



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

September 2011

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



"Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword." 2 Samuel 1:11-12

These words come from the middle of the account of Saul's death and its reporting to David, his successor. For years David has been pursued by Saul, the King of Israel. David had several opportunities to kill Saul. Each time he was urged by his men to finish the job and take the throne that had been promised to him by force. Again and again, David refused. He wasn't going to have it that way. While God had turned His back on Saul and given the kingdom to David, the fact remained that Saul was the anointed king, once chosen by God to lead His people Israel.

This respect for Saul and his position carries on to the very end. Saul attempts to take his own life in 1 Samuel 31. We learn in the verses leading up to the passage quoted above that while Saul's self-inflicted wound was likely fatal, his life was actually taken at the hands of the same Amalekite. This Amalekite was likely expecting a different reaction from David. David's reaction is to immediately mourn the death of the LORD'S anointed rather than celebrate the defeat of his foe. Ultimately, David even orders the execution of this Amalekite for murdering Saul. David's respect for Saul didn't come from who Saul was. Certainly David knew very well that Saul was a bad king who was unfaithful to the LORD. David was aware that Saul treated him very unfairly to say the least. But Saul was chosen by God to sit on the throne of Israel. He was the king. The king deserves respect, not because of who he is, but because of the position he holds—a position given to him by the LORD.

Our country continues to struggle through a very rough economy and uncertain future financially. At the beginning of August, the United States had a drop in its credit rating from AAA to AA+. We have a huge national debt that nobody really knows how to get rid of. Blame is flying all over the place. The Republicans blame the Democrats. The Democrats blame the Republicans. Nobody is pleased.

Unfortunately, sometimes our displeasure for our current situation turns into disgust and disrespect for our current leadership. So often this turns from a simple disagreement with a policy or decision made into personal attacks.

Even if we are dissatisfied with our current leaders, we need to remember the example given to us by David. We hear in Romans 13 that there is no authority on earth except that given by God. There is no doubt that many people in positions of authority do not recognize God's authority, but Paul tells us here that they wouldn't even have that authority if it weren't given to them by God!

Paul goes on to say that whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. It's a Fourth Commandment (honor your father and your mother) thing. David knew this. We know this. Those who have authority over us deserve our respect no matter how we feel about them personally.

I encourage you to keep this in mind as you find yourself perhaps a little miffed at times by decisions made by those in authority. It's alright to disagree, but remember to respect them as one who has authority over you!

*In Christ,
Pastor Vandercook*



Birthdays for the Month!



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| 9/01 | JENNA HEIN | 9/07 | Marla Sams | 9/17 | Olin Hartman |
| 9/01 | Joe Hintz | 9/07 | DRAKE GRIGAR | 9/18 | Kari Furey |
| 9/01 | Cassidy Meyer | 9/08 | Phyllis Sams | 9/19 | Kathleen Grigar |
| 9/02 | Dolores Cain | 9/08 | Lillie Wittenburg | 9/19 | Bobby Biss |
| 9/02 | TAYLOR CASH | 9/09 | Patricia Grigar | 9/19 | David Meyer |
| 9/02 | Shane Every | 9/09 | Kellie Kainer | 9/20 | TYLER BURGESS |
| 9/02 | Laci Tesch | 9/09 | Jake Schiller | 9/20 | Carol Schuknecht |
| 9/02 | Russell Dziadek | 9/10 | Janice Wied | 9/24 | Tiffany Widacki |
| 9/02 | Deborah Christiansen | 9/10 | CORY BARRETT | 9/24 | Brian Laake |
| 9/03 | Shirley Schier | 9/10 | Aaron Kutra | 9/25 | Brandi Hobratschk |
| 9/04 | Pastor David Vandercook | 9/10 | Billy Schaffner | 9/26 | Estella Meyer |
| 9/05 | Jeanie Boehm | 9/11 | Jimmie Meyer | 9/27 | BRIANA KENT |
| 9/05 | Ethel Donnelly | 9/14 | Paul Faircloth | 9/28 | Stacie Leiber |
| 9/05 | Loretta Dziadek | 9/14 | Elise Every | 9/29 | Terri Julian |
| 9/05 | Robert Fait | 9/15 | Bridget Schneider | 9/29 | Dana Ekarius |
| 9/05 | Leisha Harrison | 9/16 | Georgia Wied | 9/29 | Elfrieda Holtkamp |
| 9/07 | JAYLEN TESCH | 9/16 | Alan Julian | 9/30 | Kathy Duncan |



Happy Anniversary



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

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| 9/02/1967 | Fay and Larry Alexander | 9/12/1998 | David and Brenda Cash |
| 9/02/1960 | Larry and Sharon Salyer♥ | 9/19/1998 | Robert and Marie Herridge |
| 9/02/2000 | Larry and Deborah Adams | 9/20/1980 | Brad and Maggie Kent |
| 9/04/2010 | Andy and Shelby Adams | 9/20/2003 | Justin and Laci Tesch |
| 9/07/2002 | Jason and Kellie Kainer | 9/26/1992 | Wesley & Pam Schuknecht |
| 9/08/1990 | Tracy and Marty Schiller | | |

Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents

Kirby Amthor Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky
Maydell Reichardt Walter Schneider Lillie Wittenburg
Estella Heintschel

Shut Ins Gladys Boltan Oridell Ekarius J. P. Gerhart
Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz
Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer



Sympathy for the family of Dick Schaefer,
the father to Jeannie Boehm, who went to be
with his Lord on Thursday, August 18, 2011.
Please keep the family in your prayers.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Play'n for a Prize was a new game at the Barbeque this year. A great Big Thank You to everyone for your donated items, gift cards, baked food etc. With you this game was played by adults and children who had so much fun. It was a big success and made \$512.00. So see you next year!

God's Blessings to All,

Johanna Buechmann & Mary Buechmann



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,
Thanks for your fourteen hundred pound food and eighty dollar contribution to the pantry collected by your Drive-Thru for Others." It has been a busy summer at the pantry and your support is greatly appreciated in helping meet our clients' needs.

Sincerely,
Sealy Christian Pantry



I want to say a special thank you to the wonderful Christian ladies who brought food to me during my debilitating time of back and leg problems. These ladies—Chris Beckendorff, Bethany Roberts, Mary Grunke, Antoinette Romano and Alice Burttschell were a God send. I especially want to say a heartfelt Thank You to Bev Ekarius and Patsy Tomasek who not only brought food several times but also visited me every week. I thank my Lord and Savior for these angels among us.

Betty Luedecke



2011 BARBECUE

What a blessing it is to serve such a gracious Lord and Savior. At our barbecue we get to intermix, visit, and work with God’s wonderful people, Christians from Trinity and other churches. With all the hard work put into making the barbecue, auction, and all the other activities such a special day, we have really been blessed with such a good group of people. This year we added the drive thru and Play’n for a Prize, that took the place of the Country Store, which both seemed to have been a large success. “Thanks” to everyone for your continued support and hard work. A special thank you to each committee chairperson for the long hours put in and the determination to make this a successful barbecue.

As we continue to serve, Vernon



2011 Barbecue and

Auction Results! Through God’s grace and love for His Kingdom, He has blessed us with another successful barbecue. We had a large number of our members who really put their “all” into the project this year and this is one of the reasons why everything went so smoothly.

According to our records, we served a total of 934 plates including the 298 plates that were sold in the new drive-thru. Forty complimentary tickets were used. The proceeds taken in from the barbecue were \$7,959.50 in ticket sales, \$180.50 in left over sales, \$576.56 from dessert sales, \$245.50 from children’s booth, \$517.00 from Play’n for a Prize, \$575.00 from donations, and \$10,815.00 from the silent and live auctions. Expenses were approximately \$6492.48. We also received a \$219.00 reimbursement from the K.C.’s. This means that we have a net profit of \$14,595.62

The net proceeds from the barbecue have been designated by the Church Council to be divided: 40% to the Trinity Building Fund, 40% Trinity’s General Fund and the remaining 20% will be shared equally among the Sealy Christian Food Pantry, Helping One Another (HOA) Senior Citizens Projects, Austin County Outreach, Inc., and Austin County Child Protective Services.

None of this could have been accomplished without each and everyone working as hard as they did and we are very thankful that we can label the 2011 Barbecue a SUCCESS!!

Susie Busse



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105).

New beginnings spring forth a variety of emotions. The possibility of new adventures, learning, and opportunities can often be an exciting thrill ride. On the other hand, the distinct presence of uncertainty in our future may produce anxiety and a level of discomfort that is not easy to control. This unknown variable looms over us as we seek ways to pinpoint a solution and attain certain control of our lives. It all depends on perspective and circumstance.

Many of you are starting a new school year. Perhaps some of you are starting a new job, seeking a new vocation, or expecting a child. Regardless of the particulars, new beginnings are around us. Many of us are starting another chapter in our lives. Another leg in our race, another section of our walk with Christ.

The Psalm above tells us that God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light for our path. In the days of this psalmist a lamp was different than the images of lamps that we think of today. Today, a lamp can shed light on a whole room or campground. They even make flashlights that can illuminate an entire football field. A lamp in King David's day was a small clay dish with a wick and some oil. If it was pitch dark outside, the lamp would only offer enough light to see one step in front of you. If we consider this verse with this image in mind it displays a much different picture. Not one of absolute clarity of the future, but rather one of continual step by step trust in God as we walk with Him. This is going to be the next year for us. While we have ideas of what may come we ultimately do not know what will happen at each step of our walk with Christ this year. But we trust in God for our next step and as he enlightens our path we trust him with the next step....and the next.....and the next.

And this is my prayer for you. That you may trust God enough with your life and continue to walk by faith, not by sight. That you trust that God has the bigger picture in mind. That God is going to shine light and give you direction for this year. That when you get lost and step off the path, He will hear your cries for help and shine your way back to Him. Trust the Lord! He will Guide you!

Below are some questions to wrestle with and pray about

How can God's Word or Jesus himself be a lamp for your feet and a light for your path?

What are you confused about? What are you unsure about? What parts of your life in the present or future do you need God to shed some light on?

What future plans make you uneasy or uncertain? What hope do you have in Jesus in moving forward in those parts of your life? How can we trust Jesus more as we walk with Him?

Katie Thomas



Pantry News

In July we were able to distribute food to 215 families, which helped to furnish groceries to 762 individuals. In addition to our regular distribution, we also distributed food to 140 families that had 341 children of school age on our summer school lunch program. As we get further into the year, the numbers seem to increase.

On July 21, we sponsored our annual Produce Fair. What a day this was to write home about! We saw a lot, I mean a lot of people with smiles on their faces, with expressions of appreciation for what they had received. 280 families came through the line to gather a variety of food that went to feed 1,076 individuals. When the pantry sponsors an event as such, we never know exactly what the Houston Food Bank is going to deliver. They delivered 11,594 pounds of food which consisted of bread, lettuce, onions, cucumbers, grapefruit juice, rice, Tostitos Spinach Dip, and canned corn. This is a promotional event funded by the Houston Food Bank to let citizens of Austin County know, with the help of the local pantry, what the food bank is all about. There were 9 pantry coordinators, 2 young men that were with one of the coordinators, approximately 8 volunteers from the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, and also about 8 volunteers from BAE that worked to make this such a success.

Mary Emerson, pantry coordinator in charge of this project, made the following comments. "The process with the Houston Food Bank went well.

They delivered the food about 10:15 A.M. Although we had stated that we wouldn't be open until 1:00 P.M., we went ahead and started giving out food about 11:20 A.M. When I arrived at 8:45 A.M. there were already some people waiting to receive food. When I told them that we wouldn't start handing out food until much later, they still stayed."

Vernon Ekarius



Drive-Thru for Others **Summer Campaign Final Report**

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church hosted a series of "Drive-Thru for Others" campaigns during the summer that included a food drive to support the Sealy Christian Food Pantry, an event to collect supplies for U.S. Troops, and a drive to collect school supplies for Sealy Elementary School students. Over 2,000 pounds of food and supplies were collected for the Food Pantry, seventy-seven (77) boxes were sent to U.S. Troops, and an abundance of school supplies were provided to Sealy school children as a result of this campaign.

Additionally cash donations were accepted throughout the campaign with approximately \$580 specifically designated for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry. Other cash contributions that were collected will be distributed equally to the Food Pantry, U.S.O., and Sealy Elementary School P.T.A. Each of these organizations will receive checks from TLC in September for approximately \$325.

Thanks to the Icthus small group for having a vision for this campaign, to the VBS staff and students for supporting the food drive, to Knesek Family Funeral Chapels for providing a tent for the collection area and the funding to ship boxes to the U.S. Troops, to the Sealy Community for supporting this campaign, to the Sealy News for the free publicity and to all members of TLC for helping others as God commands---- "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." [John 15:12](#)

Thanks be to God!
Robert Fait




**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25 IS OKTOBERFEST AT
TLC:**


Come celebrate Oktoberfest on Sunday, September 25. A lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service featuring sausage, sauerkraut, potatoes, and cole slaw, and other German food items. From 11:00 until 1:00, you can enjoy the Valina Polka Band, who will be performing German-themed polka music (bring your dancing shoes if you like). There will be activities for both adults and children. HOW CAN YOU HELP? Please bring your favorite German type dessert to share with all (such as German chocolate cake, apple strudel, kolaches, cheese rolls, black forest cake, etc.). A sign-up sheet for desserts will be located on the bulletin board in the narthex. See you there!

Sheri Santoro



**Trinity Lutheran Church
Music Ministry**

 **Choir** – The Choir at TLC is open to membership without audition to individuals who wish to sing and praise God! This music organization is comprised of men and women who are high school age and older. A variety of anthems using different musical styles are sung by the Choir during regularly-scheduled worship services. Additionally, the Choir has been featured in the annual TLC Christmas Cantata for over 25 years. The Choir also sings during special services and presents Easter Cantatas on a regular basis.

 **Handbell Choir** – The Handbell Choir is comprised of eleven (11) ringers. Members of this group read music proficiently and ring 3-octave bell arrangements to enhance the worship experience at regularly-scheduled church services. Various styles of music are available in the repertoire and include traditional, praise and worship, and gospel selections. The Handbell Choir is featured in

the TLC Christmas Cantata and rings at other special events including the annual Easter Sunday Worship Service. High school students and adults who read music and have a desire to ring handbells are encouraged to participate as ringer positions come available.



Praise Team – The Praise Team helps to lead music offerings at blended worship services at Trinity. Instrumentalists and vocalists who love contemporary praise and worship music participate in this small ensemble. The band includes keyboard, guitar, drums, and woodwind/brass instruments as deemed appropriate. High school students and adults who read music proficiently are encouraged to participate in the Praise Team. Praise and worship music provides a more contemporary setting for the worship experience.



Instrumental and Vocal Soloists – Members of the congregation who are gifted with the ability to proficiently play a musical instrument or sing as soloists are encouraged to present musical offerings at various worship services throughout the year.

For additional information on the Music Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, please contact Robert or Debbie Fait at 979-885-7955.



MOPS is very excited about the new year! We just completed a successful school supply drive, with the help of the community, in which we were able to donate lots of supplies to Brazos Elementary and Selman Elementary schools! We are now looking forward to our next community event that we host in partnership with all of Trinity, Trunk-or-Treat! We are excited to reach out to our community and let them know that we care about them!

This year MOPS' theme is MomSense. Moms use their common sense and their intuition to help them in their daily lives. This is what MOPS calls MomSense. This Fall we'll get to hear from some great speakers! We're excited to have the new principal from Selman Elementary, Nicole Poenitzsch, come to visit us in October. Kerry Kovar, an RN who works at Texas Children's

Hospital is going to speak to us in November. In December, Nutritionist, Julie Redding will be visiting us! In addition to such great speakers we will do some fun creative activities including making blankets for Project Linus, an organization that provides blankets to seriously ill or traumatized children, and also some projects for our own homes.

MOPS generally meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month during the school year: however, our meeting dates will be adjusted for the Austin County Fair, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, so please check the calendar to make sure you have the date correct! If you are interested in joining MOPS or would like to know if there is a way that you can help our group, please contact Laura Vandercook at 979-256-7456 or laura.vandercook@gmail.com



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society meeting was held August 4th, Ruth Paben, president and welcomed everyone.

Betty Richter gave an interesting topic, "Best Loved Passage of the Bible", a devotional, Romans 8:28.

Hostesses for the September 1st meeting are Vivian Kveton and Betty Herridge.

Discussion was "The Pumpkin Patch" to be held in October.

Vivian and Glenwood Kveton observed their 60th wedding anniversary on August 4th and Norma Pavelka's birthday on August 6th.

Delicious refreshments provided by members were greatly enjoyed and served by hostesses Elfrieda Holtkamp and Ruby Emshoff.

Visitors are welcome to the next meeting on September 1st.

Nettie Swearingen




I would like to thank all the parents who participated in Parent Orientation. This was a great time for you and your child to meet new parents and to get to know

all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with teachers who are enthusiastic, dedicated and loving. We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, but the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them.

The Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool are excited about the 2011-2012 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask and we will be happy to answer them. I know this will be a great year with you being involved with your child in the preschool program.

Preschool has a direct line (979)627-7846 and e-mail address preschool@tlcsealy.org.

 **Pancake Breakfast!** The preschool starts of the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser! This will take place on Monday September 12th, 7:45 am - 8:30 am. This is also the day after Grandparents Day. So please invite everyone and have breakfast with your child and make a Love Donation to the preschool. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast help with the cost of teacher training and FBI background checks.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children and to get to know other parents, teachers, children and Pastor Vandercook and DEC Intern Katie Thomas, who once a week tells the children a special Bible story about Jesus. What a great way to start off the year! Come and enjoy breakfast Monday September 12th.




Computer Classes to Begin! Computer lessons are being offered if you are interested. June Harris out of Austin has been giving computer lessons to the children for many years here at Trinity whose parents want them to participate. This will be offered to the three and four year old classes. Ms. June will give four one-half hour lessons for \$40.00 and once completed she will send another form to re-sign and pay for another session. This will take place throughout the year. Children enjoy playing games on the computer at home, but Ms. June teaches the correct terms and proper way of getting on and off the computer and listening skills.




Themes! The themes for the month of September are: Creation/Self/Safety and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis or purpose is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation.


The children will also begin to learn letters, numbers, shapes, colors and so much more. But we do not rush a child. We let them learn at their own pace and with help from you at home. And always remember that children learn through play.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs, finger plays and pledges and memorizing Bible verses. Listen to your child and see all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.


 **911 Safeties!** Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday September 14th at 10:00 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, will discuss the importance of 911 and stranger danger and what to do in case of an emergency. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.

 **Wear RED Day!** Since the children are learning the color RED for the month, we will have a special color day. On Friday September 9th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED!


 **Back Yard Bash!** On Friday September 16th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch to preschool and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories.

Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.

 **Special Book Week!** Beginning Monday September 19th – 23rd, preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their

brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!

 **Treasured Portraits!** Kay Krampitz, from Treasured Portraits, will be here at 8:00 am on Wednesday September 21st to take preschool pictures and also group pictures of the children. You will receive a form and all pictures are pre-paid. All forms and money are due by Friday September 16th.



Snacks! Snacks are not required by the parents but are helpful. If you go shopping and you find a good deal, pick one up for the preschool. You do not need to buy for the entire preschool. If several parents donate snack items then we have enough.

If you would like to donate snacks to the preschool here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, fruit loops, popcorn, goldfish or whatever you think is a good deal. If anyone goes to Sam's Club the children and teachers enjoy Nacho Cheese without jalapeños! We appreciate it all! When you go shopping think about the preschool!

If your child is allergic to certain foods, please advise the office and your child's teacher. We do have children with different food allergies. Please ask for a copy of the snack calendar and if your child cannot have this particular snack of the day, please provide a snack for your child.

We thank all the parents who provide snacks for their child who are allergic to some of the snacks that are provided by the preschool.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

What this entails is for your child to bring about seven to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. Families of the Week for the month of September are:

September 5th-September 9th

Estrella Alvarez

Charlie Arriaga

September 12th-September 16th


Santiago Arriaga

Gunner Bozeman


September 19th-September 23rd


Chloe Brandt
Mia Bueno
September 26th-September 30th
Jayden Bumgardener
Brady Burttschell

Please bring your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.

 **Reinforcement!** Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and it was not appropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what are the rules in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.

 **Drills!** The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. So if your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today you will know why.


 **Emergency Preparedness Plan!** Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has developed an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.


Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5th Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance.

A copy of this plan is always available for review. One copy is located in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan **MUST** not leave the classroom.

A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that helps defray the cost to the preschool program.

 **Day Out!** Please notify the preschool office at 627-7846 if your child is not planning to attend due to being sick or just having a wonderful day out spending time together.


 **Mothers of Preschoolers** MOPS is a group that is available to all mothers who have children in the newborn stage all the way through Kindergarten.

MOPS IS A PLACE THAT GETS MOMS
We understand your unique needs, challenges and joys in this vital season of early mothering. You will be welcomed in our MOPS group just as you are!

At our MOPS group you will have a chance to socialize with other moms, hear some great teaching, have discussion time and participate in creative activities.

CHILD CARE during our MOPS meetings. Your children will be cared for in a program called MOPPETS, where they experience love.

Come join for fun and fellowship with other moms! To find out more about MOPS, email mops@tlcsealy.org or look for MOPS moms at Preschool Orientation.

 **Teachers!** Teachers for the 2011-2012 school year are:

Ms. Kelly Snyder – Two Year Old Class
Ms. Allison Kelly – Two Year Old Class AIDE

Three Year Old Class
Ms. Jessica Folge / Ms. Beatrice Delafuente

Four Year Old Class
Neysa Smaistrila / Ms. Kristi Flores

Robin Jacobson – Office Assistant

All of us here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool are dedicated in caring for your child.

In Christ, Maggie Kent



Scrapbooking will meet on Thurs. September 1st from 7pm-9pm.

Thanks! Laura

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the [microphone](#) and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"



Youth News!

September newsletter youth news:

The Youth Board will meet Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

AMPED (A Ministry Producing Empowered Disciples) will meet again on September 11th. Come on out and explore what it means to be a committed disciple and have some fun!

-6th grade confirmation- It's almost time for confirmation again! Don't forget to mark your calendar every Wednesday in September for an awesome confirmation experience. All incoming 6th graders will be the first to experience the Faith Stepping Stones Confirmation program here at Trinity. Please join us September 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30 pm. It will be a great time to explore your faith and grow closer to God. Please contact Pastor Vandercook or Katie Thomas for additional information.

Krause Center- Are you a high school student who wants to help minister to abused and troubled teens? AMPED high school Ministries will be reaching out to teenage students at the Krause Center in Katy, Texas beginning Sunday, September 11th from 7-8 pm. We will play games with them, get to know them, and share a message from Scripture. Please meet up at the church at 5:45 pm to carpool to Katy. Adults are encouraged and welcome to come along. For further information about the Krause Center, please contact Katie Thomas or visit

<http://www.lsss.org/Page.aspx?pid=672>

Intermediate Youth after school will be Monday, September 19, 2011, 3:45-5:15 pm. If you are entering 4th-5th grade this year, come on out for fun, food, Bible Study, and games! Please contact Katie Thomas for additional information.

The Father/Son 5th and 6th grade Faith Stepping Stones retreat will be September 23-24th at Camp Lone Star. Please contact Pastor Vandercook for more details.

The Mother/Daughter Faith Stepping Stones retreat will be September 23-24. Please contact Katie Thomas for more details.

Katie Thomas



EARLY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Come join us before beginning your daily routine for Early Bible Study as we strive for spiritual and personal growth. The studies will conclude at approximately 6:00 a.m. We're flexible-----if you need to leave earlier in order to get to work on time, please feel free to leave according to the needs of your personal schedule! Coffee and juice will be served. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity. We're looking forward to seeing you at 5:15 a.m. in the kitchen-area of the Fellowship Center on Wednesday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 21st.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

NEEDED: If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday school for the 2011-2012 year, please contact Leslie Pacher or any Board of Education member:

- Barbara Havemann
- Jodine Meyer
- Pam Epperly
- Patti Sebesta

Or call the church office.

Leslie Pacher



TRINITY LUTHERAN

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2011

Minutes of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, Texas, on July 11, 2011 in the Fellowship Building.

Members present were:

- George Wied**- President
- Linda Blume**- Treasurer
- Geraldine Barrett**- Stewardship
- Sue Kristynik**-Evangelism & Fellowship
- Debbie Rath**-Board of Youth
- Vernon Ekarius** – Trustees
- Jimmie Meyer** – Elders
- Fred Paben**- Ushers
- Ann Reay**-Secretary
- Pastor David Vandercook**

George Wied, presiding, called the meeting to order followed by devotion.

Minutes of Last Meeting

