

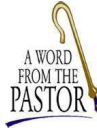


# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



**New for 2012**



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

January 2012

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 am Fellowship

9:05 am Sunday School

&

Bible Study

10:15 am Worship

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*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 them in their 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*



## Birthdays for the Month!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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1/03 DAVID KAINER	1/12 Johnny Busse	1/24 Justin Hoffpaur	
1/03 Ryan Ekarius	1/12 Wendy Jamison	1/25 KADEN JUREK	
1/04 ANDIE ANDERSON	1/12 KADE RYLAND	1/25 Doug Browne	
1/06 Carolyn Grisbee	1/14 Katie Every	1/25 Wayne Grigar	
1/06 Peggy Jurek	1/14 John Schier	1/25 Justin Havemann	
1/06 Kimberly Thieleman	1/14 Kirby Amthor	1/26 Keith Zapalac	
1/07 Dale Leland	1/15 James Lee, Jr	1/27 Shari Cleveland	
1/07 Brad Biss	1/15 Theresa Terrell	1/27 Patsy Novosad	
1/08 Melody Anderson	1/16 Fred Paben	1/29 Elgien Konesheck Jr.	
1/08 Royce Sebesta	1/16 Sherri Santoro	1/29 Stephanie Meyer	
1/08 Bubba Louis	1/18 Lisa H. Barrett	1/29 Marty Schiller	
1/09 Stephanie Sneed	1/18 Leslie Anderson	1/29 Nickolas Pavelka	
1/09 Stacey Putt	1/19 JAVEN JACKSON	1/30 Beverly Ekarius	
1/10 Edd Gerstenberger	1/19 Rachel Epperly	1/30 Robbie Bozeman Jr.	
1/11 LILA MEYER	1/21 Andi Wood	1/31 Tara Schneider	



## Happy Anniversary



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

1/02/1993 George & Janice Wied	1/09/1993 Mark & Robbyn Hill
1/04/1992 Jerry & Julie Ebers	1/11/1958 Melvin & Pat Schmidt ♥
1/04/1992 Jimmie & Jodine Meyer	1/15/1956 Royce and Viola Sebesta ♥
1/07/1946 Marvin & Mildred Pless ♥	



**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



Your kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy is deeply appreciated and we are so grateful for all the cards, flowers, food and visits.

God's Blessings,  
Viola Krueger Family



**Baptism** Cy and Ashley Vojtek are proud to announce

Cameron Lee Vojtek has been received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 4, 2011 administered by Rev. David Vandercook.



**Baptism** Ashley Marie Vojtek was received into God's

Kingdom through Holy Baptism on December 18, 2011 administered by Rev. David Vandercook.



**Welcome!** Welcome Brett Carter and Cy & Ashley Vojtek into membership at Trinity Lutheran Church by Adult Confirmation on December 18, 2011.

Brett Carter 116 8 <sup>th</sup> Street' Sealy, TX 77474 832-837-9898 	Cy and Ashley Vojtek 201 Willow St. Sealy, TX 77474 979-627-7984 
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### Ladies Luncheon

*The lunch was well attended with around 100 ladies from the community and Trinity Lutheran and enjoyed "Joy" by all. A BIG thank you to all that helped make this luncheon a success, especially Mary Buechmann, and outreach to everyone this Christmas season. Thank you to all that attended. A HUGE thank you to everyone who generously donated food and toys for the Holiday Dinner Food Drive. Over one hundred Children's Christmas Bags for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry were handed out by Johanna and Mary Buechmann on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. I hope everyone was blessed and fulfilled by His Grace.*

*Thanks, Johanna Buechmann*

# Thanks

**Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the TLC Christmas Cantata - singers, ringers, instrumentalists, characters/actors, narrators, media team members, lighting assistants, sound assistants, video camera operators, nursery attendants, set-up crew, ushers, alcolytes, bulletin preparers, Altar Guild, cookie bakers, and all other workers! Over 75 members of Trinity and fellow believers participated in some capacity in the "Sing Joy" Cantata to bring the Christmas message in word and song to over 425 individuals who attended the worship services. Thanks for helping to further His Kingdom!**  
**Robert and Debbie Fait**



## **Purse Christmas Gift Project**

Thanks to the generous contributions and "creative gift-giving" spirit of members at TLC, over \$4,000 has been sent to Samaritan's Purse to help provide for God's children in need. Gifts of food, livestock, education, health care and other necessities will now be available to under resourced children and adults throughout the world! May those giving the gift, gift recipients and those benefitting from the gift be blessed as we all strive to love others as God commanded. **"In as much as you did it to one of the least of these...you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40**

THANKS!

Icthus Life Group



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION "3I thank my God every time I remember you 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy5because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

It is never easy leaving a church and a ministry. It is the people, not the programs that you miss the most. Upon reflection of my time

...serving at Trinity, in evaluating the peak moments and low points of my ministry, it is the relationships I have formed that have had the greatest impact on my life and faith. The verses listed above are taken from Philippians chapter one in which the apostle Paul extends a personal letter of encouragement and thanksgiving to the Philippians. I take tremendous comfort in these verses because I can identify with how Paul was feeling when he wrote this from his prison cell in Rome.

I understand how Paul must have felt as he traveled from one Gentile region to the next, sharing the Gospel of Christ with all people, worshiping with them, praying with them, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Paul was a person of peace, a man who obediently followed the Spirit's prompting. Paul knew what it felt like to leave cherished Christian brothers and sisters behind in order to fulfill God's calling to make new disciples and spread the good news of Jesus Christ in a new area or city.

Philippians 1 makes me think of the many Christian friends I have at Trinity. The love and affection Paul had for the Philippians is the same love and fondness I have for the people of Trinity. Paul felt a strong unity with these believers, a unity that is established when Christians draw together in Christ's love. This prayer sums up how I feel better than I could possibly express. It is a beautifully written prayer, filled with encouragement and love, uplifting the Philippians to be filled with joy. Although God is calling me to disciple somewhere else, I take comfort in the fact that we are always united in the body of Christ, empowered by His Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the grace that is freely given to us through Christ Jesus our Lord for the forgiveness of sins and the life everlasting. I am richly blessed for the encouragement you have given me. Your acts of kindness and support have truly lifted me up and have made this year a blessing, joy, and a wonderful learning experience.

I can't emphasize enough how much your friendship has grown my faith and has blessed my life. The community of believers at Trinity truly looks out for one another and lifts

each other up more than any other church I have served at. This sense of Christian community is pleasing to God. I pray that you continue to build the body and bind together in times of conflict and in times of growth. It saddens me that I am leaving, that I may not see all the fruits of my labor, but one thing is certain: the relationships I have built here at Trinity will last a lifetime.

I will not stop praying for you, thanking God for you and asking Him to bless you with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. I would like to close with the same prayer Paul wrote to the Philippians in 1:9-11. I will continue to pray this prayer and trust that the good Lord will continue to guide you all of the days of your lives. I pray that Trinity is a blessing to the body and to the community of unbelievers, straightening and growing the faith and making its presence known in Sealy and to all people.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,<sup>10</sup>so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,<sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God” (NIV).

*Katie Thomas*



## **Pantry News**

In November we handed out food to 283 needy families, which helped feed 870 individuals. We are still in very much need of brown paper grocery bags. There are times that we are having to go out and buy some instead of using that money to buy groceries.

November 22nd was a very exciting day for us at the pantry. This was the morning when we not only gave out regular food, but also gave additional food to 104 families that provided a special meal for Thanksgiving to 325 people. It was so uplifting to see those smiling faces that were so appreciative for the food. It's times like this that we get a warm-fuzzy feeling inside that assures us we are doing work that is pleasing to God.

*Vernon Ekarius, Coordinator*



## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

Pastor's Wednesday morning Bible study will start back up again on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. We will be reading and studying the book, *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance* by Dr. Kurt Senske, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the South. **This book is designed to educate readers on one's vocation and what that means in terms of living out our life in our various and overlapping vocational arenas - family, professional, community, and congregational. Throughout the book, what the true meaning of “success” is for a Christian is examined to help the reader discover and live out the life that God uniquely created for them.**

**Pastor looks forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!**



## **Lutherans For Life**

Trinity's Ministry of the Month for January, Lutherans For Life (LFL) is about speaking the truth of life—about **Bringing Good News to Life**. LFL applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the life issues, making Jesus known as the Son of God and Savior of all who can help and make a difference in people's lives. Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The focus of LFL is two-fold. First, they desire to say very clearly that death is not an acceptable, God-pleasing way to deal with the problems of life. Second, they desire to say very clearly that there is a better way. LFL grounds both of these in the truth of God's holy Word. His Word defines what is not acceptable. His Word points to a better way, He who is *The Way*, Jesus Christ. Lutherans For Life carries out its mission through education. Some of the topics that they specifically address are abortion, after-abortion, adoption as an option, crisis pregnancies, end-of-life issues, sexual purity, and bioethics and creation. Through educating, Lutherans For Life gives a voice of Life and Good News to people so that they may proclaim this to those in need. For more information, visit their website at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

**Pastor Vandercook**



## **Icthus Life Group to Host Study on History of the Lutheran Church**

You are invited to join the Icthus Life Group for a four-session study of the "History of the Lutheran Church." Portions of a new DVD produced by Concordia Seminary will be viewed as part of this study. All meetings will be held in the Choir Rehearsal Room in the Fellowship Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at approximately 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All members of TLC and guests are invited to attend this series. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Wednesday, January 18th: Introduction to Lutheranism

Thursday, February 2: Martin Luther & C.F. Walther

Wednesday, February 15: Role of the Lutheran Church, Laity, and Clergy

Thursday, March 1: History of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy



### **TELECARE MINISTRY BEGINS!**

The New Year is a time for new beginnings—what a great time to begin a new ministry at Trinity! Telecare is a church ministry that involves individuals who use the telephone to contact people and extend Christ's love, show concern, and offer prayer support. By providing caring conversation for every member, Telecare is one way a congregation can meet both spiritual and physical needs. You will be receiving a letter later in January that will introduce your volunteer caller, followed by a brief phone call each month. Please pray for your caller and all those involved in this ministry as they extend Christ's hand of love to you and others in our congregation. Contact Carolyn Grisbee (865-5393) or Patsy Tomasek (877-0848) to volunteer to be a part of this important ministry.



### ***Ladies Aid News***

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met December 1<sup>st</sup> for their meeting and Christmas party. Ruth Paben and Betty Herridge were the hostesses.

After the meeting, a Christmas party was held with many decorations and the beautiful Christmas tree. Gifts were distributed and enjoyed by all.

A memorial was sent to the family of the late Dolores Hillebrandt, also a prayer was said for Elfrieda Holtkamp.

Hostesses on January 5<sup>th</sup> will be Vivian Kveton and Loretta Dziadek.

The next meeting is on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Visitors are welcome to attend.

**Nettie Swearingen**



**Senior Day!** Trinity's Senior Day was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> with sixty-three attending the luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a catered meal of chicken fried chicken. Thank you to those who helped provide the delicious desserts for the luncheon. We enjoyed special entertainment at this meal by Robert and Amanda Fait. We all enjoyed singing Christmas carols accompanied by their saxophone playing and the reading of the Christmas message. What a blessing for them to share their talent with us during this special season of the year.

Mark your calendar for the next luncheon that will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm 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 after the luncheon for those who are interested. Please remember this is a time for our seniors to come and enjoy the fellowship. You are not obligated to bring food and playing games is optional. Seniors, this is your time to enjoy a meal, visit, play games if you wish and have FUN. Please contact Patsy Tomasek 885-0848 or Bev Ekarius at 885-2014.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
**RWL Ministries**  
*“Reading, Watching, Listening”*



Members and friends of TLC will have an opportunity to continue growing through the “Reading, Watching, Listening” (RWL) Ministry! Beginning in January, 2012, new Christian books, DVD’s, and CD’s will be available in the RWL display in the hallway between the Fellowship Center and the Narthex. Individuals may take these media materials, enjoy the message, and then return the items to the church for use by others.

The media materials that have been selected include diverse and thought-provoking topics that are designed to promote positive discussions among congregational members. Contemporary book titles include topics related to Christian living along with Christian fiction. DVD’s, including children’s movies are available with current releases that promote Christian living and Bible study. Music CD’s are available in various music styles including gospel, praise & worship, and pop music.

There is no charge to use these items. This is an outreach ministry of TLC that is designed to help members grow. Individuals may help support this ministry by placing financial contributions in the weekly offering and designating the funds for “RWL Ministries.” New media materials will be available throughout the year as funding is available.

This ministry is based upon the “honor system.” Please return materials promptly after reading, watching, and/or listening to the various media. Prompt returns will provide ample opportunity for others to enjoy personal spiritual growth opportunities!



This January MOPS meets on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:15am. On the 12<sup>th</sup> we will make birthday plates. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will hear from Donna Jacobs about Love and Logic. 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*



Wow, it is hard to believe that half of the school year is gone! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and you are ready for 2012. I know that God has a lot of plans for all of us for this year. Always pray and God will guide you to the right path. Enjoy your new year!

The staff and I would like to say thank you to everyone for the wonderful gifts that were given to us for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

**Themes!** The theme for the month of January is Community Helpers such as doctors, firemen, policemen, veterinarians and many more. The children will play out roles in their classrooms and learn the importance of these careers and how people serve and help the community.

The letters for the month for the classes that are ready to move on are P, L, U, G, and H. The shape and color for the classes will be learning are SQUARE and YELLOW.

The Bible Stories for the month are:

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>**

The Miracles of Jesus

**Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**

Simon Peter the Rock

The Stories of Jesus

**Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

A Sick Servant

**Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**

The Farmer’s Seed

A Tiny Seed and a Big Tree

The Bible Verse for the month is: “Trust in the Lord and do Good” Psalm 37:3.

**Dress As A Community Helper!** On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> we would like the children to come to school as one of their favorite community helpers! During the entire month we will be learning about our community and how our community helpers provide the necessities for us to live a better life.

Who knows what these little preschoolers will be when they grow up. But what an opportunity to have them dress and act out a role who they think is an important part of their lives and the encouragement to grow and become one.



**Food Pantry!** The children and parents had a great time delivering the food to the Christian Food Pantry on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Each year it is amazing how much food is collected.

Thanks to all the preschool parents and their children, along with Altar Guild, Senior Day, Ladies Aid, Quilt Guild, Ladies Christmas Luncheon and Church Members. We thank you for all the food collected! Thank you to Vernon Ekarius for informing the children why the Sealy Christian Food Pantry is so important to the community.

The children were so cute taking their walking field trip to the Pantry with the parents pulling the wagons. Most of

all the children learn why we collect the food and the procedure of how food is given to the ones in need.

Please keep an eye out for the Sealy News since they were there to take pictures.



**Wear Yellow Day!** On Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> the children can wear the color YELLOW to reinforce the color for the month.

 **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 January are:

**January 9<sup>th</sup> – January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Kristen Luce  
Alessio Thomas

**January 16<sup>th</sup> – January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Timothy Mlcak  
Emily Mock

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> – January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Zachary Orsak  
Izzie Pittillo

**January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bailey Scheerer  
Stephen Sell

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



**Silly Hat Day!** On Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>, the children are having a Silly Hat Day! This is a fun day for the children to wear or decorate a hat and make it as silly as possible to wear to preschool.

We always enjoy and love to see the children on any silly day because they are so cute and adorable! I love when the parents help their children get very creative on any silly day. So decorate a hat and make it silly!



**Popcorn and Movie Day!** Did you know the official popcorn month is in October but according to the tradition the national popcorn day is celebrated on January 19<sup>th</sup>? Did you know that the Native Americans actually discovered "Corn Popping." Popcorn became famous during the Great Depression of 1933 that spread across the world and United States. During the depression, popcorn was considered as a snack food.

During the days of the Great Depression, corn was the only weapon for the struggling farmers of America who used it to raise their income.

On Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, the preschoolers will enjoy the history of the popcorn along with a movie. Please have your child bring a snack bag of popcorn to preschool and a

boxed drink so we can enjoy our popcorn with a movie. The movie the preschoolers will watch will be a Veggie Tale Movie.



**At Home Safety!** Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Safety at Home. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn what to do if someone comes to the front door. Do I answer the door or what to I do? Mr. Gary will also talk to the children about telephones, guns, matches, electricity, household products and helmet safety.

Some of us have swimming pools, so he will talk to the children about pool safety, floods, streams, creeks and other water safety issues.

He will talk to the children about storms, lightening and tornadoes and what we need to do about critters such as raccoons, good snakes, bad snakes, spiders, bees and much more.

All this will take place on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Maybe your child will come home and teach you a little about safety at home!



**Camouflage Day!** On Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>, the preschoolers can come dressed in camouflage pants, tops, hats etc. This can be any color of camouflage and if you do not have camouflage, just wear the colors of camouflage.

Camouflage also means to hide, just like Jesus hid in the tomb for three days before he joined God. But even though we are blended, God still wants us to stand out. So don't forget Camouflage Day!



**Fantasy of Lights!** I would like to thank Aaron and Carrie Ward for letting the preschool use their building to put the float together.

Thanks to all the parents who took time out to come and decorate the float. Thank you to Lawrence and Stephanie Siska getting the hay for us.

I checked and we did not place in any of the categories but what is important is that we supported, bonded and had fun and was able to get the word out that Jesus loves us all!

Reminder! Preschool will be closed Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> for Public School Holiday.

Reminder! Please continue to collect aluminum cans, used postage stamps and Campbell Soup Labels for the preschool! Thanks to everyone for all you do in your help and support of the preschool. Everyone is greatly appreciated!

**MOM AND DAD'S NIGHT OUT!** This will be a new Fundraiser for the Preschool! This year the preschool board, staff and church council approved a new fundraiser for the preschool to give mom and dad a night out.

On Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm all enrolled preschool children and their siblings along with Trinity Lutheran Sunday School children may attend. The children will be taken care of by staff and preschool board for the cost of \$30.00 per child. This will give the parents an opportunity to have a night out without the children.

The ages for the children will be newborn through the age of twelve. Please call the preschool office at 979-627-7846 for more information or to sign up your child/children so you may have a night out. What a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with a night out!

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



Trinity Lutheran Church will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code 1881 or contact Jimmie Meyer at 979-885-2211.



## CHURCH COUNCIL Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Minutes of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting, held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, Texas, on November 14, 2011 in the Fellowship Building.

Members present were:

- George Wied**—President
- Linda Blume**—Treasurer
- Geraldine Barrett**—Stewardship
- Sue Kristynik**—Evangelism
- Vernon Ekarius**—Trustees
- Jimmie Meyer**—Elders
- Leslie Pacher**—Education

George Wied, presiding, led a devotion.

### Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from the October 10, 2011 meeting were read.

### Unfinished Business

1. **Call committee update for DCE:** proceeding with the call process
2. **Church Sign:** will be brought to the congregation
3. **Pictorial Directory:** timeframe to be decided

### Reports

- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer's report was presented for review by Linda Blume. The cash balance in the General Fund is (\$11,297.64), Building Fund \$58,866.69 and Total Cash \$87,513.71 on October 31, 2011.
- **Stewardship:**

- Everyone's envelopes have been renumbered (saving money).
- Flyer will be sent out in the Blue's to remind everyone

#### ➤ Evangelism:

- Senior Day—catered meal will be provided at no cost (meal has been provided)

#### ➤ Trustees:

- AC had 10 lbs of Freon put in recently
- Looking into carpet cleaning (either spot cleaning or all upstairs this year and downstairs next year)
- Floor leading into the sacristy needs to be fixed or covered

#### ➤ Elders:

- DCE call committee is proceeding with the call process

#### ➤ Education:

- 1st Quarterly Service Project—Christmas cards & ornaments for shut-ins and nursing home members
- Library clean-up started
- Children's Program—December 18<sup>th</sup>

#### ➤ Fellowship:

- Ladies Luncheon, December 10<sup>th</sup>, will have a catered meal and a love offering will be taken
- Christmas Caroling will be held December 21<sup>st</sup> followed by a light dinner of sloppy joes, hot dogs, hot chocolate, etc. Caroling will be more organized than past years. Groups will already be divided with places to go.

#### ➤ Youth:

- No Report

#### ➤ Usher:

- No Report

#### ➤ Pastor Report:

- No Report

**New Business:** no quorum so nothing could be decided

1. Correspondence to church
2. Request to use the Fellowship Hall
3. Council made \$87.95 working the Pumpkin Patch.
4. Advent Offering

Devotion will be led by Leslie Pacher next meeting.

Our next meeting will be on December 12, 2011 at 7 pm.