



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

October 2011

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Church Phone:
979.885.2211
Fax 979.885.7003
Web site
www.tlcsealy.org

Rev. David Vandercook
Maggie Kent, Office Secretary
Katie Thomas, DCE Intern

ELDERS:

Alan Boehm, 885-6882
Robert Fait, 885-7955
Brad Biss, 713-419-2774
Vic Grisbee, 865-5393
Lee Hobrathschk, 885-6090
Jimmie Meyer, 627-0070
Jim Pursley, 885-6438
Matthew Rath, 865-8430
Robert Richter, 885-2086
Carl Sebesta, 865-0366
Wes Schuknecht, 865-5142
Barry Wolf, 877-0341

TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Celebrating C.F.W. Walther

October is always a significant month in Lutheranism as we celebrate the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the church door at Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. A quick bit of math will tell you that in 2017 we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of that event.

This year, though, October takes on a little bit more meaning for us as part of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) because October 25, 2011 is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther (better known as C.F.W. Walther).

Walther was the first president of the LCMS and our most influential theologian. He was born and raised in Germany and studied theology at the University of Leipzig. He became pastor of a church in Saxony in 1837.

It wasn't long before Walther found that the government of Saxony had departed from the faith and practice of historic Lutheranism and promoted false doctrine. Walther and others united themselves under a man by the name of Martin Stephan, a pastor from Dresden, and left Germany on ships bound for America in 1838. They entered the Mississippi at New Orleans and traveled north to Missouri.

Unfortunately, things got pretty rough early on for the Saxon Lutheran immigrants. Stephan, their leader, was found guilty of corruption and sexual misconduct and expelled from the colony. The group was left with no leader and doubts about the future of the church in America. They weren't sure whether they were a new church body or still part of the church in Germany. Walther defended his position successfully in the Altenburg Debates that the Lutherans in America were indeed their own church body, free from the structure of the church they had left in Germany.

Walther served as pastor of a church in Perry County, Missouri, until 1841 when he became pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Louis until his death. During his time in St. Louis he was highly influential on the early formation of the LCMS. He was the first president of Concordia Seminary (originally founded in Perry County, now in St. Louis), served as president of Concordia Theological Seminary (which was housed in St. Louis during the Civil War), and served as the first president of the LCMS when it was officially formed in 1847.

Walther vigorously defended the theology of the LCMS against the false teachings of other church bodies and against the influences of major secular philosophies and movements. His best-known theological book is *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel* which rightly remains an important part of our LCMS seminaries' curriculum.

We as a church certainly owe a debt of gratitude for the leadership that Walther provided for our church body in its formative stages!

God's Blessings!

Pastor
<><

Happy Birthday



Birthdays for the Month!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/01	Lorrene Schiller	10/09	Kim Beane	10/21	Ruby Emshoff
10/02	Gilbert Franke	10/09	Lauren Biss	10/23	Florence Rossler
10/03	Walter Schneider	10/09	Ronnie Thrasher	10/24	Owen Sodolak
10/04	Nathan Romano	10/11	Nettie Ola Hein	10/24	Bryant Schiller
10/04	Joel Grigar	10/12	Ursula Kutra	10/24	GUNNER BOZEMAN
10/04	Larry Schulke	10/14	TATUM BOZEMAN	10/26	Chase Ashorn
10/05	Lee Hobratschk	10/14	Marilyn Holtkamp	10/26	Samantha Biss
10/05	MICAH KRUZEL	10/14	Brandon Lewis	10/27	Kelly Kruzal
10/05	CADE LANGTON	10/14	Doris Schaffner	10/28	RYAN LEWIS
10/06	Wayne Ashorn	10/15	Travis Koy	10/30	KANE KILLOUGH
10/06	Grace Holtkamp	10/15	Beth Franke	10/30	Michael Steinhauser
10/05	Jill Sullivan	10/18	Maggie Kent	10/30	Cody Havemann
10/07	MASON DZIADEK	10/18	Margie Ashorn	10/30	Edna Leschper
10/07	Jodine Meyer	10/18	Seth Hill	10/31	Robert Herridge
10/07	Estelle Rimmert	10/21	Dianne Clover		
10/08	Barbara Havemann	10/21	Ruth Paben		



Happy Anniversary



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

10/04/1997	Bryant & Melinda Schiller	10/16/1993	Mark & Patsy Romano
10/05/1940	Joe & Bernice Hintz	10/17/1954	J. P. & Dorthy Gerhart
10/12/1952	Charles & Geraldine Abel	10/22/1977	Carl & Debbie Hinze
10/12/1991	Matt and Debra Rath	10/23/2004	Ryan & Nikki Ekarius
10/15/1960	Vic and Carolyn Grisbee	10/28/2006	Neil & Tamara Diemer
10/15/1976	Johnnie and Cynthia Sodolak		



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 Bolten Oridell Ekarius J. P. Gerhart
Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz
Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer**



A Big Huge Thank You To: Mary Buechmann, Bev Ekarius, Mary Grunke, Grace Holtkamp, Beatrice Delafuente, Jessica Pacher and Bethany Roberts for baking desserts for the Child Care Conference. Everyone Enjoyed!

Ms. Maggie♥



Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you for your prayers and gifts in the aftermath of the devastating fires in Bastrop County. Your generosity has provided such wonderful relief to the folks here who have lost so much. It was a true joy to receive greetings in Christ from you through Pastor Vandercook and the gentlemen who came to deliver the water and shoes to Smithville. Thank you for functioning together with us as the Body of Christ: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Corinthians 12:26). God's richest blessings to you as you are a blessing to so many around you!

In Christ,

Pastor Timothy Appel and the members of Grace/Smithville



Thanks to friends at Trinity Lutheran who helped financially after losing my house and all the possessions to a wild fire on 09-04-11. One learns real quick the difference between necessities and only stuff. Again thanks for your caring and you will be blessed.

Glenn and son Jack Richter



CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION

Philippians 2:3-7 - "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

The Apostle Paul's words here describe Christ's example of humility. Humility involves having a true perspective about ourselves, which means knowing that the basis of our self worth is our identity in Christ. It is remembering that everything, everything, we do should be done in Christ. I have always loved these verses in Philippians because Paul presents the imperative to think with our minds as Christ thought with His. He eloquently describes the immense love and humility of our Savior, who literally emptied himself for our salvation. Jesus was, in every way, completely a servant to those around him. No matter how many times you read the same passage in scripture, God always gives you a new perspective. Paul's words in verse three stood out to me this time. "Do not merely look out for you own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Considering others' interests as more important than our own links us with Christ. When we care for the problems of others as if they were our problems, we experience unity in Christ. The more we do this, the more we take on the character of the master, Christ Jesus.

I can see that many people at Trinity care for the interests of others more than their own and take on the humility and love of Christ. I am overjoyed at the kindness, concern, and encouragement many members of Trinity have recently shown me. Many members of this congregation continually take the time to encourage me and the work I do for God's kingdom. These thoughtful words of encouragement spiritually edified me when I needed it. Many believers in this faith body take on the attitude of Christ.

The words in the Philippians' verses above show the attitude of Christ. Jesus Christ was humble, willing to give up his rights in order to obey and serve people. Like Christ, we should have a servant's attitude, serving out of love for God and for others. Trinity has recently decided to serve others out of the love of Christ. From the many who donated shoes to help the hundreds of fire victims to the group of believers forming a care action ministry, the attitude of Christ is present. The Holy Spirit is working. My prayer is that all of the people at Trinity take on the mind of Christ and the attitude of the master. Do we always do a good job of this? Certainly not. Are we often selfish? Yes, because our nature is inherently sinful. However, if we say we follow Christ, we must also say we lived as He lived. With Christ, we can have an attitude of servant-hood. Christ voluntarily laid down his life and privileges out of love for his father. You can approach life expecting to be served, or you can look for opportunities to serve others. I encourage you to ask yourself the questions below and then pray for God's answers. Are you selfishly clinging to your own rights, or are you willing to serve? Has there been a time when you committed to serving and then decided to back out when it wasn't convenient? How can you serve others?

Katie Thomas



Food
Pantry

Pantry News

In August we provided food for 232 families, which helped feed 873 individuals. We finished our summer school lunch program by furnishing food for three weeks, which fed 232 kids by giving food to 93 families. We will always be in need of paper grocery bags. Please save them for us.

Sometimes we get so wrapped up and involved in what we are doing that we don't take the time to see what we are accomplishing. It is so nice to have some of our patrons pat us on our backs for making a difference in their struggle with everyday life. Most of these people praise and give God the glory for getting them through each day.

It's so wonderful to have such great support and help where it is needed. From the depth of our hearts, we thank each and everyone for their care, kindness, and generosity. God's Blessings.

Vernon Ekarius



Fellowship Senior Day! Trinity will offer Senior Day the first Wednesday of every month. We would like for this to be a special time for all our senior members to enjoy a meal together and fellowship. Your first meal will be provided for you on October 5th at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Beginning at this time will allow time for the preschoolers to be picked up. Please feel free to invite your friends in the community to share in this luncheon. Pastor will join us at our first meal and will provide a devotion. We hope all seniors here at Trinity will take advantage of this opportunity to visit with one another. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call Bev Ekarius at 885-2014 or Patsy Tomasek at 877-0848 if you plan to attend.

Bev Ekarius



MOPS started off the new year by gathering diapers, toiletries, and clothes for fire victims in Bastrop. We enjoyed catching up with each other after our summer break and welcomed new members. We are now looking forward to our next community event that we host in partnership with all of Trinity, Trunk-or-Treat on October 29! We're excited about offering a fun place for elementary aged and younger children to trick-or-treat, play games, get their faces painted, and have some yummy food!

This October we're excited to have the new principal from Selman Elementary, Nicole Poenitzsch, come to visit us. 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 that 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 out our group, please contact Laura Vandercook at 979-256-7456 or laura.vandercook@gmail.com



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met with Betty Richter, who led the group in the absence of Ruth Paben on September 1st.

Grace Holtkamp gave an interesting program of the Austin County Historical Commission of cemeteries and Dance Hall records of Austin County.

Hostesses were Betty Herridge and Vivian Kveton.

The Mite Box contributions were sent to the Christian Food Pantry.

Four quilts were given for the church auction.

October hostesses are Ursula Kutra and Betty Richter.

The Pumpkin Patch will be volunteered October 18th – 25th.

Members observing birthdays during September are Dolores Cain, Loretta Dziadek, Elfrieda Holtkamp and Pastor Vandercook.

The next meeting is October 6th and visitors are welcomed.

Nettie Swearingen



Trunk or Treat **Trunk-or-Treat**

Once again Trinity Lutheran Church is joining with our MOPS group to reach out to the community in a fun and exciting way! Join us on Saturday, October 29th 4:00 pm-6:00 pm for our third annual Trunk-or-Treat! This is a great opportunity for elementary aged children and younger to join in the Halloween festivities in a fun and safe environment! If you would like to host a game in the playground area or a trunk of treats, please sign up in the narthex! Any questions? Call Laura Vandercook at 979-256-7456.



Pumpkin Patch



The Pumpkin Patch opens on Monday, October 10th and will remain open until Monday, October 31st. Volunteers are still needed to work the Pumpkin Patch. Join us as we reach out to our community and have a lot of fun! Sign up in the narthex at the bulletin board near the woman's restroom today!





Codi Harkness Brenda Hiatt
 Ashley Walling & Megan Kutra
 Thank you for volunteering!

Preschool Open House will take place on Wednesday October 20th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event including the congregation. You may bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and family. This is a great time for everyone to come together and see some of the work the children have completed and for the families and friends to visit classrooms and teachers.

Angela from Books are Fun will also have her display set up with books for you to order. After placing your order for books, Angela will be back the next week to drop off the books that you ordered.

When you arrive for the Open House, please go straight to your child's classroom and see the work he/she has completed. When you have visited the classrooms then come and have some refreshments in the gym and browse and order some books. For every ten books sold, preschool receives one free book. Please bring the family and enjoy Open House.


 **Pancake Breakfast Results!** Thank you to Pastor Vandercook, Robert Richter and Jason Kainer for arriving at 6:00 am to prepare the pancakes. Thank you to Vernon and Bev Ekarius, Jerry and Mary Grunke, Pat and Mary Buechmann and Betty Richter for pitching in and helping where help was needed! The preschool made \$201.36 after expenses. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the preschool! You are greatly appreciated!

 **Story Time at the Pumpkin Patch!** Pumpkins will be delivered to Trinity on Saturday, October 8th. This will be an exciting year as Trinity is having a story time not just for Trinity Lutheran Preschool but for surrounding schools and others who would like to participate in story time.


Story time for the two's and three year old classes is Wednesday, October 19th at 10:00 am and for the four year old classes will be Thursday, October 20th at 9:00 am.

After story time the children may be able to purchase a small pumpkin at the cost of \$3.00. If you would like your child to purchase a pumpkin, please place \$3.00 in an envelope with your child's name on it and hand it to your child's teacher by Tuesday, October 18th.

The hours for the Pumpkin Patch are Mondays-Saturdays, 10:00 am until dark, and Sundays, 1:00 pm until dark, beginning Monday October 10th thru Monday October 31st.

 **Room Mothers Meeting!** I would like to have a room mothers meeting on Wednesday, October 5th at 8:30 am. Room mothers for this year with a huge thank you are:

- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Manda Quinton | Lisa Velazquez |
| Tara Ruiz | Lauren Bird |
| Ariana Mock | Stacy Hendry |

 **Themes!** Themes for the month of October are: Family, Fire Prevention, and the Five Senses. Bible stories are:

Week of Monday Oct. 3rd

The Beginning of the Tower of Babel
 The End of the Tower of Babel

Week of Monday Oct. 10th

Abraham Follows God

Week of Monday Oct. 17th

Abraham's Great Big Family
 Joseph and the Colorful Coat

Week of Monday Oct. 24th

Moses Hears the Call of God
 Moses Leads God's People

Week of Monday Oct. 31st

General Joshua and the Promise Land

The color for the month of October is BLUE, the shape is RECTANGLE and the children will continue to learn the letters i, m, f, s, and d.

All of the children are adapting very well in the classrooms and they love when Pastor Vandercook and DCE Intern Katie Thomas come on Wednesday to tell them a Bible story.

Thank you to all the parents in helping reinforce the rules of the preschool. 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, thank you for reinforcing and talking to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

 **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 five 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 October are:

October 3rd – October 7th

Dylan Callihan & Cooper Daugherty

October 10th – October 14th

Isabella McCoslin & Lacey Hull

October 17th – October 21st

Erin Keener & Kylee Lucus

October 24th – October 28th

Christopher Faerman & Hailey Feik

October 31st – November 4th

Blaine Fink & Miguel Fuentes

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Wear Blue Day! Since we are learning the color BLUE for the month, we would like the children to wear something BLUE to preschool on Friday October 7th. Children can wear blue clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color BLUE!



Western Day! On Wednesday October 12th, the children may dress in western clothes for Western Day to promote The Austin County Fair. Each child may dress in western jeans, boots, shirts, belts, hats and also a bandana. If your child decides to wear spurs, this is fine, except if they are hurting another child then the spurs will be removed. So let's get out our cowboy hats and boots!



Books are Fun! Angela from Books are Fun will have a display of books on Tuesday October 18th for you to browse and purchase.

If you are interested in ordering a book, envelopes are available for you to place the name of the books along with the price of the books on the envelope. Then place your order in the Books are Fun box on the table.

All orders and money must be turned in by Monday October 24th so your order can be placed. Your books will be here on Tuesday October 25th ready for you to pick up.



Gun Safety! On Wednesday October 12th, Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Gun Safety.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, knows that a lot of children go hunting with their dads and grandpas and would like to keep the little ones safe.

Mr. Gary will also explain to the children the importance of what to do if you find a gun, for example, at a friend's house. What do you do with a gun? Mr. Gary will also talk about how to use play guns and not to point the guns at others. So please be sure your child comes to preschool to learn about Gun Safety!



Fire Prevention! The Sealy Fire Department will come to the preschool on Friday October 21st at 10:00 am. They will teach the children what to do in case of a fire to stop, drop and roll.

Children will enjoy the morning with the Sealy Fire Department as they learn about Fire Safety, since October is Fire Prevention Month.

One of the important things that the firemen will teach the children is not to be afraid of them or hide from them in case they are in the house while burning. Firemen are there to help and rescue them even though their equipment may be scary.

The firemen will also teach the children how important an escape route is for the entire family and the importance of smoke detectors. Please try to have your child here for this important lesson.

Vision Hearing Screening! Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on Wednesday, October 19th beginning at 8:30 am.

This is mandatory by the state for the four year old classes. You have an option of taking your child for a diagnostic examination (such as eye doctor or hearing specialist) instead of signing up for the screening that the preschool provides. But check the cost to avoid surprises!

If you decide to take you child to be screened, then you must provide the preschool office with a copy of both the acuity and audiometric data signed by the doctor for our files and for the state. The words "OKAY" or "NORMAL" beside the word eyes or ears from regular physicians DO NOT meet the state's record requirements.

The cost for the screening is \$5.00 for vision and \$5.00 for hearing. Mary Davis, a professional from Houston, will come to the preschool to screen the four year old classes. She is a state certified screener and is contracted with the Association in Screening, an agency which offers vision and hearing screening.

Please make checks payable to Mary Davis. If you decide to do the screening yourself, please have your documentation in my office by Friday October 12th. Vision and Hearing Screening is mandatory by the state. If you decide not to have this screening, then your child may not participate in the preschool program.

Please bring in the documentation or make a check out to Mary Davis for \$10.00 or cash (exact change) by Friday October 7th along with the permission form. Do not turn in the form without the money or the money without the form.



Harvest Party! The preschool Harvest Party for the entire preschool will be Wednesday October 26th, 9:30 am-10:30 am. All room mothers need to be here right after dropping off their children to help set up.

We would like the children to come dressed as one of Noah Ark's animals. We have in the past had great and unique costumes, such as ladybugs, puppy dogs, sheep, kitty cats, cows and lots more. There are so many simple ways to dress your child as animals without spending a lot of money.

There will be a sign up volunteer list for refreshments and games. We need parents to help in supervising the children with games. I will need help in setting up, tearing down, wiping tables and chairs, sweep and clean the kitchen after the party. So if you can help in games or refreshments please place your name on the volunteer list.



Snacks! The preschool would like to say a "Big Thank You" to all the parents that donated snacks to the preschool. Snacks are not required to be brought 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 have to buy for the entire preschool.

If you go shopping here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, muffin mixes,

fruit loops, microwave popcorn, nacho cheese, goldfish and slice cheese. We appreciate it all!



Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser! We are getting ready for our 13th Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 10th, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 7:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$8.00 for one size plate. This is a major fundraiser for the preschool, which helps with the cost for teacher training, playground upkeep, classroom toys and learning materials, supplies, repairs, carpet cleaning, and helps keep the preschool afloat.

Look for a special letter informing you of all the details of the Preschool – Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. Preschool needs help with all the donations and help with the dinner. Take a look at the glass window for all the donations needed to make this fundraiser a success!

Reminder! No Preschool Thursday October 13th and Friday October 14th due to Austin County Fair! Please be safe!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

Telecare Is Coming!

Providing Christian love and care for each member of our church is a commitment we make as fellow members. While many activities, like our small group ministry and fellowship events bring people together, we are aware that not everyone receives regular, caring contact from their fellow members, and the Pastor and Elders are physically unable to talk in depth to every member regularly.

Telecare Ministry is designed to intentionally connect you with people who care about you. It uses the telephone for the Lord's work.

With Telecare, a special Caring Ministry will be formed of people willing to serve on calling teams. Once a month, a person on the team will call you. Our hope is these calls will serve the following purposes:

- Serve as communication link, both from the church to you, and also from you to the Pastor and Elders, to let us know what your needs are and what's going on in your lives.**
- Discover unmet needs so that they can be addressed.**
- Provide information to questions you may have.**
- Provide listening, care, and encouragement.**
- Take prayer requests.**

Here is an easy, but very important, way that anyone can help in this new Caring Ministry: if you can press a telephone button and spend a brief time making 6 to 8 phone calls once a month, please consider being a Telecare caller. Whether you are young or older, male or female, old member or new—what a great way to build new relationships and show people you care! Call Carolyn Grisbee (885-5393) or Patsy Tomasek (877-0848) for details.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of August 8, 2011 Church Council Meeting

Attendance: Pam Epperly (Bd of Ed), Fred Paben (Ushers), Dale Leland (VP), Jimmie Meyer (Elders), Linda Blume (Treasurer), Vernon Ekarius (Trustees), Deb Rath (Bd of Youth), Pastor

Meeting opened in prayer by VP Leland.

July meeting minutes approved as amended.

Unfinished Business

Web site: Pastor reported that several emails with updates have been sent to designer. He is waiting for response. Jessica Pacher and Jeffrey Tomasek will update site when it's done.

Constitution restructuring committee: Pastor reported that group has met and will meet again next week.

DCE Call: Meeting moved to vote on DCE call process to August 28.

Reports

Treasurer: Linda reported the cash balance in the general fund is (12,490.94) and the total cash balance is \$70,925.82.

Stewardship: no report

Evangelism: no report

Trustees: Vernon bought a new vacuum for use at church for spontaneous clean-up needs. Vernon also talked with John Rosselli about some issues with cleaning the church. Mr. Rosselli promised to improve the quality of work done. The situation will continue to be monitored. Contract for ATT for phone and internet renewed for \$25/month cheaper than before. Elevators have been inspected. It passed. We have to get a license from the state now. We don't have termites. Vernon

looked into getting some shades for east windows in glass hallway between narthex and fellowship building. Some bids have been received. Still reviewing.

Elders: Jimmie reported that the DCE call process was discussed, as well as budget. To be continued at next elders meeting.

Education: September 4 will be Rally Sunday with lots of fun events scheduled. Faith Weaver curriculum will be used again this coming year. They are looking for teachers. There will be a library workday September 18 after church. VBS starter kits have been ordered from Group and CPH. The board is helping with Pumpkin Patch.

Fellowship: no report

Youth: Deb Rath reported that over 20 kids went to Splashway. 6 kids from Trinity and 4 kids from Memorial, Katy went on a retreat to Fairweather. 7 kids went to Camp Lone Star. A canoe trip is being planned. The youth will serve tea at BBQ. The board is helping with Pumpkin Patch.

Ushers: Fred proposed that maybe a team leader for each usher group should be appointed. Everybody thought this was a good idea.

Pastor: Rev. Gil Franke preaching/teaching at church on BBQ Sunday. Rev. Richard Goodwill from Food for the Poor is coming on Sept. 11 to lead Bible Class and worship. Rev. Jon Braunersreuther (MMF for Area D of TX District) is scheduled to preach/teach on October 9 (Mission Sunday). Pastor will be gone on September 11 and October 9.

Long-Range Planning Team: no report

Vernon moved that we approve reports. Jimmie seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Correspondence:

Thank you from Sealy Christian Pantry for the contributions received during the Drive-Thru for Others event.

Gaylan Christiansen will be installing security cameras (4 of them). Discussion ensued as to where they should go.

Other:

Linda asked about who the scholarship recipients are. She found out. (Cody Barrett, Kylie Wolf)

The church will get \$10,000 from Estella Meyer's estate. More details to come later.

Vernon talked about some issues of BBQ. We need more manpower (or womanpower) in the kitchen especially.

Church Council will work Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, October 23, and Sunday, October 30.

Devotion for September 12 will be Leslie Pacher's responsibility.

Jimmie moved to adjourn. Pam seconded. Motion carried.

Dale Leland closed in prayer.



Cooking Well With Diabetes Classes

Managing your diabetes may be challenging but know it can be done. The great news is that people with the disease can control their blood glucose levels and improve their overall health by preparing and eating well-balanced meals in the correct amounts. Cooking Well with Diabetes in the second phase of Extension diabetes programming in Texas. Cooking Well with Diabetes focuses on the most current trends in medical nutrition therapy. In this class, participants will prepare healthful dishes that contain less fat, sugar and/or sodium and more fiber. Texas style dishes will be prepared with some ethnic variations by using simple ingredients. The lessons also include an adaptation of the Plate Method for portion control. Come out and join us because we know that you will not be disappointed. Classes are scheduled for November 15th, 22nd, 29th and December 6th in the basement meeting room at the Austin County Courthouse. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. The graduation class will be on December 6th in the Austin County Courthouse basement meeting room. Classes will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the Extension Office located at 20 South Holland in Bellville, Texas, in addition to local area pharmacies and medical facilities. Please register in advance if at all possible for proper food preparation purposes. If you have a favorite apron, please bring it with you. The program is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Bellville General Hospital, and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, please contact Michelle Allen with Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 865-2072.