



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**July 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



**“ WILL THE REAL JOHN Q. CHRISTIAN  
PLEASE STAND UP?”**

These times stretch our resources and resolve — these summer days when families and friends try to do things together. Perhaps it is a trip to a place you haven't seen, or an adventure you haven't taken. Maybe it is being with family, having grandchildren for the summer, or going back home. There are still a lot of ordinary demands on our time. Extra expenses crowd our budgets. In many ways we may be stretched beyond the limit!

These summer months urge us to consider who we are as followers of Christ and what our responsibilities are. Pulled two ways at once, we may have to ask, “Will the real ‘me’ please stand up?” Do I want to go to Disney World or would I rather escape for a quiet retreat? Should I spend money on home improvements, or a big vacation? Can I afford to do both? If it is a question of what I should do or what I want to do, what will the real ‘me’ choose? How does my identity as a child of God, redeemed by Christ the Crucified, play in my decision?

When St. Paul was considering a dilemma like this, he lamented, “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.” (*Romans 8:18-19 NIV*) St. Paul identified with the good, not the evil.

We have all been caught in this dilemma, but sometimes we identify with the wrong side. If we really want to do the one thing we should not do, we are having an identity crisis! By water and His Word, God has made us His children. When the real ‘you’ must make a choice, be sure it is the child of God who stands up!

These are not easy struggles for the redeemed of God still living in this world. We join St. Paul in recognizing to whom we belong and who our Rescuer is: “What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.” (*Romans 8:24-25 NIV*)

Remember who you are and to whom you belong! Make wise decisions and right choices! Celebrate the Life you have received in Christ Jesus! Rejoice in God's many blessings of nature and loved ones!

*Pastor Gilbert Franke*



I will be out of the office July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup> for vacation. Geraldine Barrett will be in the office from 8:00 am – NOON. After 12:00 pm you may leave a message on the answering machine and Geraldine will check the machine and call you.

Please keep my daughter Jennifer in your prayers due to having her last major surgery on June 24<sup>th</sup>. My vacation will be to help take care of her after she is released from the hospital and of course take care and enjoy my granddaughter Avery. I will be back in the office on Monday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

# Birthdays for the Month!



7/01	Seth Jamison	7/10	Angelia Ramon		
7/02	EVA KRUZEL	7/11	Deborah Adams		
7/04	Edna Finke	7/11	Brad Kent		
7/04	BRIAN GONYER	7/11	Heath Novosad		
7/5/	Ashley Vojtek	7/11	Patti Sebesta		
7/06	Kim Every	7/12	Sydney Rasbury	7/24	Patsy Tomasek
7/06	Janice Palm	7/16	Rae Marie Kveton	7/25	Alan Boehm
7/06	Adam Sebesta	7/16	Melinda Schiller	7/26	EMMA FOLTZ
7/07	Kirby Heintschel		Julie Ebers	7/27	Bradley Bozeman
7/10	Olivia Diez	7/18	Robert Richter	7/31	David Cash
7/10	Brett Carter	7/20	Gloria Havemann	7/31	Jerry Schroeder
7/10	LA SHANDA FITZGERALD				



# Happy Anniversary



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

7/7/1990	Barry and Rachel Wolf	7/18/1953	Fred & Ruth Paben♥
7/16/2011	Travis and Brittany Pavelka	7/27/1985	Robert & Terri Julian
7/17/2010	Bradley and Heather Bozeman	7/30/1972	Jimmy & Ruth Szymanski



### Prayers for Nursing Home Residents

**\*Ellie Michaels**

Tuscan Community Assistant Living  
28019 Norfolk Trail Ct.  
Katy, TX 77494

House phone – 281-574-9724

Manager of Tuscan Community Living is – 832-361-4064

**\*Eddie Svinky - Colonial Belle – Sealy**

**\*Lillie Wittenburg - Colonial Belle - Sealy**

**\*Louise Kinsey - Colonial Belle – Sealy**

**\*Betty Luedecke**

Colonial Belle – Sealy  
Cell – 979-885-9035



### Shut Ins

**\*Edd and Clara Gerstenberger**

Kruse Village Long Term Care  
1700 East Stone Room 213  
Strawberry Lane  
Brenham, TX 77833

**\*Bernice Hintz**

P. O. Box 1651  
Brenham, TX 77833  
979-289-2568

**\*Lavonn Schier**

Caretakers: John and Shirley Schier  
4726 Oxbow Circle East  
Fulshear, TX 77441-4448  
281-346-0452

**\*Joyce Meyer**

10563 Kulow Rd.  
Sealy, TX 77474  
979-865-8295



### Sympathy for the family of Estella

Heintschel who went to be with her Lord on Monday, June 17, 2013. Please keep her daughter Patricia and son-in-law Wayne Grigar and the rest of the family in your prayers. She will be greatly missed.

**Thank You!**

To the "dear" LADIES AID at Trinity Lutheran.

We may not give it a thought at times about what the "precious" servers and the time they gave at a moment when Jesus takes a loved one home. It touched me so much and I realized what a gift each one of the ladies carry...SERVING OTHERS, at a time the family is dealing with pain, planning and food! Our sincere THANK YOU for the delicious food, drinks, clean-up and serving to help others. You will always be in my heart, thanking God for the kindness and love put forth in our lasting journey! Sincere thanks and blessings to all.

The family of Estella Elizabeth Heintschel



## STAMPS!

Are you able to use a scissors and follow directions? HELP IS NEEDED in trimming used postage stamps from envelopes. We received more envelopes that need trimming! Just call the church office at 885-2211 if interested.

### Barbecue Fun: Our annual bbq



will be held on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Everything except the pit service and cooking of the meat will take place at our Fellowship Hall. There will be dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru plates available. We have several new committee leaders, so if you have served on a committee in the past, and want to serve again this year, please let them know. Maggie has a list of committee leaders and their phone numbers. It will be different-a little less room to work in, but we are looking forward to a great day of fellowship, fun, and food! There will be live and silent auctions, so start looking for those items that you want to donate-handcrafted items, fresh canned vegetables, or store bought treasures! Get out your favorite cake recipe for the Ladies Aid dessert table. There may also be a dessert walk to replace Play'n for a Prize. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



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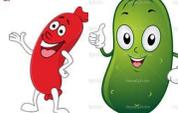


### **Kid's Let's Get Wet at the BBQ!**

A water slide was donated to use at the church barbecue! Families, Friends and Guests! Come and enjoy your barbecue meal and let the kids enjoy outside and get wet on the water slide and other games for smaller kids outside. A wrist band with the cost of \$5.00 will let you have fun outside the entire time.



You're Invited to a



### **SIGN UP TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE BBQ!**

To help defray the cost of the BBQ we are asking for help in monetary donations. Please check out the donation listings on the glass windows as you walk in through the glass doors and sign up for the items you would like to help with. Please place your money in the envelope and give to the church office or place in the offering plate. Be sure to register your name and the amount contributed on the envelope so your donation can be properly credited. Thank you for all your help in defraying the cost! Let's make this a successful year!

If you would like to help in any way with the BBQ please contact one of the BBQ Committee Members.

- A. Sales—Robert Richter
- B. Publicity—Maggie Kent
- C. Secretary—?
- D. Barbecue—Troy Tesch
- E. Kitchen—volunteers to slice pickles & bread
- F. Serving inside—Paul & Loyce Orsak
- G. Drive thru serving—Gene & Betty Remmert
- H. Treasurer & Ticket Sales—Patsy Romano & Linda Blume
- I. Set up and Clean Up—Bill Blume
- J. Sauce & Gravy—Johnny Griffin
- K. Beans—David & Carol Jean Hauschild
- L. Purchasing & Preparation—Jerry Leiber
- M. Potatoes—catered by Ben's Chuckwagon
- N. Live & Silent Auction—George & Janice Wied
- O. Donations—Maggie Kent & Geraldine Barrett
- P. Dessert Walk—Mary Buechmann & Johanna Buechmann
- Q. Kid Games—Rachel Wolf
- R. Coordinator—?
- S. Tea—Rhonda Pavelka
- T. Cakes & Pies—Ladies Aid—Ruth Paben
- U. Historian—Fred Paben
- V. Shut-In Delivery—Mary Grunke



**HANDBELL CHOIR!** Handbell Choir rehearsals will start September 8, 2013. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 5:00 pm. You do not need to know anything about music to participate. A minimum of seven people is needed to have a choir. Contact Pam Epperly

[pepperly@academicplanet.com](mailto:pepperly@academicplanet.com) or 885-6993 for more information.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AND LIFE

Set aside fifteen minutes or more each day to spend in prayer and Bible reading. Get up a little earlier if necessary or take fifteen minutes at your lunch break -- or during the evening news!

Make a commitment to read one Psalm a day. You may want to start with Psalm 42 and read through Psalm 72. These thirty Psalms comprise the second book of Psalms and include several well known prayers of repentance and encouragement.

Make a special point each day to use your choice of family or private devotional material: "Portals of Prayer," "My Devotion," a Lenten booklet, or some other devotional material.

If there is someone with whom you have had a misunderstanding in recent weeks, call, write, or visit to apologize for hard feelings, to extend forgiveness, and to affirm your friendship.

Read through Luther's Small Catechism, brushing up on your memorization of the chief parts and explanations.

Take some time to read "Christian Questions with their Answers" from Luther's Small Catechism as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

Write out a prayer list of special concerns and individuals who need your prayers. Review and update it daily. Remember to include prayers of thanks for God's blessings.

Remember the dates of your Baptism and Confirmation. Review your Confirmation verse. Thank God for those who brought you to Baptism and prayed for you through Confirmation instruction. If they are still living, thank them!

Examine everything you do by the words of our Lord: "Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Consider your actions toward others to see if they reflect your Gracious God in a good way.

*Pastor, Gilbert Franke*



### **Lutheran Witness Subscription**

**The church will no longer pay for Lutheran Witness Subscriptions. But if you are interested in receiving the subscription the cost is \$22.00 through Concordia Publishing House without The Texas Messenger. Or you can request and pay the church to purchase the subscription for \$12.50 and this is with the Texas Messenger. Contact the church office. DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER FOR LW WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25,**

**2013. After the deadline you will have to order LW on your own.**



## Seniors' Day Luncheon Held July 10<sup>th</sup>!



The next Senior Day Luncheon will be July 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.! Come join us for hamburgers and the trimmings and ICE CREAM for dessert!

The sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Looking forward to seeing you on June 10<sup>th</sup>! If you have any questions, please contact: Mary Buechmann (885.2730), Antoinette Romano (885.7932), or Geraldine Barrett (885.3450). Come and enjoy the fellowship!



## **Ladies Aid News**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on June 6<sup>th</sup> with six members present. President, Ruth Paben, opened the meeting with a prayer.

The topic, "The Touch of the Master's Hand" was given by Antoinette Romano.

There was a discussion about the barbecue.

A motion was made and seconded to give the mite box money to Vacation Bible School.

High school graduates are to pick up their prayer books at the office.

The hostesses for July are Ruby Emshoff and Betty R Emmert.

June birthdays are Betty Herridge and Rose Trenckmann.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO CHANGE OUR NEXT MEETING DATE FROM July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>.

After the closing prayers a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek



## VBS!

VBS was awesome this year! Thank you to all the wonderful help from everyone. Pastor Franke was a huge part of VBS with his great performance in the role he played. Thanks to the kitchen crew for preparing the meals for the children. VBS this year was simple and the closest to being a family. We thank God for all the great gifts and talents from everyone to make this AWESOME!



Thanks, Board of Ed



**Ablaze in Kenya Mission** – The next vision mission trip to Kenya is October 3-13, 2013. Consider joining in this life changing mission to spreading the gospel of Jesus' saving grace and giving sight to those who cannot see. The deadline to sign up is July 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pam Epperly at [pepperly@academicplanet.com](mailto:pepperly@academicplanet.com) or Rev. Dale and Sieg Leland at [revdale98@aol.com](mailto:revdale98@aol.com).



### **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**TEACHERS:** We are in desperate need in teachers for summer Sunday School!!! Please consider signing for one or more Sundays in any age group. We appreciate any Sunday that you can give to the children!!! The sign up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you, Board of Education



*Remember*  
THE SABBATH DAY See You Sunday!



## MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 13, 2013

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

Council Members Present: George Wied - President, Dale Toellner - Vice President, Linda Blume - Treasurer, Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Fred Paben - Trustee Chair, Lee Hobratchk - Elder Chair, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair, Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair, Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair, Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor, Rachel Wolf - Education Chair, Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair

Minutes from the May 13, 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval. Dale Toellner made the motion to accept minutes. Norma Pavelka seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

### Unfinished/Old Business:

- \*Pictorial Directory is ready and available to those who took a picture (one per family).
- \*Janice Wied said thank you for the use of the Fellowship Hall for the Relay for Life wrap up meeting.
- \*Delinquent members list - once list is together, letters will be sent out.
- \*Synod offering will be taken Sunday, June 16th since it was not taken June 2nd.
- \*Safety Deposit Box - Alan Boehm, Fred Paben and Margie Ashorn were on the card for access to the box. George Wied, Fred Paben and Lee Hobratchk will now be on the card for access to the box. Fred Paben has one key to the box. The second key is in the church office safe.
- \*Check Signature Card for checking account - Linda Blume, George Wied and Pastor Dale Leland were on the signature card. Linda Blume, George Wied and Lee Hobratchk will now be on the signature card.
- \*Lutheran Information Class - confirmation instruction class on July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th for adults and older children.

### Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer

\*The May 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is (\$632.45), Building Fund is \$49,529.93, Designated Funds is

\$45,971.91 and Total - All Funds is \$94,869.39. The General Fund Contributions is \$13,122.98. Total management and general expenses is \$12,937.74. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$185.24.

\*Operation Hugs of \$20 will be sent to St. John's Lutheran in Cat Spring.

\*Financial documents over 8 years old will be destroyed.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

\*No report presented.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

\*Handed out 45 bags to visitors at Pre-School graduation

\*Letters are sent to visitors.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

\*Safety Deposit Box was inventoried and list of items presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

\*Confirmation class will return to 2 year program and Faith Stepping Stones will no longer be used.

\*Pastor Franke will pick more familiar hymns. Organist will be contacted regarding volume and speed of playing.

\*Second delinquent member letters are being worked on.

\*Media team wants to be off some during summer so services will return to the hymnal or more white sheets will be printed.

\*Pastor Leland will do pulpit duty on June 23rd. The June 30th service will be a patriotic theme for 4th of July.

Rachel Wolf - Education Chair (not present)

\* Kim Kornegay advised council before meeting that on Thursday, June 13th VBS will have a hay ride and it was approved by Sealy PD.

\*A water slide was donated to use at the church bbq and other games for smaller kids outside with arm bands to be sold.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

\*Pre-Fourth of July fellowship lunch planned for Sunday, June 30th.

\*Fellowship lunch planned for October with no date set.

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

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

\*No report presented.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor (not present) \*No report presented.

Dale Toellner - Vice President

\*Pastoral Call Committee Meeting update and process.

Everyone is invited to attend even if not on committee.

The next meeting will be June 30th after fellowship lunch.

President Wied called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Dale Toellner to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Linda Blume seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

\*Correspondence to church - none

\*Request to use the Fellowship Center - none \*Janice Wied sent letter to council advising that set up for the church bbq will be one week before event starting August 4th.

\*The left projector in sanctuary is overheating.

Discussion on how to reach the projector to fix it.

\*Discussion concerning the church's liability during volleyball night at Trinity.

\*No new business.

There being no further business, President Wied called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Dale Toellner to adjourn meeting. Lee Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

Dale Toellner will do devotion for next meeting on Monday, July 8th. All closed in prayer with the Lord's Prayer.

**George Wied - President**

**Johanna Buechmann – Secretary**



**Church members, please sign the attendance sheet with each family member names including children each Sunday you are in church so the office may keep an accurate attendance.**

**Introduce yourself to visitors in your pew and encourage them to sign the attendance sheet and make them feel welcome!**

## **The importance of prayer**

Prayer is the Christian's life. Though every other ordinance be attended to, yet if this one be neglected, all is in vain. It is as impossible for the soul to be spiritually alive and active without a punctual course of fervent and believing prayer, as for the body to be alive and active without breath.

Prayer has more influence on the sanctification of the soul than all other ordinances. It is going directly to God to receive the life-giving Spirit according to an absolute and often repeated promise: "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

—Edward Griffin