

Building His Body

By

Reflecting the Son

OCTOBER 2014



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING will take
place on Sunday,
October 26, 2014
after the worship
service. All church
members are
encouraged to attend.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE 8:45 am Fellowship 9:05 am Sunday School

&

Bible Study 10:15 am Worship

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Vacancy Pastor Gilbert Franke

Maggie Kent, Office Secretary

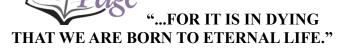
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TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas

Pastor's



A young man gathers his inheritance and leaves home to seek his fortune. In a land far away from his father and his father's farm, he lives high on the hog until, his money gone, he has to make do with a hog farm for his home. Finally, when his pride is broken, he faces the fact that his dreams are dead. Acknowledging defeat, he sets out for home ready to say, "You were right," and to hear his father say, "I told you so!" The walk home is long, a lingering, terminal battle with his own independent spirit. "Father, I have sinned...," but the death rattle of his self-respect is interrupted by a joyous shout of welcome: "Quick! It is time to celebrate! My son who was dead is alive again!" (a synopsis from Luke 15:11-32)

How strange that before we can truly live we must surely die!

Repentance is the death of self-will under the condemnation of God's wrath. Forgiveness is the Word of God that declares us alive! Only when we are ready to hear the Father say, "I told you so," are we able to hear the joyous shout, "It is time to celebrate! My child who was dead is alive again!" "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom 6:3-4 NIV)

Hearts are not changed simply by knowing the mechanics of sin and grace. Often we have to be forced into repentance by circumstances that embarrass, shame, and mortify us. Is it that hard to say, "Father, I have sinned..."? New life is only possible when the old is really dead.

The dynamic of God's love is seen in the power of God's condemning law and life-giving promise. "Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved." (*Eph 2:4-5 NIV*)

That kind of death and resurrection creates a new person in place of the old. By God's grace we truly have a change of heart!

Pastor Franke



BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH!

GREETINGS TO YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY

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10/01	Lorrene Schiller	10/07	MASON DZIADEK	10/21	Ruth Paben
10/02	Gilbert Franke	10/07	Jodine Meyer	10/21	Ruby Emshoff
10/03	Rachel Villalovoz	10/07	Estelle Remmert	10/24	Bryant Schiller
10/04	Nathan Romano	10/08	Barbara Havemann	10/27	Kelly Kruzel
10/04	Joel Grigar	10/09	Ronnie Thrasher	10/30	Cody Havemann
10/04	Larry Schulke	10/12	Ursula Kutra		-
10/05	Lee Hobratschk	10/14	Doris Schaffner	10/31	Betty Remmert
10/05	MICAH KRUZEL	10/15	Beth Franke	10/31	Patricia Gum
10/05	CADE LANGTON	10/18	Maggie Kent		
10/06	Wayne Ashorn	10/20	Adrian Horelica		
10/06	Grace Holtkamp	10/21	Dianne Clover		
10/05	Jill Sullivan				
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LET'S REJOICE WITH THESE COUPLES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE DESIGNATED ANNIVERSARIES.

10/04/1997	Bryant & Melinda Schiller Charles & Geraldine Abel ************************************	10/16/1993	Mark & Patsy Romano
10/12/1952		10/20/2011	Brett & Brittany Carter
10/12/2013	Eric and Patricia Gum	10/15/1976	Johnnie and Cynthia Sodolak

Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

*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

<u>*Eddie Svinky</u> - Colonial Belle – Sealy

<u>*Louise Kinsey</u> - Colonial Belle – Sealy

> *Nettie Swearingen Colonial Belle-Sealy

<u>*Edna Finke</u> 832-419-4658 Solana at Cinco Ranch 24001 Cinco Village Center Blvd Apt 1148 Katy TX 77494 *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

Sympathy for the family of Wayne Ekarius who went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. Please keep Tinson and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sympathy for the family of Jimmy Szymanski who went to be with his Lord on Friday, September 12, 2014. Please keep his wife Ruth and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sympathy for the family of Evelyn Graf former member of TLC went to be with her Lord. Funeral was Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at TLC.

Sympathy for the family of Burnita Dittmar who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, September 23, 2014. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

Prayers of Comfort for Adam Shepherd and his family at the death of his mother on Friday, August 15, 2014.

Prayer Request from Justin Kroeger to pray for Maureen Kroeger who is dying of cancer.

Sympathy for the family of Janet Michulka who went to be with her Lord and is a close family friend to Barbara Havemann.

New Arrival!

God has blessed Brian and Janis Pless Lapham with a beautiful daughter, born at Katy Memorial Hermann Hospital, Miranda Shaye Lapham on August 28, 2014 at 12:51 pm weighing 7 lbs. and 2.5 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Jennifer Pless and Ira and Pauline Lapham

New Arrival!

New Grandson for Johnny and Joanie Griffin
God has blessed Roy and Jamie Wilson of D'Hanis are
proud to announce the arrival of their third child, Thomas
Roy Wilson II. Thomas Roy was born on Saturday, Aug. 30
at 4:25 a.m. at their home in D'Hanis. He weighed 8 lb. 4
oz., and was 21.5 in. long. His big sisters, Joanie and
Maggie, are very excited to have a baby brother.

New Arrival!

New Grandson for Johnny and Joanie Griffin
Michael and Laura Griffin of College Station are proud to
announce the birth of their second child, John Rapsilver.
He was born at their home in College Station on Aug. 11 at
9:34 a.m. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and measured 21-3/4
inches in length. He was welcomed home by his big sister
Violet Jane.

Where Luther Stood

(from the Castle Church, Wittenberg)

Through this doorway Luther walked, and on these very stones he stepped!

This is where he sang and talked, and here's his tomb where Katie wept.

From this pulpit Luther preached: "God's Word alone reveals His will."

To our day this truth has reached, and in these halls it echoes still.

Luther learned these truths from Paul:
"In Christ alone God's love is known."
"All who hear the Gospel call
Receive God's gifts through faith alone."

Here was Luther bold to say
"By grace alone God counts us good."
Why is it so hard today
To take a stand where Luther stood?

Gilbert A. Franke 2008



SEALY CHRISTIAN

FOOD PANTRY is looking for two or more people to represent Trinity Lutheran Church on the Food Pantry Board as a Coordinator.

Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you are interested please contact Patsy Tomasek at 877-0848.



When: Wednesday, Oct. 1st! Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up To Attend!! Our next Senior Day
Luncheon at Trinity is Wednesday, October 1st 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-281-217-7177

Geraldine Barrett-885-3450



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on September 4th with seven members present.

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

The topic, "Carl's Garden" was given by Loretta Dziadek.

President Ruth Paben thanked everyone for helping at the barbecue.

The quarterly "Mite Box" donation will be given to the Sealy HOA.

Hostesses for October will be Betty Herridge and Betty Richter.

Birthdays observed in September were Dolores Cain-September 2nd and Loretta Dziadek-September 5th.

After the closing and table prayers were givien, refreshments brought by members were served by hostesses, Ruby Emshoff and Antoinette Romano.

Loretta Dziadek

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	we confessed my (our) sins to God and to
my fello	wmen, and desiring assurance of my
forgiven	ess, will receive the Sacrament of Holy
Co	mmunion today. I believe the Real Presence of
Jesus Cl	nrist comes to me in this meal of bread
and wir	e as instituted by Jesus Christ for all His followers.

Blue Attendance Registration Card:

ATTENDANCE SIDE: When filling out the blue attendance registration card please include the date, your name and if you have your **child/children** with you please include them on the attendance card so the family may be properly recorded for attendance.

COMMUNION SIDE: *Those who wish to participate in the Lord's Supper at TLC are requested to register by placing their name (s) on the reverse side of the Blue Attendance Registration Card in order that their participation in the Lord's Supper is properly recorded. Individual cups containing grape juice placed at the center of the tray for those sensitive to alcohol. Children and others not communing are invited to come to the altar to receive a blessing. Indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

From the information you provide on the Blue Card your attendance and partaking of Communion are entered into the Shepherds Staff System by the church Secretary. Failure to complete this information distorts not only your personal data, but also the Church's year-end reporting to the Synod. Thank you for helping us maintain accurate records.

take place on Thursday, October 23rd 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.

PreSchoOl

Angela from Books are Fun will also have her display set up with books for you to order or books that are pay and take.

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.

<u>Themes!</u> Themes for the month of October are: Family, Fire Prevention, and the Five Senses. Bible stories are:

Week of Monday Oct. 6th
Abraham Follows God
Week of Monday Oct. 13th
Abraham's Great Big Family
Love, Love, Love
Joseph and the Colorful Coat
Week of Monday Oct. 20th
Moses Hears the Call of God
Add Goodness
Moses Leads God's People
Week of Monday Oct. 27th

General Joshua and the Promise Land
What to Choose

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.

Enjoying Preschool Pancakes & Fellowship!









Pancake Breakfast Results! Thank you to Johnny Busse, Jason Kainer, Pat and Mary Buechmann from Trinity Lutheran Church, for arriving at 6:15 am to help me prepare the pancakes.

The preschool made \$534.63 after expenses. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the preschool! You are 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 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 6th - October 10th
Kaden Glueck
October 13th - October 17th
Kallie Haidusek & Jake Haisler
October 20^{tht} - October 24th
Presley Harkness & Daegan Hrachovy
October 27th - October 31st
Kasen Hendry & Kyler Hendry

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 17th. 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 8th, 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!

Gun Safety! On Wednesday, 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 24th 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 22nd 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 screeners and are 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 Friday, October 17th. 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 Friday, October 17^{th} 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 29th, 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 with games or refreshments please place your name on the volunteer list. We need participation and not spectators!



THANK YOU TO THE Sealy Police Officers, Eric Gum (Trinity Lutheran Church Member) and Tia Argueta and Sherriff Deputy John Fullen (Trinity Lutheran Church Member) came to Trinity Lutheran Preschool Wednesday, September 10, 2014 so the children can be Junior Inspectors to help find a stolen bike.

This theme helped 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 pretended they were police officers or detectives to look for the clues. Children in groups of ten solved an imaginary theft case using

special clues hidden throughout the building to find the stolen bike. By learning what an officer's job entails and learning about the 7^{th} Commandment, "You Shall Not Steal", one of these children may grow up to become an officer.



Sheriff Deputy John Fullen
Sealy Officers Eric Gum and Officer Tia Argueta



Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser! We are getting ready for our 16th Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 13th, 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 20th. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be on sale Monday, October 27th.

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!

Reminder! No Preschool Thursday October 9th and Friday October 10th due to the Austin County Fair!

Church

Council

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Pastor Franke presented the devotion "Lift High the Cross" from Lutheran Hour Ministries by Pastor Ken Klaus.

Council Members Present: Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor, Dale Toellner - President, Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer, Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Fred Paben - Trustee Chair, Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair, Valerie Engelbrecht - Education/Youth Chair, Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair, Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: George Wied - Vice President, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism, Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

Minutes from the August 12, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made motion to accept minutes.

Marlene Leiber seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*2015 Budget presented by Marlene Leiber with discussion on insurance and new pastor's salary -Motion made by Valerie Engelbrecht to present budget as proposed. Pastor Franke seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

*Dale Toellner thanked everyone that helped move the conference table.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The August 31, 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$47,704.30, Building Fund is \$53,451.74, Designated Funds is \$64,305.66 and Total - All Funds is \$165,461.70. The General Fund Contributions is \$15,405.00. Total management and general expenses is \$20,835.57. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$5,430.57. General Fund Expenditures is \$20,835.57.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*no report presented

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Small list of delinquent members working on still.

*Budget worked on.

George Wied - Vice President (absent)

*No report presented.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

*Circuit Forum in October - discussion on delegate and alternate and other information needed before attending.

*Lutheran Bible Companion sign up poster will be posted.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education/Youth Chair

- *Rally Day went great.
- *Discussion on attendance for Sunday School and Confirmation attendance, requirements and memory work during Sunday School. There will be a confirmation parents meeting regarding this.
- *Glory Bound LCMS Youth Gathering 2015 in San Marcos board wants to start announcing for high school youth to attend July 16-19, 2015 with early registration fee of \$160. The board would also like the church to pay for registration fee with youth paying for lodging and food (fundraiser). Council approved for board to proceed.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair (absent) *No report presented.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair (absent) *No report presented.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

- *Fred met with new janitor for 3 month review with everything going well.
- *A new supplier for paper goods on the internet is being searched for but will need a credit card. Motion made by Valerie Engelbrecht to give Fred Paben authority to get credit card for church and preschool. Carol Jean Hauschild seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

- *Everything is going well.
- *Two new ushers were added to group.

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:

- *Girl Scouts would like to use Fellowship Center kitchen for fundraiser November 12th or 13th. Request declined due to facility already in use those days.
- *Girl Scouts would like to use Fellowship Center on November 22nd. Request declined due to facility already in use that day.
- *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 Carol Jean Hauschild to adjourn meeting. Marlene Leiber seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Lee Hobratschk will do devotion for October meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2014. President Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer. Dale Toellner, President Johanna Buechmann, Secretary God receives none but those who are forsaken, restores health to none but those who are sick, gives sight to none but the blind, and life to none but the dead. ... He has mercy on none but the wretched and gives grace to none but those who are in disgrace.

-Martin Luther

How to Help Your Church Be Alive!

- 1, Always be present.
- 2. Always come well ahead of starting time.
- 3. Come with a holy glow, a radiant face, and a happy mood.
- 4. Accept tasks whenever humanly possible when you are asked to serve, and then do it faithfully as unto the Lord.
- Accept the decisions of the chosen leaders, even though they may not concur with your personal feelings.
- 6. When visiting in another congregation, note things that would be helpful to your home church.
- 7. Be a faithful member, so that the pastor need not do all the work, but is free to do the work he was called to do.
- 8. Sit as near the front as possible, and sing the hymns with enthusiasm and zeal.
- 9. Make tithing a part of your weekly worship. Remember that the church's ministry expenses continue as the same level even when you must be absent!
- 10. Encourage your pastor...they receive enough discouragements from other places.

Buechmann in helping me in preparing the meal for the child care conference.

Thank you to Grace Holtkamp, Rachael Wolf, Antoinette Romano and Mary Buechmann for preparing the desserts for the conference.

Thanks to the church council for permission to use the building so the conference can be close to home for everyone.

Again Thank You,

