



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

AUGUST 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



Christ's Ambassadors

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 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 Corinthians 5:17-21 NIV

The question is not, "Are you an ambassador for Christ?" All Christians are ambassadors for their Lord! The question is, "Are you representing Christ well to the people you meet?" What kind of idea do they get about Christ from you?

In a personal way, you can show people what God's grace in Jesus is all about. When you do something kind and helpful for someone, think about how your actions represent God's love for that person. If you have an opportunity, explain your motive in terms of your response to God's love in Christ. This is especially true if the kind action has anything to do with forgiving some grievance! Christians should be conspicuous in their eagerness to forgive and to ask forgiveness. Because we are reconciled to God through Christ, we are instruments of reconciliation among the people around us.

You can also represent Christ to others as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Choose one thing that was said or done in our worship service each Sunday that you could use as a "starter" for talking with a neighbor or friend about your faith and church life. For example, "Last Sunday we sang 'Just as I Am' in church. That song always reminds me that God knows all my failings but loves me anyway and has shown that love by sending Jesus to be my Savior." Write the thought down and carry it with you through the week. Each time you use it to start a conversation with someone, make a mark on the paper. Count up the marks at the end of the week. Try to beat your record from the week before!

- Pastor Franke



Worship Services:

Sunday, August 10th Pit Side Worship Service is at 6:30 am
Sunday, August 10th Regular Worship Service will be at 9:00 am.
Church BBQ 11:00 am-1:00 pm.



ADVANCE BBQ TICKETS!! \$10.00
DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE
ONLY 700 PLATES WILL BE SOLD



BEFORE/AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE
CHURCH OFFICE/CITIZENS STATE BANK/SEIDEL AND SCHROEDER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR CALL PATSY ROMANO OR LINDA BLUME



8/01	Evangeline Coody	8/15	RYANNE MEYER	8/21	Shirley Svinky
8/04	Mary Grunke	8/15	James Schmidt	8/22	Dean Jacobson
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/15	Pat Schmidt	8/22	Tinson Rasbury
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/24	ZABIEN ALLEN
8/09	Krishna Langton	8/17	Karleigh Konesheck	8/25	Leann Hein
8/11	Bill Reay	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	8/26	Morgyn Rasbury
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser	8/18	Alton Kveton	8/27	Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	TARA HOBBS	8/20	Betty Luedecke	8/27	Rob Emshoff
8/12	Patsy Romano	8/20	GAGE NEELEY	8/28	Gene Remmert
8/13	Lee Allen Palm	8/21	Pat Buechmann	8/29	COLE RASBURY
8/14	Jo Anne Gilliam			8/31	Rae Terrell



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

8/2/1969	Charles and Beverly Ekarius	8/18/1990	Tony and Audra Luttrall
8/4/1951	Glenwood and Vivian Kveton ♥	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/28/1999	Ronnie and Leann Hein
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann
8/13/1994	James and Jo-Anne Gilliam		

Prayers for Nursing Home Residents

***Ellie Michaels**
 Tuscan Community Asst. 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**
 832-419-4658
 Solana at Cinco Ranch
 24001 Cinco Village Center Blvd
 Apt 1148
 Katy TX 77494

***Burnita L. Dittmar,**
 Legend Oaks-Katy
 21727 Provincial Blvd.
 Katy, Texas 77450
 281-717-1351.

***Joyce Meyer**
 Colonial Belle-Sealy

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
 979-289-2568

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



Congratulations
KELLIE KAINER

Walden University announces the graduation of Kellie Kainer on July 13, 2014. Kellie graduated with a Masters of Science in Nursing Leadership and Management. Employed by Texas Children's Hospital at the Medical Center in Houston, she is a Patient Care Manager in the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit.



Baptism John and Nichol Fullen are proud to announce Avery Taylor Fullen has been received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 20, 2014 administered by Rev. Gilbert Franke.



Baptism Brannon and Amanda Matus are proud to announce Gabby Leigh Matus has been received into God's Kingdom through Holy Baptism on Sunday, July 27, 2014 administered by Rev. Gilbert Franke.



The church floors including gym will be waxed during the week of August 18-21st. Please enter carefully!



Barbecue Bites: We're down

to just a few weeks before our second ever barbecue served in our own fellowship hall. I don't know about you, but I am very excited about it! Be sure to check out the posters on the glass windows-there are SO many donations needed to help pay for items from chicken to charcoal, and everything in between the two--THANK YOU so much to everyone who has made a donation so far. It's not too late to help out that way-there are still envelopes that you can place your donation in-either place in the offering plate, or turn in to Maggie. There will be plenty of things to enjoy that day: delicious bbq meal, desserts by Ladies Aid, live & silent auction, Sweet Walk & kids' games. Ladies Aid is asking for donations for desserts, along with the sweet walk, and both auctions. You may bring auction items to the office now-be sure to have your name & fair market value of the item (what you paid)-this will help the auction committee tremendously, and guarantee that you get credit for the donation. Remember to invite your friends!!! There will only be 700 tickets available, so don't wait until the day of bbq to purchase your tickets-you might be going home hungry!!! See you at the bbq!



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..... 865-2086
- B. Publicity—Maggie Kent.....865-9797
- C. Barbecue—Troy Tesch..... 885-6601
- D. Kitchen—volunteers to slice pickles & bread
- E. Serving inside—Paul & Loyce Orsak.....979-335-6354
- F. Drive thru - Gene & Betty Remmert.....885-3886
- G. Treasurer & Ticket Sales—Patsy Romano.....885-2384 & Linda Blume.....885-3285
- H. Set up and Clean Up—Bill Blume.....885-3285
- I. Sauce & Gravy—Johnny Griffin.....979-398-0706
- J. Beans—David & Carol Jean Hauschild.....885-3492
- K. Purchasing & Preparation—Jerry Leiber.....885-6773
- L. Potatoes—Troy Tesch Family.....885-6601
- M. Live/Silent Auction—George & Janice Wied...865-5357
- N. Donations—Maggie Kent.....865-9797 & Geraldine Barrett.....885-3450
- O. Dessert Walk—Mary Buechmann.....885-2730 & Johanna Buechmann.....885-2730
- P. Kid Games—Valerie Englebrecht.....281-703-4903
- Q. Coordinator—George Wied.....865-5357
- R. Tea—Rhonda Pavelka.....877-5751
Cakes & Pies—Ladies Aid Ruth Paben.....885-0904
- S. Historian—Fred Paben.....885-0904
- T. Shut-In Delivery—Mary Grunke.....885-6929



There will be a Sweet Walk at the church BBQ this year. It is like a cake walk with other sweets. You can play by buying 2 games for a dollar. We are accepting donations such as cakes, pies, cookies (in containers or decorative jars), brownies, muffins, cupcakes, rice krispy treats, sweet breads, candy and jelly/jam/preserves. If you have no time to bake, you can donate purchased sweet items, whole box of Little Debby, Hostess, or boxed treats, Moon Pies, Candy, Kid's Candy, Granola Bars, Fruit Roll ups and Fruit Snacks, Pudding, Fruit Cups etc. Please sign up on the Sweet Walk Donation List in the glass hallway of the Fellowship Center. Non-perishable items can be brought to the church office the week of August 4th - 9th with all other baked items brought Sunday August 10th before 9 am. Let's make this game as FUN as possible for adults and kids. Two games for \$1.00 starting at 10:30 am.

Johanna Buechmann

Dessert Menu For Ladies Aid



Ladies Aid is in need of desserts for the BBQ. Please sign up on the glass window if you would like to bring cakes, cobblers, pies, cookies or whatever you would like to bake to sale at the BBQ for desserts.



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on July 3rd with five members present.

After the meeting was called to order and the opening prayer was given, Betty Herridge gave the topic on Abigail Adams.

Fred and Ruth Paben and Robert and Terri Julian observed their wedding anniversaries in July.

Our next meeting which will be on August 7th, will be held in "The Glass Room" of the church. Members are asked to bring their own snack and drink for our fellowship time.

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

Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek



Lutheran Witness Subscription

**AUGUST 31st IS THE LAST DAY TO
ORDER YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!!**

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 31, 2014.** After the deadline you will have to order LW on your own.



Wow, it is hard to believe that Preschool will begin in a few weeks! My first day back to preschool will be Monday, August 11th and the teacher's first day back will be Monday August 18th.

Preschool parent letters will be mailed out the second week of August notifying parents of orientation and necessary forms to be turned into the office and disaster preparedness plan for Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

On Thursday, August 21st I will be with the preschool staff in conference 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for staff orientation and staff training.

Preschool Parent Orientation will be Thursday, August 28th 6:00 pm-7:00pm in the sanctuary. During Parent Orientation parents are given new Minimum Standard updates that pertain to them and last minute information about the preschool. This is also a great time for parents to ask questions and meet their child's teacher.

The first day of Preschool will be Tuesday, September 2ND which is the day after Labor Day.

I would like to say a Great Huge Thank You to everyone in advance for all your support and prayers for the preschool. You are greatly appreciated!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

Bell Choir



The Adult Bell Choir has enjoyed playing in church over the past several months. We have heard many compliments from the congregation and want to thank you for your support.

We will start rehearsal on August 24, 2014. The rehearsal time is going to be following church on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in ringing (no experience necessary), contact Pam Epperly by July 20, 2014.



We
Need Teachers

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for 2014-2015

If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School beginning in September where help is much needed for the 2014-2015 year, please contact:

Valerie Engelbrecht valerie.june@sbcglobal.net
281-703-4903

Rachael Wolf – wolf1261@aol.com
979-877-0341

Denise Kopecky – kopeckydenise@gmail.com
979-335-6200

Cynthia Sodolak – Jhonnies007@sbcglobal.net
979-885-3873

Kimberly Kornegay – kkornegay2012@gmail.com
979-877-8105

Thanks, Board of Education



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 2014

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Carol Jean Hauschild presented devotion "Take Time to be Still". (Psalm 5:3/Isaiah 30:21).

Council Members Present:

Pastor Franke - Vacancy
Pastor Dale Toellner – President
George Wied - Vice President
Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair
Bill Blume – Trustee
Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education/Youth Chair,
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

Minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept minutes. Lee

Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

***Grace Holtkamp** advised that the application for the historical marker is still being processed and hopefully the marker will be received by end of the year.

***George Wied** advised that the BBQ is coming along. Janice Wied requested to set up tables and chairs in the Fellowship Center one week prior to the BBQ. Council approved the request. George is looking for a kitchen chairman. Jerry Leiber needs Sam's Club card to purchase items.

***2015 Church Officers** - positions for re-election (see Church Directory of Officers and Organizations 2014). Ruth Szymanski will be on nominating committee along with Pastor, one Elder and 2 Congregational members.

***2015 Budget** - Budget is being worked on.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The June 30, 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$50,415.81, Building Fund is \$52,971.53, Designated Funds is \$46,251.40 and Total - All Funds is \$149,638.74. The General Fund Contributions is \$18,372.25. Total management and general expenses is \$10,170.87. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$8,201.38. General Fund Expenditures is \$10,170.87.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*2015 Proposed Budget forms need to be returned no later than August 1st.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Janice Wied will fill in for Janis Lapham during her maternity leave.

*Delinquent members - small group still remains.

*Elders paid \$165 in invoices.

George Wied - Vice President

*Call Committee is reviewing information on pastors.

- *Discussion on BBQ with donations coming in.
- Pastor Franke** - Vacancy Pastor
- *Funeral for Annie Ashorn
- *Confirmation class is progressing.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education/Youth Chair

*VBS had 16 children that attended (9 members/7 non- members) with 5 youth helpers, 3 men, Pastor Franke and 10 plus women helping every night. Curriculum was \$291 with donations made toward cost. Everyone had a lot of fun.

VBS Youth Service went well. Mission Project was the Clean Water Project through Group which collected \$70 plus.

*Rally Day will be September 7th. Board is looking for teachers. Postcards are ready to mail.

*Lenten Crosses - 1 box of crosses were donated (\$150), 1 box of crosses bought (\$150), \$445 total collected *Board is working on games for BBQ.

*Discussion on Board of Education/Youth budget.

*August 24th will be next Youth Service.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*No report presented.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Pre 4th of July fellowship lunch went very well.

Bill Blume (Trustee) for Fred Paben - Trustee Chair (absent) *Rear pew by deer blind will be removed.

*Duraclean bid was accepted to clean tile floors with bid from other company rejected.

*Duraclean will do one time carpet and pew cushion cleaning in sanctuary and glass room.

*C&J Janitorial Services are doing well. Both C&J and Duraclean are less than budget.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Everything is doing well. One volunteer was picked up. Pat will get with Maggie on missing ushers on the Church Directory of Officers and Organizations 2014 list for Usher Members.

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

New Business:

*66th Regular LCMS Convention - discussion on preparation for circuit forums

*Correspondence from Concordia Planning Services - no response *Correspondence from First Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, Idaho asking for donation - no response *No further new business.

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

Marlene Leiber will do devotion for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. President Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

*Dale Toellner, President
Johanna Buechmann, Secretary*



Volleyball/Basketball



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