



TRINITY TIDBITS

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



**Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son**

AUGUST 2015



**BBQ Tickets
\$10.00**



Worship Services for Annual BBQ:

Sunday, August 9th

Pit Side Worship 6:30 am

Sunday, August 9th

Regular Worship 9:00 am.

Church BBQ 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

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

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885-9496**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, of Trinity in Sealy, Texas
May the grace of God through our Lord Jesus Christ be with you at all times and all places.

Something new! What makes life interesting are the new things in life. They don't even have to be brand new, as if you just bought them, but something that reminds us about being "new".

About two years ago, right before Christmas, I went through my closet at home. What I found were clothes that I hadn't worn because they were buried under other clothes. Now, I don't get too excited about clothes, but I felt like Christmas had come early that year. I was excited to wear a fairly new sweater for Christmas, because I felt it was something "new".

Something new, up until the time when the person who gave me the sweater commented that she thought I didn't like it or had given it away. I felt ashamed, but I thanked her a second time for the sweater. I still remember what newness brings to relationships and life.

As I and my family pack and go through a lot of things I haven't seen for a while, it reminds me of a new chapter that will take place in our lives and yours. As you receive me as your "new" pastor, please keep us in your prayers and I will do the same for you. I look forward in serving you in the years to come, even when the "new" has worn off.

Something new! As I begin a new chapter of Trinity in Sealy, there is nothing more precious than what our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection brings us. Our lives are definitely made "new", each and every day. That "newness" never wears out or old. We are always made new again: forgiven of our sins, washed in His blood, and raised to newness of life.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in NEWNESS of life. Romans 6:3-4

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

Pasta Ken Pastor Ken Bersche



I and my family sincerely and deeply thank you for your hospitality last Sunday, July 19th. We appreciate your love and support for us. We also would like to express our gratitude to all of you for your cards and gifts of love to us. We look forward in serving together with all of you to further God's kingdom here at Trinity in Sealy. God's richest blessings to all of you!!

Pastor Bersche



Greetings to you on this Special Day

8/01	Evangeline Coody	8/13	Lee Allen Palm	Pat Buechmann
8/04	Mary Grunke	8/15	RYANNE MEYER	Shirley Svinky
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/15	James Schmidt	Dean Jacobson
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	Pat Schmidt	
8/09	Krishna Langton	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/27 Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	Bill Reay	8/17	Karleigh Konesheck	Rob Emshoff
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/18	Alton Kveton	8/31 Rae Terrell
8/12	Patsy Romano			



Happy Anniversary

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

8/2/1969	Charles and Beverly Ekarius	8/18/1990	Tony and Audra Luttrall
8/4/1951	Glenwood and Vivian Kveton ♥	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin		



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>Charles Bolten Colonial Belle – Sealy</p> <p>*Louise Kinsey - Colonial Belle – Sealy</p>	<p>Geraldine Abel 1255 Woody Lane Sealy, TX 77474 885-2719</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>
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Advance!!! BBQ Tickets!!

\$10.00

**Don't Wait Until the Last Minute
 Only 700 Plates Will Be Sold**



**Before/After Worship/Church Office
 or Call Patsy Romano**



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Lutheran Witness Subscription

**AUGUST 30th IS THE LAST DAY TO
 ORDER YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!!**

If you are interested in receiving the subscription the cost is \$22.00 through Concordia Publishing House without The Texas Messenger. Or you can request and pay the church to purchase the subscription for \$13.00 and this is with the Texas Messenger. Contact the church office. DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER FOR LW WILL BE SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015. After the deadline you will have to order LW on your own.



**The church floors including
 gym will be waxed during the
 week of August 17-21st. Please
 enter carefully!**

Thank-You! Thanks to all the ladies who brought sandwiches and cookies for Pastor Kenneth Bersche's Installation.
Mary Buechmann



June 28, 2015 congratulations and blessings to: Junior Comfirmant Drake Grigar, Adult Confirmants John Vrablec and Nikki Taylor; Transfer of membership from Trinity Lutheran Church Houston, Ron and Susie Hartmann along with Pastor Gilbert Franke.



The congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church extends a warm welcome to Rev. Kenneth Bersche on June 28, 2015. The installation service was wonderful and thanks to all of the District and Area Pastors for joining us in the special time. We are excited to start this new journey with Pastor Bersche and his family.



Sunday, July 19, 2015 Trinity Lutheran Church our journey begins with a pot luck meal welcoming Pastor Kenneth, wife Melissa and daughters Samantha and Danielle Bersche. Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy is blessed to have Pastor Ken lead this congregation.

HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE



The Houston Lutheran Chorale is seeking new singers to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in music and song.

Who: All who love to sing – no auditions are required.

When: Rehearsals begin August 16. From 2 PM to 5 PM two

Sunday afternoons each month. Concerts are scheduled for December 5 & 6.

Other special performances may be added. (Details at

www.hlc-tx.org)

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Houston Avenue, Houston 77007

For More Information: call 832-489-6773 or visit our web site at

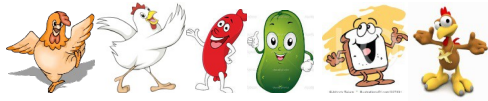
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Barbecue Bites: We're down



to just a few weeks before our second ever barbecue served in our own fellowship hall. I don't know about you, but I am very excited about it! Be sure to check out the posters on the glass windows-there are SO many donations needed to help pay for items from chicken to charcoal, and everything in between the two--THANK YOU so much to everyone who has made a donation so far. It's not too late to help out that way-there are still envelopes that you can place your donation in-either place in the offering plate, or turn in to Maggie. There will be plenty of things to enjoy that day: delicious bbq meal, desserts by Ladies Aid, live & silent auction, Country Store of Sweets, Jellies and Relishes & kids' games. Ladies Aid is asking for donations for desserts, along with the country store, and both auctions. You may bring auction items to the office now-be sure to have your name & fair market value of the item (what you paid)-this will help the auction committee tremendously, and guarantee that you get credit for the donation. Remember to invite your friends!!! There will only be 700 tickets available, so don't wait until the day of bbq to purchase your tickets-you might be going home hungry!!! See you at the bbq!



Dessert Menu For Ladies Aid



Ladies Aid is in need of desserts for the BBQ. Please sign up on the glass window if you would like to bring cakes, cobblers, pies, cookies or whatever you would like to bake to sale at the BBQ for desserts.

Country Store of Sweets, Jellies and Relishes



Country Store of Sweets & Stuff is new to the Church BBQ this year. We will be selling nothing but homemade food items such as cakes, cup cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, muffins, breads, candy, chex mix etc. along with jellies, jams, preserves, and canned items (pickles, fruits, vegetables). No bought items this year. Please dress your items up (be creative). Prices will range from \$1 to \$20 like bake sale items. If you would like to donate an item(s), please sign up in the glass hallway on the Country Store of Sweets & Stuff donation sheet. Items will need to be brought to the Fellowship Center on Saturday, August 8th after 10 am and on Sunday, August 9th before 10 am. We appreciate you helping us with this new adventure. For any questions, please contact Mary or Johanna Buechmann at 979-885-2730.



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid Society met on July 2nd with nine members and one visitor, Susie Hartman, present. Susie Hartman was welcomed as a new member.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and then the topic, "The Lamb" was given by Betty Herridge.

The Ladies Aid members will be in charge of the dessert table at the church barbecue so details were finalized.

Hostesses for the August meeting will be Betty Remmert and Susie Hartman.

Fred and Ruth Paben observed their 62nd wedding anniversary this month.

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

Our next meeting is on August 6th. Visitors are always welcome.

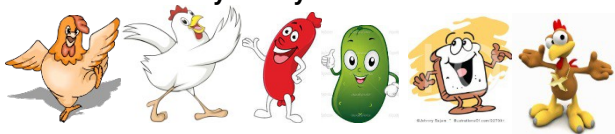
Loretta Dziadek

SIGN UP TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE BBQ!

To help defray the cost of the BBQ we are asking for help in monetary donations. Please check out the donation listings on the glass windows as you walk in through the glass doors and sign up for the items you would like to help with. Please place your money in the envelope and give to the church office or place in the offering plate. Be sure to register your name and the amount contributed on the envelope so your donation can be properly credited. Thank you for all your help in defraying the cost! Let's make this a successful year!

If you would like to help in any way with the BBQ please contact one of the BBQ Committee Members.

- A. Sales – Patricia Gum.....979-743-5319
- B. Publicity—Maggie Kent.....865-9797
- C. Barbecue—Troy Tesch..... 885-6601
- D. Kitchen—Mary Buechmann.....885-2730
- E. Kitchen – Maggie Kent.....865-9799
- F. Serving inside—Paul & Loyce Orsak.....979-335-6354
- G. Serving to go – Richard Engelbrecht.....281-740-9618
- H. Serving to go – Mark Romano.....885-2384
- I. Treasurer & Ticket Sales—Patsy Romano.....885-2384
- J. Treasurer & Ticket Sales - Linda Blume.....885-3285
- K. Set up and Clean Up—Bill Blume.....885-3285
- L. Sauce & Gravy—Johnny Griffin.....979-398-0706
- M. Beans—David & Carol Jean Hauschild.....885-3492
- N. Purchasing & Preparation—Jerry Leiber.....885-6773
- O. Potatoes—Troy Tesch Family.....885-6601
- P. Live/Silent Auction—George & Janice Wied....865-5357
- Q. Donations—Maggie Kent..... 865-9797
- R. Donations – Geraldine Barrett.....885-3450
- S. Country Store of Sweets, Jellies & Relishes
Mary Buechmann & Johanna Buechmann.....885-2730
- T. Kid Games—Valerie Englebrecht.....281-703-4903
- U. Kid Games – Rachel Wolf.....877-0341
- V. Coordinator—George Wied.....865-5357
- W. Tea—Patricia Gum.....
979-743-5319
- Cakes and Pies – Ladies Aid
Antoinette Romano.....281-217-7177
- X. Historian—Fred Paben.....885-0904
- Y. Shut-In Delivery—Mary Grunke.....885-6929



Thank You



Wow, it is hard to believe that Preschool will begin in a few weeks! My first day back to preschool will be Monday, August 10th and the teacher's first day back will be Monday August 17th.

I can't wait until my next newsletter to introduce Pastor Bersche to my teachers and parents.

Preschool parent letters will be mailed out the second week of August notifying parents of orientation and necessary forms to be turned into the office.

On Wednesday, August 19th I will be with the preschool staff in conference 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for staff orientation and staff training.

Preschool Parent Orientation will be Thursday, August 27th 6:00 pm-7:00pm in the sanctuary. During Parent Orientation parents are given new Minimum Standard updates that pertain to them and last minute information about the preschool. This is also a great time for parents to ask questions and meet their child's teacher.

The first day of Preschool will be Monday, August 31st. I would like to say a Great Huge Thank You to everyone in advance for all your support and prayers for the preschool. You are greatly appreciated!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 2015

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner. George Wied said the prayer and presented the devotion "Saving the Reluctant" (Genesis 19:12-25) from My Daily Bread.

Council Members Present:

Dale Toellner - President
 George Wied - Vice President
 Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer
 Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
 Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair
 Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
 Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
 Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
 Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
 Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: Pastor Bersche, Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair, Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

Minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting were presented for review and approval. George Wied made motion to accept minutes. Carol Jean Hauschild seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Hwy 36 sign repair status- refer to Fred Paben's report

*Patricia Gum asked if anyone found information from constitution on who can serve on Youth Board.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The June 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$108,663.33, Building Fund is \$56,379.61, Designated Funds is \$58,210.05 and Total - All Funds is \$223,252.99. The General Fund Contributions are \$16,606.00. Total management and general expenses is \$12,725.39. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$3,880.61. General Fund Expenditures is \$12,725.39.

*Discussion on Hwy 36 sign on invoice payment.

*Dale Toellner is waiting on total moving expenses from Pastor Bersche.

*Discussion on VBS collection deposit for mission project Thai children's Bibles and where to deposit/post

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair (absent) *No reports presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Church BBQ Pit service is at 6:30 am and Church service at 9:00 am. Pastor Bersche will conduct both services.

*Discussion on 10 am church service with 9:00 to 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study. This is on hold until discussed with Pastor Bersche.

*Geraldine Abel is going into hospice care.

George Wied - Vice President

*BBQ plans going smoothly.

*Ken and Susie Hartmann will take Robert Richter's place on sales.

Pastor Bersche (absent)

*No report presented.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education

*VBS report - 34 children with 11 children from Trinity Lutheran Church, 14 adults and 7 youth were helpers; next year there will be 2 groups instead of one; \$120 was donated plus other donations, stayed within budget and will return unopened items; \$176.00 collected for 44 Thai children's Bibles for mission project.

*Board will send out Rally Day mailers with children's photos in them.

*BBQ games will be in Choir Room/Study Room and can buy tickets upstairs.

*Pastor Bersche's suggestions on High School Sunday School - put on hold to contact him *Board of Ed room moved upstairs and will organize later.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*Sealybration booth cancelled due to time restraints. Instead, youth had Bake Sale in which \$503 donated. There will be 4 youth and 3 adults attending Glory Bound and \$488 will be taken for expenses.

*VBS shirts ordered for staff and youth and will order more shirts for other youth to wear for events and other occasions.

*Church BBQ - youth will do tea

*The youth attended the Houston Astros Faith and Family night with a Christian concert featuring Mercy Me with 15 total people attending. Discussion on mileage.

*Discussion on Texas District Church Extension Fund Youth account statement - Council referred Patricia to call for more information.

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

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Sunday, July 19th - Potluck for Pastor Bersche and family *Sunday, September 13th - Catered meal for Pastor Franke

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Report presented and read by Johanna of upcoming and completed tasks to include Hwy 36 sign repair status. The total cost of the sign will be \$9,321.34 with our insurance paying \$5,000.00, Knesek Bros Funeral Chapels paying \$2,160.00 and TLC paying \$2,160.00. Superior Signs & Electrical Services will be repairing the overhead sign on Hwy 36 and will replace the 2-pan faces, paint and install new retainer system and supply and install GE Led lighting system.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Everything is okay.

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

New Business:

***No 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.

Valerie Engelbrecht will do devotion for August meeting.

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

Dale Toellner, President

Johanna Buechmann, Secretary

10 reasons to attend church

- 1. To have fellowship with the crucified and risen Christ.**
- 2. To worship.**
- 3. To be forgiven.**
- 4. To hear the voice of God.**

- 5. To grow in the knowledge of the Bible, God's Word.
 - 6. To feed your soul.
 - 7. To be prayed for.
 - 8. To be loved and encouraged.
 - 9. To love and encourage your fellow Christians.
 - 10. To promote the Gospel.
- Dr. Richard P. Bucher



Lessons on Greeting

Eschelmann says,



- Every church member is a host and not a guest. Making visitors feel welcome is primarily the responsibility of all members, not the nebulous “church.”
- The most important person for a visitor to talk to in order to feel at home in a new church is you. It is not the pastor, or the greeter, but a regular attender. “One of the most impressive gestures we can extend to first time visitors is for people with no official position to take the initiative and welcome them.”
- Treat first time visitors as guests of God, not strangers.
- Smile at everyone and offer your hand.
- Look people in the eye and smile.
- Take the initiative, don't wait for visitors to initiate conversation with you.
- Learn people's names and remember them.
- Use [only] appropriate and allowed Touch such as a hand shake or a gentle pat on the back.
- Ask questions and learn about your guests. It is better to express interest in them than it is to try to “sell” your church.
- Listening is a very effective way to show love.
- Greet children at their level.
- Let children be children. Yes, families love children's church and child care. We also love

it when you allow us to decide if our children should remain with us in worship. And even more, when you love our kids as kids (crying, playing, singing!) and don't expect them to be grown-ups.

- Invite visitors to join you at something, anything! Invite them to today's fellowship meal, next Sunday's Christian Education hour, or to a restaurant for some one on one time.
- Never let new people sit alone. Eschelmann says, “New people should never have to sit alone. Take initiative and go to them without delay.”
- Help visitors find seating that suits their families needs.
- Help first time visitors by being their tour guide and helping them find worship resources. Visiting a new church is like a cross-cultural experience, even for those of us who have visited dozens of other churches.
- Invite people to fill out your church's visitor registration card or information.
- Tell people you're glad they are here.
- Pray for them throughout your week.
- Be yourself! You are loving! You have a good thing going! You have the capacity to love more people, and to love more deeply. Eschelmann says, “Practice making people feel special, and what you give to others will be returned to you.”

Hospitality is not a given among Christians, it's a calling which requires a specific skill set.



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.
5. 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 at the same level even when you must be absent!
10. Encourage your pastor...they receive enough discouragements from other places.

Bellville St. Joseph Health Care Center
 Texas Department of Health and Human Services
 Cost: \$30.00 per person
 After August 3rd: \$40.00 per person
 Get Your Questions Answered
 Get the Facts from Health Professionals
 Get the Encouragement to make Positive Changes
 Refreshments Served
 Registration forms available at
<http://austin.agrilife.org>
 or Contact Michelle Allen 979-865-2072



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/grandchildren etc. 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.



A program for people with type 2 diabetes
 Monday – August 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and
 September 8th – 6:30 PM

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 Michelle Allen 979-885-2072



What is a teacher, if not a mirror in which we perceive the divine image hidden in the soul? What is a teacher, if not a sower of seed and a cultivator of young gardens? What is a teacher, if not a shaper of souls and a guide who gently shows the right path for the journey? What is a teacher, if not the most hopeful of dreamers, who plants and nurtures and sees the bright destiny and harvest of the work even when the student cannot? What is a teacher, if not a shepherd watching over the flock and leading it to abundant pastures?

Dreamers and sharers of dreams, sowers of seed and guides who chart the way, mirrors of goodness and shepherds of grace — it is for these teachers and this ministry that we give abundant thanks to God.

—Author unknown

Five gifts from God



Love makes our friends a little dearer.
 Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.

Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown