



**Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son**

March 2013

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



Read Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 119:17-24

He Stayed the Course.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. – Romans 5:19 NIV

When a coach has determined the game plan with the best chance of winning, he stays with it even when it doesn't seem to be working – well, up to a point! If he could be sure, he'd stay on course no matter how bad the score. If it isn't working, he's tempted to try a different approach.

Jesus certainly was tempted to turn aside from the Father's game plan, which required perfect obedience. St. Paul wrote, "He was obedient to the point of death." . . . and we know He didn't stop at the threshold of death! Even in the face of apparent defeat, convicted to die as a criminal on the despised cross, Jesus stuck with the "game plan." He continued to carry out the Father's will as an obedient servant and was given the name that bends every knee!

In His obedience, He was serving each of us! His obedience has made us righteous before the Father! When we face temptations, we take courage from Jesus' example; and when we lose heart, we receive grace to help us in our time of need.

Lord Jesus, for my sake You stayed the course, obedient to the Father's will, even in the face of death. In Your gift of righteousness, give me courage to be faithful even when temptations would turn me aside. Amen.

Pastor Gil Franke

Lent Soup Suppers and Worship Services

March 6th – 6:00 pm Soup Supper by Church Council/7:00 pm Worship
Sermon – Comfort in Powerlessness (Psalm 71:1)

March 13th – 6:00 pm Soup Supper by Ladies Aid/7:00 pm Worship
Sermon – Love in Foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:22-23)

March 20th – 6:00 pm Soup Supper by Congregation Fellowship/7:00 pm Worship
Sermon - Glory in Service (Philippians 2:5-7)

Thursday March 28th - 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Rite of 1st Communion
Sermon - Presence in the Broken Body (1 Corinthians 11:26)
Special Presentation by the Choir

Friday March 29th – 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
Sermon – Healing in the Broken Heart (Isaiah 53:5)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!



3/01 Cole Waldrop	3/16 ELEANOR ANDERSON	Anne Biss
3/02 Deanna Cash	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/26 Brandon Blume
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/16 Tony Luttrall	3/26 Vic Grisbee
3/02 Bethany Roberts	3/16 Cheryl Diez	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/19 Kathy Burgess	3/26 Carl Sebesta
3/03 Andy Adams	3/19 Alice Burttschell	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/19 Mandy Cano	Faye Hintz
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/19 Brittany Carter	
3/04 John Burttschell	3/20 Wick Beane	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/07 Terry Kieke	3/21 Mary Beth Krampitz	3/29 Jessica Pacher
3/09 Gabriella Munoz	3/21 WYATT RATH	3/29 Amanda Fait
3/09 Annie Ashorn	3/22 Valerie Engelbrecht	3/29 Clara Gerstenberger
3/10 Jakob Diez	3/23 Katie Sebesta	3/29 Joan Griffin
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/13 Bernice Hintz	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/13 Shannon Larsen	3/25 Vivian Kveton	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/14 Loyce Pacher		
3/14 Suzanne Bozeman		3/31 Savannah Munoz



Happy Anniversary



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

03/15/1986 Brad & Anne Biss	03/25/2000 Brian & Renee Laake
03/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar	03/27/2010 Richard and Valerie Engelbrecht
03/18/1995 James & Lynette Lee Jr.	03/28/2009 Amanda and Brannon Matus
03/20/1981 Mark & Lisa Janszen	



Please keep in your Prayers our Nursing Home Residents

Ellie Michaels Eddie Svinky Lillie Wittenburg
Estella Heintschel Louise Kinsey

Shut Ins

Edd and Clara Gerstenberger Joe and Bernice Hintz
Sharon Salyer Lavonn Schier Joyce Meyer



ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES NOW!

Honor a loved one or their memory and provide beautiful adornment for our sanctuary during the Easter services. Each lily is \$12.00 and can be picked up after the 10:15 service Easter morning. Please make checks payable to the Altar Guild. Drop off order & payment at the office or give to Mary or Johanna Buechmann by March 17th.



BLOOD DRIVE-Trinity Lutheran Church!

Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **DROP-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org and login to Digital

Donor, enter sponsor code1881 or... contact Jimmie Meyer at 979-885-2211.



Relay for Life of Austin

County Will be held Friday, May 3rd, in Bellville. Remember to honor a loved one by purchasing a luminaria for a minimum donation of \$5.00. The candles nestled in bags will be lit to give off a warm glow during our ceremony at 9:00 p.m. You can dedicate this tribute to someone who has passed away from cancer or someone who is currently fighting and surviving cancer. We encourage you to decorate your own luminaria bag with pictures, stickers, poems, or anything that shows the personality of the person you are honoring. Please contact Janice Wied for bags and forms. To ensure that the names of the honored individuals are listed on the Wall of Hope, please have your completed forms, bags, and money turned in no later than April 1st.



Seniors' Day

Luncheon Held February 6th

A joyous group of "Sweethearts" were welcomed to a delightful Valentine's theme created by Mary Buechmann and Antoinette Romano. In co-ordination to the theme, Mary Grunke prepared a lovely fruit arrangement consisting of heart shaped pineapple and grape lollypops, assorted fruit balls, chocolate covered strawberries, and chocolate cake balls.

Mary Buechmann extended a warm welcome to everyone and expressed appreciation to Mary Grunke, Grace Holtkamp, Ursula Kutra and Ruth Paben for serving as hostesses.

Grace Holtkamp presented an interesting devotion entitled "What are Miracles?" based on selections from the book, "Unsolved Miracles". Grace serves as the Church Librarian and stated that "Unsolved Miracles" is available in the Church Library, and encouraged attendees to visit the library to view the vast selection of religious books, magazines, and materials available to the congregation. In closing, she instructed everyone to "watch for miracles"!

Mary Buechmann extended blessings on the food which consisted of a most delicious assortment of casseroles, salads and rolls prepared by Ruth Paben, Ursula Kutra, Grace Holtkamp and Mary Grunke. An excellent variety of desserts were provided by Betty Remmert, Mary Grunke, Ursula Kutra, Ruth Paben, Grace Holtkamp, Antoinette Romano, Mary Buechmann, Doris Schaffner and Geraldine Barrett.

Following the meal, Mary Buechmann recognized February birthday honorees Jerry Grunke, Mildred Pless, and Charles Abel. In addition, she requested members offer special prayers for Bernita Dittmar, recovering from a broken hip and Pat Schmidt, recovering from open heart surgery. She advised that the next luncheon is scheduled for March 6th. Ruby Emshoff, Betty Richter, Gerry Stuessel and Rose Marie Trenckmann graciously volunteered to serve as hostesses.

Following lunch everyone enjoyed visiting, playing Bingo and Dominoes. A special thank you to Antoinette Romano, Mary Grunke and Doris Schaffner for contributing the Bingo/Domino prizes.

The next Seniors' Luncheon is scheduled for March 6, 2013!

We are grateful to Mary Grunke, Grace Holtkamp, Ursula Kutra, and Ruth Paben for serving as our hostesses! And to all the attendees, you made it a wonderful time of fellowship!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next luncheon March 6th! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex, and remember to invite your friends! If you would like to bring a dessert, please register your name on the Dessert Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex or advise one of the February hostesses. Bought items are always welcome!



Come Join the Fellowship

If you have any questions, please call
**Antoinette (885.7932), Mary (885.2740),
Geraldine (885.3450)**



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on February 7th with 9 members and one guest, Terri Julian, present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer.

Betty Herridge, Program Chairperson, gave the topic, "God's Love."

Terri Julian was welcomed as a new member.

After the previous month's minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given and approved, committee reports were given and discussed.

The Lent Soup Supper which will be on March 13th was discussed.

Betty Richter and Betty Remmert will be hostesses for the March meeting.

After the closing and table prayers, refreshments brought by members were served by hostesses, Antoinette Romano and Ruby Emshoff.

Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek




Fall Registration will begin Friday, March 1, 2013 and end on Thursday, March 28, 2013. These are for the families that are enrolled in the program now. This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2013-2014 school year. You may pick up a packet on Friday, March 1st in the preschool office.

After March 28th, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and public. So if you are planning on having your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and bring it back, along with the registration fee.


Non-refundable registration fee for the 2013-2014 school year is \$80.00. For the early registration, and for the month of March only, and for the ones in the program now, will have a discount from \$80.00 to \$65.00 until March 28th. Beginning April 1st, the registration will be \$80.00.


Along with the registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. So remember that fall registration is beginning Friday, March 1st and will end on Friday, March 28th, for the price of \$65.00 and this is only to the ones that are in the program NOW! Registration will be first come first basis.

 **Spring Pictures!** Kay from Treasured Portraits will come to the preschool to take spring pictures of the children. Please dress your child in spring attire. This will take place on Wednesday, March 6th beginning at 8:30 am.

Please be sure to fill out your order form and return it to the office with your money by Tuesday, March 4th

. No pictures will be taken without the required form or money.

 **Wear Orange Day!** On Friday, March 8th the children can wear the color ORANGE to school to reinforce the color for the month.

 **Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program we have that helps children 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 March are:

March 4th – March 8th

Bailey Scheerer

Taylor Scheerer

March 11th – March 15th

No family – Spring Break

March 18th – March 22nd

Sarah and Lainey Siska

March 25th – March 29th

Paige Stanford

Cole Tesch

March 31st – April 5th

Naomi Trevino

Landon Vega

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

Themes! The themes for the month of March are: Spring, Garden and Growing. The children will enjoy this month having fun planting something special in the classroom. They will water, nurture and watch the plant grow and realize that God creates everything for us to enjoy.

Children will have a special project to plant seeds in their egg cartons. They will take their little starter garden home and both child and parents can care and transplant their little garden and watch it grow.

The Bible stories for the month of March are:

March 4th – March 8th

Listening

The Woman Who Could Not Stand Up

March 11th – March 15th

Spring Break

March 18th – March 22nd

The Lost Sheep

The Lost Coin


March 25th – March 29th

The Lost Son


Easter Story

The Children will continue to learn the letters for the month B, V, W, E and K. The shape and color for the month is CRESENT and ORANGE.

The Bible verse for the month is: "He is Risen" (Mark 16:6). The Commandment for the month is The Seventh Commandment: (You shall not steal). The children will learn the meaning is to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help to improve and protect his possessions and income.

 **Stranger Danger!** The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Wednesday, March 20th at 10:00 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.


Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not leaving with someone you do not know, not to take anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright and know how and when to call 911.


 **Easter Party!** The preschool Easter party will be Wednesday, March 27th beginning at 9:30 am until 10:30 am.


The children will have a Chicken Nugget Party. We will have a sign up list for parents to bring items needed for the party and help with games.

Each child will need to bring six filled plastic eggs with individually wrapped candy inside. The children will have a small Easter egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have the room moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same amount of eggs to go home.

I thank everyone who signs up for the refreshments but we NEED parents to sign up in advance for the games also. If we do not have enough parents to help with games then we will cancel the party and have an Easter Egg Hunt with the children and regular snack.

 **Spring Break!** Preschool will not be in session the week of March 11th – March 15th due to Spring Break and March 29th for

 **Good Friday.**

 **Treasure Box Items Needed!** Parents, preschool is in need of small unopened toys for the classroom treasure box. If you have some and would like to donate them to the preschool the teachers would greatly appreciate it!

If you are shopping and you see very inexpensive small items for the treasure box and would like to purchase these items for the classrooms this would be greatly appreciated also!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!!



**TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER!**

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is having a
Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
DRIVE THRU ONLY!
\$8.00

You can purchase your tickets
in the Church or Preschool Office
Come and enjoy Chicken Spaghetti while supporting the
preschool!

A donation list will be posted for parents to help with
some of the ingredients for the dinner! Please look at the
glass window, sign up and bring in your items ASAP!



Thank you in advance!
Ms. Maggie

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**MINUTES OF
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President George Wied and opened with prayer. President Wied presented a devotion from Portals of Prayer from Nehemiah.

Council Members Present: Pastor Franke - Interim Pastor, George Wied - President, Linda Blume - Treasurer, Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Fred Paben - Trustee Chair, Lee Hobratschk - Head Elder, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair, Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair, Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair, Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: Dale Toellner, Vice President; Rachel Wolf - Education Chair, Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair

Visitor Present - Troy Tesch, BBQ

Minutes from the January 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval. Lee Hobratschk made motion to accept minutes. Norma Pavelka seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Fred Paben and Janice Wied will meet Wednesday, February 13th to discuss pictorial directory.
*Discussion on BBQ to rent 3 pits at KC Hall to cook meat, put in coolers and bring to Fellowship Center to serve in to go lines. Troy Tesch gave input regarding the BBQ cooking team and would need more people to transport meat. By having the BBQ at the Fellowship Center and cooking meat at KC Hall pits would save around \$1,300. Additional plans are still being worked on by George Wied. Motion made by Lee Hobratschk to have Church BBQ at Fellowship Center, rent pits from KC Hall to cook meat, have auction and youth activities on August 11, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm serving. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer

*The January 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is (\$7,149.43), Building Fund is \$68,184.62, Designated Funds is \$44,257.78 and Total - All Funds is \$105,292.97. The General Fund Contributions is \$13,669.81. Total management and general expenses is \$11,267.93. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$2,401.88.

*The Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offerings have been transferred into general fund.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*Offering envelopes need to be ordered by April 1st for savings. Jerry will order 2 units (225 boxes per unit) instead of 3 units as previously ordered.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Discussion on Visitor Center and gifts for visitors
*Maggie Kent sends visitor names to Ruth and she sends them a card.

*Pastor Franke will forward information on Evangelism to her.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Media screens were cleaned by Johnnie Busse and Pat Buechmann.

*Historical Marker - A family will match what is collected already to cover the remaining contribution needed to purchase marker.

*The Summary for Building and BPP from The Littleton Group (insurance company) for Fellowship Center roof was presented. A bid from Extreme Roofing was presented to replace with same type roofing for an out of pocket estimate of \$17,627 with an upgrade to metal out of pocket estimate of \$60,834. Fred will get more bids for roof and will also check on fire insurance rate for metal roof vs. composition shingle roof .

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Pastor Franke is still working with no written contract which is being worked on.

*Linda inquired to Pastor Franke if he has a housing allowance for 2013.

*Delinquent member list - A letter will be sent to members that have been inactive a year or more with a response needed. If no response is received then member will be put on an inactive list or dropped.

*Discussion on active vs. inactive members using facilities for member pricing.

Rachel Wolf - Education Chair (not present) Audra Luttrall presented report by email on February 12th after close of meeting:

*Board of Education helped with the "Over 70's" Valentine lunch on February 10th and gave a homemade white chocolate candy party favor to each attendee. The Sunday School children made Valentines that were placed on the tables at the luncheon.

*For the Youth Soup at Lenten Supper on February 27th, the Board members will help by also providing soup.

*The Board is planning to host a Palm Sunday celebration during Sunday School on March 24th, in lieu of the traditional Easter egg hunt that has been hosted in the past. The Board plans to have a short Bible story, activity, snack and piñata with all the Sunday School children.

*Volunteers are still needed to teach Sunday School, for all age groups, but especially for High School (for which there is currently no teacher and no attendance). Any help for the youth would be greatly appreciated.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*There were 67 people that attended the fellowship luncheon on January 27th.

*Congregation Soup Supper will be March 20th in which the Fellowship committee will be in charge of. A sign up sheet will be provided.

*There will be a reception for the congregation for 1st Communion on March 28th after the Maundy Thursday service.

*The Easter Breakfast will be March 31st at 8 am after Sunrise service.

*A fellowship breakfast for Mother's Day on May 12th is being discussed.

Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair (not present) *No report presented.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Ushers are doing good with volunteers. There are some more volunteers to ask.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

*First Communion class is going on with Kate Grigar helping. Confirmation class is being worked on.

*Pastor had 1 hospital call and is working on shut ins and web site. He has been gone for prior commitments and has been doing pulpit work only.

*Discussion regarding where the ballots for synod president are.

Dale Toellner - Vice President (not present) *No report presented.

President Wied called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Fred Paben to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Pat Buechmann seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried. Note: The Board of Education report was presented after close of meeting and was not included in the motion made and approved.

New Business:

*No correspondence or requests were received.

*No new business was presented.

*Church Council Soup Supper will be March 6th.

There being no further business, President Wied called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Norma Pavelka to adjourn meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

George Wied will do devotion for next meeting on Monday, March 11th. Pastor Franke closed in prayer.

George Wied - President
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary