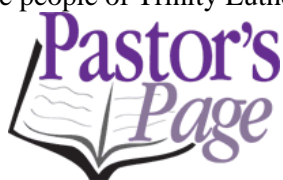




Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Read Romans 8:12-17  
Psalm 29

**June 2014**

## 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

## ELDERS:

Lowell Coody, 865-9638  
Lee Hobradschk,  
832-419-2998  
Bobby Barrett, 885-3450  
Tracy Schiller, 865-2748  
Joel Grigar, 885-1415

## The Festival of God

*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."*

– Isaiah 6:3b NIV

Try to schedule a celebration without a conflict, and you'll end up saying, "Just pick a day! We'll never find a time that is good for everyone." We even start traditions, hoping they will be a hit, so we call them "the first annual" whatever! Everyone loves a party!

The church calendar is filled with parties; we have celebrations of events in Jesus' life from The Nativity of Our Lord, through the Resurrection, to the Ascension. There is even a festival honoring the work of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

For a long time in the life of the Church, there was not a celebration dedicated to God the Father – or even involving the First Person. By 920 A.D., a service in honor of the Trinity was recognized, but it wasn't until 1334 that Pope John 22<sup>nd</sup> ordered the general observance of the Festival of the Holy Trinity in the Western Church.

The doctrine of the Trinity is difficult if not impossible to understand, but God has revealed Himself as Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giver in so many ways throughout Scriptures. We can readily celebrate a festival in honor of the Triune God, active in our lives to claim us, restore us, and renew us. This year, June 15 is the celebration of the Trinity, the Festival of God.

**Eternal God, through Your only begotten Son You have given me the privilege of calling You "Father" and knowing Your gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Guide me by Your Spirit that I may always confess You as my God and Lord. Amen.**

*Gil Franke*



**Come and join us for a Pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic after the worship service on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>! Come with your family and friends and enjoy the meal and fellowship. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are attending.**

**Fellowship Committee**

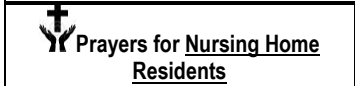

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!**

6/02 Milburn Robison	6/13 Dalton Luttrall	6/22 HOPE GRIFFIN
6/02 Heather Bozeman	6/14 Brett Ebers	6/25 Larry Alexander
6/02 Justin Szymanski	6/14 MEGHAN HEIN	6/25 Jimmy Szymanski
6/02 Lauren Thielemann	6/16 Ben Epperly	6/25 LUKE THIELEMANN
6/03 Sieg Leland	6/16 Beverly Fritsch	6/26 Brandon Ebers
6/06 Donna Emshoff	6/21 Johanna Buechmann	6/26 Karen Schaare
6/06 Paul Orsak	6/21 Betty Herridge	6/27 Brenda Cash
6/06 Louise Kinsey	6/21 Dan Kieke	6/28 Ann Reay
6/10 Lowell Coody	6/21 Rose Marie Trenckmann	6/29 Stephen Stuessel
6/10 Jerry Ebers	6/21 CONNOR SMITH	6/29 Kolby Wolf
6/13 Austin Jacobson		


**Happy Anniversary**

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

6/1/1958 Bobby & Geraldine Barrett♥	6/14/1997 Russell and Sheri Dziadek
6/3/1962 Jerry and Mary Grunke	6/14/1975 Troy & Yvonne Tesch
6/4/1994 John & Shirley Schier	6/16/1957 Billy & Doris Schaffner♥
6/7/1996 Chad & Tinson Rasbury	6/17/1973 Jerry & Marlene Leiber
6/9/2007 Don & Diane Henry	6/18/1983 Ben & Peggy Jurek


**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  
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 Katy, Texas 77450  
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**\*Joyce Meyer**  
 Colonial Belle-Sealy

**\*Floyd Klatt**  
 Colonial Belle – Sealy

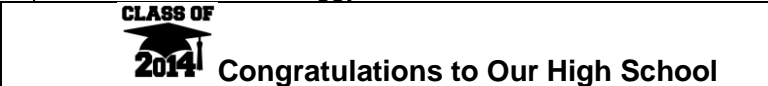

**Shut Ins**

**\*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

**Annie Ashorn**  
 2370 FM 1094  
 Sealy, TX 77474  
 979-885-2820


**CLASS OF 2014**

**Congratulations to Our High School Graduates**

† Dalton Luttrall † Cassidy Meyer  
 † Nickolas Pavelka

**Wherever you attend college or whatever your plans are for your life may God's Blessings Be with You Always.**


*Thanks* Thank you to Mary Buechmann for the beautiful cake for preschool graduation. Also thank you to Mary and Johanna for all your help in serving the cake and the love for the preschool.

**Ms. Maggie**

It has been an absolute pleasure having Danni in Trinity Lutheran Preschool this past year. You run such an amazing program and I am so impressed with everything. The teachers you have are so incredible and loving. We especially love Ms. Christie! I truly appreciate you and your staff taking care of Danni. All of her project and songs are so awesome and I am so impressed every time I hear and see something else from her. She has never loved going anywhere like she does when she comes to Trinity. She even likes to go on my days off when I can keep her!!

I just wanted you to know that I love you guys and will miss you next year when my baby goes off to Kindergarten. I hope and pray she loves it as much as she does Trinity. Keep up the good work and don't change a thing!!

Love,  
 Preschool Mom, Erin Krampitz


 I want to say “thank you” for prayers, cards, calls, visits and food at the time of my surgery. May God’s blessings be with all of you.

**In Christ,  
 Evangeline Coody**



## **Volleyball/Basketball**



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



## **Church Planning Meeting**

is set for Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All committees and groups or representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (July 2014-January 2015) should attend.

The purpose of this session is to coordinate the working calendar for the Boards, Committees, and Auxiliary Organizations of Trinity congregation.

Since the planning meeting is closely scheduled before the Church Council meeting, please be prompt and prepared. It is important to preplan events and to spend our time efficiently.



## **BASKET OF HOPE**

– Thrivent Financial has a special project called "Basket of Hope." Austin-Waller County Thrivent Chapters are working to help this great organization. These baskets are delivered by NFL players and volunteers who pray over the children and with the parents. The families are given Bibles and other Christian books and journals to help them with their time spent at the hospitals. "Basket of Hope" delivers thousands of baskets to over 17 hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses around the country each year. Members of Trinity can contribute to this project by a special offering to be held June 15<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made out to Thrivent or "Basket of Hope."

## **A Father's Influence**

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!



## **Something Fun for Summer Activities**

### **LOOK FOR THE 16 HIDDEN BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

Confirmation Students are learning the books of the Bible in order, so this is a good drill for all of us!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph.

*(Answers found elsewhere in this newsletter!)*

*Pastor Franke*



## **Senior Day Luncheon!**

**When: Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>!**

**Time: 12:15 pm**

**Sign Up To Attend!!**

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**Mark your Calendar** – Our next Senior Day Luncheon at Trinity is Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. Come and enjoy fried chicken and all the trimmings! 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.



## **Ladies Aid News**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on May 1<sup>st</sup> with seven members present.

Ruth Paben, President, called the meeting to order. After the opening prayer, the topic, "Grasping for Grace" was given by Betty Herridge.

Mother's Day bake sale was discussed for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Gifts will be given to our High School graduates.

Quilts, fabric kits, health kits and school kits have been delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Jerry and Dolores Cain observed their wedding anniversary in May.

Hostesses for June are Vivian Kveton and Loretta Dziadek.

After the table prayer and closing prayers were given, refreshments brought by members were served by hostesses, Ruby Emshoff and Betty Richter.

Our next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup> and visitors are always welcome.

**Loretta Dziadek**



TLC Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. Trinity Lutheran VBS 2014 June 17 - 19, 2014 (Tuesday - Thursday) 5:30pm - 8:00pm Light supper will be served Incoming Kindergarten - 5th grade. Registration forms are outside Maggie's office! Please check out the sign-up list to help with VBS. There is definitely something for everyone to help with VBS 2014. We need members to pitch in and help make this year's VBS a huge success. Food donations are also posted on the glass windows as you enter the gym. If you cannot help out during the week of VBS, please consider making a food donation to help out with our snack time. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Valerie Engelbrecht at 281-703-4903.



I would like to say thank you to all the church members, preschool parents and the community who help by donating the food items needed and purchasing tickets for the Preschool Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. A thank you goes to Pat and Mary Buechmann for helping me in the kitchen cutting, cooking and cleaning. Thank you to the preschool teachers for helping by filling plates and serving the dinner drive thru. Another thank you goes to Geraldine Barrett for helping me in the office on Tuesday, which was the main day of preparation. Without your support this would not have been a success! Again THANKS for supporting Trinity Lutheran Preschool where Jesus is taught every day!

Thank you to ALL the preschool parents for being involved with all of your child's activities from the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year. You the parents are the ones that make this the best preschool by your support and love for the preschool to make sure your child has the best. Thank you for all you do.

I would like to say thank you to my Preschool Board Members for all the support for the preschool, taking time out for monthly meetings, all the prayers, and most of all giving your heart in the support of the preschool and the teachers.

I want to thank the Congregation, Elders, Church Council and Preschool Staff for supporting the preschool program. There are so many blessings to be thankful for and individual people to thank throughout Trinity Lutheran Church and the community.

I am very blessed to be a part of Trinity Lutheran Preschool and TLC Church with congregational members who are blessings to the preschool to come and help where help is needed and to make sure these little children know Jesus.

Please continue your prayers for Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool that we will have many more successful years. The goal for Trinity Lutheran Preschool is to spread the love of our Lord and Savior to all little children, their parents, family and friends that Jesus loves them. God is Amazing and He Can Give Amazing Blessings!

Thank you to everyone for a great and wonderful year and continue to pray for Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool to have a successful 2014-2015 school year. Your love and support is greatly appreciated and it shows!

***In Christ, Ms. Maggie***



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**Minutes of Trinity Lutheran  
Church Council Meeting  
May 12, 2014**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Norma Pavelka presented devotion from Psalm 42:1-2 *Drinking from the Well of God's Presence* from the book *Living Simply*.

Council Members Present:

Dale Toellner – President  
George Wied – Vice President  
Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer  
Marlene Leiber – Stewardship Chair  
Robert Richter – Trustee  
Lee Hobratschk – Elder Chair  
Valerie Engelbrecht – Education/Youth Chair  
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism Chair  
Norma Pavelka – Fellowship Chair  
Pat Buechmann – Usher Chair  
Johanna Buechmann – Secretary

Council Members Absent:

Pastor Franke – Vacancy Pastor  
Fred Paben – Trustee Chair

Minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made a motion to accept minutes. Lee Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

\*Ruth Szymanski advised that Katie Thomas closed the Wells Fargo Youth Account and a cashier's check was deposited in the Citizens State Bank Youth Account.

**Chair Reports:**

**Carol Jean Hauschild** – Treasurer

\*The April 30, 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$41,087.16, Building Fund is \$52,724.85, Designated Funds is \$45,050.79 and Total – All Funds is \$138,862.80. The General Fund Contributions is \$20,298.25. Total management and general expenses is \$14,095.19. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$6,203.06. General Fund Expenditures is \$14,095.19.

**Marlene Leiber** – Stewardship Chair

\*Budget forms will be handed out soon.

**Lee Hobratschk** – Elder Chair

\*Delinquent members – working on a short list of members and will be removed if no response

\*Elders discussed changing service time from 10:15 am to 10:00 am. Pastor Franke wants to keep service time at 10:15 am.

**George Wied** – Vice President

\*George has not heard from Synod regarding pastoral call.

\*BBQ meeting will be Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Pastor Franke** – Vacancy Pastor (absent)

\*No report presented.

**Valerie Engelbrecht** – Education/Youth Chair

\*No report on how many crosses sold and total amount collected.

\*VBS is being worked on weekly. Final plans have been made.

\*Service project for youth will be during Sunday School to organize the cards, pencils etc. in the pews.

\*Summer Sunday School - curriculum ordered and will be combined for all ages in the Fellowship Center.

**Ruth Szymanski** – Evangelism Chair

\*Gifts for Preschool Graduates will be added to their gift bags.

**Norma Pavelka** – Fellowship Chair

\*Next event will be picnic in June.

**Robert Richter** – Trustee (for Fred Paben – Trustee Chair absent)

\*After May 30<sup>th</sup>, John Rosselli will no longer clean the facility but would like to bid to clean the floors.

\*Fred Paben met with P&J's Janitorial Services, LLC and presented bid for regular weekly cleaning service charge of \$150 to be cleaned every Friday starting June 6, 2014. Contract signed and after 90 days a review of agreement will be conducted to see if both parties are satisfied with arrangements.

\*Keys changed to update security procedures.

\*Sign on Hwy 36 working again.

**Pat Buechmann** – Usher Chair

\*No report presented.

\*Discussion on locking doors.

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

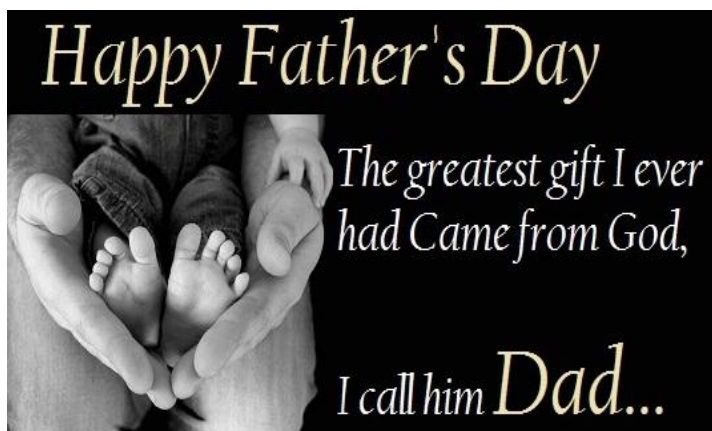
#### **New Business:**

\*Church BBQ – August 10<sup>th</sup> – George Wied is chairman.

\*No further new business.

There being no further business, President Toellner closed the meeting. Lee Hobradsch will do devotion for next meeting. Next meeting will be on Monday, June 9, 2014. President Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

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



## **Christian Parental Guidance**

- Begin each day with prayer. We all need divine guidance as we take on the challenges each day brings. Let children know you'll be praying for them while they're away from home. Then do so, several times throughout the day.

- Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Wake children with humor. Caress them lovingly. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.

- Make children's daily homecoming a cheerful occasion. Listen carefully to their experiences. Affirm that you're proud of them and pleased to be their parent.

- Make home life joyful and memorable. Play games, tell funny stories, take walks and eat together. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them.

## **The Grace of God**

A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, "It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points."

The man said, "Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir."

"That's 50 points," said St. Peter. "What else?"

"I gave liberally to the church," the man said.

"Twenty-five points," replied St. Peter. "Anything else?"

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. "I taught Sunday school for several years."

"That's great work for God, but it's worth only 25 points," noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. "You know," he said, "at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

Peter smiled as he said, "That's worth 900 points! Come on in!"