



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

JUNE 2015



**Happy
Father's Day!**

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



"IT'S SUMMER TIME -- AND THE LIVING IS EASY!"

This familiar line from the Gershwin opera, 'Porgy and Bess', reminds us that in the South, we have a longing for the lazy, summer afternoons of our youth. When the crops were growing and the mid-day heat imposed a siesta break, we could read or doze or just sit quietly in the shade of some familiar tree and reflect on the meaning of life. But we don't have time for that anymore!

It is cooler in the house or the car than under any shade tree we can find! We don't have time to read a book when there are movies on television every hour of the day or night and hundreds of Netflix to rent! There are so many places to go and things to do and so many new posts on Facebook to check! How can we reflect on life when we are so busy living it?

We usually think that life is lived at a more frantic pace today than it was in years gone by. Actually, there have always been only twenty-four hours in a day, and people have always had more than enough activities to fill up every day. That is why our gracious God provided a Sabbath Day -- a day of rest. "Take time," God said, "to reflect on the meaning of life."

To make sure we would get the point God added, "Because in six days I made the world and everything in it, but on the seventh day, even I rested. ... And besides, when you were slaves in Egypt, you worked hard, day in and day out, 24 - 7. Now rest, and think about what it means that you serve me." (*Exodus 20:8ff & Dueteronomy 5:12ff, paraphrased*)

When the Father's Son had declared his work finished and been laid to rest in a borrowed tomb because he had no place of his own to lay his head, God looked back at his work and once more saw that it was very good.

The next morning when our Lord woke up, he rested and reflected on the real meaning of life. He opened the minds of his disciples so they could understand the Holy Scriptures: "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

When these summer days are slipping by and your life is not at all easy, take time to reflect on the meaning of life. Come sit in the shadow of Christ's cross at the foot of his altar in the cool of the church pew on a Sunday morning. Let God touch you with his Word, and know the power of his peace!

Pastor Gil Franke



GREETINGS TO YOU ON THIS SPECIAL DAY

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



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

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

† Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

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CLASS OF
2015
 Class of 2015

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

† *Erik Julian* † *Lauren Thielemann*
 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



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Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society would like to thank everyone for making our bake sale a huge success.

God's Blessings to You,

**THANK YOU
 ALL
 VERY MUCH**

Ladies Aid



Bake Sale for TLC Choir!

Trinity Lutheran Church Choir is having a bake sale on Friday, June 19, 2015 beginning at 9:00 am at Citizens State Bank. Your support is needed to help bake items for the bake sale. Please bring your baked items to Citizens State Bank on Friday morning June 19th or bring them Thursday during office hours and leave them in the kitchen and we will pick up the baked items. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to bake an item or two for the support of Trinity Lutheran Church Choir. Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank You In Advance!

Trinity Lutheran Church Choir



Church Planning Meeting is set for

Monday June 8th 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 2015 - January 2016) 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.



VBS! TLC Vacation Bible School is

fast approaching. Trinity Lutheran VBS 2015 June 16 - 18, 2015 (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 glass window sign-up list to help with VBS. There is definitely something for everyone to help with VBS 2015. 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 double glass doors. 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.



SUMMER

ACTIVITIES:

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR STRENGTHENING YOUR PERSONAL FAITH AND LIFE

Set aside 15 minutes or more each day to spend in prayer and Bible reading. Get up a little earlier if necessary or take 15 minutes at your lunch break -- or during the evening news!

Make a commitment to read one Psalm a day. You may want to start with Psalm 42 and read through Psalm 72. These thirty Psalms comprise the second book of Psalms and include several well known prayers of repentance and encouragement.

Make a special point each day to use your choice of family or private devotional material: "Portals of Prayer," "My Devotion," an old Lenten booklet, or some other devotional material.

If there is someone with whom you have had a misunderstanding in recent weeks, call, write, or visit to apologize for hard feelings, to extend forgiveness, and to affirm your friendship.

Read through Luther's Small Catechism, brushing up on your memorization of the chief parts and explanations.

Take some time to read "Christian Questions with their Answers" from Luther's Small Catechism as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Altar.

Write out a prayer list of special concerns and individuals who need your prayers. Review and update it daily. Remember to include prayers of thanks for God's blessings.

Remember the dates of your Baptism and Confirmation. Review your Confirmation verse. Thank God for those who brought you to Baptism and prayed for you through Confirmation instruction. If they are still living, thank them!

Examine everything you do by the words of our Lord: "Let your light shine before others, so they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Consider your actions toward others to see if they reflect your Gracious God in a good way.



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met in May 7th with eight members present.

After the opening prayer, Betty Herridge gave the topic from The Portals of Prayer.

The bake sale to be held on Friday, May 8th was discussed.

“Blest BE The Tie That Binds” was sung in memory of departed member, Nettie Swearingen.

First communion gifts were given to the five students on Maundy Thursday.

Hostesses for the June meeting will be Antoinette Romano and Loretta Dziadek.

After the closing and table prayers, refreshments were served by hostesses, Ruth Paben and Betty Herridge.

Loretta Dziadek



TLC BARBECUE!

August 9th is the day for our annual BBQ this year. The live and silent auctions bring a unique opportunity to donate something handcrafted. We all love to own one of a kind items made by our friends. We are in the canning season--how about donating some jellies, vegetables, or fruits? It doesn't even have to be processed--a nice box of fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, or okra is a treat for someone without a garden! Also, watch your local stores for big sales on items--it could be the big ticket item of the day! Some merchants may even be willing to donate an item! Be sure to ask all your neighbors and friends to attend this year.



Thanks

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 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, Trustees and Preschool Staff for supporting the preschool program. There are so many blessings to be thankful for and individual

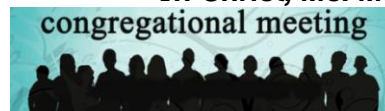
people to thank throughout Trinity Lutheran Church and the community.

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 2015-2016 school year. Your love and support is greatly appreciated and it shows!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON APRIL 26, 2015

President Dale Toellner called the meeting to order. Pastor Franke said the prayer.

Minutes from Congregational Meeting on October 26, 2014 and January 25, 2015 Special Congregational Meeting were read for approval. Motion made by George Wied to accept minutes as read. Susie Toellner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Pre-school Board ballot of Patsy Romano and Cheryl Steinhauser was read to the congregation. Board members rolling off are Jennifer Smith and Laci Tesch. The floor was open to nominations with none presented. Norma Pavelka made motion to accept nominations as presented by acclamation. Susie Toellner seconded the motion. All approved and the motion carried.

There are future events coming up with Pastor Bersche. Pastor Franke's retirement party will be September 13th with Ben's Chuck Wagon catering the meal.

There being no further business, President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by George Wied, seconded by Brad Kent to adjourn. All approved and the motion carried.

*Dale Toellner, President
Johanna Buechmann, Secretary*



**MINUTES OF TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2015**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner, who also said the prayer. Patricia Gum presented the devotion "Don't Let Anyone Look Down on You" (1 Timothy 4:12).

Council Members Present: Pastor Franke -
Vacancy Pastor

- Dale Toellner – President
- George Wied - Vice 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: none

Minutes from the April 13, 2015 meeting were presented for review and approval. Correction made to Elders report change movie projector to DVD Player. Ruth Szymanski made motion to accept minutes as corrected. Lee Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Pastor Franke's retirement party was booked with Ben's Chuck Wagon for September 13, 2015 with chicken fried steak.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The April 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$99,185.39, Building Fund is \$55,684.81, Designated Funds is \$56,950.05 and Total - All Funds is \$211,820.25. The General Fund Contributions is \$18,904.00. Total management and general expenses is \$13,253.23. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$5,650.77. General Fund Expenditures is \$13,253.23.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*Discussion on what to do with contribution envelopes that were never picked up.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

- *Jimmy Meyer worked on DVD recorder in Choir Loft.
- *Elders paid \$62.50 in bills.
- *There is a discrepancy on attendance between blue cards and elder count.
- *Ushers did a good job Sunday during offering.
- *Discussion on nursery volunteers.

George Wied - Vice President

- *Keep Pastor Bersche and everyone in North Texas in our prayers due to weather.
- *Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm on June 8th.
- *Discussion on Pastor Bersche's home buying.

Pastor Franke - Vacancy Pastor

- *Rite of Confirmation service will be June 14th with Confirmation Profession of Faith might be Wednesday, June 10th.
- *Lee Hobratschk and Pastor will be attending the Texas Convention in San Marcos June 4th - 6th.
- *Pastor Franke was very happy with youth service on Mother's Day.

Valerie Engelbrecht - Education

- *Youth service was good.
- *Board is working on VBS which is June 16th-18th.
- *Youth service will be June 21st which will be the VBS closing and Father's Day.
- *Valerie will teach all Summer Sunday School and will get fill in when needed.
- *Discussion on moving communion from June 21st (Father's Day/VBS youth service) to another Sunday. Elders will discuss at their next meeting.
- *VBS mission project will be Bibles for Thailand.
- *A donkey was found to rent.

Patricia Gum - Youth

- *Discussion on Glory Bound for media and youth wanting to attend.
- *Katy Grigar is planning a youth event on June 7th after church for an end of school fling with other churches (youth) in area with lunch.
- *Discussion about a Wednesday night youth event.
- *Discussion on list of favorite hymns.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Ruth will get with Maggie on gift bags for Pre-school graduates.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Norma is waiting on dates and information on future events.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

- *Maggie will get new paper shredder.
- *Everything else is working.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Everything is okay.

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

New Business:

- *Church BBQ - planning will start in June.
- *No further new business.

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

Marlene Leiber will do devotion for June meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 2015. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

*Dale Toellner, President
Johanna Buechmann – Secretary*

Thrivent Choice

Remember to call or email Thrivent Choice each quarter to make your choice. The next time would be the middle of June. If you have any questions please contact Grace Holtkamp.

A Girl and Her Father

Between a scrub cap and a mask,
bright eyes proclaim an honest pride!
With gentle care he owns the task
to place his daughter safe inside
the nursery's ready bassinet.


His smile reveals a father's love;
he reaches out his hand to let
her take his arm and jump above
the muddy puddles in her path
while laughter lifts their joyful hearts.

At night when she has had her bath,
"Sleep well!" he calls from distant parts.
Long days and nights on longer roads
to keep a home and clothes and food
he hauls the oilfields' heavy loads.

Sometimes she's in a somber mood
and has not seen her dad for days.

She wears a shirt for all to see
and shows her love by how she says:
"My daddy brought it home for me!"

-- Gilbert A Franke, 5/26/2015



Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

WORD BANK	ask do eternal If good good Why
	good Jesus life man One Teacher

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
"_____, what _____ thing must I _____
to get _____ life?" " _____ do you
_____ me about what is _____?" Jesus replied.
"There is only _____ who is _____.
_____ you want to enter _____ ...

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Matthew 19:16-17, niv

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life ... obey the commandments."

What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.
—Unknown