



TRINITY TIDBITS

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



"I'm So Glad You Asked!"

Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

MAY 2015



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:45 am Fellowship
9:05 am Sunday School
&
Bible Study
10:15 am Worship

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MILITARY Memorial Day
And
Mothers Day

Mothers hold their children's
hands for a short while,
but their hearts forever.
~Author Unknown

Let me tell you about my mother. She was a quiet, loving, giving servant of a woman who gave her love and companionship to my father until he died; who raised five children and watched thirteen grandchildren grow, nurturing all of them with her love and patience and constant prayers; who accepted the death of a grandson and stood by his family with her loving support.

Let me tell you about my mother who always spoke a kind word, except occasionally when a stern one was needed, and even then, spoke that word with love. Let me tell you about my mother whose greatest fault was that she was self-giving to the point of self-denial, so much so that we sometimes wished she would stand up for herself instead of always giving for others.

Let me tell you about my mother who at the age of 87 still got out in the tractor to plow or to plant wheat, only to talk about how much easier it was in a little John Deere cab tractor than it used to be walking behind a team of mules!

Let me tell you about my mother to whom I must give human credit for almost all of whatever is good in me and to whom I must apologize for all my faults.

On Mother's Day that kind of recognition can be excused and even expected. St. Peter says that is the way we ought to be in talking about God.

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." (1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV)

When someone asks, "What has God ever done for you?" We should say, "I'm so glad you asked!"

Practice telling people what a wonderful God you have. There are plenty things to say, and plenty opportunities to say them. If you feel uncomfortable talking about the ways God has blessed you, you might want to practice by telling your mother, if she is still living, that you appreciate the ways she has blessed you. Don't make up things to say; be truthful. There are plenty good things you can talk about if you make it a point to think about them.

That is the way it is with our good and gracious God also. We have so much to talk about if people would just give us an opportunity to say, "I'm so glad you asked!"

– Pastor Gil Franke

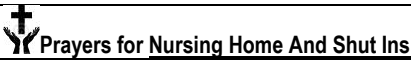
GREETINGS TO YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY

5/01 James Sneed	5/14 Matthew Kieke	5/23 Braden Meyer
5/09 George Baade	5/14 Cynthia Sodolak	5/23 Melvin Schmidt
5/09 Robin Jacobson	5/14 Sterling Schiller	5/24 Susie Toellner
5/09 Meagan Murrell	5/15 Bonnie Reay	5/27 Viola Sebesta
5/10 David Hauschild	5/17 Geraldine Stuessel	5/29 Brody Schiller
5/10 Barbara Vohs	5/17 Ellie Michaels	5/30 Brittney Steinhauser
5/11 CALEB KRUZEL	5/18 Scott Stuessel	5/30 COLE TESCH
5/11 Brittany Foerster	5/19 Don Henry	5/31 Lindsey Dziadek
5/13 Justin Tesch	5/20 Elgien Konesheck	
	5/22 Erik Julian	



LET'S REJOICE WITH THESE COUPLES AS THEY CELEBRATE THE DESIGNATED ANNIVERSARIES.

5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson	5/21/1961 Jerry and Dolores Cain
5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume	5/24/1980 Robert and Donna Emshoff
5/12/1979 Robert and Barbara Vohs	


Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

<p>*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</p> <p>*Eddie Svinky – Veranda House – Sealy</p> <p>*Edna Finke 832-419-4658 Solana at Cinco Ranch 24001 Cinco Village Center Blvd Apt 1148 Katy TX 77494</p> <p>Ethel Donnelly – Colonial Belle Sealy</p>	<p>*Clara Gerstenberger Kruse Village Long Term Care 1700 East Stone Room 213 Strawberry Lane Brenham, TX 77833</p> <p>*Bernice Hintz P. O. Box 1651 Brenham, TX 77833 979-289-2568</p> <p>*Lavonn Schier Caretakers: John and Shirley Schier 4726 Oxbow Circle East Fulshear, TX 77441-4448 281-346-0452</p> <p>Charles Bolten Colonial Belle – Sealy</p> <p>*Louise Kinsey - Colonial Belle – Sealy</p>
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HOLY COMMUNION

The Elders have recommended and the Church Council approved moving Communion from our regular third Sunday, May 17, to the fourth Sunday, May 24. This will allow a more guest-friendly service for the families of our Preschool graduates on the 17th, and a sacramental celebration for our Memorial Day weekend observance.


Circle of Friends



When: Wednesday, May 6th

Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up To Attend!!

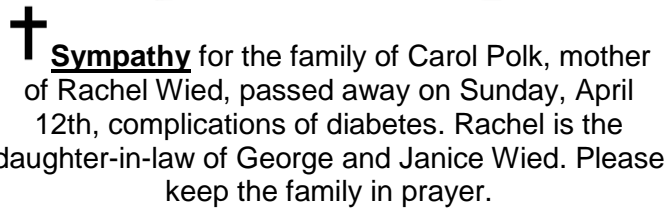
Come join us for “Circle of Friends” to include our younger seniors and those younger that would like to have lunch with us.

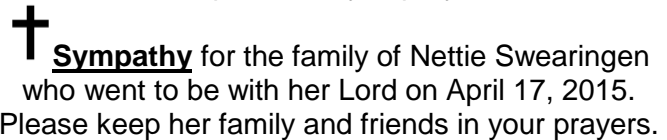
Join us on May 6th at 12:15 for lunch. Come enjoy the meal and fellowship! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors.

Please sign you and your friends up in the narthex if you would like to attend or bring a dessert.

Contact Mary Buechmann, Antoinette Romano or Geraldine Barrett for any questions.

With Heartfelt
Sympathy


Sympathy for the family of Carol Polk, mother of Rachel Wied, passed away on Sunday, April 12th, complications of diabetes. Rachel is the daughter-in-law of George and Janice Wied. Please keep the family in prayer.


Sympathy for the family of Nettie Swearingen who went to be with her Lord on April 17, 2015. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

True Remedies from Home

A lot of things I often use today when colds and pains and heartaches trouble me are remedies that worked to chase away those ailments when my mother doctored me. I must admit I liked the peach tree leaf tea better than the peach tree switch! And yet I didn't like that tea too much! --- Relief for stuffy heads and scratchy throats we'd get with hoar-hound candy Mother cooked from weeds that grew out in the woods! Or tea she'd boil with lemon juice and honey. --- Other needs were cured with orange juice and castor oil!

One remedy still works to heal me of my hurts and pains today – my Mother's love!

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Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid is having a bake sale Friday, May 8th beginning at 8:00 am at Citizens State Bank. We need support from everyone to help bake items for the sale. Won't you join the ladies by baking or supporting this project? If you plan on helping by baking please bring your baked items to Citizens State Bank by 8:00 am on Friday, May 8th which is the day of the sale or bring in during office hours on Thursday, May 7th the day before the bake sale and leave in kitchen and one of the ladies will come by the church to transport them to the bank. Please sign up in the Narthex on the magnetic board if you would like to bake something for the bake sale. Thank you for your support in advance!

Loretta Dziadek



High School and

College Graduation will take place on Sunday June 7th during the 10:15 am worship service. Please have available to church office a couple of baby pictures, activity pictures and a cap and gown picture to be placed on the screen. Please let the church office know if you are graduating college. Please hand pictures into the church office by Friday, May 22nd. PLEASE WEAR YOUR GRADUATION CAP AND GOWN!



“Vision for Kenya”

God's generosity has opened three spots for those wanting to take part in the “Vision for Kenya” mission trip. If you want to participate, Trinity Klein will be sending teams Thursday, May 28, through Sunday June 7, 2015. There are three positions left open for Trinity to send five full teams. Their four teams filled to overflowing as God always provides abundantly. The time is now very short and participants must already have a valid passport and be able to complete vaccinations prior to departure. Contact Pastor Dale or wife Sieg Leland at (979-732-3007) if you are interested in the adventure of a lifetime.



Congratulations

Everyone is invited to the four year old class graduation that will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2015 during the 10:15 am worship service. The children will wear the preschool's cap and gown that must be returned. The children will be able to keep their tassels as a gift. A gift bag with keepsakes will also be given to each pre-kindergarten child to take home.

We would like the parents of the children to be prompt bringing their child/children to their classrooms at 9:45 am. This will give us ample time to put the caps and gowns on the children and for the parents to take pictures.

Most important, we would like all the parents out of the classrooms by 10:00 am so we can calm the excited children and be ready for the ceremony.


After the worship service the parents and congregation are invited to have cake and punch in the gym. This is also a good time for the parents to take pictures of the graduating children with friends, families and teachers for keepsakes.


I would like to say a Big Thank You to the preschool parents, congregation, preschool board members and the teachers for their support and dedication throughout the year, and a special thank you to Mary Buechmann for supplying the graduation cake for all of us to enjoy.

Please come and take part in these children's lives and watch them graduate and move forward as they continue to learn and know that

Jesus loves them. Remember to be here by 9:45 am on Sunday, May 17th for GRADUATION!

I pray for each child whether going to kindergarten or just going into the next class. I pray that we have given each child the right teaching tools to look to God in their times of need. I pray as you grow throughout the years not to let things get in the way of learning, praying and most of all loving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I ask this in your precious name. Amen.


 **Sunglasses Day!** On Thursday, May 7th, the children may come to preschool wearing sunglasses! Please label your child's sunglasses with their names. Hopefully we will have a beautiful sunny day to enjoy God's world through our sunglasses.


 **Water Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt!** When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat.

Between having fun and checking out the lifeguards, most people don't think much about water safety — but they should. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death.

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will talk to the children about water safety tips.

Splashing, wading, and paddling — it must mean a great day in the water. Playing at the beach, at a water park, by a lake, or in a pool can be a real treat on a hot day. Swimming is a lot of fun, but Mr. Gary will tell us how to stay safe in the water.

 **Wear Purple Day!** On Friday May 7th the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.

 **Ice Cream Wednesdays!** July is National Ice Cream Month in the USA and the 3rd Sunday in July is National Ice Cream Day.

Preschool will celebrate ice cream day each Wednesday for the month of May since we are not in school in the month of July. It is hard to imagine greater fun than enjoying the taste of ice cream.

In the USA more ice cream is consumed per head than any other country in the world – such is the love of ice cream among Americans. This is reflected in other ways too, not least by the fact that the USA has its own 'National Ice Cream Month'. Since 1984, when President Reagan proclaimed that National Ice Cream Month be celebrated annually, every July has been a focus for greater attention to ice cream in the United States with the

3rd Sunday of that month each year being National Ice Cream Day.


Wednesday, May 6th Popsicles!

Wednesday, May 13th Ice Cream Cones


Wednesday, May 20th Push Ups


Wednesday, May 27th Ice Cream Sandwiches

With ice cream loved by so many people around the world, the preschoolers will enjoy ice cream every Wednesday this month and hopefully in July, the real month to celebrate ICE CREAM DAY!

 **Back Yard Picnic!** We will have a blast outside by having a Back Yard Picnic. We know how much the children enjoy playing outside and bringing their lunch.

All the children need to bring a sack lunch along with a drink on Friday, May 15th to enjoy the day outside with our Back Yard Picnic! Whether we have rain or not we will enjoy the day!


 **Rainbow Day!** The preschool will have a Rainbow Day on Friday, May 29th which is the last day of preschool. We would like all the children to wear as many colors as they can to reinforce the colors learned throughout the year!

 **Potty Training!** I want to remind the two year old parents that all who are going into the three year old class this fall must be potty trained. Please remember that if your child is not potty trained they may not be in the three year old class. That means no pull ups! Each child must be in underwear or panties!

Please work with your child at home supervising them to take down their own bottoms and get themselves onto the toilet, wipe, flush and pull up their own bottoms. By working together, let's make this our goal for them to go potty without assistance.

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. I appreciate all the parents supporting the teacher for potty training the children.

If your child has been sent home with a change of clothes from Trinity, please return it by the end of this school year.

 **A Special Thank You!** To all the parents and congregational members I want to say thank you for supporting the preschool this year.

Parents, I appreciate all the donations of snacks, volunteering and prayers given to the preschool. Thank you for sending your child to learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and most of all the appreciation of loving the preschool. Your heart shows the love by your participation! From the bottom of my heart and the teachers, THANK YOU!

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.

The teachers and office staff Robin have done an excellent job this year in loving all the children and teaching them about Jesus. God has placed this special staff of Trinity who give their all in everything they do here at preschool. I appreciate each and every one for all the hard work this year.

Each year it is hard to say good-bye to the children and their families. We will miss the children who are leaving to enter kindergarten or moving away or for the families that have had more than one or two children in the program and now their last child, their baby, is graduating preschool.

You are always welcome to come by and visit the preschool, visit church if you are looking for a church home or join us for VBS during the summers. You are always welcome!



Teacher Appreciation! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th – May 8th. Preschool teachers have a special gift and talent in teaching and loving our children.

Thanks to all who make these teachers feel important, blessed and loved. Thank you for making this a great week for these special teachers who touch the heart of all of us. Thanks for being there for all of us all year long. All of you are special parents with a caring heart. You are greatly appreciated!

End of School Party! Preschool will have their end of school hot dog party on Wednesday, May 27th, 9:30 am-10:30 am. Please look for the sign-up list to help with games and refreshments!

“All things are possible with God”. (Mark 10:27)

**Have a Great Summer from All of Us At
Trinity Lutheran Preschool
In Christ, Ms. Maggie**



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 13, 2015

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner whom also said the prayer. Norma Pavelka presented the devotion No Strings Attached (John 15:2).

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
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:
George Wied - Vice President

Visitor: Pastor Ken Bersche
Minutes from the March 9, 2015 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made motion to accept minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Motion made by Ruth Szymanski for Lee Hobratschk to be a delegate for the convention in June in San Marcos. Valerie Engelbrecht seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The March 31, 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$92,107.55, Building Fund is \$55,335.99, Designated Funds is \$57,772.12 and total of all Funds is \$205,215.66. The General Fund Contributions is \$17,927.42. Total management and general expenses is \$13,571.09. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$4,356.33. General Fund Expenditures is \$13,571.09.

*Discussion on office supplies expense from February 28, 2015 report.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*Discussion/questions about C17, C18, C19 and E27 on 2015 Proposed Budget worksheet in preparation for the 2016 Proposed Budget worksheet.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Jimmy Meyer helped clean projector filters in sanctuary and could not find out why movie projector takes so long to turn off.

*Bills were paid.

George Wied - Vice President (absent)

*No report presented.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

- *Lenten and Easter season was good.
- *Confirmation class starting again from break.
- *Adult Bible Study starts Sermon on the Mount and finished Deuteronomy.
- *Pastor welcomed Pastor Bersche to meeting.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education

- *Board is working on Sunday School issues.
- *Youth Services will be Mother's Day and Father's Day.
- *Communication with parents and students being worked on.
- *Discussion on children giving flowers to ladies on Mother's Day.
- *VBS will be June 16-18th 2015.

Patricia Gum - Youth

- *Patricia will be working on Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- *Jr. High Sunday School class - offered to pickup students to get them to class *Glory Bound - Kim Kornegay booked 3 rooms for July 16-19th in San Marcos for 9th - 12th graders. Information will be coming out this month. Council advised to put information on media to get pledges or donations from congregation.
- *Board is looking at other activities for the future.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

- *Pre-school graduation - Ruth will get with Maggie for gift bags to students.
- *Sealy News advertising - will put ads in News Bit section (no paid ads)
- Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
- *Pancake Breakfast had a good turn out.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

- *Will work to replace lights outside.
- *Discussion from Lee Hobratschk on sanctuary lights that should dim.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

- *Everything is okay.
- President Toellner called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. A motion was made by Lee Hobratschk to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Marlene Leiber seconded the motion all approved and motion carried.

New Business:

- *Pastor Franke stipend (\$125 per service) for special services during March and April, 2015. A motion made by Valerie Engelbrecht to approve stipend for Pastor Franke for 6 Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday (8 services) at \$125 per service. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

- *Pastor Bersche's Installation - will be in June or July
- *Discussion on Pastor Franke's retirement reception - planned for September. Dale will check on dates with caterer and book.
- *Congregation Meeting will be April 26th - only item could be Pre-school Board election
- *Discussion by Lee Hobratschk on nursery and need for it on Sundays during service. He will get with Maggie for more information and will present to Elders to find volunteers.
- *No further new business.

There being no further business, President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. A motion made by Patricia Gum to adjourn meeting. Carol Jean Hauschild seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Patricia Gum will do devotion for May meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, May 11, 2015. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Dale Toellner, President
Johanna Buechmann – Secretary



Thank you Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke for your participation and dedication to the Preschool Program, preschool staff, preschool parents and their children. You are greatly appreciated!



Celebrating Dr. Seuss Birthday



Chapel Time with the Preschoolers