



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**October 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 Election and the Christian's Role

Ok, so that title probably bites off a little more than I'm actually going to cover for you this month in my article, but with Election Day approaching, it's important to consider the role of government in our lives and how our identity as Christians affects our voting on Election Day. I'll attempt to at least address some of that in this short space.

Our government, or any government for that matter, is a gift from God. It is given to us by God to protect us from those who would do bodily harm or who would take away things that belong to us. It is there to punish evildoers. We, as citizens, ought to give thanks to God that he does provide this protection and justice for us. There is no doubt that we are blessed to live in a country that affords us as many freedoms as ours does.

As citizens of this country, we have a duty to love, honor, serve, and obey those in authority over us. This command is given to us in the 4<sup>th</sup>

Commandment. This may not always be what we want to do. Our elected leaders don't always make decisions that we like. There are times when the last thing we want to do is pray for our elected officials. Yet, the command exists that we are to love, honor, serve, and obey those in authority.

As the election approaches, we will have the opportunity to elect a new president (or reelect the current one). There are many factors that figure into our decision. We might like the foreign policy of one candidate rather than that of another. We might like the economic policy of one candidate better. I'm not going to address those things. I have my opinions, but they're really irrelevant when it comes to my role as your pastor.

Life issues, however, are another matter. Scripture does not tell us what form of government we are to have. It doesn't tell us that capitalism is ideal. It doesn't tell us whether or not it's our business to get involved in wars on foreign soil. Scripture does tell us, however, that murder is wrong. Scripture also tells us that life begins at conception. Even a doctor who performs abortions cannot look you in the eye and honestly tell you that when he performs an abortion he didn't end a life.

So, can we overturn Roe v. Wade in November? No. But we can elect people to serve as our officials that support the gift of life. We can elect officials that will work to overturn a health care plan that requires employers to pay for medication that ends pregnancies. We can vote for candidates that understand that embryonic stem cell research costs lives rather than saving them.

So I urge you as Christians for whom Christ died to use the rights that you have as citizens to preserve the lives of all people whom Christ has died for—even the unborn.

By the way, Dr. James Lamb, the Executive Director of National Lutherans for Life, has written an excellent tract called "Is Abortion an Election Issue?" We have several copies of these in the tract stand in the glass hallway here at church. I encourage you to pick one up when you get a chance.

*In Christ, Pastor Vandercook*

## October Sermon Themes and Texts

<p><b>October 7 – Mission Sunday – Rev. Ken Bunge, guest preacher</b>                  Theme: “Such a Great Salvation”                  Text: Hebrews 2:3</p> <p><b>October 14</b>                  Theme: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”                  Text: Mark 10:17-22</p>	<p><b>October 21</b>                  Theme: “Even Salvation is Possible with God”                  Text: Mark 10:23-31</p> <p><b>October 28</b>                  Theme: “He Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear”                  Text: Matthew 11:12-19</p>
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### **Birthdays for the Month!**

10/01 Lorrene Schiller 10/02 Gilbert Franke 10/03 Rachel Villalovoz 10/04 Nathan Romano 10/04 Joel Grigar 10/04 Larry Schulke 10/05 Lee Hobratschk 10/05 MICAH KRUZEL 10/05 CADE LANGTON 10/06 Wayne Ashorn 10/06 Grace Holtkamp 10/05 Jill Sullivan 10/07 MASON DZIADEK 10/07 Jodine Meyer 10/07 Estelle Remmert 10/08 Barbara Havemann 10/09 Kim Beane	10/09 Lauren Biss 10/09 Ronnie Thrasher 10/11 Nettie Ola Hein 10/12 Ursula Kutra 10/14 TATUM BOZEMAN 10/14 Marilyn Holtkamp 10/14 Brandon Lewis 10/14 Doris Schaffner 10/15 Travis Koy 10/15 Beth Franke 10/18 Maggie Kent 10/18 Margie Ashorn 10/18 Seth Hill 10/18 MEGGAN PRENTICE 10/20 Adrian Horelica 10/21 Dianne Clover	10/21 Ruth Paben 10/21 Ruby Emshoff 10/24 Owen Sodolak 10/24 Bryant Schiller 10/24 GUNNER BOZEMAN 10/26 Chase Ashorn 10/26 Samantha Biss 10/27 Kelly Kruzell 10/28 RYAN LEWIS 10/30 KANE KILLOUGH 10/30 NOAH DUNCAN 10/30 Michael Steinhauer 10/30 Cody Havemann 10/30 Edna Leschper 10/31 Robert Herridge 10/31 Betty Remmert
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### **Happy Anniversary**

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

10/04/1997 Bryant & Melinda Schiller 10/05/1940 Joe & Bernice Hintz ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ 10/12/1952 Charles & Geraldine Abel ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ 10/12/1991 Matt and Debra Rath 10/15/1960 Vic and Carolyn Grisbee ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ 10/15/1976 Johnnie and Cynthia Sodolak	10/16/1993 Mark & Patsy Romano 10/17/1954 J. P. & Dorothy Gerhart ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥ 10/20/2011 Brett & Brittany Carter 10/22/1977 Carl & Debbie Hinz 10/23/2004 Ryan & Nikki Ekarius 10/28/2006 Neil & Tamara Diemer	
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*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

**Address Change:**  
 Betty Luedecke- living at Veranada House  
 916 S. Meyer St.  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-885-9035



Some of us are tired, some energized, some happy, some sad, some anxious, some calm. Whatever emotions we bring, Lord, grant us peace in your presence.



**Welcome Burnita Dittmar into membership at Trinity by Profession of Faith.**  
 Welcome, Burnita!  
 13304 FM 1094  
 Cat Spring, TX 78933  
 979-992-3799



**SENIOR**



# DAY LUNCHEON!

## SENIOR DAY! - Mark your Calendar!!

TLC Seniors' Day Luncheon was held on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Trinity's Fellowship Center welcoming thirty-six attendees.

After greeting everyone, Pastor Vandercook presented a brief devotion on our relation to trusting in God, based on Psalm 56; and closing with a prayer blessing the food and fellowship.

Mary Ruth Buechmann announced that a beautifully decorated birthday cake was provided by Ethel Donnelly in honor of the September birthdays and recognized the following attending celebrants: Pastor Vandercook, Ethel Donnelly, Loretta Dziadek, and Janice Wied. Lunch consisted of Subway sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, and a fresh fruit salad. Additional desserts were provided by Rose Trenckmann, Norma Pavelka, Mary Ruth Buechmann, Antoinette Romano, and Gerri Barrett.

After lunch, everyone enjoyed socializing along with playing bingo and dominoes. A special "thank you" to Buster and Estelle Remmert for providing a box full of wonderful Bingo prizes!

Mark your calendars for the next luncheon on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chicken Spaghetti is on the menu provided by the Trinity Preschool! Please feel free to bring any additional games you wish to play!

Hostesses for October, November, and December will be Mary Ruth Buechmann, Antoinette Romano, and Geraldine Barrett. The following individuals have graciously volunteered to serve as hostesses in 2013: Faye Hintz, Ursula Kutra, Ruth Paben, Betty Remmert, and Betty Richter. Faye Hintz and Betty Remmert are scheduled for the January Luncheon. And

there's room for more...we will be delighted to add additional hostesses to the 2013 list!

Thanks to each of you for your loving support! We are looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon October 3<sup>rd</sup>! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex, and remember to invite your friends. If you have any questions, please call! **Antoinette (885.7932), Mary Ruth (885.2740), Gerri (885.3450)**



## Ladies Aid News

Members of Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid were welcomed by president, Ruth Paben, September 6<sup>th</sup> at their meeting.

Betty Herridge gave a very interesting program "Letters from Abigail Adams" (wife of John Adams) the second president of the United States.

Hostesses were Vivian Kveton and Betty Richter on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

A report was given on the Bake Sale the day of the Barbecue.

Members made visits to shut – ins.

The Mite Box contribution was given to the Christian Food Pantry.

Hostesses for the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting are Ruth Paben and Betty Remmert.

Loretta Dziadek and Pastor Vandercook observed their birthdays in September.

Hostesses served the delicious refreshments, which were enjoyed.

Visitors are invited to attend on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Nettie Swearingen**



LUTHERAN  
BIBLE  
TRANSLATORS

## Mission of the Month

There are more than 6900 different languages spoken in the world. More than 4500 of these languages (66 per cent) have no portion of Scripture translated. More than 350 million people around the world do not have access to God's Word in their own language. Lutheran Bible Translators believes that no language or cultural barrier should exclude people from receiving God's Word.

That's why LBT works with Lutheran church bodies and Bible translation organizations world wide – so that every person can have the opportunity to read, hear, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, understand God's Word. People respond and learn the best when they receive Scripture in their own language.

We find and identify Lutherans with a heart for missions, who want to become missionaries. These individuals will primarily serve as: Bible translation advisers and consultants working with local nationals.

Scripture Engagement and Vernacular Media specialists who work with local people, helping them understand, apply and spread the Good News of the Bible now available in their heart language.

Specialists in literacy, literature development, and language survey

Support workers are also recruited and serve in specialized areas such as tutoring missionary children, computer use/maintenance and other areas to support and strengthen language programs.

LBT help missionaries learn, develop and refine skills they'll need to best serve. LBT identifies mission fields and countries where the need is the greatest and the potential for success good. They provide some tools and professional assistance and help missionaries develop prayer partners and a financial support base.



## PUMPKIN PATCH!



Once again we are excited to have the Pumpkin Patch here at Trinity!

Pumpkins will be arriving on Sunday afternoon on October 14! Opening day of the patch is Monday, October 15. This year the Pumpkin Patch will be open from 9:30am to 6:30pm Monday through Saturday and from 3:00pm to 6:30pm on Sundays.

This year the Pumpkin Patch will benefit the Sealy Christian Pantry and also Lutheran World Relief. LWR provides relief and support to help those in need globally through their Water, Agriculture, Emergency, Climate, Health and Livelihood, and Civic Participation programs.

Also, on October 27<sup>th</sup> the church will hold its annual Trunk-or-Treat event which will be

complete with games and prizes for children in our community.

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We need all the help we can get unloading pumpkins, working the patch, and with the Trunk-or-Treat. Sign up to help in the narthex! If you have any questions contact Johanna Buechmann at 979-885-2730.



### Preschool Open House !

Preschool Open House will take place on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Pat and Mary Buechmann for arriving at 6:00 am to prepare the pancakes. Thank you to Jerry Grunke and Alan Boehm in helping place the tables back on the racks and putting up chairs.

I wanted to let everyone know that Pastor Vandercook is a great dishwasher!! He washed all the dirty dishes and did a great job!!

The preschool made \$507.00 after expenses. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the preschool! You are greatly appreciated!

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We are also happy to have Story Time at the Patch for Trinity Lutheran Preschool! The two and three year old classes will have Story Time at 10:00 am on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and the four year old classes will have their Story Time on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

After Story Time the children will have an opportunity if you would like for them to pick out a pumpkin for \$1.50. Please give your money to your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

**Week of Monday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Beginning of the Tower of Babel

The End of the Tower of Babel

**Week of Monday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Abraham Follows God

**Week of Monday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Abraham's Great Big Family

Joseph and the Colorful Coat

**Week of Monday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Moses Hears the Call of God

Moses Leads God's People

**Week of Monday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Blayton Fink & Miguel Fuentes

**October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 19<sup>th</sup>**

William Haisler & Wyatt Harbes

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Karissa Harding & Kasen Hendry

**October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Aiden Johnson & Christopher Faerman

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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> so your order can be placed. Your books will be here on Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> ready for you to pick up.



**Gun Safety!** On Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Let's see what the children can learn during GunSafety!



**Fire Prevention!** The Sealy Fire Department will come to the preschool on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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 Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 that the preschool provides. 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, fruit

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



**Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser!** We are getting ready for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 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! This will be posted on Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be on sale Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Reminder!** No Preschool Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> due to the Austin County Fair!

*"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*



## Zion Lutheran Community

Seminar Series

Presents:

Lutherans for Life

Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 907 Hicks Street  
Tomball, Texas 77375

281-351-5757

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012-09-24

Agenda

October 27, 2012

8:15 a.m. Registration; Donuts and Coffee  
8:45 a.m. "Lutheran for Life-Who Are We?"/For Life  
9:45 a.m. Break  
10:00 a.m. "Biotechnology 101: A Primer"  
10:45 a.m. Break  
11:00 a.m. "Martin Luther on the Life Issues"  
11:45 a.m. Break  
12:00 Noon "The Basics and Advance Directives"  
12:25 p.m. Questions and Answers  
1:00 p.m. Adjournment

We would sincerely appreciate your advance registration for this Seminar so that the volunteers at Zion Lutheran Church can insure there is enough coffee, juice, fruit, donuts, and chairs for everyone. Please register by e-mail to [zionseminars@hotmail.com](mailto:zionseminars@hotmail.com). With our thanks and hope that you will join us in the Seminar.