



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

February 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



## Vocation

In Sunday morning Bible Class, we've been going through a study on vocation. In my Wednesday morning Bible Class, we've been reading *The Calling*, which is a book about vocation. Why vocation? What's the big deal? What does that even mean?

Vocation is more than just the job we have that puts food on the table. In fact each one of us likely has several of them. For example, mine include pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church (which could be broken down even further), wife of Laura, father of Allyssa, David, and Kaytlin, son of James and Ardith, brother of Sarah and Rachel, brother-in-law of Ricky, Roper, Michael, and Cristy, son-in-law of John and Gail, uncle of Micah, Nathan, Michal, Camden, Tayten, Kyle, Nathan, and J.W., friend of my friends, member of the Sealy Lions Club, citizen of the city of Sealy, county of Austin, state of Texas, country of the United States, etc. I could probably come up with more if I sat and thought about it longer. Each one of you could do the same thing. We are all called to various vocations in life and God works through each one of them to love and serve our neighbor.

Sadly, we often get into the habit of valuing one vocation over another, or looking at another's vocation and either proclaiming our vocation inferior or superior to theirs. You might recall that one of the issues of the Lutheran Reformation was that of monasticism. Monasteries, while they achieved a lot of good things, were created for the wrong reasons. Essentially, monasteries were created to give monks (those who entered monasteries) the opportunity to earn an extra measure of God's grace as a result of the good works they accomplished. This, of course, goes completely against the very definition of the word grace. Once you've made it something to be earned, it is no longer grace at all.

Unfortunately, when we start to pit one person's vocation against another and say that it somehow more pleasing to God, we create a new form of monasticism. For example, we may look at a person who goes out of their way to witness to non-believers in a more positive light than the person who simply stays at home and provides food for their children and teaches them the Small Catechism. To be sure, telling others about Jesus is a good thing, but too often we look at that and say that it is somehow *better* than anything else we could do. I could use any number of examples to illustrate this point.

Luther called the various vocations that exist in life "masks of God." When we see people in our lives, we see their ordinary face, whether it's a parent, doctor, pastor, a friend, or something else, but behind that face, God is ministering to us through them. I gave some examples above of how each one of us has different vocations in life. In each of these vocations, God works through us to minister to others.

Now, that ministry to others can take on just about any form. The point is that not one of these vocations, or callings, is higher than another. Through our labor, no matter how humble or grand it may seem, God is at work.

May God richly bless each one of you as you serve your neighbor through the vocations that God has given you!

In Christ,  
Pastor Vandercook



*In my article for this month, I'm taking the opportunity to tell you about a few new things happening at Trinity for 2012.*

### **Ministry of the Month**

Each month at Trinity we will be highlighting a different ministry, mission, or service organization of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This will include a newsletter article each month giving background information about what the organization does and what we can do to support it in its work. Also, one of the Sundays each month after the worship service, we will take a door offering to support the Ministry of the Month. The purposes of having a Ministry of the Month are to raise awareness of ministries that exist in our church body and to give us an opportunity to put our faith into action by making an impact in the lives of others.

### **Catechism and Hymn Memory Work**

I know, I know, memory work is, well, work. I wish I had a better title for it. Each month in your newsletter there will be a half sheet of paper with a section of *Luther's Small Catechism* and a verse of a hymn from *Lutheran Service Book* printed on it. This is designed to be a tool for family devotions. In his *Small Catechism*, Luther led off each of the Six Chief Parts with the words "As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household." In this case, the entire congregation can learn sections of the *Catechism* together. Sometimes it will be quite short (like this month). Other months it may be a little longer (the meanings to the Articles of the Creed, for example). The hymn verse will always be taken from one of the hymns that we sing during one or more of the services each month.

### **Private Confession and Absolution**

This is actually nothing new. If you come to Bible Class (If you don't come to Bible Class, you should!), you've heard me speak of the great comfort that comes through hearing a pastor directly forgive you for sins committed. Luther speaks very highly of it. In fact, we've always had private confession and absolution available, but I've never set aside a specific time period that I would be available each week. It will be different in 2012. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning from 8am to 9am, I will be in my office and available for private confession. The north entrance to the narthex will be unlocked during this time, and you can come to the back door of my office through the sanctuary. If 8-9am on those days doesn't work for you, I am always available by appointment (979-256-7197).

It is my hope that these new additions to what we do at Trinity will be a blessing to you and your family as you learn of new ways to serve your neighbor, grow in your faith as individuals and as a family, and receive the forgiveness won for you on the cross by Jesus Christ.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Vandercook*



### **February Ministry of the Month: Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries**

*Throughout 2012, we will be highlighting a different LCMS ministry. The purpose is to raise awareness of the various ministries of our church body, but also to give an opportunity to support these ministries financially or otherwise.*

Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries (PLM) was started by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations in Philadelphia with the goal of funding and overseeing domestic mission in the Philadelphia area. As is true with many inner-city congregations in the LCMS, the congregations in Philadelphia have experienced sharp decline in membership and attendance over the years as the areas around them have shifted culturally. PLM exists to unite these congregations together in ministry to do together what they would struggle to do alone. Additionally, PLM set the goal (which was accomplished in 2011) of calling a full-time missionary into the ripe harvest field of inner-city Philadelphia. Rev. Joshua Gale has been called as missionary to northeast Philadelphia and has been on the ground since this past summer doing ministry among the poor and homeless in this area. I ask that you keep PLM and Pastor Gale in your prayers. Additionally, in support of PLM, here at Trinity will be collecting blankets to send to PLM to distribute them to the homeless in Philadelphia. There will be a box in the glass hallway that runs between the narthex and the Fellowship Building.

# Birthdays for the Month!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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2/01 Debbie Fait	2/11 GAGE GRIGAR	2/22 Jerry Grunke	
2/01 AmberJacobson	2/11 Darrell Palm	2/23 Julie Barcroft	
2/03 James Gilliam	2/13 Sonny Lauzon	2/24 Diane Henry	
2/04 Wayne Ekarius	2/14 Dorothy Gerhart	2/24 Joe Burttschell	
2/06 Lisa Dziadek	2/14 Marvin Pless	2/25 Renee Laake	
2/08 Sabrina Schiller	2/14 John Griffin	2/25 Mildred Pless	
2/08 Troy Tesch	2/14 REAGAN HOFFPAUIR	2/25 Charles Abel	
2/01 COURTNEY DZIADEK	2/16 Carol Scarborough	2/26 Mallory Larsen	
2/09 Oridell Ekarius	2/19 Carolyn Bankhead	2/28 CHARLIE ARRIAGA	
2/09 Riley Rath	2/21 Michael Jurek	2/28 Joyce Amthor	
2/10 Jay Luedecke	2/21 Ben Lewis	2/28 Zachery Gilmore	
	2/22 JONES KRAMPITZ		



## Happy Anniversary



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

2/01/1946	Edwin & Estelle Remmert ♥	2/14/1989	Bill & Ann Reay
2/11/1967	Dale & Sieg Leland	2/23/1963	Vernon & Bev Ekarius
		2/24/2007	Cy and Ashley Vojtek

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

Kirby Amthor Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky  
Maydell Reichardt 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



**Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,**

**Thank you for your donation to the Pantry. It will be very helpful in keeping the shelves stocked and meeting out client's needs.**

**Your support is appreciated!**

*Sincerely,*

**Sealy Christian Pantry**



**Thank you for all the Christmas cards, well wishes and visits I received during the Holidays. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish everyone blessings for the New Year.**

*Sincerely,*

**Maydell Reichardt**



**Your thoughtfulness and kindness was so uplifting and beautiful and greatly appreciated during my surgery and recovery. Thank you for all the food, cards, flowers and visits.**

**God's Blessings,  
Nettie Hein**



**Trinity Lutheran Preschool  
Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society  
Trinity Lutheran Ladies Christmas Luncheon  
Trinity Lutheran Seniors  
Cotton Boll Quilt Guild**

**And**

**Trinity Lutheran Congregation**

**Thanks to all of you for the food that you gave to the pantry. Special "Thanks" to the Trinity Lutheran Preschool children who also walked several blocks to deliver the four wagons full of food. You all showed a great deal of compassion for others. You are greatly appreciated!**

*Sincerely*

**Sealy Christian Pantry**



**TELECARE IS HERE!**

**You probably have received a call from your Telecare callers by now. Please take a few moments to visit with your callers, encourage them, and then pray for them and this important ministry as they serve the Lord and every member of Trinity in Christian love. They will be praying for you!**



## **Pantry News**

In December we were able to help 226 families which included 733 individuals with food and useful home items. On Wednesday, December 14 we were also able to give out fresh fruit and vegetables because Houston Food Bank brought us 5 large pallets of produce the day before. This happened just at the right time, since our clients are trying to prepare for Christmas. We can always use paper grocery bags if you have any you don't need.

We really had a gratifying day on December 21 when we not only gave regular food items out, but also gave special food for a Christmas meal to 107 families which involved 349 people. All the children of these families were presented with gift bags of various candy, cookies, small toys or stuffed animals. It also really helps the cause when all the non-perishable items come in that were collected at the various locations, from all the different organizations, and individuals.

Enough can't be said about the outpouring of love and care shown from the community, as we strive to ease the extra burdens some people have to carry. The love of Christ is very evident as you continue to support the pantry.

*Vernon Ekarius, Coordinator*



## **Sealy Christian Pantry Pancake Supper/Concert Fundraiser**

Are you ready for a rip-roaring, foot stomping sing-a-long delightful evening of Christian entertainment? That might be described a little extravagant but we promise you a fun filled evening of events that is aimed to benefit the Sealy Christian Pantry. This event will take place in the Fellowship Center at Trinity Lutheran Church on Fat Tuesday, February 21 starting at 5:30 P.M. We first plan to take care of the tummy with a meal of pancakes and sausage. Next to follow around 5:45 P.M., the Saints & Sinners band from St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring plan to entertain us. We will hear Christian lyrics set to polka music and gospel music. Some of the music will get all of us involved through a sing-a-long type song. Donations will be accepted through a free will offering. Any questions regarding this event call Phyllis Sams at 979-732-9477, Patsy Tomasek at 877-0848, or Vernon Ekarius at 885-2014.



## **Ladies Aid News**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society meeting was held Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses were Loretta Dziadek and Vivian Kveton.

Betty Herridge gave an interesting program "Bumps in Our Lives." She also led the group in the absence of Ruth Paben.

Ruby Emshoff and Betty Richter are hostesses on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ursual Kutra reported that four quilts were made.

Several members joined the Christmas Caroling group.

The birthday party at Colonial Belle Nursing Home was on January 7. Four members had birthdays and were given a gift. Don Allphin entertained the groups.

"Bless Be the Tie That Binds" was sung in memory of a departed member, Elfrieda Holtkamp.

Next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup> to which visitors are welcome to attend.

*Nettie Swearingen*



## **Senior Day!**

Trinity's Senior Day was held on January 4 with 34 attending the luncheon. The activity began with Pastor Vandercook sharing a devotion and prayer before we ate. Everyone enjoyed having lunch together and a special thank you to Antoinette Romano, Geraldine Barrett, Mary Grunke, and Ruby Emshoff for providing the delicious desserts. Our activity in January was playing Bingo, which was a hit with everyone. Antoinette Romano was the champion Bingo playing, winning 4 times.

Mark your calendar for the next luncheon that will be held on February 1 at 12:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We hope to see all of our seniors and their friends and neighbors for a fun time together. We plan to play Bingo again. Please remember that this is a time to come and enjoy a meal, visit, play games, if you wish, and have FUN. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex by Jan. 29. If you need a ride, let us know. Contact Patsy 877-0848 or Bev 885-2014.

*Bev Ekarius*

Valentine's  
dinner



## Valentine's Over 70's Dinner

An Over 70's Valentine's Dinner will be served on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 am worship service to honor Trinity members who are 70 years of age and older. The lunch will be served by the youth and will be held in the Fellowship Center. All youth are needed after church to help serve.



This February MOPS will be hosting a bake sale on February 5<sup>th</sup>! The proceeds from this bake sale will support your MOPS group as we reach out to reach more moms in Sealy and the surrounding communities! MOPS will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:15am. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we will make photo blocks. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will hear from Lou Reeves about teaching your children about Christ. If you are interested in joining MOPS or would like to know how you can support Trinity MOPS, please contact Laura Vandercook at 979-256-7456 or [laura.vandercook@gmail.com](mailto:laura.vandercook@gmail.com).

*Laura Vandercook*



**Mom and**

**Dad's Night Out! FUNDRAISER!**



Bring your child/children in their pajamas!!

The Preschool Board, Preschool Staff and Church Council approved a Mom and Dad's Night Out Fundraiser for the preschool to earn money.

On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm all Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool enrolled children and Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School children up to twelve years of age may attend for the cost of \$30.00 per child.

The children ages birth to the age of twelve will be taken care of by the Preschool Staff and the limit will be fifty children. Each staff member will take care of about eight children. This is a great

opportunity for mom and dad to enjoy an evening without children.

Have your child eat before they come at 5:00 pm or bring in their meal from home or take out and we will feed them.

We are requesting if your child is newborn through the age of twelve months to bring a playpen for them to sleep in when the time comes. Give us written instructions on feeding, if they like to be held, bedtime etc. Please have a change of clothes for your child.

For the ages of twelve months to eighteen months we have mats for them to lie on when bedtime comes or if you would like to bring a pillow and blanket this would be fine to make them feel comfortable.

All other children may bring in their own sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, etc. The older children can bring in their DS or DSI to play. Please label everything!

We will have fun and games as soon as children arrive until about 8:00 pm. The younger children can play with playdough, make fruitloop necklaces, play bean bag toss, sticker fun, books and puzzles and other organized games.

The older children, ages nine through twelve, can play in shaving cream, put together a 500 piece puzzle, play with their DS or DSI, and practice for a puppet show to put on for the younger children.

We will be winding down around 8:00 pm. The children will all receive a snack, potty and wash hands and then lay down on their sleeping bags. The 18 month and younger children will probably stay in their rooms while the older children will watch a movie in the gym on their sleeping bags.

We want this to be a fun time for the children so you can peacefully have a great time. You may call and check on your child at anytime by calling 885-2211.

A form must be filled out by you, signed and return with the money. The money will hold your child's spot.

**Dr. Zboril's Office Visits Preschool** The themes for the month of February are: Hygiene, Dental and Health. The children will learn the importance of hand washing, right nutrition and how exercise can keep you healthy.

Teachers will talk to the children about health items such as soap, combs, brushes,

toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that will keep you healthy.

Bobbie Novicke from Dr. Zboril's office will come to the preschool on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am to talk to the four year old classes about Dental Hygiene.

The children will learn the importance of seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Bobbie will also show the children the correct way of flossing and brushing.

The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Treasure and One Pearl

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Wind and Waves

Chapel Time with Pastor Vandercook

One Touch

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

A Big Picnic

Chapel Time with Pastor Vandercook

Walking on Water

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

Open Eyes

Chapel Time with Pastor Vandercook

Money in a Fish

The Bible Verse for the month is "Love One Another" (John 13:34). We will learn the color PINK and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.

**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. Your child will be asked 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 February are:

**February 6<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Kaden and Brenna Roberts

**February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Jasmin Rubio

Derek Ruiz

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Erik Sanchez


Kaden Crawley


**February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Bailey Scheerer

Stephen Sell


Please hand your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!

 **Bring PINK Items!** On Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!


 **Books are Fun!** Angela from Books are Fun will have a display set up for us to browse books. She will come and set up the display on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup> if you would like to order books.

To place your order, please write the title or item on the envelope. Place your money in the envelope, then seal and place in the "Books are Fun Box".

Angela will be back to take down the display and bring the books that you ordered on Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

 **Go Western Day!** Go Western Day will be Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. The children can come to preschool dressed in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!


The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas and belt. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. So let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!

 **Bring a Postage Stamp!** Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child's teacher for the special valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child's teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size of the valentine project.

Please have your stamps here by Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, so the valentine cards can be mailed out in ample time for you to receive by mail.


The children will place the valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postman to take with him.

If your child has not brought a stamp for their valentine card to be mailed you may pick up the card in your child's cubby.

 **Valentine's Party!** The preschool will have their Valentine's Party on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 10:30 am.

We will have an English muffin pizza party. There will be a sign up list for you to bring English muffins, pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese and help with the supervision of games.

Each child will also need to bring a valentine card for each of their classmates for exchanging. Check with your child's teacher for a list of children in their class.

 **Fall Registration!** Fall registration will begin Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup> for the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in the preschool office.

After Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and the public. So if you are planning on having your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and bring back along with registration fee.

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2012-2013 school year is \$80.00. But for early registration and for the month of March and for the ones in the program now will have a discount from \$80.00 to \$65.00 until March 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> the registration will be \$80.00.

Along with registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. Registration will be on first come basis.

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:38)*



*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**Trinity Lutheran**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
December 12, 2011

Minutes of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, Texas, on December 12, 2011 in the Fellowship Building.

Members present were:

George Wied – President  
Linda Blume – Treasurer  
Sherri Santoro – Fellowship  
Janice Wied – Stewardship  
Fred Paben – Ushers  
Jimmie Meyer – Elders  
Leslie Pacher – Education  
Debbie Rath – Youth  
Pastor David Vandercook

George Wied, presiding, called the meeting to order. Leslie Pacher opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from October 10 and November 14 were distributed for review. Leslie Pacher made a motion to accept the October 10 minutes. Seconded by Jimmie Meyer. Motion passed. Jimmie Meyer made a motion to accept the November 14 minutes. Seconded by Linda Blume. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business/Old Business

- Call Committee Update for DCE – Jimmie Meyer reported that the call committee has created a job description and is talking with Pastor Vandercook about next steps.
- Discussion About Church Sign – This has been mentioned to the congregation but Jimmie Meyer is preparing a formal presentation to the congregation after January 1.
- Discussion to Pictorial Directory – Appointments for photos will be scheduled from March 19 through March 30. A volunteer will be needed to coordinate this activity.
- Pumpkin Patch Money – The Church Council made \$87.95 working the Pumpkin Patch. Janice Wied made a motion that we donate the money to Samaritan's Purse. Seconded by Debbie Rath. Motion Passed.
- Advent Offerings – Jimmie Meyer reported that the Elders have decided this money be split between the Sommeyer and Vandercook mission activities.

Reports

- Treasurer – Linda Blume reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The cash balance in the General Fund has a cash balance of \$59,055.85. Our total cash balance is \$90,030.87
- Stewardship – Janice Wied represented Stewardship. The 2012 envelopes are available.
- Evangelism – Sherri Santoro represented Evangelism. There will not be a meeting in December. Activities will resume in 2012.

- Trustees – Vernon Ekarius represented the Trustees. The Trustees have been very busy maintaining and repairing the church property.
- Elders – Jimmie Meyer represented the Elders. The Elders requested Pastor Vandercook contact Jon Braunersreuther, the District Mission Facilitator to invite him to Trinity Lutheran to present his views on missions and ministries that Trinity Lutheran can utilize for outreach. He will be at Trinity Lutheran on January 11 at 7:30 pm.
- Education – Leslie Pacher represented Education. The quarterly service project was to create Christmas cards and ornaments that were delivered to Colonial Belle on December 11. The turnout was good and there are enough to distribute during Christmas Caroling on December 20. The Children’s Christmas program will be held during the worship service on December 18. Christmas bags will be packed this week and distributed on December 18.
- Fellowship – Sherri Santoro represented the Fellowship Committee. A pot luck lunch for Katie Thomas will be held on December 18. Twenty five people have signed up to go Christmas Caroling on Tuesday, December 20. The Fellowship Board will meet the last week of December to plan for 2012.
- Youth – Debbie Rath represented Youth. High School parents have met and are planning youth activities for 2012. Junior High parents are planning to meet to plan their activities.
- Ushers – Fred Paben represented the Ushers. There were no items to report this month.
- Pastor Vandercook – pastor will highlight a ministry of the month in the 2012 newsletter to increase awareness of different ministries and service organization available in the Synod. January is Life Sunday (date to Roe versus Wade decision). Acolytes will now sit in the pew by the offering plates. Besides lighting candles, they will now also take the offering plates to the Ushers and bring them back at the end of the offering.
- Long Range Planning – No reports

Fred Paben made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Jimmie Meyer. Motion passed.

New Business

- Various Correspondences to the Church – The YMCA send a letter suggesting we partner to spread news of the YMCA’s programs throughout the community. No action was needed as a specific request was not made. The Boy Scouts did not use the vacant lot for a bake sale last month as they found another location.
- Various Requests to Use the Fellowship Hall – Maggie Kent requested permission to rent the Fellowship Hall for a child care Conference for area daycares and preschools on January 28 from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Leslie Pacher made a motion to allow them to rent the facility. Seconded by Debbie Rath. Motion passed. The Preschool Board requested use of the gym on February 10. This will be their “Night Out” and the gym will be used for babysitting while the parents are out for \$30.00 per child will be charged to raise money for the preschool. George will check with Johnny Busse regarding any insurance issues. Fred Paben made a motion to allow the use of the gym for this event. Seconded by Jimmie Meyer. Motion passed. Maggie Kent requested use of the Fellowship hall for a preschool fundraiser on April 11. it will be a drive through pancake and sausage dinner from 5:00-6:00 pm. The tickets will be \$6.00. Leslie Pacher made a motion to allow them to use the facility on April 11. Seconded by Jimmie Meyer. Motion passed.

Jimmie Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Leslie Pacher. Motion passed. Pastor Vandercook closed meeting with a prayer.

Our next meeting will be on January 9, at 7:00 pm. Jimmie Meyer will give the devotion.

*George Wied, President*