



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**JUNE 2012**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:45 am Fellowship  
9:05 am Sunday School  
&  
Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas



## Filling in the Blanks

As we move along through the church year, we are now entering into the Sundays after Pentecost. This is sometimes called the Time of the Church. We also sometimes refer to it as the non-festival half of the church year. I like to think of this time of the church year as the time when we fill in all the blanks. Quite naturally, the readings during the Christmas season focused on the events surrounding the birth of Christ and his very early life. Just as naturally, the readings around the time of The Resurrection of Our Lord focused on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. A quick glance at any of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) will show that that pretty much covers Jesus' life. A deeper look, though, will reveal that all kinds of things were skipped-over in the process. WE simply didn't have time to get into all of the things that Jesus said and did during his ministry among the disciples. That's where the Time of the Church comes in. Now it's time to fill in the blanks. The reading in our lectionary that always sets the tone for the day is the Gospel reading. The Old Testament reading is chosen to correspond with the Gospel readings. During this year (Year B in the lectionary) our Gospel readings will almost all be from Mark's Gospel. The readings are consecutive. We'll start in chapter 2 and go all the way through the book until we get close to the account of Jesus suffering and death again. Along the way we'll hear about his many teachings and miracles. For our Epistle readings on Sundays this summer and fall, we will hear most of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, his letter to the Ephesians, and portions of James' epistle and the epistle to the Hebrews. One of the great advantages to using a lectionary is that over the course of three years we read a huge chunk of Holy Scripture. Year in and year out we hear anew the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. I hope you'll continue to join us this summer as we fill in the blanks!

*In Christ,  
Pastor*

**June Sermon Themes and Texts**

**June 3**

Theme: Holy  
Text: Isaiah 6:1-8

**June 10**

Theme: More Than Collateral Damage  
Text: Genesis 3:8-15

**June 17**

*Rev. Harold Fleischhauer preaching*

**June 24**

*Rev. Dale Leland preaching*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# Birthdays for the Month!



6/02	Milburn Robison	6/09	HUNTER WALDROP	6/19	HANNA DIEMER
6/02	Heather Bozeman	6/10	Lowell Coody	6/21	Johanna Buechmann
6/02	Justin Szymanski	6/10	Jerry Ebers	6/21	Betty Herridge
6/02	Lauren Thielemann	6/10	Carl C. Hinze	6/21	Dan Kieke
6/03	Sieg Leland	6/10	Debbie Hinze	6/21	Rose Marie Trenckmann
6/03	Laura Vandercook	6/12	Lynette Lee	6/21	CONNOR SMITH
6/05	EDEN DIEMER	6/13	AUSTIN JACOBSON	6/22	HOPE GRIFFIN
6/05	ALLYSSA VANDERCOOK	6/13	Dalton Luttrall	6/23	BAILEY SCHNEIDER
6/06	Donna Emshoff	6/14	Brett Ebers	6/25	Larry Alexander
6/06	Paul Orsak	6/14	BRIDGIT HARTMAN	6/25	Jimmy Szymanski
6/07	Charles Every	6/14	MEGHAN HEIN	6/25	LUKE THIELEMANN
6/07	MALLORY PURSLEY	6/14	Scott Jansen	6/26	Brandon Ebers
6/09	FORD ANDERSON	6/14	John Zuber	6/26	MATTHEW LEE
6/09	KRISTINA JAMES	6/16	Ben Epperly	6/26	Karen Schaare
		6/16	Beverly Fritsch	6/27	Brenda Cash
		6/18	Tamara Diemer	6/28	Ann Reay
		6/18	Susan A. Leschper	6/29	Stephen Stuessel
				6/29	Kolby Wolf



# Happy Anniversary



*Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.*

6/1/1958	Bobby & Geraldine Barrett♥	6/13/1965	Edd & Clara Gerstenberger
6/1/2001	Rocky & Samantha Waxler	6/14/1975	Troy & Yvonne Tesch
6/3/1950	Joe & Alice Burttschell♥	6/16/1957	Billy & Doris Schaffner♥
6/3/1962	Jerry and Mary Grunke	6/17/1973	Jerry & Marlene Leiber
6/4/1994	John & Shirley Schier	6/18/1983	Ben & Peggy Jurek
6/6/2002	Jim & Renee Pursley	6/22/1957	Arnold & Gloria Havermann♥
6/7/1996	Chad & Tinson Rasbury	6/26/1971	Wayne & Margie Ashorn
6/9/2007	Don & Diane Henry	6/30/1990	Alan & Wendy Jaminson
6/10/2006	Matthew and Bethany Roberts		



**Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents**

**Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky Lillie Wittenburg**

**Estella Heintschel Louise Kinsey**

**Shut Ins Oridell Ekarius J. P. Gerhart**

**Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz**

**Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer**



**Sympathy for the family of Marvin Pless**

**who went to be with his Lord on March 25, 2012. Please keep Mildred and the rest of the family in your prayers.**



**Sympathy for the family of Maydell**

**Reichardt who went to be with her Lord on April 5, 2012. Please keep her daughter Sandra Berger and the rest of the family in your prayers.**



**Sympathy for the family of Kirby**

**Amthor who went to be with his Lord on May 1, 2012. Please keep Joyce and the rest of the family in your prayers.**



**Thanks to all supporters of recent Ladies Aid bake sale. Giving of your time and treasures is greatly appreciated. Donating money, cakes or even buying items is your action of love.**



**- STAMPS! Are you able to use a scissors and follow directions? HELP IS NEEDED in trimming used postage stamps from envelopes. Just call the church office at 885-2211 if interested.**



**Lions Club thanks Trinity Lutheran Church for the gift of used eye glasses. The designated box is located near the double glass doors on the wooden display shelf. Thanks again for the cases and eye glasses for all people in need.**



**Preschool Teachers would like to say thank you to Mary Buechmann and Ursula Kutra for sewing the Mother's Day pillows which were handprint gifts made by the children given to their moms. Thank you for all you do for the preschool.**  
**Preschool Teachers**



**Baptism – Jennifer Renee Smith has been received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on May 6, 2012, administered by Rev. David Vandercook.**



**Baptism – Meggan Lynn Prentice, daughter to Schyler and Amber Prentice, grandparents, Bob and Terri Julian has been received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on May 16, 2012, administered by Rev. David Vandercook.**



The family of Kirby Amthor would like to thank Pastor Vandercook for all his visits to Kirby and his service and the ladies Aid for the food and serving. For all the cards, food, prayers and calls in our time of sorrow.

Thanks again,  
 God's Blessings to All  
 Joyce Amthor and Family



**Trinity Lutheran Church would like to welcome to our family:**

**Howard Bear  
 5880 Wildeflower Rd.  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-877-0281**

**Denise Kopecky and grandson Cayden Kopecky  
 P. O. Box 213  
 East Bernard, TX 77435  
 979-335-6200**

**Joseph, Jennifer and Klarissa Smith  
 2819 River Court Rd.  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-885-1754**

**Gene and Betty Remmert  
 5889 FM 2187  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-877-1397**



**Pastor David Vandercook confirmed four young men, left to right, Wyatt Rath, Nathan Romano, Clayton Fritsch and Austin Jacobson on Sunday, May 6, 2012.**



Trinity would like to honor the High School Graduates on Sunday, June 10, 2012! If you have not done so, we would like to have the High School Graduates bring in a graduation picture and a couple of other pictures to be placed on the screen. Please bring your pictures by the church office to have scanned and placed on the screen to honor your special day!

**Congratulations to the High School Graduates!**  
**Amber Jacobson!**  
**Katie Sebesta!**  
**Zachary Terrell!**  
**Angelica Fitzgerald!**



**Food Pantry News!** In April we were able to distribute food to 172 families helping feed 486 individuals. We will always have a need for paper grocery bags. Please save them for us.

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we had an open house at the pantry to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of helping people in the Sealy area by furnishing food for whoever was in need. Cookies and drinks were furnished by the coordinators to all who came to visit. This was a perfect opportunity to view the operation and see how we do business and store the food at the pantry. Thanks to everyone who came by and celebrated with us. We couldn't have accomplished what we have done without you.

**Vernon Ekarius, Coordinator**



## ***Ladies Aid News***

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall and Ruth Paben welcomed everyone.

Betty Richter gave an interesting program, "King David on Mother's Day".

Hostesses for the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting are Ruth Paben and Loretta Dziadek.

Bake sale was held May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dolores and Jerry Cain observed their wedding anniversary in May.

Hostesses Rose Marie Trenckmann and Betty Richter served the delicious refreshments furnished by members.

Next meeting will be held June 7<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are welcome to attend.

### *Nettie Swearingen*



**DAY LUNCHEON!** Trinity's Senior Day was held on May 2 with twenty-nine attending the luncheon. Our day began with Pastor sharing a devotion and grace before lunch. We thank Mary Buechmann, Geraldine Barrett, and Ursula Kutra for providing the dessert. Everyone had a great time after lunch playing bingo and dominoes. A big thank you to Bobby Barrett for once again being the bingo caller.

Mark your calendar for the next luncheon that will be held on June 6 at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will play bingo and dominoes following the luncheon. Domino players please bring your dominoes. This luncheon is a time for seniors to come and enjoy the fellowship. You are not obligated to bring food and playing games is optional. You may invite your friends and neighbors. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please note, if you sign up to attend and are not able to come to the luncheon we ask that you call Bev or Patsy and let them know that you will not be attending. The food is prepared according to the number of individuals that sign up. Any questions call Bev Ekarius at 885-2014, Phyllis Sams at 979-732-9477 or Patsy Tomasek at 877-0848.



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## **Ministry of the Month**

The Ministry of the Month being highlighted in June is Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI). LMI is an unprecedented and historic partnership of the Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The goal of LMI is to mobilize U.S. Lutherans to raise awareness of malaria and its daily impact on the lives of people in Africa and to raise \$45 million in the global effort to help end malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. LMI is made possibly through support from the United Nations Foundation.

Building on the success and strength of their networks already in place, the mission in Africa is straightforward: to teach people to recognize the symptoms of malaria, promote prevention and provide treatment and prevention resources.

### **Why Malaria?**

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by a parasite. It is transmitted to people through the bites of malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

Approximately half of the world's population is at risk for malaria. There are more than 200 million cases each year and of those infected, nearly a million die. Most malaria cases and deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa.

### **Why Now?**

Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria, a disease that is both preventable and treatable. There is global momentum to fight malaria. The will is present. The knowledge of how to prevent and treat malaria is present. It is now our time to be present to make a difference in the lives of millions of people.

Simple steps to prevent, treat and contain the disease are inexpensive and effective. Now is the time to join in the fight against malaria.

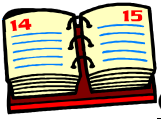
### **How Can I Help?**

Pray for those suffering from malaria and for those working to prevent, treat, and contain the disease.

Learn more about malaria and then tell everyone you know – family, friends, your congregation, and community.

Get involved by inspiring and inviting people to participate. Think about your congregation, school, ministry, family and friends.

Give a gift to LMI. Your generosity will enable LMI to respond and serve our brothers and sisters in Africa.



## **Church Planning Meeting**

is set for Monday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All committees and groups or representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (July 2012-January 2013) should attend.

The purpose of this session is to coordinate the working calendar for the Boards, Committees, and Auxiliary Organizations of Trinity congregation.

Since the planning meeting is closely scheduled before the Church Council meeting, please be prompt and prepared. It is important to preplan events and to spend our time efficiently.



Happy Summer! MOPS had a great year and is gearing up for next year. We are excited about the coming year, and we are looking forward to our summer activities. Once again, we will be having our third annual school supply drive for Brazos Elementary and Selman Elementary. We are excited to serve those in our communities who are in need of school supplies! Look for more information about this drive throughout the summer. We will be collecting items here at church towards the end of July and until August 12. After that, MOPS will divide them between the two school districts and distribute them. As you notice school supplies on sale throughout the summer, please consider gathering a few extras to share with those who are less fortunate!

*Laura Vandercook*

## **A father's love**

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.  
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.  
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,  
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

—Author unknown



TLC Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. This year we will be exploring how to “Trust God” through SKY VBS July 16-20 from 8:30-11:30 am. See the SKY display in the narthex to sign-up to help with VBS. We still have tons of spots open so don't forget to sign up or contact Leslie Pacher 979-885-8297 or [leslie\\_pacher@yahoo.com](mailto:leslie_pacher@yahoo.com). There is definitely something for everyone to help with at SKY VBS 2012. We need each and every member to pitch in and help make this year's VBS a huge success.

Food donations are also posted on the glass windows as you enter the gym. If you cannot help out during the week of VBS, please consider making a food donation to help out with our snack time.

If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Leslie Pacher at 979-885-8297.



Preschool is out for the summer and we wish everyone a safe and fun filled time before school begins again.

I would like to thank all the preschool parents and congregational members for all the hard work for church workday. Preschool playground was a major part of the workday and also cleaning out the garage. I did not realize all the stuff we had in the garage!

Thank you to Vernon Ekarius for helping me coordinate and organize the preschool playground part of church workday. Thanks to all the preschool parents and the enormous amount of congregational members by shoveling playground mulch that was taken out, tearing out and removing all old timbers, and replaced with new timbers and shredded tire into the rebuilt playground.

Special thank you to preschool parents for the use of their trailers, generator and other supplies needed. We had many special preschool parents and congregational members who worked hard to tear down and rebuild the playground.

Thanks to Alan Boehm who brought his front end loader so we could gather all the old mulch and place into the trailers. While the

timbers were being built, Alan picked up the 2000 lb bags (we had seven bags) of shredded tire and placed them in the playground to be spread by everyone.

The garage looks great! We had church members that helped with the playground, then worked to organize and straighten the garage. I am not sure which job was the hardest, the garage or playground! But both places look great and took time!

Thanks to Sue Kristynik, Sherri Santoro and Mary Buechmann from the Fellowship Committee who provided lunch for everyone.

Hopefully everyone had good fellowship while working! We had about thirty-eight people throughout helping around the church. From the bottom of my heart I say THANK YOU!

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



## Congregational Meeting April 29, 2012

Meeting called to order by President George Wied

Preschool board member Patsy Romano is going off and Kellie Kainer will be serving on the board in her place. Motion to accept made by Alfred Tomasek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Antoinette Romano – Motion was accepted by acclamation.

### New business:

- Fred Paben brought up that he noticed a For Sale sign on the property across the street from church – he suggested that we look into the details of this property such as cost, etc. to possibly buy this property for growth of the church.

Motion was made by Sherri Santoro to look into buying the property, 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Fred Paben. Motion Carried.

Jimmie Meyer asked what does this mean “look into” – President Wied responded that a special meeting will need to be called and a committee will need to be formed. Dale Toellner brought up that we would need to look into property values, etc. to see what a negotiable price would be.

- DCE call committee update:

Jeff Tomasek brought up “do we want to go ahead and pursue the search due to budget reasons?” The committee is in the process of reviewing applications – IF we would find a suitable candidate we are concerned about finances and maybe need to wait a year or so to see where we are.

Motion made by Carol Jean Hauschild to slow down for one year before we pursue any further. 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Sue. (Debbie Rath asked to change the motion to we will put on HOLD until the beginning of next year – 2013) – Motion Carried.

Dale Toellner made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> made by John – Motion Carried.

## Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

### What is a father?

**Being of the male species does not make a man a father, for a dad is a special blend of hero, disciplinarian, a friend, someone to look up to, someone to model ... someone with a touch of the “mother” in him, someone who is big enough to say, “The fault was mine” ... someone who lives the kind of life that makes you want to say, “I, too, shall follow him!”**

–Dr. Alton Kaul

