



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**March 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



## **Holding the Vision Bright**

Sometimes an image is burned into our memories so vividly that many years later we can still recall the shapes, the colors, and even the sounds associated with the event. More often, we are able to visualize the scene for awhile, but before long, details become blurred and indistinct. After more time has passed, we may be able to recall what we saw, but we cannot “see” it again in our “mind’s eye”. That is why we have “Kodak moments!”

It was a picture perfect setting when Peter, James, and John were on the mountain with Jesus. Peter was ready to remember it always: “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters -- one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

But then it was time for them to go down and on toward Jerusalem. There was a time in the courtyard of the high priest when Peter forgot the vision from the mountaintop. Maybe he began to remember it on another hill not much later. Jesus was once again the central character in a group of three, but his clothes was not shining; it had been stripped from him.

Later in his life, Peter realized how important it was to remember those events. He wrote: “I will always remind you of these things...; I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live...; I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.” (2 Peter 1:12-15 NIV)

Then he shared a verbal picture from his mental photo album: “...we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.” (2 Pet 1:17-18 NIV)

When you stand with Peter around a courtyard fire and are tempted to deny your Lord, when you are brought to your knees in grief before the crosses of your life, it is important to “hold the vision bright” and remember Peter’s snapshot of Jesus’ glory. When the image blurs and the shapes and sounds and colors become indistinct, it is time to come back to the mountain and listen once again to what God has said through his beloved Son.

Our Lenten discipline is designed to help you refresh the image and hold the vision bright.

*Gil Franke*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!



3/02 Deanna Cash	3/16 ELEANOR ANDERSON	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/16 Tony Luttrall	Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/19 Alice Burttschell	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/29 Clara Gerstenberger
3/07 Terry Kieke	3/22 Valerie Engelbrecht	3/29 Joan Griffin
3/9 Gabriella Munoz	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/09 Annie Ashorn	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/25 Vivian Kveton	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/13 Bernice Hintz	3/26 Howard Bear	
3/14 Suzanne Bozeman	3/26 Brandon Blume	



## Happy Anniversary



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

03/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar	3/27/2010 Richard and Valerie Engelbrecht
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**† 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

**† Shut Ins**

**\*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  
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**\*Lavonn Schier**  
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 4726 Oxbow Circle East  
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**\*Jo-Anne Gilliam**  
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**Dear Trinity Lutheran Church members and Fellowship Committee**

**My family and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome you all showed us when the preschoolers sang in church. The meal was lovely and the fellowship was sweet! Most of all, you showed us the love of Christ through your service!**

**Blessings to All, The Martinez Family**



## 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 Communion. 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



### Rodeo Boots-n-Bling Thank You

**A big hat's off to everyone that came out to the Rodeo Boots-n-Bling Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was a big success and wonderful seeing so many cowboys and cowgirls visiting with each other and enjoying the food from the chuck wagon. I would especially like to give a YEE HAW!! to all that helped with the event to make it special. God's blessings to everyone.**

Johanna Buechmann



Remember THE SABBATH DAY See You Sunday!



# OUR LENTEN SERIES: "A Great Exchange Indeed!"

"He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame, And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name." (LSB # 389, sts. 4) How can a Christmas hymn stanza serve as the theme verse for a Lenten series? It was with the incarnation of the Son of God that the great exchange happened: "He took up our flesh and took on our sin, that we might receive the righteousness of God."

Actually the seed for that hope was already planted when God announced to the serpent: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel." (Genesis 3:15 NIV)

We will examine the expectations of God's people through the times of the patriarchs and prophets as they awaited the offspring of Eve who would be God's champion for His people. We will discover how Abraham, Moses, David, and even Esther were willing to act on the power of God's promise. We will ponder God's intention in allowing a ram to die in the stead of Isaac, and lambs to take the place of the first-born in Egypt.

We will celebrate the fulfillment of those hopes in the Son of Mary: "We are convinced that One died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. ... We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor 5:14b-15, 20b-21 NIV)

Set aside each Wednesday in Lent to fellowship around a bowl of soup and experience the great exchange of God's love in Christ Jesus.

## Wednesdays -- 7:00 p.m.

- March 5 - Ash Wednesday "Adam: Dust of Death" (Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes)
- March 12 "Abraham: Priest of Moriah"
- March 19 "Moses: Prophet of Atonement"
- March 26 "Samson: Blemished Sacrifice"
- April 2 "David: Champion of Israel"
- April 9 "Esther: Queen of Lots"

## Holy Week -- 7:00 p.m.

- April 17 - Holy Thursday "Jesus: Passover Lamb" (Holy Communion)
- April 18 - Good Friday "Jesus: Victim of Sin" (Tenebrae – Service of Darkness)

## Easter -- 7:00 a.m.

- April 20 - Sunrise "Christ: Victor over Death" (Holy Communion)



## Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on February 6<sup>th</sup> 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, "The Word became Flesh."

The birthday party at Colonial Belle Nursing Home on January 25<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Ladies Aid members and entertained by Don Allphin was enjoyed by the residents.

Hostesses for March will be Betty Remmert and Rose Trenckmann.

The Ladies Aid members will host the Lenten soup supper on March 12<sup>th</sup> and they will have their annual Mother's Day bake sale on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Citizens State Bank.

After the business meeting concluded and the table and closing prayers were given, refreshments, brought by members were served by hostesses Vivion Kveton and Antoinette Romano.

Next meeting will be April 2<sup>nd</sup> and visitors are always welcomed.

Loretta Dziadek

## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE



## 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, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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** Thursday's at 6:30 pm.

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



**Fall Registration** will

begin Friday, March 3, 2014 and end on Friday, March 28, 2014. These are 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. You may pick up a packet on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the preschool office.

After March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 2014-2015 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 28<sup>th</sup>. Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and will end on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, for the price of \$65.00 and this is only for the ones that are in the program NOW! Registration will be first come first basis.



**Dr. Seuss's Birthday** – In March schools across the United States will celebrate the birthday of one of the most beloved children's authors of our time, Dr. Seuss. Children will celebrate and honor his birthday by participating in fun activities, playing games, and reading his much-adored books.

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2; 1904 and his birth name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. Beth Franke, wife to our Interim Pastor Gilbert Franke, is donating her time to come to the preschool to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:00 am. Beth was a librarian for many years and knows the importance of reading to young children.

 **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 Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15 am.

Please be sure to fill out your order form and return it to the office with your money by Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

 **Wear Orange Day!** On Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bruce Vivion  
Danni Wernecke  
**March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
No family – Spring Break  
**March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Travis Willingham  
**March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Louis Janca  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Z'Ryah McGee

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 3<sup>th</sup> – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

The Lost Coin  
"Honor Your Parents" (PS Devotional Book)  
The Lost Son

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Spring Break

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Man Who Remembered  
The Blind Beggar  
"Outdoor Fun" (PS Devotional Book)  
"Show It" (PS Devotional Book)  
The Children  
A Small Man

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Two Small Coins

"Take A Look"

The Man at the Pool

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: "I will be with you always". (Matthew 28:20). 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

 Preschool Soup Supper! Preschool will have their Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. You can come and support the preschool and have a bowl of different variety of soups made by the preschool board and preschool staff.

Along with the soup we also prepare cornbread and desserts. The soup supper is a love donation of whatever you would like to give to help the preschool. But the best is eating different soups prepared for you and not having to cook dinner.

Please come and bring the entire family and support the preschool and have some delicious soup. And after you have finished your soup, you may stay for the church service that begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

So mark this event on your calendar and be here at 6:00 pm for soup and an invitation to stay for worship. This is another way preschool earns funds to help with different costs that come our way. Please come and support your child's preschool.

 Spring Break! Preschool will not be in session the week of March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break.

 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!



I would like to say a special thank you to the preschool parents participating to let their child/children sing and joining us for the luncheon. Thank you to our Interim Pastor Gilbert Franke for all the kind words expressed and how important it is to teach our children about Jesus here at Trinity. Thank you to the congregational members who support the preschool program during the year and to have this program here at Trinity. Special thank you to the Fellowship Committee for planning and preparing the food that we all enjoyed. Most of all thank you to my special preschool staff who are the ones that work side by side with these children teaching the love of Jesus. All praise and glory goes to our Lord and Savior giving the blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. I was so touched with the children's program, sermon message and the luncheon. May God continue the blessings.

**In Christ,  
Ms. Maggie**



**MINUTES OF TRIMTY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CO. INCIL MEETING  
February 10, 2014**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by Vice President George Wied and opened with prayer. Vice President Wied presented a devotion from *Portals of Prayer*, Hebrews 12:4-16, titled *Sons*.

Council Members Present:  
Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor  
George Wied - Vice President  
Linda Blume- Treasurer (filling in as)  
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:  
Dale Toellner- President  
Carol Jean Hauschild- Treasurer  
Kimberly Kornegay - Youth Chair

Minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. Ruth Szymanski made motion to accept minutes. Marlene Leiber seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

\*Pastor Franke advised of proposed constitutional amendment passed by convention delegates to change Circuit Counselor to Circuit Visitor. Council approved to change constitution. Ballot signed and sent back.

**Chair Reports:**

**Linda Blume - Treasurer (filling in for Carol Jean Hauschild)**

\*The January 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$21,945.05, Building Fund is \$52,174.04, Designated Funds is \$45,361.26 and Total- All Funds is \$119,480.35. The General Fund Contributions is \$13,772.90. Total management and general expenses is \$16,103.76. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$2,330.86). General Fund Expenditures is \$16,103.76.

**Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair**

\*Contribution envelopes need to be ordered now for 2015 to get discount.  
\*Envelopes to be renumbered due to gaps between numbers.  
\*A list of members that have not picked up envelopes was given to Lee Hobratschk for Elders.

**Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair**

\*Janis Lapham, organist, will be on vacation from February 28th to March 15th and will ask Sherri Santoro to fill in.

\*Valerie Engelbrecht advised that plans for Sunday School class starting with Brian Owen with St. John's Episcopal Church is still being worked on.

\*Delinquent members are still being worked on.

**George Wied - Vice President**

\*Call process is moving forward with all information gathered to fill forms out for synod.

**Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor**

\*Pastor will be off Sunday, March 2nd.

\*Funerals for Evelyn Michaelis and Ed Gerstenberger done.

\*Confirmation class for youth (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and High School) getting together to start soon.

**Kimberly, Kornegay - Youth Chair** (.not present)

\*Valerie Engelbrecht advised that Kimberly Kornegay does not want to be Youth Chair. Kim and Rachel Wolf will work together with Valerie on Youth. Board of Education and Youth will be combined.

**Valerie Engelbrecht- Education Chair**

\*Over 70's Valentine Dinner - 19 kids and 12 adults helped and event went very well

\*Kid's games to be provided at Fellowship Luncheon on February 23rd.

\*Offer from couple in church to do a fundraiser for kid's camp and sell Lenten crosses after church before Lent.

\*Youth Service will be March 23rd.

\*Service projects - to be regularly scheduled

**Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism Chair**

\*No report presented for Evangelism

\*Ruth cannot make contact with Katie Thomas to close out Wells Fargo youth account. Katie needs to close out this account.

**Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair**

\*Rodeo Boots and Bling fellowship lunch planned for Sunday, February 23, 2014.

\*Lent soup suppers scheduled.

\*Fish Fry Drive Thru fundraiser planned for Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Tickets have been printed by Ruth and will be on sale starting March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fred Paben - Trustee Chairperson**

\*Concrete work on side walk has been finished.

\*Bill Blume fixed lights in gym.

**Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair**

\*Two new ushers - Clayton Fritsch (George Wied's group) and Kolby Wolf, Barry Wolf's group)

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

**New Business:**

\*Church correspondence: Stroke Scan would like to use facility on Friday, March 21st with sign up on Sunday, March 16th. The scan costs \$140 for all three scans. The bone density test is \$25. Motion made by Fred Paben and seconded by Ruth Szymanski to let Stroke Scan use the facility. All approved. Motion carried.

**\*No further new business.**

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

Valerie Engelbrecht will do devotion for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 10, 2014. Pastor Franke closed in prayer.

**Dale Toellner President**  
**Johanna Buechmann Secretary**