



# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



**Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son**

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

Pastor Franke's Appreciation  
Catered Meal – Cost \$10.00  
On Sunday, September 13, 2015  
After the Worship Service  
Deadline to purchase tickets is  
Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:45 am Fellowship**

**9:05 am Sunday  
School**

**&**

**Bible Study**

**10:15 am Worship**

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## I Have Called You By Name

When unpacking my office files, I ran across a newspaper article written a few years ago. Since I have been trying to learn everyone's name, the title caught my eye. It was entitled: 'Gesher' on wrong side of Norway's name law.

Out of Oslo, Norway, the parents of Gesher were ordered to give their 10-month old son a more ordinary name. Something normal, like: Odd or Bent or Roar. Apparently, Norway has an official government list of acceptable names, and Gesher isn't on the list. At that time, about a decade ago, the parents faced a \$420 fine unless they would rename him.

Kristi Larsen, the child's mother, was willing to battle in court for the right to name the youngest of her 13 children, Gesher. She said the name came to her in a dream, as the word "bridge," which is translated to the Hebrew "Gesher." Mrs. Larsen was insistent on fighting the government because she didn't want to admit any kind of guilt. She said, "Even if we lose in court, we're still calling Gesher, Gesher."

Norway's strict name law dates from the 1800's and is intended to protect children from names that sound or look strange. The article then concluded with some acceptable names according to the Norwegian law: Dits, Fridvall, Glisur, Glasius, Wrold, Anond, Raabi, and Skagj.

Now, I am so glad that your name, first and/or last aren't that difficult to spell or pronounce. I have realized though that serving in a different part of the state, people pronounce names differently (that are sometimes spelled the same). As I continue to learn your name (and that is not one of my strong points), remember even more importantly that God has always and will always know your name! And He knows not only your name but everything about you, which includes those things we have said, done, or thought that go against Him. Even so, the Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd calls us by name for He has redeemed us with His most precious blood.

Regardless what your name is. Regardless if your new pastor missed pronounced it or forgot it completely. Regardless if it is pronounced differently throughout the country. Regardless... He calls you to be His eternal, precious, possession.

**But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."**  
*Isaiah 43:1*

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Ken



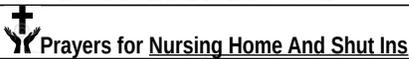
Special Welcome as new members are:  
Casey, Stacey and children Kasey and Bradley Picard  
Wayne and Patricia Grigar  
Alice Moore

9/01 Cassidy Meyer	9/07 DRAKE GRIGAR	9/17 Doyle Kornegay
9/02 Dolores Cain	9/8 Charles Ekarius	9/18 Kari Furey
9/02 TAYLOR CASH	9/09 Kellie Kainer	9/19 Katy Grigar
9/02 Laci Tesch	9/09 Jake Schiller	9/20 Carol Schuknecht
9/02 Russell Dziadek	9/10 Janice Wied	9/23 Melissa Bersche
9/02 Deborah Christiansen	9/10 Alice Moore	9/27 Rebecca Tipton
9/03 Shirley Schier	9/10 Cory Barrett	9/25 Brandi Hobratschk
9/05 Ethel Donnelly	9/10 Aaron Kutra	9/26 ANTHONY HORELICA
9/05 Loretta Dziadek	9/10 Billy Schaffner	9/27 Briana Kent
9/05 Leisha Harrison	9/11 Jimmie Meyer	Stacie Leiber
9/07 JAYLEN TESCH	9/16 Georgia Wied	9/29 Terri Julian



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

9/02/1967 Fay and Larry Alexander	9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge
9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer	9/20/1980 Brad and Maggie Kent
9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller	9/20/2003 Justin and Laci Tesch
9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash	



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**Wow!!** What an incredible day we had at the annual bbq! Thank you to each and every member who played any part of making the day a huge success-it was truly a team effort, worth every moment of hard work. The room looked like a big family picnic, and everyone seemed to have a great time, visiting while they were eating. Thank you again for all your efforts!

*Janice Wied, Auction Chair*

**Thank-You!** Thanks to everyone who donated and purchased items for the Country Store for the BBQ. With all of your help this was a great success. The Country Store brought in **\$767.00!**



**BLOOD DRIVE - Trinity Lutheran Church!** Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **DROP-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) and login to Digital Donor, enter sponsor code 1881 or... contact Jimmie Meyer at 713-503-1780.



**Breakfast**

**ATTENTION ALL**

**KIDS: RALLY DAY!!** Please join us for a homemade breakfast and fun on Sunday, September 13th as we kick off this year's Sunday School and move to our new classes!!! "Sunday School's so bright this year.....you gotta wear shades" 😎 See ya then!!

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

**Sympathy for the family of Geraldine Abel who went to be with her Lord on August 14, 2015. Please keep her husband Charles and the family in your prayers.**

**Sympathy for the family of Louise Kinsey who went to be with her Lord on August 18, 2015. Please keep her daughter Karen Naida and the rest of the family in your prayers.**



**Pastor Franke's  
Appreciation Catered Meal  
COST \$10.00**

A catered meal will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2015 after the worship service appreciating and thanking Pastor Franke for his hard work, sacrifice, spiritual and faithful guidance for Trinity Lutheran Church as Interim Pastor: January 6, 2013 through June 28, 2015. The catered meal will cost \$10.00 and tickets will be sold before and after the worship services, the church office, Ruth Szymanski or Norma Pavelka. Deadline for purchasing your ticket is Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy the meal and fellowship with Pastor Gil and Beth Franke.



I would like to thank all the parents who participated in Parent Orientation. This was a great time for you and your child to meet new parents and to get to know all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with teachers who are enthusiastic, dedicated and loving. We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, but the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them.

The Staff of Trinity Lutheran Preschool is excited about the 2015-2016 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask and we will be happy to answer them. I know this will be a great year with you being involved with your child in the preschool program.

Preschool has a direct line (979) 627-7846 and e-mail address [preschool@tlcsealy.org](mailto:preschool@tlcsealy.org).



**Pancake Breakfast!** The preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser! This will take place on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 am - 8:30 am. This is also the day after Grandparent's Day. So please invite everyone and have breakfast with your child and make a Love Donation to the preschool. The proceeds from the pancake breakfast help with the cost of teacher training, FBI background checks, CPR and First Aid.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children and to get to know other parents, teachers and children. What a great way to start off the year! Come and enjoy breakfast Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Computer Classes to Begin!** Computer lessons are being offered if you are interested. June Harris out of Austin has been giving computer lessons to the children for many years here at Trinity whose parents want them to participate. This will be offered to the three and four year old classes. Ms. June will give four one-half hour lessons for \$45.00 and once completed she will send another form to re-sign and pay for another four sessions. This will take place throughout the year. Children enjoy playing games on the computer at home, but Ms. June teaches the correct terms and proper way of getting on and off the computer and most important, listening skills.

Please fill out the information form if you are interested for your child to learn about computers. First session of computer classes will be October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you are interested in having your child take computer lessons. Money and forms may be turned into the office so I can inform Ms. June how many children will participate.



**Ladies Aid News**

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on August 6<sup>th</sup> with ten members, one visitor and Pastor Bersche present.

President, Antoinette Romano opened the meeting with a prayer.

The topic, "Doubters" was given by Betty Herridge.

Fellowship was enjoyed after old and new business and committee reports were given.

Vivian and Glenwood Kveton observed their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on August 4<sup>th</sup> and Norma Pavelka observed her birthday on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Hostesses for September are Vivian Kveton and Antoinette Romano.

Members and guest recited the Lord's Prayer and then refreshments brought by members were served by hostesses, Betty Remmert and Susie Hartman.

Ladies Aid members would like to thank everyone who brought desserts and helped at our barbeque. It was greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting is on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and visitors are always welcome.

**Loretta Dziadek**

 **Themes!** The themes for the month of September are: Creation/Self/Safety and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis or purpose is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation.

The children will also begin to learn letters, numbers, shapes, colors and so much more. But we do not rush a child. We let them learn at their own pace and with help from you at home. And always remember that children learn through play.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs, finger plays and pledges and memorizing Bible verses. Listen to your child and see all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.

 **Junior Inspector Training!** Eric Gum and his partners from the Sealy Police Department will come to the preschool to talk to the children about law enforcement on Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

This theme will help 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 will pretend they are police officers or detectives to look for the clues. Children in groups of 5-10 will have to solve an imaginary case using special clues hidden throughout the building. What fun these children will have and who knows if one would like to become a police officer or detective.

 **911 Safety!** Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, will discuss the importance of 911 and stranger danger and what to do in case of an emergency. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.

 **Red/White and Blue Day!** On Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the children can wear the colors RED/WHITE and BLUE to represent and not forget the 9/11 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 whether they wanted to be a hero, or not. With all the natural disasters that are going on in the world, and close to us, people must step up to do the right thing.

 **Wear RED Day!** Since the children are learning the color RED for the month, we will have a special color day. On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED to reinforce the color!

 **Back Yard Bash!** On Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch to preschool and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.

 **Special Book Week!** Beginning Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!

 **Treasured Portraits!** Kay Krampitz, from Treasured Portraits, will be here at 8:00 am on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to take preschool pictures and also class pictures of the children. You will receive a form and all pictures are pre-paid. All forms and money are due by Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

 **Snacks!** Snacks are not required 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 need to buy for the entire preschool. If several parents donate snack items we have enough.

If you would like to donate snacks to the preschool here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, fruit loops, popcorn, goldfish or whatever you think is a good deal. If anyone goes to Sam's the children and teachers enjoy Nacho Cheese without jalapeños! We appreciate it all! When you go shopping think about the preschool!

If your child is allergic to certain foods, please advise the office and your child's teacher. We do have children with different food allergies. Please ask for a copy of the snack calendar and if your child cannot have this particular snack of the day, please provide a snack for your child.

We thank all the parents who provide snacks for their children who are allergic to some of the snacks that are provided by the preschool. Your help is 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 seven 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 September are:

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Kenneth Bersche**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> -September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Bella Aguado & James Brandenburg

**September 21<sup>st</sup> -September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Jace Buckley & Pierce Burttschell

**September 28<sup>th</sup>-October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Addison Castillo & Giovanni Chavez

Please bring your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.

#### **Know the Rules**

**Reinforcement!** Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what are the rules in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



**Drills!** The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. So if your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today you will know why.



**Emergency Preparedness Plan!** Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance.

A copy of this plan is always available for review. One copy is located in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan MUST not leave the classroom.

A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents for helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that help defray

the cost to the preschool program. The food will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year if it was not used for any disaster. This is another way you are helping the preschool and others in the community.



**Days Out!** Please notify the preschool office at 627-7846 if your child is not planning to attend due to being sick or just having a wonderful day out spending time together.



**Teachers!** Teachers for the 2015-2016 school year are:

Ms. Tara Ruiz – Two Year Old's

Ms. Tori Junco – Young Three's

Ms. Beatrice Aguirre – Older Three's

Ms. Christie Martinez – Young Four's

Ms. Kristi Flores – Older Four's

Robin Jacobson – Office Assistant

All of us here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool are dedicated in caring for your child.

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



## **MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 11, 2015**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Valerie Engelbrecht presented the devotion from Romans 8 and 2 Peter 3:13.

Council Members Present: Pastor Bersche,  
Dale Toellner – President  
Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer  
Fred Paben - Trustee Chair  
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism  
Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair  
Joel Grigar – Elder  
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair  
Patricia Gum - Youth Chair  
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair  
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair  
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent: George Wied - Vice President, Lee Hobrathschk - Elder Chair

Minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting were presented for review and approval. Fred Paben made a motion to accept minutes. Patricia Gum seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

\*Fred Paben gave an update on the Hwy 36 sign that panels should be finished by August 15th and will schedule time to install.

\*Motion made by Norma Pavelka to accept new schedule of Sunday School at 9 am and Church at 10 am. Patricia Gum seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried. Council recommended to start new schedule October 4th, 2015. ***Due to circumstance, issues on this matter on time change will need to be worked out. Please be advised.***

\*Post BBQ update - BBQ was very successful with Live Auction \$7,050 (\$1,569.50 more than last year), Silent Auction \$743, County Store \$752, Ladies Aid desserts \$427, and Left Over Sales \$552. There were no figures for ticket sales or "ingredient" donations or expense. There were 34 tickets left over.

\*Pastor Franke's retirement lunch on September 13, 2015 update - Dale confirmed with Ben's Chuckwagon for large chicken fried steaks and sides. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each and have to sell 200 tickets (advanced tickets only).

\*September Council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 15th from Monday, September 14th.

#### Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

\*The July 31, 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$104,079.34, Building Fund is \$51,936.43, Designated Funds is \$59,214.74 and Total - All Funds is \$215,230.51. The General Fund Contributions were \$16,011.17. Total management and general expenses is \$20,595.16. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$4,583.99). General Fund Expenditures is \$20,595.16.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

\*Budgets are due September 1st for October 25th Congregational Meeting.

Joel Grigar - Elder (for Lee Hobratschk) \*Budget worked on.

\*Pastor Bersche would like to take communion with his family after instead of before communion.

George Wied - Vice President (absent)

\*No report presented.

Pastor Bersche

\*Pastor advised he had an excellent BBQ experience.

\*Pastor and his family are still getting settled in and he will visit with families soon.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education

\*Rally Day will be September 13th.

\*The Board is taking suggestions on who would be a good Sunday School teacher(s).

\*The BBQ games were upstairs and went well.

Patricia Gum - Youth

\*National LCMS Youth Gathering, New Orleans, in July 2016 - working on getting information out to high school youth.

\*Youth were in charge of tea booth at church BBQ and were utilized everywhere.

\*The youth back to school event will be postponed due to time and will meet to discuss to have it another time.

\*Youth Board started and will make announcement asking for volunteers.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

\*No report presented.

\*Ruth will do advertisement with Sealy News to change times and Pastor's name.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

\*Pastor Franke's retirement lunch on September 13th and will start selling tickets.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

\*A notice was received that the Heart Defibrillator will no longer be serviced and will need to be traded in by end of year.

\*Floors will be waxed week of August 17th - 21st.

\*A new lap top was installed in church office for Shepherd's Staff.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

\*Discussion about letter from Robert Julian regarding Usher's schedule.

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

#### New Business:

\*2016 Church Officer Selection committee - Ruth Szymanski will chair nominating committee. The committee needs 1Elder, Pastor and 2 congregational members.

\*Lifetouch Pictorial Directory - council will revisit in a year.

\*Janice Wied requested a \$100 gift card to Saltgrass Steak House be purchased for the BBQ auctioneer. Motion made by Ruth Szymanski to purchase \$100 gift card to Saltgrass Steak House for auctioneer. Pat Buechmann seconded the motion. All approved. Motion Carried. Ruth will get gift card and give to Maggie to put with thank you card.

\*Food Pantry Food Truck at Trinity on Tuesday, December 1st from 10 to noon in parking lot. Motion made by Norma Pavelka to allow the Food Pantry Food Truck on Tuesday, December 1st from

10 to noon in parking lot at Trinity. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

\*Pastor Bersche welcomed at first official council meeting.

There being no further business, President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Carol Jean Hauschild to adjourn meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Carol Jean Hauschild will do devotion for September meeting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

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