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The Calm in the Chaos: Roselle the 9/11 Hero Dog

by Aimee Dahl

For many people, 9/11 was the worst day ever. It was a day that left nearly 3,000 people died. Only 18 people who were inside the World Trade Center towers when the buildings collapsed survived. Most of those were from a group of firefighters in the North Tower's Stairwell B.

There were heroic ordinary people who saved others on that day, but there was also a dog. A guide dog named Roselle safely led her blind owner, Michael Hingson, and around 30 other people down 78 floors of the World Trade Center's North Tower during the attacks on September 11, 2001. Roselle guided Hingson some 40 blocks to a friend's apartment and safety. Along the way, Roselle even stopped briefly to let a panicked woman pet her, enabling the frantic lady to calm down before continuing the descent.

Roselle was a hero and a man's best friend. The dog knew she had to act fast to get her owner to safety. The heroic guide dog is no longer alive; she passed away on June 26, 2011, at the age of 13. After Roselle the guide dog passed away on June 26, 2011, her owner Michael Hingson and his wife Karen established Roselle's Dream Foundation, a nonprofit charity dedicated to helping blind and visually impaired individuals access technology and education.



9/11 Never Forget

The Day the Towers Fell

by John Doerries

9/11 was a horrible day when a series of tragic events marked terrorist attacks against the United States. The most memorable targets were the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The towers were felled in a series of terrorist suicide attacks credited to the militant Islamist group Al Qaeda and its founder Osama bin Laden.

With 19 total hijackers in all, two of four successfully hijacked airplanes headed for the World Trade Center that Tuesday morning, hitting first the North Tower and

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Victims of a Faceless Foe: Tragedy at the Pentagon and on a Plane in Pennsylvania

by Bobby Hawn

9/11 is a day America will never forget. On September 11, 2001, Islamic terrorists executed multiple attacks on the United States using two jet planes to strike New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A likely attempt to hit the White House



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then the South Tower.

Osama bin Laden was a son of a billionaire. He established Al Qaeda in 1988 near the end of the Soviet-Afghan. The name of the radical group translates to "the base." Before planning the attack on the Twin Towers, he orchestrated multiple major attacks on the U.S., including a 1993 World Trade Center bombing and 1998's near simultaneous bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Bin Laden was killed by Navy Seals in a sneak attack on May 2, 2011.

The alleged mastermind of 9/11, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, captured in 2003, has been imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, since 2006. His trial is scheduled for June 2028.

Of the four planes hijacked that day, two were flown into the Twin Towers and another one was crashed into the Pentagon (where America's military is headquartered). A fourth plane, believed to be heading for the White House, went down in a Pennsylvania field.

The North Tower, struck first but collapsing last, came down 102 minutes after the impact of the first jet.

President George W. Bush was visiting a grade school in Florida when he got word of the terrorist attacks, on the day the towers fell.



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resulted in the crash of one hijacked plane in a little Pennsylvania town named Shanksville.

When the attacks began with the airplanes striking the Twin Towers in New York City, President George W. Bush was in Florida. White House Chief of Staff, Andrew Card, whispered in the President's ear that the World Trade Center's North Tower had been hit by a plane and that America was under attack. The President left the school he had been visiting, and boarded Air Force One (the President's jet). He addressed the nation from an air base in Louisiana, flew to a base in Nebraska for an executive security briefing, before returning to the White House.

In the wake of 9/11, President Bush's words were memorable, as he declared, "Today freedom itself was attacked this day by a faceless foe."

The Pentagon is the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense. On 9/11, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m., about a half hour after the second plane struck the World Trade Center. The Pentagon is a key symbol of power for the U.S. military. Some believe it was targeted in order to slow down any armed defense against the attacks.

At 10:03 a.m. American Airlines Flight 93 crashed just outside the tiny town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. In-flight phone calls following the hijacking of the plane documented a quickly planned passenger revolt as those aboard became aware of the attacks in New York and D.C. In a sacrificial act against the terrorists later presumed to be heading for the White House, the passengers brought the plane down as they met their deaths in a lone field.

9/11 was probably one of the scariest days America has ever seen. Every year we grieve those lost in the attacks. Even 25 years later, we remember.

A Prayer for Patriot Day – September 11

Lord of all nations, God of all peoples, we praise You for answering the prayers of Your people as we sought Your mercy and protection following the events of September 11, 2001. Your providence and care have given us daily bread and protection from enemies. We remember the lives lost in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and we lift up the families, first responders, and all who continue to live with the trauma of that day. Grant comfort, peace, and healing to those who mourn. Strengthen those who risk their lives to protect others, and guide us to be instruments of Your peace.
In Jesus' name, Amen

Source: LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Trinity's Chapel Theme for the Year***by Juliana Rivera*

Trinity's Chapel theme for the year is **ROOTED IN CHRIST**, and it is based on Colossians 2:6-15. These verses from the Bible help us learn how God wants us to live.

In verses 6-7, Paul urges Christians to "walk in Him"—meaning they should live out their daily lives with the same faith, stability, and thankfulness they had when they first received Jesus as Lord.

Verse 8 is where the apostle warns believers not to be captured by human traditions, worldly philosophies, or elementary spiritual principles that pull them away from the supremacy of Christ.

Verses 9-10 teaches how Jesus holds all the fullness of God bodily. Because believers are united with Him, they are made "complete" (full) without needing to add extra-biblical rituals or secret knowledge.

In verses 11-12, Paul uses physical imagery to explain a spiritual reality. Just as physical circumcision marked God's people in the Old Testament, faith in Christ brings a "circumcision of the heart"—a spiritual cleansing and burial of the old sinful life symbolized by baptism.

Verses 13-14 tell how God made spiritually dead people alive through Christ. He erased the record of legal demands and sins that stood against humanity, nailing that record to Jesus' cross.

**Getting the Healthy Lunch Thing Right!***by Joshua Camiola*

We need healthy food in our lunch boxes: protein (chicken, eggs, or nut butters), dairy like milk and yogurt, fresh vitamin-filled vegetables (consider carrots, tomatoes, or cucumbers), and fruit like grapes, berries, apples, bananas, or oranges.

For your drink, water is the best! We need water because water is very healthy for you and you need water to survive! If you want to drink juice, opt for 100% fruit juice.

Adding something snacky will help you feel full throughout the day. Try popped popcorn, sweet potato or kale chips, or dark chocolate covered raisins.



As the 2026-2027 school year kicked off, it sparked another cross-country season. Trinity Chargers have been working very hard since the first practice on August 25. Trinity Lutheran School's cross-country team has already participated in two different meets. Our most recent meet, at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, included all feeder schools from around Willowbrook's District 88. The athletes in the 7th grade girls' two-mile run displayed good sportsmanship, when first place runner, Savannah Wukasch (from St. John's Lutheran/Lombard) and fourth place runner Keira Hager (Trinity Lutheran/Lombard), congratulated each other and hugged.

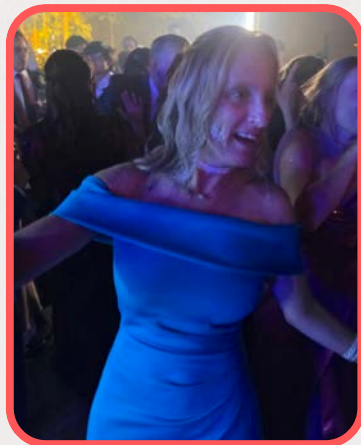


If you haven't seen Trinity's wonderful runners in action, you are invited to attend a remaining meet and cheer the team on. On Wednesday, September 23, Jerusalem Lutheran School in Morton Grove hosts Trinity's third meet of the season. The final meet will be hosted exactly a week later, September 30, at Walther Christian Academy. Both meets will start their first race at 4:30 p.m. Trinity's Chargers would greatly appreciate your support. This cross-country team has run their hearts out - let's cheer them on: **GO TRINITY CHARGERS!!!**



"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith..."

from Hebrews 12:1-2



Mrs. Curelo's Trip of a Lifetime

by Georgia Nicolaou and Keira Hager

Mrs. Curelo flew to Brazil in late July to attend her nephew's wedding. Mrs. Curelo, her husband, her children, and her oldest brother decided it would be weird to travel all the way to Brazil and only go for a wedding, so they thought it would be best to make a whole trip out of it. She went about everywhere in Brazil, which made the trip extra special.

They first flew to Manaus, the capital of Amazonas, Brazil. They got there by flying to Florida, then Panama, and finally Manaus. Manaus is the entry point for foreigners who want to visit the Amazon. There, they saw the Manaus Opera house - which was absolutely beautiful. They also saw the meeting of the two rivers just outside of Manaus - it features the dark Rio Negro River meeting the Solimões River.

They later flew southeast to Rio de Janeiro, where she saw the famous statue, Christ the Redeemer. She told us that seeing the statue brought her closer to God because, "I experienced a different kind of beauty in God's creation. And it was very moving to see such a large tribute to Christ in the form of a stunning statue." After Rio de Janeiro, they flew back north to Fortaleza, in Ceará. Fortaleza is where she attended her nephew's wedding. Mrs. Curelo's nephew married a Brazilian girl, which is why they held it in Brazil.

Mrs. Curelo told us many fun stories about being there, for example while in the Amazon, she caught a piranha. There, she also saw an Amazon guide catch a Cayman with his bare hands. Some advice she would give to people going to Brazil for the first time is to be prepared for weird flight times. It gets dark early. You also don't want to flush toilet paper. We asked her to rate the trip out of ten, and if she would go back. She rated it eleven out of ten and said she would go back in a heartbeat. Mrs. Curelo also shared some fun facts about Brazil: You can eat Piranhas, Brazilians love their carbohydrates, you will never see so many motorcycles in your life, and at salons - women get their pedicures and manicures at the same time.

After about a 10-day trip, she finally flew back home. She said it was a

"trip of a lifetime" and she would definitely go back. Mrs. Curelo's story about Brazil makes us all want to go.



Enjoy Mrs. Curelo's travel pics!



THE HISTORY OF OUR UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

by Abby Pilny

The Constitution of the United States is one of the most important things to understand about the birth and history of America. Our constitution is, at its most basic, a list of laws that control our country, help keep us safe, and make everything fair. The Constitution wasn't easily approved of. Before it, we had the Declaration of



Constitution Day is observed annually on September 17. Trinity students marked the event with their own art representing the Constitution and the events at Fort McHenry as recalled in **The Star Spangled Banner**, our national anthem.

Independence and the Articles of Confederation. The Constitution is stronger than both of them. It is sorted into brief sections. The first part is the preamble. The preamble begins with the well-known words, "We the people," showing that it is meant to serve the people. It also operates on the idea that that we will be united to our country. The premise is that as long as we seek justice, peace, wellbeing, and liberty for all, we will be protected and well-governed. This preamble is followed by the Bill of Rights, which is composed of the foundational first ten amendments. Another 17 amendments have since been ratified. Together, these elements establish the rights that make everything equal and fair. The Constitution also establishes different departments and offices of the government and dictates how they operate to run the nation. The Constitution is critically important to our country and we should respect it.

The History of Columbus Day

by Damian Gomez

Columbus Day is a holiday in the United States that remembers Christopher Columbus and his voyage across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492. Columbus was an explorer from Italy who sailed under the flag of Spain. He wanted to find a new route to Asia by traveling west. Instead, he reached islands in the Caribbean, which started a new period of contact between Europe and America. For many years, people have celebrated Columbus for his voyage, crediting him with discovering the Americas. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison encouraged Americans to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival in the Americas. Columbus also became an important symbol for many Italian Americans because of his Italian heritage. Columbus Day later became an official federal holiday in the United States. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt officially proclaimed Columbus Day as a national holiday. In 1971, Congress moved the holiday to the second Monday of October. Since then, Columbus Day has been observed each year in the United States. Over time, people began discussing Columbus Day in different ways. Columbus's voyages led to European exploration and colonization, which had serious effects on indigenous peoples who already lived in the Americas. Because of this history, some communities celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of, or alongside, Columbus Day. Today, Columbus Day is part of American history and is viewed differently by different people. Learning about the holiday means understanding why Columbus was remembered, how the holiday became official, and how his voyages affected both Europeans and Indigenous peoples.



Christopher Columbus was a dedicated Christian concerned first and foremost with serving God and his fellow man. He believed that he was honoring God and the Church and cared deeply about the rights and the souls of New World natives.

Source: Columbus: Separating Myth from Fact

Columbus Day
October 12, 2026



Meet Miss LeMaire

by Keira Hager, Georgia Nicolaou, and Arian Gomez

Left to right: Georgia, Keira, Miss Jan LeMaire, and Arian

Miss LeMaire joined Trinity Lutheran School this year, where she serves as a preschool aide in Miss Kraegle's classroom. She has worked with Mrs. Baerenklau (the wife of Trinity's Principal) for eight years. She also knew Miss Kraegle's father from when they attended the same church years ago. Miss LeMaire has a daughter who is a teacher and a granddaughter who is thinking about becoming a teacher. **FUN FACT:** Miss LeMaire won the Lombard Civil War Reenactment trivia contest a few years ago! We are blessed to have her at Trinity.

Q: What got you into teaching?

A: There weren't many choices available to me, and I've always wanted to teach.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I was born and raised on the South Side of Chicago.

Q: How do you like teaching?

A: I've taught forever, and I love it because students still come to school.

Q: Do you have any childhood memories you would like to share with us?

A: When I was 6 years old, I got lost at Disneyland and Walt Disney himself bought me an ice cream cone while I waited for my parents.

Q: Why did you choose to teach preschool?

A: At preschool you get to do things that moms don't like to do at home and it's important to set a good foundation.

Q: Have you worked at any other schools or held any other types of jobs?

A: I was a pharmacy apprentice, bank teller, vault teller, home daycare provider, and I have taught at multiple Lutheran and public schools.

Q: How did you learn about Trinity?

A: I drive past it all the time, and I even attended church here for a while when I first moved to Lombard.

Q: How do you like working with the preschoolers?

A: It's so fun, I almost feel guilty about taking a paycheck!

Q: Do you have any good advice?

A: We are lucky that we are able to be here, in a Christian school. The people who love you always want the best for you. And you should always listen to what they say...you won't always agree with it, but you should listen to it.

Q: What days do you come to Trinity?

A: I'm at Trinity on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Thursdays and Fridays, I work at Zion-Concord Lutheran School in Bensenville.

Q: How does your work at Trinity bring you closer to God and allow you to share His Word?

A: Very young children are quite accepting of the Lord. You have to be very careful what you say to young children because they believe whatever you tell them, so you have to tell them the truth. It's a privilege that not every teacher has. I always picture them sitting on Jesus's knee. To bring children to the feet of Jesus is a privilege not every teacher has.

Q: What's your favorite thing to do when you have time to relax?

A: I like to cook, bake, and work on researching family genealogy.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: I read, specifically Civil War books. I've read over 30,000 pages of Civil War history.

[THAT'S HOW SHE WON THAT CIVIL WAR TRIVIA CONTEST!]

Welcome to Trinity, Miss LeMaire!



Peeking in on 6th Grade...

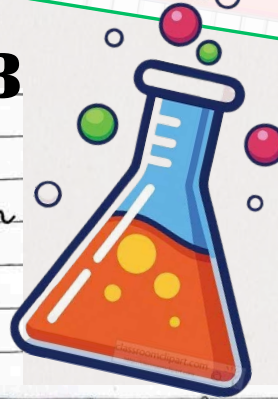
If you're not actually in 6th grade - or teaching it - you might wonder what REALLY goes on in class. So here is a glimpse of one recent assignment that produced some interesting (and funny) results.

Students were given writing prompts - and told to write a story, but without using any helping verbs (other than in the first and last sentences). What's a helping verb? See the quick primer to the right!

helping verb:		
"helps" the main verb in a sentence by adding more details		
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are	had	shall
be	has	should
been	have	was
can	is	were
could	may	will
did	might	would
do	must	

JACOB

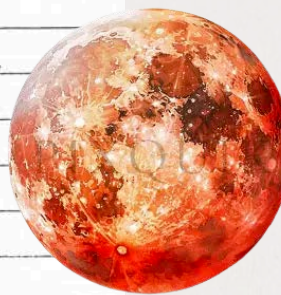
I made a formula that is supposed to make you invisible. The first time I tried it on a chicken. The chicken exploded into millions of pieces and to think I wanted to put that on someone. The second time, it worked for a hour on a chicken and a human! The 3rd try worked long enough for the chicken to run across the room 50 times. The room measures 15 meters wide! I made it for the Army to use so they may destroy enemies. Day five of making the formula and other people and aliens want it. I needed to use it and get the rest out and find the secret lab! Day eight I perfected it so you could say "invisible" and become invisible! I become so famous that people tried to purchase it from me. I refuse to let them have it! Everything could go wrong if I sold it, Chaos would erupt!



FLOYD

How I was on Mars

Elon Musk sent me to Mars to make a report. I hiked along the highest point of Mars. I tried to find any organisms. I located many mountains but I reported nothing. Elon Musk was very mad and fired me as fast as possible.



HEIDI

It was just a Tuesday, nothing special... except for the fact it rained marshmallows. Eating lunch and then suddenly, the cafeteria became sticky. This marshmallow goo clung to my shoe. Students began sticking to walls, to floors, chairs and running through halls. I closed my eyes and woke up in my bed. "Phew!" I went to the kitchen and gazed outside. It really was raining marshmallows.

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Sehron, 2:00 PM, 2026

"So what job are you doing today?" said one soldier. "The usual," said the other. "Ehmmmm." Suddenly a big flash of light lit up the sky like a supernova. "We phhh wuh!" And quicker than 100 attoseconds, the Israeli-US base ceased to exist.

Trinity Lutheran School 1:15 PM 2026

I just got back from recess after working with Floyd to bring Abby back to our classroom. When Mrs. Lueck quickly turned on current events "Breaking News! An unknown aircraft blasted into the US-Israeli base in Sehron tonight. She presided in procla- " Suddenly the TV turned off and the alien spacecraft hovered over



the parking lot. Then they broke to your leader. "Bring me the alien ship blew up the preschool, kindergarten, and I and grade women. We deem to rule your world, take this as a warning." Mr. B dismissed us and we were all shocked.

Q: Why did the student eat his homework?

A: Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

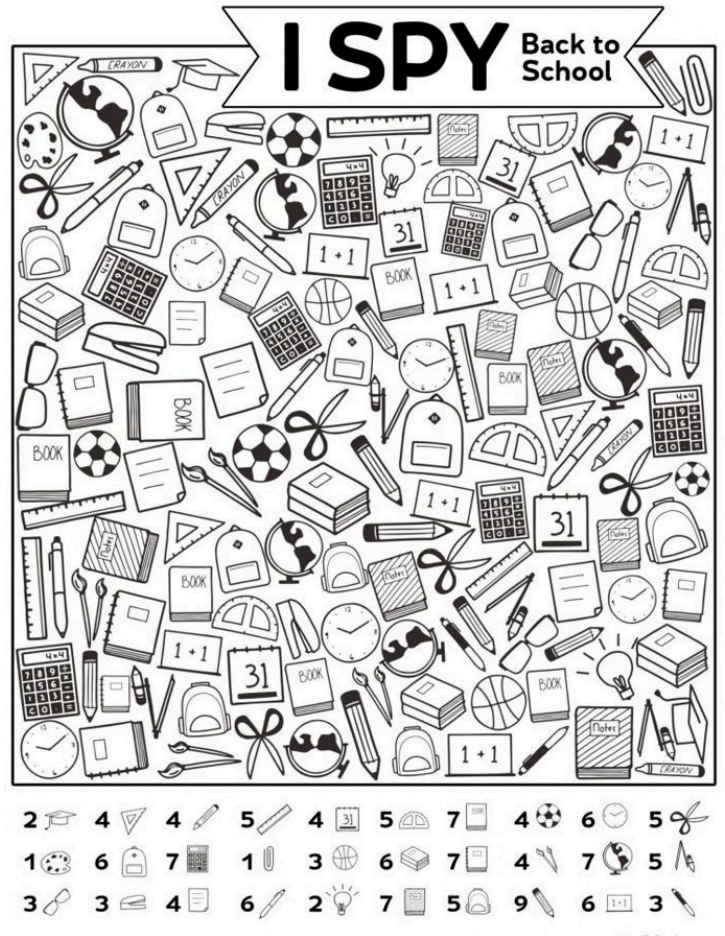
Q: Why did the math book look sad?

A: It had too many problems.

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

A: Because her students were so bright.

HA!
HA!



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday, September 23 - Cross Country Meet @ Jerusalem/Morton Grove, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 - School Photo Day

Friday, September 25 - Fun Run, during school

Tuesday, September 29 - Hot Lunch: Sloppy Joes

Tuesday, September 29 - Chapel (Special Day) with Missionary Joe Boway, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 30 - NO CHAPEL

Wednesday, September 30 - Cross Country Meet @ Walther/Melrose Park, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1 - Dine to Donate: Wendy's - Oakbrook Terrace, 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Tuesday, October 6 - Hot Lunch: Pizza

Wednesday, October 7 - Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, October 9 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service Day

Monday, October 12 - NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13 - Hot Lunch: Mac 'n' Cheese

Wednesday, October 14 - Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 18 - Sunday School begins, following 9 a.m. church service

Tuesday, October 20 - Hot Lunch: Tacos

Wednesday, October 21 - Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 25 - Students sing in church service, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, October 27 - Hot Lunch: Mostaccioli

Wednesday, October 28 - Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 29 - School Photo Make Up Day

Friday, October 30 - Pumpkin decorating, during school

Saturday, October 31 - Fall Fest: Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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As Trinity Lutheran School entered its 166th academic year with Opening Chapel on August 19, 2026, Principal Baerenklau presented third grade students and new students in upper grades with their own copies of the Faith Alive Student Bible.

**With my whole heart I seek You; let me not
wander from Your commandments! I have stored
up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin
against You. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me
Your statutes!**

Psalms 119:10-12