



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

October 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



LOOKING BACK

-- A Devotion from Dr. Martin Luther --

“A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps.”

-- Proverbs 16:9 (translation: God’s Word to the Nations)

No one sees the hand of God working in his live more clearly than when he reflects back on the years of his life. Augustine said that if a person had a choice of either dying or reliving his life over again, he would certainly choose death because of all the danger and evil he so narrowly escaped. In one sense, this statement is certainly true.

Looking back, a person can see how much he has accomplished and suffered without trying or thinking about it, even against his wishes and will. He gave such little thought to what he was doing before it occurred or when it was happening. Now, after everything has been carried out, he is amazed and says, “Why did these things happen to me when I never thought about them or thought something completely different would happen?” So Proverbs 16:9 is true, “A person may plan his own journey, but the Lord directs his steps,” even against his plan and will. so we must agree that our own cleverness and foresight don’t guide our life and actions. Instead, God’s wonderful power, wisdom, and goodness guide us. Only as we look back do we fully recognize how often God was with us when we neither saw his hand nor felt his presence at the time it was happening. Accordingly, Peter said, “He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

Even if there were no books or sermons to tell us about God, simply looking back on our own lives would prove that he tenderly carries us in his arms. When we look back on how God has led and brought us through so much evil, adversity, and danger, we can clearly see the ever-present goodness of God, which is far above our thoughts, mind, and perception.

— from *By Faith Alone*, ed. Jonathan Farrar
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Devotions from the Writings of Dr. Martin Luther

– Pastor Gilbert Franke



Church members, please sign the attendance sheet with each family member’s name, 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!

10/01 Lorrene Schiller	Lauren Biss	10/21 Ruth Paben
10/02 Gilbert Franke	10/09 Ronnie Thrasher	10/21 Ruby Emshoff
10/03 Rachel Villalovoz	10/11 Nettie Ola Hein	10/24 Owen Sodalak
10/04 Nathan Romano	10/12 Ursula Kutra	10/24 Bryant Schiller
10/04 Joel Grigar	10/14 Marilyn Holtkamp	10/26 Chase Ashorn
10/04 Larry Schulke	10/14 Doris Schaffner	Samantha Biss
10/05 Lee Hobratschk	10/15 Beth Franke	10/27 Kelly Kruzel
10/05 MICAH KRUZEL	10/18 Maggie Kent	10/30 Cody Havemann
10/05 CADE LANGTON	10/18 Margie Ashorn	Edna Leschper
10/06 Wayne Ashorn	10/18 MEGGAN PRENTICE	
10/06 Grace Holtkamp	10/20 Adrian Horelica	10/31 Betty Remmert
10/05 Jill Sullivan	10/21 Dianne Clover	
10/07 MASON DZIADEK		
10/07 Jodine Meyer		
10/07 Estelle Remmert		
10/08 Barbara Havemann		

Happy Anniversary

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

10/04/1997 Bryant & Melinda Schiller	10/20/2011 Brett & Brittany Carter
10/12/1952 Charles & Geraldine Abel ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥	10/15/1960 Vic and Carolyn Grisbee ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
10/12/1991 Matt and Debra Rath	10/15/1976 Johnnie and Cynthia Sodalak
10/16/1993 Mark & Patsy Romano	

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**

***Louise Kinsey - Colonial Belle - Sealy**
 Nettie Swearingen – Colonial Belle-Sealy

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

***Jo-Anne Gilliam**
 2545 Hwy 159 E.
 Fayetteville, TX 78940
 979-966-8587



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Thanks, Ms. Maggie

 Thank you for your monetary gift towards the 2013 LCMS National Offering. This helps by sharing good news of Jesus Christ all over the world.

In Christ, LCMS

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans™

Thrivent Choice Dollars! Many of you have directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to your favorite nonprofit organization. Through Thrivent Choice you have helped make it possible for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to distribute more than \$120 million in charitable outreach funds to more than 20,000 nonprofit organizations since the program's introduction in 2010.

The program's automatic recurring direction feature was recently discontinued. All Choice Dollars designated to you for 2012 were directed to the organization you identified prior to its removal. The Thrivent choice program isn't going away. It will continue to be available for eligible benefit members. If you have not directed your dollars this year you may do so by calling Thrivent Member Interaction Center at 800-847-4836 or contact Grace Holtkamp. This needs to be done at least through October.



Seniors' Day Luncheon



Senior Day Luncheon!

When: Wednesday, Oct. 2nd!

Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up To Attend!! Our next Senior Day Luncheon at Trinity is October 2nd at 12:15 pm. **Enjoy Lunch! Play Bingo! Play Dominoes Or Just Have Lunch with Us! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend or bring a dessert. Come and Enjoy the Fellowship and Food!!**

If you have any questions please contact:

Mary Buechmann-885-2730

Antoinette Romano-885-7932

Geraldine Barrett-885-3450



Pastor Profile Survey Pot Luck Luncheon will be Sunday, October 27th with Pastor Jon Baunersreuther after the worship service. Mark your calendar for October 27th!!



Ladies Aid

News Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on September 5th with eight members present.

President, Ruth Paben, called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with a prayer.

Betty Herridge gave the topic on the life and faith of Helen Keller.

Several visits and phone calls were made to shut-ins in the month of August.

The quarterly mite box money will be given to Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

Hostesses for October will be Betty Remmert and Vivian Kveton.

There were three members who observed birthdays in September: Dolores Cain on September 2nd, Loretta Dziadek on September 5th and Terri Julian on September 29th.

After the table and closing prayers, refreshments, brought by members, were served by hostesses Betty Herridge and Betty Richter.

Out next meeting is on October 4th. Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek



Preschool Open House will take place on Wednesday October 24th 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.

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

Week of Monday Oct. 7th

Abraham Follows God
Ask God (PS Devotional Book)

Week of Monday Oct. 14th

Abraham's Great Big Family
Strong and Steady (PS Devotional Book)
Joseph and the Colorful Coat

Week of Monday Oct. 21st

Moses Hears the Call of God
Under His Wings (PS Devotional Book)
Moses Leads God's People

Week of Monday Oct. 28th

General Joshua and the Promise Land
Real Angels (PS Devotional Book)
Ruth Must Find a New Home

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.

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 **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 7th – October 11th

Grant Ellis & Jackson Ellis

October 14th – October 18th

Christopher Faerman & Wyatt Harbes

October 21st – October 25th

Blayton Fink & Camden Haidusek

October 28th – November 1st

William & Jake Haisler

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 18th. 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 9th, 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 22nd 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 21st so your order can be placed. Your books will be here on Tuesday October 22nd, ready for you to pick up.



Gun Safety! On Tuesday, October 15th, 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 Gun Safety!



Fire Prevention! The Sealy Fire Department will come to the preschool on Friday October 25th at 10:00 am. They will teach the children to stop, drop and roll in case of a fire.

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 16th 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. Larry and Mary Davis, professionals from Houston, will come to the preschool to screen the four year old classes. They are 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 9th. 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 Wednesday, October 9th 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 30th, 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 15th Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 14th, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 7:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$9.00 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 15th. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be on sale Monday, October 21st.

 **Reminder!** No Preschool Thursday October 10th and Friday October 11th due to the Austin County Fair!



Enjoying Pancakes & Fellowship!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord. (Psalm 104:33-34)
In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by Vice President Dale Toellner. Pastor Franke opened with prayer. Dale Toellner presented a devotion from Grace For The Moment.

Council Members Present: Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor, Dale Toellner - Vice President, Linda Blume - Treasurer, Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Fred Paben - Trustee Chair, Denise Kopecky - Education Member, Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair, Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair, Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair, Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: George Wied - President, Rachel Wolf - Education Chair, Rhonda Pavelka - Youth Chair

Minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval. Ruth Szymanski made a motion to accept minutes. Lee Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Lease Agreement Contract - Dale Toellner presented finalized copy of contract.

*Nomination Committee - Pastor Franke, Ruth Szymanski - Church Council, Lee Hobratschk - Elder, Denise Kopecky - Congregation and one other Congregational member will be on the committee.

Discussion about nominations.

*Congregational Meeting is October 27th.

*Jerry Leiber needs budgets from each committee. A special council meeting will be on October 6th after church to approve budget.

Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer

*The August 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented.

The cash balances in the General Fund is (\$2,289.88), Building Fund is \$50,822.45, Designated Funds is \$60,079.93 and Total - All Funds is \$119,912.50. The General Fund Contributions is \$11,996.08. Total management and general expenses is \$17,996.56. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$6,000.48).

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*No report presented.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*No report presented.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Air conditioner was replaced in downstairs classrooms.

*Defibulator battery ordered.

*AT&T U-Verse gift card will be given to Norma Pavelka for fellowship materials when received.

*Elevator inspected.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Discussion on Lease Agreement Contract.

*Discussion of Life Bridge members receiving letters.

*2014 Budget prepared.

*Discussion about Youth Service moved to September 29th from September 22nd.

*Discussion on Camp Lone Star for Mission Sunday.

*Pastor Franke wants to use chalice in service for consecrating wine.

Denise Kopecky - Education Member

*Sunday School Rally Day enjoyed by 15 children with breakfast served.

*Discussion on older youth.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Fellowship lunch planned for Mission Sunday, October 20th .

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

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*No report presented.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

*Discussion on Youth Service and needing a list of High School youth. Denise Kopecky will provide list to him.

*Pastor Franke will be here end of September.

*Rally Day thank you notes were signed for Sunday School students.

*BBQ thank you and photos for web site. Pastor Franke was referred to Janice Wied.

Dale Toellner - Vice President

*Pastoral Call Committee Meeting update. URL out.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th.

*Pastor Dettmer sent letter asking for free will donation to cover expenses for Sunday, August 11th. Pastor Dettmer was paid \$300 with no additional free will donation.

Vice President Toellner called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Lee Hobratschk to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Fred Paben seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business:

*Mileage reimbursement for Pastor Wayne Schueler and Pastor Jon Braunersreuther - Church must pay mileage to both Pastors regarding call process.

*Correspondence to church - none received *Request to use the Fellowship Center - none received *No further new business.

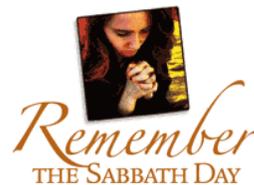
There being no further business, Vice President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Linda Blume to adjourn meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Norma Pavelka will give devotion for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 14, 2013. All closed with The Lord's Prayer.

George Wied - President

Johanna Buechmann - Secretary



See You Sunday!