



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

September 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



The Measure of Success

"God simply does not measure success or growth by numbers. The Book of Acts has far more failures than successes if you judge by numbers. God uses a different criterion for judging success. He wants us to judge by His Word"

-Klemet I. Preus, *The Fire and the Staff*

I had an opportunity to attend and honor of participating in the installation of Pastor Jeff Baxter as the pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Palacios yesterday (as of the writing of this article). The congregation had been vacant for a little over a year. During the past 9 months, Pastor Baxter has served as their vacancy pastor. Once he was eligible to receive a call, the congregation went through the process of calling him as their pastor. Our Redeemer is a small congregation. Their average attendance is 35. They have 71 members. By the world's standards, this church is a colossal failure. A 100 year old congregation that only has 71 members and only sees 35 of them on a weekly basis? They must be doing something wrong. Palacios is a town of 5,000 people. That's small (although not much smaller than Sealy), but there are lots of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations in smaller communities that have much larger memberships. If the LCMS were a business, the Palacios branch would have been shut down years ago.

But the Church is not a business. Oh, to be sure, there are plenty of people out there who try to treat it like one. They attempt to incorporate ideas learned in the business world into the way that the church operates. When it comes to things like budgets and things of that nature it might be helpful, but in the proclamation of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments, it has no place. No, the success of a congregation does not depend on clever marketing techniques; it depends on God's Word. We don't look at the numbers and decide that we are succeeding and failing; we look at the Word of God. Are we proclaiming God's Word in truth and purity? Are we administering the Sacraments according to Christ's command? These are the questions we must ask ourselves as we evaluate the Church. We have the promise from God that where His Word and Sacraments are, there He is also!

In Christ,
Pastor



Historical Marker – Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy has been a vital institution in this community for over 125 years. The Texas Historical Commission sponsors a Historical Marker program that can provide markers to recognize institutions such as Trinity. The Church Council has approved submitting an application for this marker. The exact cost is not yet known, waiting for bids from foundries. More information will be in the next newsletter. If you have any questions call Grace Holtkamp.

September Sermon Themes and Texts

September 2

Theme: "The Heart of the Matter"

Text: Mark 7:14-23

September 9

Theme: "Eating the Crumbs"

Text: Mark 7:24-37

September 16

Theme: "Help My Unbelief!"

Text: Mark 9:14-29

September 23

Theme: "The Greatest"

Text: Mark 9:30-37

September 30

Theme: "Dealing with Temptation"

Text: Mark 9:38-50



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays for the Month!



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



Happy Anniversary



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

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



Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents

Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky Lillie Wittenburg

Estella Heintschel Louise Kinsey

Shut Ins J. P. Gerhart

Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz

Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer



Congratulations to Our

New Married Couple

Tiffany Widacki and Sonny Lauzon

Married on June 9, 2012

Here at Trinity Lutheran Church – Sealy



Congratulations to Our

New Married Couple

Kimberley Thielemann and Doyle Kornegay

Married on July 14, 2012

At Stephen F. Austin in Sealy



Dear Friends,

I do appreciate your prayers and concern for me when I had my surgery. Thank you for the well wishes and cards, etc. I'm doing better everyday.

God's Blessings,

MayDell Dethlefsen



Playin' for Prizes!



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A great Big Thank You to everyone for your donated items, gift cards, baked food etc. With you this game was played by adults and children who had so much fun. It was a big success and made \$391.75. So see you next year!

God's Blessings to All,

Johanna Buechmann & Mary Buechmann



Dear Trinity Lutheran Preschoolers,
Thanks you for the large box of food, nineteen gallons of water, and five gallons of juice drinks that you donated to the pantry. These items went a long way to feed our clients. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

Sincerely, Christian Pantry



Centennial Celebration St. Paul Lutheran Church

1912-2012

You are invited to join us in celebrating 100 years of the Lord's Grace showered on his Family at St. Paul.

Sunday, September 23, 2012

Worship Service at 4:00 pm

108 E. Gayle, Edna TX

Guest Preacher, Rev Dr. Matthew C. Harrison

President, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Followed by food and fellowship at Jackson County Services Building

411 North Wallis, Edna TX

Limited Seating – Please RSVP to the Church

361-782-3037



BEV EKARIUS IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OVER CARING FOR THE PLANTS IN THE COURTYARD. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE THE LORD IN THIS WAY.



Food Pantry News!

In July we had the privilege to serve 192 families, which involved 562 people, by giving them some groceries. We also gave food to 83 families that provided food for 212 school children through our summer school lunch program.

Last month I started pointing out different ways people volunteer at the pantry. Continuing with other ways people are helping, we have people come in every Tuesday morning to stock shelves getting everything ready for Wednesday morning when we give out groceries. Also, on Tuesday, rice and dried beans are taken from large sacks and put into 1 pound packages. On most Tuesdays, supplies are delivered, and someone stores them and gets everything in order. On a regular basis the Wal-Mart Distribution facility calls the pantry to pick up a load of partially damaged groceries. A volunteer then goes and gets the load. After getting back to the Pantry, food items are cleaned, sorted, and put into stock or on the shelves. Food items are also picked up from Pizza Hut every week.

What a wonderful way to serve. It's such a blessing to see how everything comes together and works out for the people that are struggling to make it in everyday life. If anyone can spare an hour or two, just let someone with the pantry know. We can always use additional help or some relief. Blessings to all and have a most joy filled month.

Vernon Ekarius, Coordinator



How about that? We've had another big, successful barbecue. Even though our attendance was down, we have so much to be thankful for. Praise God Almighty for blessing us and allowing this to happen. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and continuing support each year. A special thank you to each committee chairperson for the long hours they had to put in and the determination to make this a successful barbecue. It was so heartwarming to see new people step up and take control of the things that needed to get done.

God's Riches Blessings, Vernon Ekarius



2012 BARBECUE AND AUCTION RESULTS

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

According to our records, we served a total of 845 plates including the 350 plates that were sold in the drive-thru. Fourteen complimentary tickets were used. The proceeds taken in from the barbecue were \$7,887.00 in ticket sales, \$551.50 in leftover sales, \$661.25 from dessert sales, \$173.72 from the children's booth, \$391.75 from Play'n for a Prize, \$400.00 from donations, and \$7,052.00 from the silent and live auctions. Expenses were approximately \$7,151.76. We also received a \$228.38 reimbursement from the K.C.'s. This means that we have a net profit of \$10,193.84.

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

None of this could have been accomplished without each and everyone working as hard as they did and we are very thankful that we can label the 2012 Barbecue a SUCCESS!!

Susie Busse



MORE TELECARE CALLERS

NEEDED! Since we have received new members at TLC, we are in need of several more callers. This caring ministry has been going well, and we have had much positive feedback. Thank you for your support and for welcoming your callers. If you can spend a few minutes per month in making six to eight phone calls at your convenience just to briefly visit with some of our members, please contact Carolyn Grisbee (979-865-5393) or Patsy Tomasek (979-877-0848).



E-PRAYER REQUESTS

A prayer request hotline has been established along with the Telecare Ministry to pass along by email any immediate needs that our TLC members, families, or friends might have. Some of you, even non-Telecare callers, have asked to be notified of those prayer requests so that you

may include them in your prayers. If you would like those requests forwarded to you, or if you have any requests that you would like included at any time, please send your email address to Carolyn Grisbee at vggrisbee@att.net or Patsy Tomasek at a_tomasek2004@yahoo.com.



DAY LUNCHEON!

Trinity's Senior Day was held on August 1 with forty-nine attending the luncheon. What a great attendance for this fun day of enjoying lunch and fellowship together. Our day began with Pastor offering grace before lunch. The seniors send a big thank you to Alan and Jeanie Boehm for providing the fried and baked chicken that was served. Also, thank you to Ursula Kutra, Geraldine Barrett, Bev Ekarius, and Patsy Tomasek who provided the desserts. Everyone had a great time after lunch playing bingo and dominoes. Bobby Barrett continues to do a great job of being the bingo caller and we thank him for this service.

Mark your calendar for the next luncheon that will be held on September 5 at 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will play bingo and dominoes following the luncheon. Domino players please bring your dominoes. This luncheon is a time for seniors to come and enjoy the fellowship. You are not obligated to bring food and playing games is optional. You may invite your friends and neighbors. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please note, if you sign up to attend and are not able to come to the luncheon we ask that you call Bev or Patsy and let them know that you will not be attending. The food is prepared according to the number of individuals that sign up. Any questions call Bev Ekarius at 885-2014 or Patsy Tomasek at 877-0848.



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid members met Thursday, August 2nd in the Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses were Betty Herridge and Ursula Kutra.

Betty Herridge gave an interesting program on Apostle Paul who wrote on the Philippines.

The minutes were read by Loretta Dziadek and approved.

Discussion was on the church barbecue held Saturday, August 12th.

Vivian and Glenwood Kveton observed their wedding anniversary this month.

Hostesses for the September 6th meeting are Betty Richter and Vivian Kveton.

Refreshments brought by members were served and enjoyed.

Nest meeting will be held September 6th.

Guests are welcome to attend.

Nettie Swearingen



Ministry of the Month: Orphan Grain Train

What is Orphan Grain Train?

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

How are we going to help?

We are going to make Mercy Kits! Mercy Kits are distributed around the world as needed. Their primary purpose is to assist in disaster situations such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, etc....

During the first few weeks of September we will be gathering supplies for the Mercy Kits. Then on **September 23 at 8am and after church on September 30**, we will gather in the gym to assemble the Mercy Kits.

What can I donate?

Each Mercy Kit will include (NEW items only):

1. One bath towel, dark color recommended
2. One washcloth, dark color recommended
3. One bath-size bar (4 to 5 oz) of soap, any brand, in its original wrapping
4. One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
5. One tube of toothpaste
6. One sturdy comb, remove packaging
7. 6 Band-Aids or (or similar brand), preferable 1/2" to 3/4" secured together

What if I want to donate money?

Any money donated will be used to cover the cost of shipping the Mercy Kits to the Orphan Grain Train Warehouse. If excess money is donated, we will send the donation to Orphan Grain Train for them to use to cover the shipping cost of sending the Mercy Kits (and other items) to where they are needed.

When do we start?

Now! Bring your donations to church as soon as you can, so that everything is gathered by September 23 when we start assembling the kits!

Where can I learn more about Orphan Grain

Train? Visit www.ogt.org



The local Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group at Sealy's First United Methodist Church invites all area mothers of young children, from newborns to kindergarten, to register for the fall 2012 semester. The Sealy MOPS group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We are a group of Christian moms seeking fellowship and support during this mothering season of our lives. Each meeting we enjoy a delicious brunch, speakers and crafts – all while our children are lovingly cared for by volunteers. For more information on joining MOPS or volunteering, please contact Kim Christopherson at chriswalds4@gmail.com or 979.472.0549. Or find us on Facebook at Sealy MOPS.



I would like to thank all the parents who participated in Parent Orientation. This was a great time for you and your child to meet new parents and to get to know all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ.

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

The Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool are excited about the 2012-2013 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask and we will be happy to answer them. I know this will be a great year with you being involved with your child in the preschool program.

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

 **Pancake Breakfast!** The preschool starts of the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser! This will take place on Monday September 10th, 7:45 am - 8:30 am. This is also the day after Grandparents Day. So please invite everyone and have breakfast with your child and make a Love Donation to the preschool. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast help with the cost of teacher training and FBI background checks.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children and to get to know other parents, teachers, children and Pastor Vandercook, who once a week tells the children a special Bible story about Jesus. What a great way to start off the year! Come and enjoy breakfast Monday September 10th.



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



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

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

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



911 Safety! Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday September 12th at 10:00 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

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

 **Wear RED Day!** Since the children are learning the color RED for the month, we will have a special color

day. On Friday September 7th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED!

 **Back Yard Bash!** On Friday September 14th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch to preschool and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories.

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



Special Book Week! Beginning Monday September 17th - 21st, preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!

 **Treasured Portraits!** Kay Krampitz, from Treasured Portraits, will be here at 8:00 am on Wednesday September 19th to take preschool pictures and also group pictures of the children. You will receive a form and all pictures are pre-paid. All forms and money are due by Friday September 14th.



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

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

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

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



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

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

- September 3rd-September 7th
Byanka Aguado
Kimberlee Aguirre
- September 10th-September 14th
Santiago Arriaga
Aiden Bartlett
- September 17th-September 21st
Chloe Brandt
Noah Bryant
- September 24th-September 28th
Emerson Bubak
Kaden Crawley

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

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

The food will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year if it was not used for any disaster. This is another way you are helping the preschool and others in the community.



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



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Room Mothers Meeting – A room mothers meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 26th at 8:15 am. We will discuss the preparation of the Thanksgiving Dinner Silent Auction Class Projects. Team work is Awesome!



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

- Ms. Allison Kelly – Two Year Old's
- Ms. Jessica Fogle – Young Three's
- Ms. Beatrice Delafuente – Older Three's
- Ms. Christie Martinez – Young Four's
- Ms. Kristi Flores – Older Four's
- Robin Jacobson – Office Assistant

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

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the table of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3)

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**Trinity Lutheran
Church Council Meeting
July 9, 2012**

Members Present:

George Wied-P
Dale Toellner-VP
Linda Blume-Treasurer
Robbyn Hill-Secretary
Jerry Leiber-Stewardship
Sherri Santoro-Fellowship
Vernon Ekarius-Trustees
Jimmie Meyer-Elders
Fred Paben-Ushers

George Wied opened meeting with prayer and devotion

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Jimmie Meyer, 2nd by Dale Toellner- motion passed.

Old Business:

- Dale Toellner called and talked to Patty Mainer regarding Ablaze payment. She agreed to write off the remaining balance.

Reports:

- **Treasurer-Linda**-See attached report provided for details.
- **Stewardship-Jerry**-nothing to report
- **Evangelism-Sherri**-nothing to report
- **Trustee-Vernon Ekarius**-Continuing to replace and repair. Richter Air will be replacing the 4 Ton unit that has been using so much Freon. Renewed telephone service and changed the long distance plan from unlimited to 700 min/month which will reduce the monthly cost. In researching past bills 700 min/month seems to be sufficient.
- **Elders-Jimmie**-reviewed applications for scholarships from Katie Sebesta and Amber Jacobson – both were approved.
- **Education**-no report
- **Fellowship-Sherri** – last event went well on June 24th with 80-100 in attendance.
- **Youth**-no report
- **Ushers-Fred**-All okay, filled both open spots.
- **V.P.-Long range planning-Dale T.**-meeting with a group about rental stuff, will have more information next meeting.

Motion to accept all reports as presented made by Vernon Ekarius, 2nd by Jimmie Meyer, motion carried.

New Business:

- ❖ Church survey was brought up and discussed
- ❖ Sealy Lions Club has asked to use the Fellowship Hall on December 1, 2012 for breakfast with Santa – Motion to allow made by Dale Toellner, 2nd by Fred Paben, motion carried
- ❖ Presentation made by Grace Holtkamp regarding Historical marker for Trinity Lutheran Church.

Prices are:

- 27 x 42 \$1500.00
- 18 x 28 \$1000.00

Motion made by Dale Toellner to have Grace move forward with application and donations for whichever marker donations will cover, 2nd by Jimmie Meyer, motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Robbyn Hill, 2nd by Dale Toellner – motion carried

Dale Toellner agreed to have devotion for next meeting on August 13, 2012

Pastor Vandercook closed meeting with prayer.

*George Wied / President
Robbyn Hill / Secretary*

'The Intersection of Church & State' to Air as Paid Programming on the Fox Business Channel

Be sure to watch for the new television program, *The Intersection of Church & State*, coming this fall from Lutheran Hour Ministries. The hour-long special will air first as paid programming Sunday, September 30 on Fox Business Channel at 5 p.m. Eastern time, 4 p.m. Central, 3 p.m. Mountain, and 2 p.m. Pacific.

The Intersection of Church & State examines the truth of the complicated relationship between civil government and the church in the United States. The program's host, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour Rev. Gregory Seltz, explores how the First Amendment to the Constitution was crafted both to protect the church and the state and to provide a framework within which the two can work together for the common good.

You can find information about the program, social networking avenues and future airings on other networks and local stations as it becomes available at www.intersectionofchurchandstate.com.