



**Building His Body
By
Reflecting the
Son**

February 2014

**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



Bookends of Light

I keep the books I am currently reading on the chest of drawers in my bedroom. I keep a lot of other things there, too; often there is barely enough room for the books! The books are kept in place by two bookends.

Bookends are most helpful in that way. They stand firmly to keep the books upright and in place, and yet they slide in and out to allow for the number of books on the shelf.

Bookends say something about their owners. They are often inverse copies of each other, or the front and back, or right and left view of the same object. Mine are identical sailboats, cast in bronze! Beth has a pair of matching cats!

During these Sundays of January and February we are living between two bookends of light, two festivals commemorating events in the life of Christ:

First Jesus' Baptism:

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened

²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (*Luke 3, NIV*)

Then His Transfiguration:

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen. (*Luke 9, NIV*)

These matching bookends of light surround the season of Epiphany. Because Easter moves according to the lunar calendar, the second bookend has to move also, sometimes accommodating six Sundays, and sometimes eight. It is always the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent. Because this year, Easter is almost as late as it can be, we have all eight Sundays after the Epiphany of our Lord.

These bookends tell us something about our Lord, that He is truly God Himself, Son of the Father. They authenticate His teaching and define His mission. They draw us into His story and urge us to watch and listen for another matching pair of bookends, The Resurrection, and the Ascension of our Lord, surrounding the Season of Easter.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!



2/01 Amber Jacobson	2/11 GAGE GRIGAR	2/24 Diane Henry
2/03 James Gilliam	2/11 Darrell Palm	2/25 Renee Laake
2/04 Wayne Ekarius	2/14 Dorthy Gerhart	2/25 Mildred Pless
2/08 Sabrina Schiller	2/14 John Griffin	Charles Abel
2/08 Troy Tesch		2/28 CHARLIE ARRIAGA
2/01 COURTNEY DZIADEK		Joyce Amthor



Happy Anniversary



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

2/01/1946 Edwin & Estelle Remmert ♥	2/14/1989 Bill & Ann Reay
2/11/1967 Dale & Sieg Leland	2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek

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

Edna Finke - Solera - West Houston

2101 Greenhouse Rd. Houston TX 77084, Room phone 281-599-5558

Kirby Heintschel - Colonial Belle Bellville

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

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 2545 Hwy 159 E.
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 813 N. Fowlkes
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 979-885-2111



Thank you very much to everyone for the nice Christmas cards that you sent me. This brighten my Christmas Season.
Ruby Emshoff



Attendance Cards

We try to keep an accurate record of Attendance, Communion and Offerings, to track the Spiritual well-being of our congregation.

Members and Guests, please print your name and your child or children's names and complete address (both physical and e-mail) on a blue card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate for your record of attendance.

On the back of the card please fill out the communion registration acknowledging that you will be receiving communion.

Keeping accurate church records, including Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings and Funerals goes hand in hand with Attendance and Communions. The Shepherd's Staff is a computer program used by the LCMS for all these records. It generates the year end Annual Parochial Report, required by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Please make sure you and your family is signed in for attendance and communion.

Elders



The Youth Of Trinity Lutheran Church Will Be Honored to Serve Members 70 and Older And Their Spouses

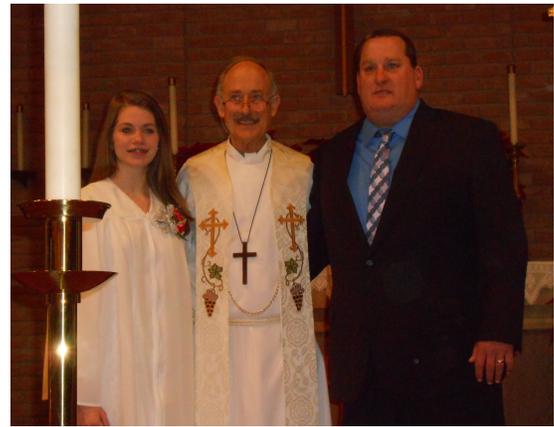
A Valentine's Over 70's Dinner
Lasagna/Green Beans/Salad/Garlic Bread
Tea and Coffee

Sunday, February 9, 2014
After the Worship Service

Please RSVP to Church Office by Feb. 2nd.



Dear Trinity Lutheran Preschoolers,
 Thanks you for all the food items that you donated to the
 Pantry from your food drive. Your contributions were
 very helpful in providing Christmas baskets to many
 clients. May God bless you for your service to your
 community.
 Sincerely,
 Sealy Christian Pantry



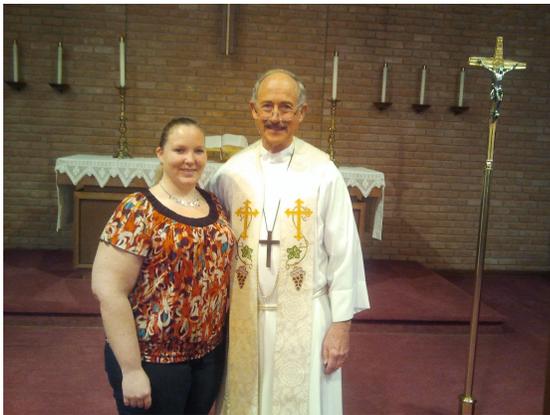
Brittany Luttrall completed junior confirmation; Doyle
 Kornegay was confirmed as an adult. Both were
 accepted as members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy,
 TX, on January 5, 2014. They are shown here with Rev.
 Gil Franke, interim pastor.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, TX is congratulating
 Betty Richter as the newly elected Treasurer for The
 Ladies Aid Society.



Officers Installation took place during the worship
 service on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran
 Church, Sealy, TX with Interim Pastor Gilbert Franke
 officiating the ceremony and recognition of the new
 officers. Back row left to right are: Lee Hobratschk,
 Head Elder, Pat Buechmann, Head Usher, Fred Paben,
 Head Trustee, Dale Toellner, President and George
 Wied, Vice President. Back row left to right are: Ruth
 Szymanski, Evangelism, Norma Pavelka, Fellowship,
 Marlene Leiber, Stewardship, Johanna Buechmann,
 Secretary, Carol Jean Hauschild, Treasurer and Valerie
 Engelbrecht, Board of Education.



Patricia Gum, pictured here with Rev. Gil Franke, was
 baptized as an adult and accepted as a new member by
 adult confirmation at Trinity Lutheran, Sealy, TX, on
 December 8, 2013. Tricia and her husband Eric were
 married at Trinity Lutheran on October 12. Eric is also a
 new member, received by transfer earlier in the year.


Remember
 THE SABBATH DAY See You Sunday!

ACTION ITEMS: For Managing Your Resources from God

- ▶ **Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9.** What suggestions does St. Paul have for proportionate planned giving?
- ▶ **Sign up for a class.** Several agencies are willing and able to provide classes or workshops on personal money management, planned giving, or estate planning. Check with Thrivent, Lutheran Foundation of Texas (District Office), etc.
- ▶ **Assess your assets.** List your spiritual assets. What skills has God given you? Can you sing, teach, work with youth, cook, or repair property? How much time each week do you spend in service to your congregation and your Lord? Are you doing as much as you are able?
- ▶ **Examine the church budget.** You'll find it in the annual report or from the church office. If you have any questions about what ministry services each budget item provides, talk with an Elder or member of the Property Board.
- ▶ **Review your offerings.** If your proportionate giving last year was less than 10%, make a commitment to yourself to increase your gifts by 1% this year. If it was more than 10%, can you increase it, in thanksgiving to God? [(Offering / Income) X 100 = Percent]
- ▶ **Pray for God's blessing.** Ask God to guide our use of His resources here at Trinity Lutheran, that we may remain committed to bringing people to Jesus Christ, and work harder at nurturing them with God's pure Word through love, worship, Christian education, stewardship and fellowship.
- ▶ **Check your checkbook.** Have you missed worship on any Sunday? Did you forget to give an offering you had planned to make? Can you make up the difference with an extra gift?
- ▶ **Read Total Money Makeover,** Dave Ramsey, a good resource for personal money management. Go online (www.daveramsey.com) to find resources and classes for Financial Peace University.
- ▶ **Take stock of your insurance.** Could your family manage if you were to die or become

disabled? Examine your savings and savings practice. Consult a financial advisor about your findings.

- ▶ **Consider your will.** Does your will still do what you want it to. If you don't have a will, take steps to have one prepared.
- ▶ **Double your giving.** Many employers and insurance companies will match fifty cents for each dollar you give for some charitable causes, such as our school, congregation, Camp Lone Star, and Concordia University. Thrivent Choice Dollars gives you opportunity to designate funds.
- ▶ **Adjust for cost of living.** How much have costs increased in the past five years? Has your income increased? Have your contributions reflected those changes?
- ▶ **Fight world hunger.** Support a world relief effort such as Lutheran World Relief or CROP Walk for world hunger.



Rodeo Boots n Bling Lunch

The rodeo is coming to town, so wear your boots and bling and sashay your way to our next fellowship lunch on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Center. The chuck wagon is serving sliced beef and sausage sandwiches, baked beans and cole slaw. Cowgirls can sign up to bring a dessert. Please let the Cookie know if you will be attending by February 16th by signing up in the narthex or contacting Mary Buechmann at 979-885-2730. Yee Haw!! All encouraged to wear their western attire and bling.

Johanna Buechmann



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on January 2nd with seven members present.

Betty Herridge, Vice President, opened the meeting with a prayer.

The topic, "New Year's Resolution" was given by Betty Herridge.

The members of Trinity Ladies Aid will host the January birthday party at Colonial Belle Nursing Home at noon on January 25th and they will also host a soup supper at church during Lent.

Hostesses for the February meeting will be Vivian Kveton and Antoinette Romano.

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

Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek



Senior Day Luncheon!

When: Wednesday, February 5th!

Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up To Attend!!

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Mark your Calendar – Our next Senior Day Luncheon at Trinity is Wednesday, February 5th at 12:15 p.m. Come and enjoy lunch! We will play Bingo and Dominos after the luncheon or just enjoy the food and fellowship! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign- up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. If you have any questions please contact Mary Buechmann 885-2730, Geraldine Barrett 885-3450 or Antoinette Romano 281-217-7177.



Volleyball will start back up every

Thursday at 6:30 pm. Contact Richard Engelbrecht @ 281-740-9618 after 6:00 pm for more information!



Singing in Church! We

all know the wonderful feeling of watching our child/children perform for us. On Sunday, February

23rd, please make plans for all the preschoolers to join us for the 10:15 am worship service. The children will be in front of the church and sing some of the wonderful songs that they learned in chapel.

The congregation looks forward each year to listen to the preschool sing praise and be part of the worship service. This is one way we can give back to the church for the support that they give to the preschool.

Please let your child's teacher know whether or not you and your child can attend. This is a great time to invite family and friends to watch the children sing.

Please arrive at 10:00 am and drop off your child in their classrooms. This will give us ample time to practice and be ready for church.

It is very important that you drop off your child and leave IMMEDIATELY because the longer you stay the harder it is on your child. We want your child to be happy and sing beautifully so you will be proud of them. Please mark Sunday, February 23rd on your calendar to sing. Your child is little only once so don't let you and your child miss out on this program.

 **Dr. Zboril's Office Visits Preschool** The themes for the month of February are: Hygiene, Dental and Health. The children will learn the importance of hand washing, right nutrition and how exercise can keep you healthy.

Teachers will talk to the children about health items such as soap, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that will keep you healthy.

Bobbie Novicke from Dr. Zboril's office will come to the preschool on Wednesday, February 12th at 11:15 am to talk to the four year old classes about Dental Hygiene.

The children will learn the importance of seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Bobbie will also show the children the correct way of flossing and brushing.

The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

Feb. 3rd – Feb 7th

A Big Picnic
"Listen Up" (PS Devotional Book)

Feb. 10th – Feb 14th

Open House
"A Reward for You" (PS Devotional Book)

Money in a Fish
Feb. 17th – Feb. 21st

A Good Neighbor
"Staying Closed" (PS Devotional Book)

Listening
Feb. 24th – Feb 28th

The Woman Who Could Not Stand Up
"Don't Stay Mad" (PS Devotional Book)
The Lost Sheep

The Bible Verse for the month is "Love One Another" (John 13:34). The children will learn the Sixth Commandment: "You Shall Not Commit Adultery" and learn the meaning that we should fear and love God, live a pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other. We will learn the color PINK and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.

 **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. 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 February are:

February 3rd – February 7th

Damian Saucedo
Logan Schalla

February 10th – February 14th

Taylor Scheerer
Lainey Siska

February 17th – February 21st

Paige Stanford

February 24th – February 28th

Jamie Velazquez
Victoria Velazquez

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

 **Bring PINK Items!** On Friday February 21st, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!

 **Books are Fun!** Angela from Books are Fun will have a display set up for us to browse books. She will come and set up the display on Tuesday February 4th if you would like to order books.

To place your order, please write the title or item on the envelope. Place your money in the envelope, then seal and place in the "Books are Fun Box".

Angela will be back to take down the display and bring the books that you ordered on Tuesday February 11th.

 **Go Western Day!** Go Western Day will be Friday February 28th. The children can come to preschool dressed in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas and belt. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. So let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!

 **Bring a Postage Stamp!** Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child's teacher for the special valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child's teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size of the valentine project.

Children will learn a little about the postal system in their classrooms. The teachers will have a center for the children to make cards, write letters, pretend to be a mail carrier etc.

Please have your stamps here by Friday, February 7th, so the valentine cards can be mailed out in ample time for you to receive by mail.

The children will place the valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postman to take with him.

If your child has not brought a stamp for their valentine card to be mailed you may pick up the card in your child's cubby.

 **Valentine's Party!** The preschool will have their Valentine Party on Wednesday, February 12th, 9:30 am – 10:30 am.

We will have an English muffin pizza party. There will be a sign up list for you to bring English muffins, pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese and help with the supervision of games.

Each child will also need to bring a valentine card for each of their classmates for exchanging. Check with your child's teacher for a list of children in their class.

 **Fall Registration!** Fall registration will begin Monday, March 3rd and end on Friday March 28th for the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Monday, March 3rd in the preschool office.

After Friday March 28th, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and the public. So if you are

planning on having your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and return it with registration fee.

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2014-2015 school year is \$80.00. But for early registration and for the month of March 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 registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. Registration will be on first come basis.

 **Extra Clothing!** Please have an extra set of clothing in your child's cubby. If your child has been sent home with Trinity clothing could you please return the clothing in case we need them for another emergency.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**MINUTES OF TRIMTY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
COI.INCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Lee Hobratschk presented a devotion from Psalm 145: 1-9 and article about 12 Days of Christmas.

Council Members Present:

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor
Dale Toellner - President,
George Wied - Vice President
Linda Blume - Treasurer (filling in for)
Marlene Leiber -Stewardship Chair
Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
Kimberly Komegay – Youth Chair

Minutes from the December 9, 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept minutes. Lee Hobratschk

seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

No unfinished business.

Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer (filling in for Carol Jean Hauschild. *The December 31, 2013 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$21,607.91, Building Fund is \$52,140.34, Designated Funds is \$48,758.21 and Total - All Funds is \$122,506.46. The General Fund Contributions is \$21,240.60. Total numagement and general expenses is \$13,198.11. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$10,042.49. General Fund Expenditures is \$13,198.11.

*Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas offerings go into General Fund.

*Signature Cards need to be changed to add Carol Jean Hauschild and Dale Toellner and to remove George Wied and Linda Blume. Lee Hobratschk will remain on the signature card.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*No report presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Portals of Prayer - Discussion to increase number of Portals of Prayer to purchase from

75 to 125 but decided not to increase number.

*Delinquent members - still working on these members*Pastor Franke will have a guest speaker on January 19, 2014 and will be out on vacation. Pastor Erik Stadler will be guest speaker.

George Wied - Vice President

*No report presented

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

*Shut-in members - let Pastor Franke know of any members that need home visits, communion or sick.

*Pastor will be out January 19, 2014 on vacation.

*Confirmation class for 6th graders - working on for the spring.

*Previous confirmation class for adults/youth finished.

Kimberly Kornegay - Youth Chair (not present)

*Kimberly Kornegay was appointed by council to the vacancy of Youth Chair. Signature Card will be changed to Kim Kornegay and Valerie Engelbrecht for the Youth checking accounts.

*No report presented.

Valerie Englebrecht- Education Chair

*Discussion on combined Sunday School class with St. John's Episcopal Church to increase attendance.

*There are enough Sunday School teachers now for number of children attending.

*Valentine over 70's lunch will be February 9, 2014.

*Discussion on Camp Lone Star for service projects and youth camp.

*Youth services will be every month in which there are five Sundays (youth service will be 4th Sunday of that month). Next youth service will be March 23, 2014.

*Board planned rest of year.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*No report presented for Evangelism

*Ruth reviewed Youth bank statements from Citizens State Bank and Wells Fargo and will find out who is on signature cards for these accounts. The Wells Fargo account is being charged a service charge and will be closed so funds will then be deposited into Citizens State Bank account. This information will be passed on to Kimberly Kornegay, Youth Chair.

Norma Pavelka, Fellowship Chair

*Rodeo fellowship lunch planned for Sunday, February 23, 2014.

*Lent soup suppers scheduled.

*Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be Sunday April 20, 2014 at 8:00 am.

*Fish Fry Drive Thru fundraiser planned for Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

*Fellowship Picnic lunch will be Sunday, June 29, 2014.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Front sidewalk repair underway in front of Fellowship Center entrance due to uneven concrete.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*No report presented.

President Toellner called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Ruth Szymanski to accept the Chair Reports as presented. George Wied seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

New Business:

*Sam's Club renewal: Fred Paben, Norma Pavelka and Maggie Kent will be on Sam's Club account for cards. Dale Toellner will be taken off account.

*Tracie Eckelberg with Girl Scouts requested to use the Fellowship Center on Saturday, March 1, 2014

from 9 am to 10 am (set up), 10 am to noon (event) and 1 pm to 2 pm (clean up). Motion made by George Wied to let the Girl Scouts use the facility for this event. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

*Maggie Kent requested to use the Fellowship Center for Child Care Training on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 8 am to 3 pm; on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 8 am to 3:30 pm; and Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 8 am to 3 pm. Motion was made by Marlene Leiber to let Maggie Kent use the facility for these events. Pat Buechmann seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

*Valerie Engelbrecht asked about Thursday volleyball nights and why it was discontinued. After discussion, Council advised to schedule event back on church calendar and keep volleyball going as long as church member is present.

*Pastoral Call Committee Meeting update - Dale Toellner advised will start meeting again in January 2014.

*President Toellner advised that Maggie Kent is working on a church directory for volunteers in church (Who's Who at Trinity Lutheran Church). This directory will be posted in narthex to look at.

*No further new business.

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

George Wied will do devotion for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 2014. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Dale Toellner – President

Johanna Buechmann – Secretary