



**Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the  
Son**

**SEPTEMBER**

**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



## **From the Cradle to the Grave**

When Rev. Hugh Beck was pastor at the TAMU Lutheran Center, he said he only had to have four years worth of programs. Then he could use the same material over again! It must be like that for athletic directors! ... and band directors, teachers, and ... well, just about everyone who works with the changing population on campuses every year. I used to wonder how long I'd have to wait before I could start using the same sermons again! I found out all I had to do was retire! But seriously, this task of growing in the Christian faith is something like keeping a program going on a college campus.

Year after year we have to cover the same ground. All through life, from the cradle to the grave, we are learning more about God's will for us. We are trusting in His mercies more and more. We are growing in our expression of God's love in our lives. But there is so much to learn! There are so many different areas to concentrate on! How do we keep each one in front of us?

Especially in a congregation, we are all at different levels of development in our Christian faith. It is like a multi-grade classroom. Those who are further along on this path of faith can be mentors for others who are just beginning. But even those who are quite advanced need to keep going over the basics! There is something about this old human nature of ours that gets in the way of our learning.

After His resurrection, Jesus said to the two on the way to Emmaus, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself." (Luke 24:25-27 NIV) For three years he had spent all His time teaching by word and example; but then, when His work of redemption was done, He had to start at the very beginning again, explaining what the Scriptures said about Himself!

Continuing education in the work place is a good pattern for Christian education in the parish! Surely we must also be returning to the Scriptures constantly. We do that in our devotions, Bible studies, Bible classes, Sunday School, and Sunday worship services. We are always eager to learn more about God's love for us in Christ, because His love sustains us from the cradle to the grave.

Pastor Franke



**Volleyball/Basketball**



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

9/01 Cassidy Meyer	9/07 DRAKE GRIGAR	9/17 Doyle Kornegay
9/02 Dolores Cain	9/07 GABBY MATUS	9/18 Kari Furey
9/02 TAYLOR CASH	9/09 Kellie Kainer	9/19 Katy Grigar
9/02 Laci Tesch	9/09 Jake Schiller	9/20 Carol Schuknecht
9/02 Russell Dziadek	9/10 Janice Wied	9/27 Rebecca Tipton
9/02 Deborah Christiansen	9/10 Cory Barrett	9/25 Brandi Hobratschk
9/03 Shirley Schier	9/10 Aaron Kutra	9/27 Briana Kent
9/05 Ethel Donnelly	9/10 Billy Schaffner	Stacie Leiber
9/05 Loretta Dziadek	9/11 Jimmie Meyer	9/29 Terri Julian
9/05 Leisha Harrison	9/16 Georgia Wied	
9/07 JAYLEN TESCH		

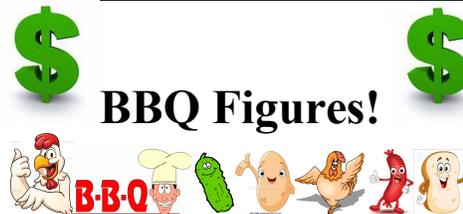


**Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.**

9/02/1967 Fay and Larry Alexander	9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge
9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer	9/20/1980 Brad and Maggie Kent
9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller	9/20/2003 Justin and Laci Tesch
9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash	


**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  
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 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



**I do not have any totals on expenses, or income on donations or ticket sales, other than we sold 677 tickets. Other than that here is the breakdown:**  
**Live auction \$5,540.00**  
**Silent auction \$693.50**  
**Desserts \$447.75**  
**Left-over food sales \$397.00**  
**Play 'n for a Prize \$100.00**  
**The only expense I know of that wasn't covered by donations is all the extra electricity we used!**  
**God is good!!!**  
**Thanks, Janice**

BBQ Thank You



Thank you to all that donated items to the Sweet Walk at the Church BBQ. We were overwhelmed with all the sweet treats that were given out as prizes. Everyone that played had a blast and took home lots of treats. We made \$100 for the church. God's blessings to all that helped make this game a success.

**Mary and Johanna Buechmann**


**BLOOD DRIVE – Trinity Lutheran Church!** Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **DROP-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor, enter sponsor code 1881 or... contact Jimmie Meyer at 713-503-1780.



**Wow!!** What an incredible day we had at the annual bbq! Thank you to each and every member who played any part of making the day a huge success-it was truly a team effort, worth every moment of hard work. The room looked like a big family picnic, and everyone seemed to have a great time visiting while they were eating. Thank you again for all your efforts!

*Janice Wied, Auction Chair*



## Seniors' Day Luncheon



**Senior Day Luncheon Is BACK!**

**When: Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

**Time: 12:15 pm**

**Sign Up To Attend!! Our next Senior Day Luncheon at Trinity is Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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**



## Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on August 7<sup>th</sup> with eight members present.

President, Ruth Paben called the meeting to order and the meeting was opened with "The Lord's Prayer" then the topic entitled "The water of Life" was given by Betty Herridge.

Final plans were discussed about the dessert table which is sponsored by The Ladies Aid at the upcoming church barbecue.

Hostesses for the September meeting will be Ruby Emshoff and Antoinette Romano.

Norma Pavelka observed her birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup> and Vivian and Glenwood Kveton observed their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

After our closing prayer, members enjoyed fellowship time.

Our next meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> and visitors are always welcome.

**Loretta Dziadek**



I would like to thank all the parents who participated in Parent Orientation. This was a great time for you and your child to meet new parents and to get to know all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with teachers who are enthusiastic, dedicated and loving. We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, but the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them.

The Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool is excited about the 2014-2015 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask and we will be happy to answer them. I know this will be a great year with you being involved with your child in the preschool program. Preschool has a direct line (979) 627-7846 and e-mail address [preschool@tlcsealy.org](mailto:preschool@tlcsealy.org)

**Pancake Breakfast!** The preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser! This will take place on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am - 8:30 am. This is also the day after Grandparents Day. So please invite everyone and have breakfast with your child and make a Love Donation to the preschool. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast help with the cost of teacher training and FBI background checks.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children and to get to know other parents, teachers and children. What a great way to start off the year! Come and enjoy breakfast Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Computer Classes to Begin!** Computer lessons are being offered if you are interested. June Harris out of Austin has been giving computer lessons to the children for many years here at Trinity whose parents want them to participate. This will be offered to the three and four year old classes. Ms. June will give four one-half hour lessons for \$45.00 and once completed she will send another form to re-sign and pay for another four sessions. This will take place throughout the year. Children enjoy playing games on the computer at home, but Ms. June teaches the correct terms and proper way of getting on and off the computer and most important, listening skills.

Please fill out the information form if you are interested for your child to learn about computers. First session of computer classes will be September 15<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are interested in having your child take the lessons. Money and forms may be turned into the office so I can inform Ms. June how many children will participate. If paying by check please make your check out to **Screen Scan**.

 **Themes!** The themes for the month of September are: Creation/Self/Safety and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis or purpose is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation.

The children will also begin to learn letters, numbers, shapes, colors and so much more. But we do not rush a child. We let them learn at their own pace and with help from you at home. And always remember that children learn through play.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs, finger plays and pledges and memorizing Bible verses. Listen to your child and see all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.

 **Junior Inspector Training!** Police Officer Eric Gum and his partners from the Sealy Police Department will come to the preschool to talk to the children about how to catch thieves. The officers will come in early to set up areas for the children to investigate.

This theme will help inform children about the role of the police. Their job is to enforce the law. They do this in many different ways, by patrolling the streets, getting to know the people who live in the town, helping people who have accidents, directing traffic to avoid accidents and more.

The children will pretend they are police officers or detectives to look for the clues. Children in groups of 5-10 will have to solve an imaginary theft case using special clues hidden throughout the building. What fun these children will have and who knows if one would like to become a police officer or detective.

 **911 Safety!** Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, will discuss the importance of 911 and stranger danger and what to do in case of an emergency. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.

 **Red/White and Blue Day!** On Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the children can wear the colors RED/WHITE and BLUE to represent and not forget the 9/11 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 whether they wanted to be a hero, or not. With all the natural disasters that we have going on in the world, and close to us, people step up to do the right thing.

 **Wear RED Day!** Since the children are learning the color RED for the month, we will have a special color day. On Friday September 12<sup>th</sup>, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED!

 **Back Yard Bash!** On Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch to preschool and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.

 **Special Book Week!** Beginning Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!

 **Treasured Portraits!** Kay Krampitz, from Treasured Portraits, will be here at 8:00 am on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to take preschool pictures and also group pictures of the children. You will receive a form and all pictures are pre-paid. All forms and money are due by Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

 **Snacks!** Snacks are not required 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 need to buy for the entire preschool. If several parents donate snack items then we have enough.

If you would like to donate snacks to the preschool here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, fruit loops, popcorn, goldfish or whatever you think is a good deal. If anyone goes to Sam's the children and teachers enjoy Nacho

Cheese without jalapeños! We appreciate it all! When you go shopping think about the preschool!

If your child is allergic to certain foods, please advise the office and your child's teacher. We do have children with different food allergies. Please ask for a copy of the snack calendar and if your child cannot have this particular snack of the day, please provide a snack for your child.

We thank all the parents who provide snacks for their children who are allergic to some of the snacks that are provided by the preschool. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**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 seven 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 September are:

**September 15<sup>th</sup> -September 19<sup>th</sup>**

Kimberlee Aguirre

Kylee Bolten

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> -September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Alexandra Brandenburg

Carson Bryant

**September 29<sup>th</sup>-October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Kasen Hendry

Kyler Hendry

Please bring your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.

**Know the Rules**

**Reinforcement!** Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what are the rules in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



**Drills!** The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. So if your child

comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today you will know why.



**Emergency Preparedness Plan!** Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance.

A copy of this plan is always available for review. One copy is located in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan MUST not leave the classroom.

A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that help defray the cost to the preschool program.

The food will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year if it was not used for any disaster. This is another way you are helping the preschool and others in the community.



**Days Out!** Please notify the preschool office at 627-7846 if your child is not planning to attend due to being sick or just having a wonderful day out spending time together.

**Room Mothers Meeting** – A room mothers meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am.

We will discuss the preparation of the Thanksgiving Dinner Silent Auction Class Projects and help information on party days. Team work is Awesome!



**Teachers!** Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year are:

Ms. Tara Ruiz – Two Year Old's

Ms. Candace Mulvany – Young Three's

Ms. Beatrice Aguirre – Older Three's

Ms. Christie Martinez – Young Four's

Ms. Kristi Flores – Older Four's

Robin Jacobson – Office Assistant

All of us here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool are dedicated in caring for your child.

*In Christ,*

**Ms. Maggie**



**MINUTES OF TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2014**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Marlene Leiber presented devotion from The One Year Devotional of Joy and Laughter, Simplicity from Ecclesiastes 3:1.

**Council Members Present:**

- Dale Toellner – President
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair
- Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
- 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:**

- Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor
- George Wied - Vice President

Minutes from the July 14, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made motion to accept minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- \*BBQ report tabled for September meeting.
- \*Budgets were turned in to Marlene Leiber to compile 2015 budget.

**Chair Reports:**

**Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer**

\*The July 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$53,134.87, Building Fund is \$53,354.00, Designated Funds is \$51,181.40 and Total - All Funds is \$157,670.27. The General Fund Contributions is \$13,841.00. Total management and general expenses is \$11,121.94. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$2,719.06. General Fund Expenditures is \$11,121.94.

**Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair**

\*no report presented

**Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair**

\*Working on small list of delinquent members.

\*Budget worked on. Discussion on increase in budget for new pastor's salary and insurance when time comes.

\*Lee Hobratschk will represent elder on nominating committee.

**George Wied - Vice President (absent)**

\*No report presented.

**Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor (absent)**

\*No report presented.

**Valerie Engelbrecht- Education/Youth Chair** \*Budget turned in for education/youth. Sunday School and VBS budgets decreased. Youth budget stayed the same.

\*New ideas were discussed.

\*Rally Day will be September 7th with breakfast and activities.

\*Sunday School teachers are needed.

\*August 24th will be next Youth Service.

\*Mission Sunday: "Bring a friend to church day".

**Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair**

\*No report presented.

\*Nominating Committee will be Ruth Szymanski, Lee Hobratschk, Pastor Franke and 2 congregational members are needed.

**Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair**

\*Receptions when meeting new pastors needed when time comes.

\*Rally Day fellowship will be provided by Board of Education.

**Fred Paben - Trustee Chair**

\*Vinyl floors will be cleaned August 18 - 21, 2014.

**Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair**

\*Everything is doing good.

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

**New Business:**

\*Audra Luttrall requested that the girl scout troop use back parking lot for garage sale fundraiser on Saturday, September 20, 2014 until noon or 1 pm and to use a few rectangular tables. Motion made by Pat Buechmann to allow troop to use back parking lot on this day and time and to use cheap tables. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

\*Dale Toellner requested that the conference table be moved back to conference room to be used with media

projector and white board. Council okayed the move. Lee Hobratschk and Fred Paben in charge of move.

\*Congregational meeting will be October 26, 2014.

\*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. Norma Pavelka seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Ruth Szymanski will do devotion for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2014.

President Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.