought over the counter at any convenience store or food market. However, before purchasing the product, it is advisable to read the research and the personal testimonies that are readily available. These products can be considered non-regulated medications. Findings in the research are that the drinks contain more caffeine than 5 cups of coffee. They also contain guarana plant which has the similar effect of caffeine, the amino acid taurine, carbohydrates in the form of sugar and small amounts of vitamins. These beverages are not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and do not come with any warning signs as do alcohol and tobacco products. They are often labeled as dietary supplements rather than food. Further, the companies are not required to identify all of the contents in the drink.

In the literature there are reports of seizures, strokes and even deaths occurring especially in young people and the elderly. Other physical concerns are withdrawal from the caffeine which can produce symptoms of severe headache, feeling tired, having trouble concentrating and unable to get adequate sleep or quality rest. Definitely alcohol should not be consumed with an energy drink. The caffeine can mask the effects of the alcohol. Individuals may feel that they are not as intoxicated a blood alcohol level may show. Mixing caffeine with alcohol may cause one to drink more because the caffeine may keep one awake longer, though not necessarily more alert and cognizant.

Energy drinks are not safe for children and teens to consume. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the amount of caffeine in the energy beverage can cause high blood pressure, sleep problems, abnormal heart rate and increased blood sugar which can result in an untimely death. If there are existing medical problems, they can be exacerbated when drinking even a small amount of the beverage.

Additionally, in pregnancy, a small amount of caffeine is considered safe for a developing baby; however, in pregnancy it is not wise to have more than 200 mg. of caffeine a day, which is about the same amount in 2 cups of coffee. More caffeine than that may be related to a higher rate of miscarriage and can interfere with normal sleep patterns for both the mother and the fetus.

There are at least 3 things to consider before consuming energy drinks. 1) Water is almost always the best choice of fluid before, during and after physical activity. 2) Do not confuse energy drinks with sports drinks. These 2 different types of beverages do not contain the same ingredients. 3) Do not encourage or support the use of energy drinks for children, teens, the elderly or those with serious medical problems.

Inform those who consume the energy drinks of the risks that are involved, especially when individuals are exercising, drinking alcohol, pregnant or nursing, have a pre-existing heart condition or under the age of 18. The energy drinks could be harmful to health. Knowledge is power, and good health information can save lives. The more informed individuals can be, the better decisions they can make. Keeping the following Bible verse in mind, can be very good for one's health. So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1Corinthians 10:31).

Mary Hume, RN  
Parish Nurse Representative for LCMS Kansas USA  
Parish Nurse at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas USA.

As someone who used to work nights, I have tried energy drinks for that extra boost to stay awake and alert. While energy drinks may help you stay awake, they often also cause rapid heart rate, irregular heart rate, and elevated blood pressure. Additionally, the "let down" when the high dose of caffeine wears off can leave you feeling more tired and "foggy" than before! I don't work nights anymore which is a blessing! I still like my morning coffee and an occasional cappuccino for a treat, but I feel adequate sleep is much better to keep us energized and alert.

**Blessings,**  
**Marcene Selberg, RN parish nurse**

## July Church Newsletter

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration Day is on August 8 in the TLS Gym. Hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### TUITION INCREASE FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR:

Trinity will be increasing their K-8 Tuition for Members and Non-Members \$100 for the upcoming school year. Fees will remain the same and tuition for PK3 and PK4 will remain the same.

Grant and Aid is still available for families. The application is on the FACTS website. There is a non-reimbursable \$35 fee for applying.

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.*

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.

### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE THAT IS INTERESTED IN SENDING THEIR CHILD TO TRINITY?

Trinity has created a “Frequently Asked Questions” document to help answer some questions that potential families may have about our school.

If you know of a family that we should send this information to, please contact our office with their information and we will be happy to email/mail them this document.

Thanks for supporting our school!!

### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Meals for Breakfast and Lunch for Children ages 1-18 are provided this summer at no charge in Atchison.

Locations are: AMS 301 N 5<sup>th</sup> Times: Breakfast 7:40-8:20 am Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Every Monday – Friday June 3<sup>th</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>. No Meals served on July 4-5, 2019

### Vacation Bible School Pictures



### 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).

# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What makes Trinity different?

We believe in helping every student grow academically, in character, and in faith. We excitedly proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ in all that we do. Our approach to education and classroom management is motivated by the understanding that every student is a unique child of God and loved by Him. Our teachers work to help the students live moral lives that value themselves and others. We also want our children to experience the wonders of His creation and have regular opportunities for enrichment with field trips and other extra-curricular activities.

### 2. What are the class sizes?

The average class size is 10-15 students. Our teachers K-8 hold a KS teaching license and participate in continuing education to improve their knowledge and skills.

### 3. What is the cost to send my child(ren)?

Trinity offers Preschool for children ages 3 and 4. The cost for the PK3 program is \$650 (\$65 per month) for the year. The cost for the PK4 program is \$850 (\$85 per month) for the full year. PK programs require a \$50 enrollment fee. Registration begins in March. K-8 Tuition:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nonmember</u>	<u>Fees for K-8 students</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Child \$1,210 (\$125 per month)	\$1,350 (\$135 per month)	Technology \$100
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child \$1,075 (\$107.50 per month)	\$1,200 (\$120 per month)	Textbook \$95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child \$ 965 (\$96.50 per month)	\$1,075 (\$107.50 per month)	Dress Down \$20 (optional)

***All students PK-8 have Family Activity Fee of \$15 (per family)***

***All students K-8 have an Activity Fee of \$35.00 (per student)***

***Textbook, Technology, Dress Down, and Family Activity Fees are due with first payment.***

***Activity Fee of \$35 may be paid with tuition payment(s).***

Grant and Aid: Tuition assistance is available to families. There is a \$35 non-reimbursable application fee. For more information refer to the Parent Handbook or contact our office.

Our school utilizes a tuition management system called FACTS. Navigate to the school website at [www.tlsks.org](http://www.tlsks.org) and go to the Admissions tab for information, including Financial Aid.

**4. Is Trinity a KS accredited school?** Yes. Trinity participates in the KS State Assessments.

### 5. What is the curriculum?

Our curriculum is based on the KS College and Career Standards. Our religion curriculum is through One in Christ. We integrate technology in our instruction and assessment and use data to focus on student strengths and needs.

### 6. Does Trinity have extra-curricular opportunities?

Yes. Students have opportunity to participate in Athletics (grades 4-8 depending on sport) and Academic Competitions with other Lutheran Schools. We also participate in the Gathering of the Talents through Concordia University.

### 7. Can my child attend if they are not of the Lutheran faith?

Of course! We are here to serve all students and families in the community who desire a quality Christian education. We have many students from different congregations.

### 8. If my child has special needs, is Trinity able to provide services?

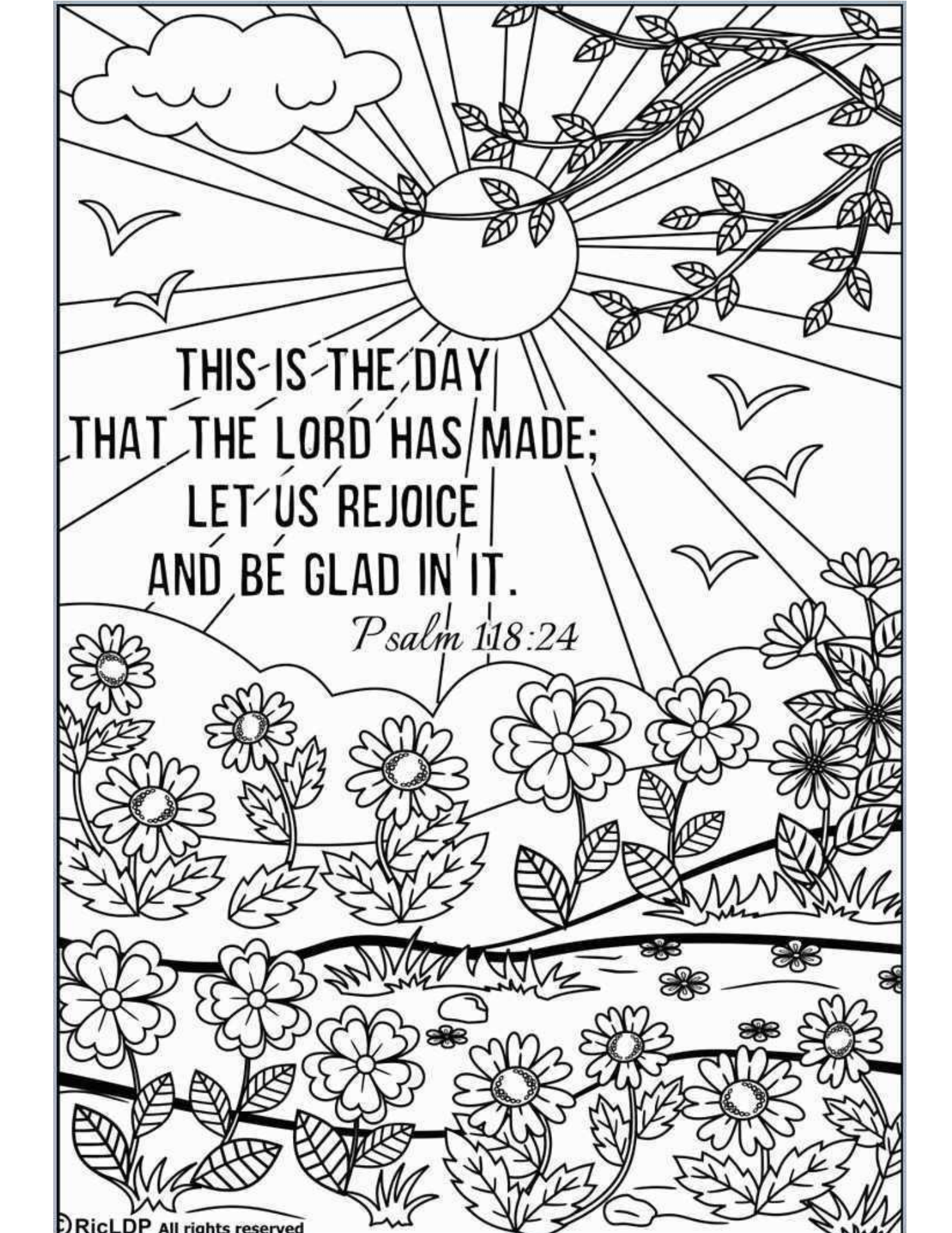
Trinity receives support through Atchison Public Schools (USD 409) Special Education services for students who are on IEPs. Services such as speech, PT, and OT are administered on site. Trinity also receives Title I services through USD 409 where students are identified for additional help in math and reading. Those services are provided on site.

### 9. How do students get to and from school?

Families are responsible for getting their children to and from school. Carpooling is encouraged. We do not provide bus transportation.

### 10. What do students wear?

Trinity has a standardized dress code. We believe standardized dress improves academic focus and helps create an orderly educational environment for our students.



THIS IS THE DAY  
THAT THE LORD HAS MADE;  
LET US REJOICE  
AND BE GLAD IN IT.

*Psalm 118:24*