



**Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son**

November 2015



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 25th
7:00 pm



Church Office Closed
Thursday and Friday for
Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Fellowship
**9:00 am Sunday School /
Bible Study**
10:00 am Worship
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TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Word from
Our Pastor

Being Thankful is Sometimes Difficult

As human beings, and we often find ourselves in quite a jam because we are not animals. Because we are able to reason, analyze, evaluate, we end up almost trying to act like God, without obviously attaining that goal of divinity.

For example, we would like to love, to love well; to love all the time; to love everyone, but hatred and anger seem to crop up in our lives and they seem to ruin our attempts at loving.

It is much the same way with thanksgiving. I don't have to tell you here too that there is no real choice between thankfulness and unthankfulness. Happiness and thankfulness go together. In most circumstances you cannot have one without the other. And as we have also sadly learned, frustration, gloom, and discontent also go together, equally inseparable with unthankfulness.

So there is no choice for us as Christian people. We all should want to be thankful all the time and in every situation. Yet it is quite obvious that frustration and discontent many times ruin the happiness that we want in our lives.

So what's the answer to living a thankful life? Maybe if we only try harder at being thankful for everything. However, this only leads to further frustration and discontent. The answer lies first in confessing our discontent and unthankfulness to the One who has already taken our greed, our discontent, our unthankfulness into death with Him. Yes, the answer to becoming thankful lies in saying to our God: "God, we know our greed. We know our discontent. We hate it and renounce it, but we also know You because we know the great gift You have given us in Your Son, and we are glad, and we are thankful."

"Being thankful is difficult" until we truly join the Psalmist who in humble spirit prayed: "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; and His mercy endures forever."

Make that the prayer with which you get up each morning and go to sleep each night. With the Lord's mercy and love, you will be filled with much peace, joy, and thankfulness.

*In His Thankfulness,
Pastor Ken*



Come to Adult Bible Class. We meet upstairs in the conference room every Sunday morning!! Come to Adult Bible Class next Sunday at 9am.



DE-BONING TURKEYS – We are in desperate need of people helping in deboning the turkeys on Thursday, November 12th at NOON. Please call the church office if you are able to help or sign up on the sheet on the glass window so I will know I have enough help.


Thanks, Maggie

11/05 Joe Smith	11/11 CLAYTON SNEED	11/22 Ernestine Schneider
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/07 Robert Emshoff	11/14 ALEXIS HORELICA	11/23 Hannah Browne
11/08 Barbara Koy	11/15 La Vonn Schier	Susie Busse
11/08 Zachary Terrell	11/19 GRACE KRUZEL	Betty Richter
11/09 Cody Barrett	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/09 Larry Koy	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/11 Pam Epperly	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka	Gaylan Christiansen
11/11 Margaret Jatzlau		



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

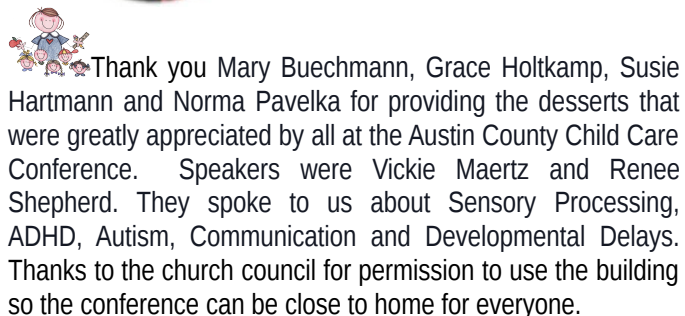
11/04/1978 Lee & Kim Hobratschk	11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild
11/10/1990 Robert & Melody Anderson	11/23/1963 Robert & Betty Richter
11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann

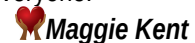


<p>*Eddie Svinky - (Hospice) Veranda House - Sealy</p> <p>*Edna Finke 832-419-4658 Solana at Cinco Ranch 24001 Cinco Village Center Blvd Apt 1148 Katy TX 77494</p> <p>Ethel Donnelly - Colonial Belle Sealy</p> <p>Charles Bolten Colonial Belle - Sealy</p>	<p>*Clara Gerstenberger Kruse Village Long Term 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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Congratulations to Johanna Buechmann, with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department earning her twenty-fifth year service pin. What a milestone!!










Trinity Lutheran Church celebrated Mission Sunday with guest speaker, Karl Streit from Camp Lone Star. The theme of the service was GRACE...God's Riches at Christ's Expense. Stew luncheon followed the worship service. Thank you to all who attended the Mission Sunday Luncheon and to all the ladies for desserts and all who stayed to help clean. You are greatly appreciated!

Thanks, Norma Pavelka


 LWML- Individual membership forms are available in the office. It is great to stay connected to our District LWML.


 AED - Trinity Lutheran Church upgraded the AED (automated external defibrillator) a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm and is used to treat sudden cardiac arrest. This device is located by the church office and glass room.


BLOOD DRIVE! – Trinity Lutheran Church! Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd, 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 and login to Digital

Donor, enter sponsor code 1881 or... contact Jimmie Meyer at 713-504-1780.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Many Trinity Members of Thrivent Choice Dollars have directed those dollars to several institutions. Remember to continue doing this every two or three months by calling 1-800-847-4836.

After March 31, 2016, any funds not directed will be moved into the Thrivent General Fund and distributed to other organizations. Contact Grace Holtkamp for information.

Circle of Friends Luncheon! When:

Wednesday, November 4th- Sign Up To Attend!! Our next Circle of Friends Luncheon at Trinity is November 4th at 12:15 pm. Enjoy Lunch! Play Bingo! Play Dominoes Or Just Have Lunch with Us! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign-up in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Come and Enjoy the Fellowship and Food!! If you have any questions please contact: Mary Buechmann-885-2730 Antoinette Romano-885-7932 Geraldine Barrett-885-3450



NEEDED! Anyone who loves their church and loves their Lord Jesus. We need folks to help on our evangelism committee. NO STRESS INVOLVED! Currently we need someone (preferably a team of people so you don't have to do it every Sunday) to browse through the attendance cards and find the visitors immediately following worship so that they can be visited that Sunday afternoon. We also need volunteers to help design a new brochure for the congregation. This brochure can be presented to guests when they are visited by the pastor. Yes, it would be great if someone could help pastor make brief "thank you" visits to those who worshipped with us that morning. If interested, please contact Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-3944 or Pastor Bersche at 979-398-0762.

Thanks!



Sealy Christian Food Pantry The Sealy Christian Food Pantry would like your help in collecting food items for those less fortunate and those in need for the upcoming holidays. In addition to the regular family distribution of food items, we will be giving out and have given out in the past, a special Thanksgiving and Christmas package. These special packages include a turkey or ham and food for a family dinner. We are asking the local churches that support the pantry to

contribute the special items (canned and dry goods). Each church is being asked to solicit for donations of ONE designated item. How easy is that? Each church will collect as many of that ONE item as possible during the collection period, which will be the month of October and November. Trinity Lutheran Church may help by donating **TURKEY GRAVY MIX**, any brand, to help the Pantry.

Blessings, Sealy Food Pantry



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on October 1st for their regular meeting with eight members and one guest, Karen Schaare, and Pastor Bersche present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer. Then the topic, "Kimberly Roberts, A Woman of Faith" was given by Betty Herridge.

Members having October birthdays are Ursula Kutra, Ruby Emshoff, Ruth Paben, Betty Remmert and Pastor Bersche.

Hostesses for November are Ruth Paben and Betty Herridge.

Vivian Kveton was appointed the new treasurer of the Ladies Aid.

After the table and closing prayers were given, refreshments were served by hostesses, Rose Marie Trenckmann and Antoinette Romano.

Our next meeting is on November 5th. Visitors are always welcome.

Loretta Dziadek



We are getting ready for our Seventeenth Annual Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be on **Thurs. November 12th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m.** The cost of the ticket is \$10.00. This is the major fundraiser for the preschool which helps with the cost for teacher training, criminal background and fingerprinting of teachers, playground upkeep, classroom toys, supplies, snacks, repairs, carpet cleaning, exterminating, fire inspections, gas inspections etc., or for whatever else arises in the year. The proceeds from the Thanksgiving Dinner will help replace timbers around the wooden playground which are in need of replacing and set aside for bills to get through the summer.

MAKE A DONATION Since this is a fundraiser to benefit the preschool, we need parents and church members to donate food items towards the dinner. This is posted on the large glass window as you enter the preschool.



We are in need of **sixty-five** turkeys and you can purchase a turkey for **\$15.00** and make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or you can give cash. Please place your check or cash in an envelope and bring it to the preschool office. We will make one check out to H E B in Columbus, since we are purchasing the turkeys from them. Please have your turkey money donation in the office by Wednesday November 4th, so I can pick up the turkeys on Friday morning to deliver to Mikeska's in Columbus to be pit smoked.



The cost to pit smoke the turkeys is around \$650.00. Mikeska's in Columbus smokes the turkeys for the preschool. It would be a big help if you could donate money towards the smoking of the turkeys. With your help you can donate in \$5.00 increments. Make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or cash and place this in the envelope provided. All donations will need to be in the preschool or church office by Wednesday, November 4th so I can pay Mikeska's BBQ when I pick up the turkeys the day of the dinner.



We are also in need of **thirty-five** of the huge cans of corn, **thirty-five** of the huge cans of green beans, **thirty-five** cans of the huge yams, **eight** cans of the huge cranberry sauce, **thirty** desserts. Bill's Country Market will have YAMS and the Cranberry Sauce in stock for you to come by and purchase.



We are in need of **thirty-five** loaves of bread which you can donate \$5.00 per loaf and I will place the order and pick up the bread from Bill's Country Market.

Please feel free to take a look at the thanksgiving dinner fundraiser sign up list and write your name on the items you wish to donate. Please bring to the preschool as soon as you have purchased your items. This will give me an idea of what I need to purchase for the dinner. Now you can see how expensive this event can be, but with all the parents and congregation donating food items, this can be a success.

Silent Auction

During the dinner we also have a silent auction. If you would like to donate towards the silent auction, this would be greatly appreciated! You can donate new items, hand crafted items, baked goods, gift certificates or whatever you can think of to make this a success. Please give us a starting price on your item.

HELP

We also have a work sign-up list to help in the kitchen. This is a very important job and beginning Monday November 9th, we begin preparation of our thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Maggie at the preschool office or church office if you would like to help in the kitchen. We try to do most of the preparation during preschool hours. Everyone may leave at NOON.



De-boning turkeys is a big part of the thanksgiving dinner. We desperately need help in tearing the meat off the bones and placing the meat in pans. There is a sign-up list for church members and preschool parents to help in de-boning.

De-boning usually starts around 12:00 pm. If you can save the date, Thursday November the 12th to help de-bone, this would be greatly appreciated! Sign up if you can help.

DESSERT

Desserts may be brought in on Wednesday and Thursday November 11th and 12th in the morning. We are asking for monetary donations of \$5.00 per loaf of bread and I will order and pick up the bread for the dinner at Bill's Country Market. If you would like to bake Mrs. Smith's pies, that would be great also. We try not to make this difficult for anyone, so just remember to be simple.



Tickets will be on sale Monday October 19th for \$10.00. Once we reach our limit of 500 tickets sold, no tickets will be sold after that time. The kitchen is only equipped to handle about 500 plates. No tickets sold the night of the dinner. Remember that this is a fundraiser and by the time we pay to pit smoke the turkeys, purchase the dry goods and ingredients for the dressing, it is worthwhile to have this fundraiser! Please have all items here at the preschool by Wednesday, November 4th. Can goods and turkey money may be brought in as soon as possible.

If possible bring all monetary and nonperishable items in as soon as possible! Any questions please contact Ms. Maggie.



Thank you in advance to all the preschool parents, congregational members and community for all your dedication and support in making Trinity Lutheran Preschool a success and sharing the word of Jesus Christ.

(Everyone's efforts are worthwhile and serve a noble purpose)



Themes! The themes for the month of November are: Transportation and Giving Thanks. The children who are ready will learn the color GREEN, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds if they are ready, T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will be learning "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of Nov. 2nd – Nov. 6th

God Rewards Ruth's Loyalty
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
God Chooses David

Week of Nov. 9th – Nov. 13th

David Fights Goliath
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
Solomon Saves a Baby


Week of Nov. 16th – Nov. 20th


The Wisdom of King Solomon
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
Elijah the Prophet

Week of Nov. 23rd – Nov. 27th


Jonah Tries to Run From God


Thanksgiving Holidays


 **Wear Green Day!** Since we are learning the color GREEN for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 13th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color GREEN!

 **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.


Your child is asked to bring about five 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 November are:

<p>Nov.2nd – Nov. 6th Louis Janca Ava and Piper Kircher</p> <p>Nov. 9th – Nov. 13th Kallie Kloss Noah Kopecky</p> <p>Nov. 16th – Nov. 20th Mason Kovar Charles Bui</p>	<p>Nov. 25th – Nov. 29th Thanksgiving Holidays</p> <p>Nov. 30th-Dec. 4th Kinsley Koy Bailey Lopez</p> <p></p> <p>Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!</p>
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 **Sack Lunch Day!** The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Tuesday November 24th outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use as their lunch sack!

 **Christmas Pictures!** Kay from Treasured Portraits will be at the preschool on Friday, November 20th to take Christmas pictures.

Please fill out the picture order form and hand back to the preschool office by Friday, November 13th along with the money. Please make your check out to Treasured Portraits. If your form is not handed in your child will not have his/her picture taken.

 **Fantasy of Lights!** December 5th the theme for the Sealy Fantasy of Lights is: Camo Christmas. Trinity Lutheran Preschool Float Theme is "Searching for Jesus."

With a signed permission form the three and four year old classes are able to ride the float with one parent but no siblings. If you want your child to ride but you are not able to ride, please have a responsible parent riding on the float to take your child with them when the float ends. If you are planning to ride there will be no siblings and no extra family members.

Each child and parent can wear a camouflaged t-shirt on the float. The children will need to bring in two toilet paper rolls and the class will make and decorate their own binoculars.

Thank you to Daniel and Jessica Carr for helping coordinate, provide the preschool with their truck, trailer, 25 bales of hay and a generator.

Friday, November 20th during preschool hours, Daniel and Jessica Carr will have the trailer here on the church

property and with parents available we can place all the lights on the float and decorate as much as possible without having to schedule evening time to decorate.



*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving
Ms. Maggie and Staff*



**MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
October 12, 2015**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Ruth Szymanski presented the devotion on blessings based on Isaiah 55.

- Council Members Present:**
Pastor Bersche,
Dale Toellner - President
Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
Marlene Leiber - Stewardship 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
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair

Minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made motion to accept minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Allocation of BBQ monies - Motion made by Ruth Szymanski to allocate BBQ monies of \$500 to local (\$250 to Sealy Christian Food Pantry and \$250 to Sealy Ministerial Alliance); \$2,000 to Youth Fund; \$3,500 to Building Fund; and Remainder to General Fund. Patricia Gum seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

*The Elders-Church Council combined meeting will be November 9, 2015 at 7 pm.

*Congregational Meeting is Sunday, October 25, 2015. The budget and slate of officers is on the agenda.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The September 30, 2015 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$94,942.23, Building Fund is \$52,233.76, Designated Funds is \$64,972.51 and Total - All Funds is \$212,148.50. The General Fund Contributions is \$18,236.10. Total management and general expenses is \$22,672.84. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$4,436.74). General Fund Expenditures is \$22,672.84.

*A Thank You card from Maggie Kent and Shirley for use of the Fellowship Center for Child Care Conference was read.

*Linda Blume brought old records from Seidel Schroeder & Company to church to destroy. Ruth Szymanski will check into finding place to shred them.

Marlene Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*Budget out in Narthex for 2 weeks and will be put into Blues.

*Discussion on reviewing blue cards after church.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair (absent)

*No report presented.

George Wied - Vice President (absent)

*No report presented.

Pastor Bersche

*Evangelism will meet to discuss ideas.

*Confirmation started.

*Discussion on greeting each other before service and if everything is going okay so far.

*Pastor has 4 private baptisms coming up.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education (absent)

*No report presented.

*Patricia advised that Board of Education is working on Christmas Program.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*Youth are enjoying Confirmation class. Discussion on youth being lay reader. Pastor will discuss with Elders.

*Thank You for \$2,000 donation from BBQ that will help with LCMS Youth Gathering.

*Youth Board meeting held to discuss fundraisers and ideas.

*Discussed booth at Boo Bash for little kids at Halloween plus evangelism.

*Patricia will be sending email reminders about LCMS Youth Gathering and October 25th deadline for participants. Registration fee is \$325 per person with the parent paying \$100.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Evangelism will meet to discuss ideas, what to give prospective new members and working on brochure. There are 2 groups of 2 to visit with visitors.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Mission Sunday stew luncheon went well with about 60 people in attendance.

*Advent Soup Suppers will be Wednesday December 2nd with Altar Guild, December 9th with Youth and December 16th with Council.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*AED has been installed and ready to go. An instruction sheet was passed out.

*Hwy 36 sign is finished.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Everything good.

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

New Business:

*Fall back to Standard time Sunday, November 1, 2015.

*Lights in Sanctuary will be changed to LED.

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.

Pastor Bersche will do devotion for November meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, November 9, 2015. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Dale Toellner, President

Johanna Buechmann - Secretary