



**Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son**

MARCH 2016



*Saturday night
March 12th
before you go
to bed!*



**Join us for Our
Holy Midweek and
Holy Week
Worship Services**

**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



God Corrected

It is easy to get frustrated with technology sometimes in today's world. One the most frustrating things that I get frustrated over is my smart phone. It is not the reception that I complain about, nor is it the speed of processing. What gets me frustrated the most is the "auto correct". I have learned that you must proofread any message sent whether it is a text message or an email.

Now days, our phones are too smart! The word that you have spelled out is automatically changed to another word which makes your entire message worthless. Abbreviations don't even work anymore. I have tried to abbreviate a word or even a sentence and the auto correct inserted another word, not even close to the thought I wanted to send.

In the beginning, God created us to be His perfect people. We had no sin in the Garden of Eden. Then for some reason we thought we could make God's creation better. You might say we tried to "auto correct" God's creation. Satan told Eve that if she were to eat of the fruit of the tree she would be as God, knowing good and evil. That is something we humans are still doing! God creates us to be perfect but we do our own thing, thinking that it will make it better or "corrected."

Although we sin daily, we are truly in need of a savior. The sad thing about it is that we many times don't see it because we are too involved in our auto correcting what is already right. God loves us and cares for us more than we could ever consider! He is the one who sends, Jesus, His Son, to grant us forgiveness. It is by Him in His death and resurrection that we are corrected by God. No longer do we live in the stench of death and think we smell like roses because we have corrected it. Instead, God who knows us and our wrongs, our ills, our sins, our transgressions and deals with us by becoming one of us. He died the death we deserve and then rose again to give us eternal life.

We truly are "God Corrected"! We truly are redeemed and forgiven by Jesus!

On the subject of bad messages, here are a number news items found in actual churches' bulletins:

- The ushers will eat all latecomers.
- “Change Your Wife Through Prayer” will be the sermon subject Sunday.
- Visitors are asked to sing their names at the church entrance.
- Our young people are preparing the pizza dinner. It will be held in the parish hall.
- Hymn No. 58, “Gold Will Take Care of You.”
- The pastor will preach, and there will be special sinning by the congregation.
- Do you know what Hell is like? Come in and hear our organist.
- The concert was a great success. Special thanks are due to the vicar's daughter who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.
- Don't let worry kill you – let the church help.
- Thursday night – Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothes of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon.
- The choir will sing, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.”
- A bean supper will be held Saturday evening in the church basement. Music will follow.
- This being Easter, we will ask Mrs. Johnson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

God's Blessings to You!

Pastor Ken

Greetings to you on this Special Day

3/02 Deanna Cash	3/16 Eleanor Anderson	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/16 Tony Luttrall	Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/22 Valerie Engelbrecht	3/29 Joan Griffin
3/6 KASEY PICARD	3/22 Susie Hartmann	3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/7 Stacey Picard	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/07 Terry Kieke	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/9 Gabriella Munoz	3/25 Vivian Kveton	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/26 Howard Bear	3/31 Savannah Munoz
3/13 Bernice Hintz	3/26 Brandon Blume	
3/14 Suzanne Bozeman		



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

3/05/2010 Ron and Susie Hartmann	03/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston	3/27/2010 Richard and Valerie Engelbrecht

Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

<p>Ethel Donnelly Colonial Belle Sealy</p> <p>Charles Bolten Colonial Belle - Sealy</p> <p>Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle - Sealy</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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spend volunteering contribute greatly to our ability to help people who need help. Thank you to all.


Join us for our Midweek Lent and Holy Week Worship




- ✓ **March 2** – 6:00 pm Soup Supper by Youth
7:00 pm 4th Wednesday Worship Service - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
- ✓ **March 9** – 6:00 pm – Soup Supper by Choir
7:00 pm 5th Wednesday Worship Service - Give us this day our daily bread;
- ✓ **March 16** – 6:00 pm Soup Supper by Ladies Aid
7:00 pm 6th Wed. Worship Service - And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;




Thank you for all the updates on the prayer list of your loved ones and dear friends. Prayers are always needed and updates help us to pray for their needs. Please contact the church office or Pastor Bersche for any updates.

Sympathy  **Sympathy** for the family of Eddie Svinky who went to be with his Lord on February 13, 2016. Please keep his wife Shirley and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Sympathy  **Sympathy** for the family of Earl Wolchik who went to be with his Lord on Sunday, February 14, 2016. He is grandfather to Bradley Kent. Please keep the family in your prayers.


Thank You To Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool

Please accept the heartfelt thanks of those who work with the Sealy Christian Food pantry for all the food your students gathered and brought to the Pantry. We are very appreciative and will see that it gets to the people who need it.
Sealy Christian Food Pantry


Thank You To Trinity Lutheran Church

The Sealy Christian Food Pantry is very appreciative of the support we receive from your church. The monetary donations, use of your facilities and hours your members



- ✓ **March 24** – 7:00 pm - **Mauddy Thursday** - And lead us not into temptation,
- ✓ **March 25** – 7:00 pm - **Good Friday** - But deliver us from evil.
- ✓ **7:00 am - March 27 - Easter Sunrise**
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- ✓ **8:00 am Easter Pancake Breakfast**
- ✓ **9:00 am Congregational Bible Class**
- ✓ **10:00 am Easter Worship Service/Communion**

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. Contact Grace Holtkamp for information. After April 1st Choice Dollars Program will continue.



Trinity's EASTER EGG HUNT HAS RETURNED! – Our 2016 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for *Sunday, March 20* following the worship service.

We need **CANDY-FILLED EGGS!** The Board of Education will have available in the narthex bags of EMPTY plastic eggs. Please take the eggs, FILL THEM with PRE-WRAPPED CANDY, and return them to the church office PRIOR TO MARCH 20. PLEASE – NO HARD CANDY. And if you prefer, you may purchase plastic eggs on your own, fill them, and bring them in.



Palm Sunday – March 20 – YOUTH OF ALL AGES, meet in the Youth Room upstairs for Palm Sunday activities & Procession of Palms for the worship service.

Easter Sunday – March 27 – Sunday School for EVERYONE!!!! Easter breakfast & ALL-CONGREGATION Sunday School – adults and children of ALL ages.

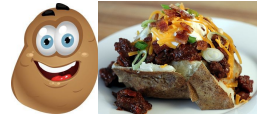


Circle of Friends Luncheon!

Wednesday, March 2nd! Time: 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 on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend or would like to make a dessert. If you have any questions please contact: Mary Buechmann-885-2730 Antoinette Romano-281-217-7177 Geraldine Barrett-885-3450.



Easter Crosses - The Youth will be selling Easter Crosses after church in the narthex beginning on Sunday February 7th for \$10.00 each for the next few Sundays. These signs are a great way to show your neighbors your beliefs in the Lenten and Easter seasons!!!!



Youth Baked


Potato Fundraiser! The Youth is having a Baked Potato Fundraiser (drive thru only) on Wednesday, March 30th from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. This fundraiser will be held to help raise funds for the Youth to attend the National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA on July 16th – 20th, 2016. We have 15 Youth and 4 adult chaperones who will be attending the Gathering.

Every three years the LCMS sponsors a National Youth gathering where 25,000 young people from all over the United States and the World will come together for worship, Bible Study, Fellowship and Learning. It's going to be an impactful, life changing spiritual event in the lives of those that attend.

When the youth of our congregation were brought to the waters of baptism some 14, 15, 16+ years ago, we as congregational members, promised to help them grow in their faith, connect to God's Word and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. John 13:34-35 says "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

The ticket prices will be \$10 per plate for a baked potato with brisket and all the trimmings. In the next week or so, there will be sign-up sheets on the glass windows if you are able to help donate money to defray the cost of the meal. Your generous donations and many prayers will help this wonderful youth group enjoy the best experiences possible with others their age. We would all like to thank you in advance for your kindness and love to our Youth.

*Thank you,
Patricia Gum – Youth Director*

 **BLOOD DRIVE - Trinity Lutheran Church!**

Roll up your sleeves! A Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, March 13th, 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 (wiredforjesus@prodigy.net)



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on February 4th with nine members and Pastor Ken Bersche present.

After the opening prayer was given, Betty Herridge gave the topic, "Ash Wednesday."

The January birthday party at Colonial Belle Nursing Home, given by the Ladies Aid went well.

Hostesses for the March meeting will be Vivian Kveton and Betty Remmert.

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

Loretta Dziadek



Fall Registration will begin Tuesday, March 1, 2016 and end on Thursday, March 31, 2016. These are for the families that are enrolled in the program now. This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2016-2017 school year. You may pick up a packet on Tuesday, March 1st in the preschool office.

After March 31st, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and public. So if you are planning on having your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and bring it back, along with the registration fee.

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2016-2017 school year is \$80.00. For the early registration, and for the month of March only, and for the ones in the program now, will have a discount from \$80.00 to \$65.00 until March 31st. Beginning April 1st, the registration will be \$80.00.

Along with the registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. So remember that fall registration is beginning Tuesday, March 1st and will end on Thursday, March 31st, for the price of \$65.00 and this is only for the ones that are in the program NOW! Registration will be first come first basis.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday - In March schools across the United States will celebrate the birthday of one of the most beloved children's authors of our time, Dr. Seuss. Children will celebrate and honor his birthday by participating in fun activities, playing games, and reading his much-adored books.

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2; 1904 and his birth name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. A few of the classes are asking for parents to come and read to the children. Check with your child's teacher if they would like you to volunteer and read to the children.



Spring Pictures! Stephanie Meyer from Stephanie K Photography will come to the preschool to take spring pictures of the children. Please dress your child in spring attire.

Stephanie will be here for two days beginning at 8:30 am. March 9th. She will take pictures of the two and three year old classes. March 10th, she will take pictures of the four year old classes.

Please be sure to fill out your order form and return it to the office with your money by Friday, March 4th. No pictures will be taken without the required form or money.



Wear Orange Day! On Thursday, March 24th the children can wear the color ORANGE to school to reinforce the color for the month.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that helps children share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child will be asked to bring about 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 March are:

March 7nd - March 11th

Nathan Taylor & Weston Tipp

March 14th - March 18th

Spring Break

March 21st - March 25th

Jaxson Toman & Elias Velazquez

March 28th - April 1st

Charlotte Ward & Kyler Davis

Please hand your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Themes! The themes for the month of March are: Spring, Garden and Growing. The children will enjoy this month having fun planting something special in the classroom. They will water, nurture and watch the plant grow and realize that God creates everything for us to enjoy.

Children will have a special project of planting seeds. They will take their little starter garden home and both child and parents can care and transplant their little garden and watch it grow.

The Bible stories for the month of March are:

March 2nd - March 4th

It Takes Time

March 21st - March 25th

The Last Supper

Pastor Bersche The Lost Son March 7th – March 11th "The Man Who Remembered" Pastor Bersche "The Children" March 14th – March 18th Spring Break	Pastor Bersche Resurrection Eggs March 28th – April 1st Surprise Pastor Bersche The Blind Beggar
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The Children will continue to learn the letters for the month B, V, W, E and K. The shape and color for the month is CRESENT and ORANGE.

The Bible verse for the month is: "I will be with you always". (Matthew 28:20). The Commandment for the month is The Seventh Commandment: (You shall not steal). The children will learn the meaning is to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help to improve and protect his possessions and income.



Stranger Danger! The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Monday, March 7th at 10:00 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not leaving with someone you do not know, not to take anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright and know how and when to call 911.



Spring Break! Preschool will not be in session the week of March 14th – March 18th due to Spring Break.

Treasure Box Items Needed! Parents, preschool is in need of small unopened toys for the classroom treasure box. If you have some and would like to donate them to the preschool the teachers would greatly appreciate it!

If you are shopping and you see very inexpensive small items for the treasure box and would like to purchase these items for the classrooms this would be greatly appreciated also!



Changes in Preschool! Teachers are very important people in the lives of children and families. When an early childhood teacher leaves a program, a range of reactions are often experienced. Children and parents often feel a sense of loss because they've bonded with the teacher. Furthermore, because parents value the intimate relationships that children have with their teachers, they are understandably concerned about how their child will react to the teacher leaving.

The reaction of a child differs with age, temperament, environment, and parents' reactions. Some children feel loss more deeply and take longer to adjust to change. When a teacher leaves, the new reality is not just the absence of the former teacher but also the presence of someone new. Developing a relationship with the new teacher also requires additional adjustments for both the child and family, similar to adjusting to starting child care for the first time.

As the director, I placed Beth Barrett (who has sub for Trinity) as the substitute teacher for the four year old class for the remainder of the school year due to Ms. Christie Martinez following her heart to pursue God plans.

I am comfortable having Ms. Beth as the Substitute for the rest of the Younger Four Year Old Class. Ms. Robin, Ms. Beth and I along with the rest of the preschool staff will help children cope and provide stability. It is important that the place, routine, and rituals remain as consistent as possible.

We encourage you as parents to help Ms. Beth and your child transition, support and help with the established routines through the transition. Thank you for lending a helping hand.



I would like to say a special thank you to the preschool parents participating to let their child/children sing and joining us for the luncheon. Thank you to Pastor Ken Bersche for all the kind words expressed and how important it is to teach our children about Jesus here at Trinity. Thank you to the congregational members who support the preschool program during the year and to have this program here at Trinity. Thank you to my special preschool staff even through the changes, who are the ones that work side by side with these children teaching the love of Jesus. All praise and glory goes to our Lord and Savior giving the blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. May God continue to bless.



Easter Party! The preschool Easter party will be Wednesday, March 23rd beginning at 9:30 am until 10:30 am.

The children will have a Chicken Nugget Party. We will have a sign up list for parents to bring items needed for the party and help with games.

Each child will need to bring six plastic eggs to preschool to be filled by you. Please fill each egg with individually wrapped candy inside. The children will have a small Easter egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have the room moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same amount of eggs to go home.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President Dale Toellner and opened with prayer. Carol Jean Hauschild presented the devotion Just Breathe from My Prayer Chair devotional based on Psalm 28:6-7 and The Center of the Bible article.

Council Members Present:

Pastor Bersche,
 Dale Toellner – President
 George Wied - Vice President
 Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary
Council Members Absent:
Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

Minutes from the December 13, 2015 Special Council and January 11, 2016 meetings were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made motion to accept minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Document destruction - Records from 2007 to 2013 need to be kept and prior records to be destroyed. Records from 2014-2015 kept at Seidel Schroeder. Dale and Ruth will check in the attic to see what documents need to be destroyed. Ruth needs estimate of how much there is to shred for bank to do a community shred.
*Open Carry Fire Arms, Day Care Center - Adopt policy for preschool and signage; George Wied made motion to adopt SB 273 House Bill 910 for open and concealed carry is prohibited on our property. Lee Hobratschk seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The January 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$117,839.61, Building Fund is \$59,328.17, Designated Funds is \$57,293.32 and Total - All Funds is \$234,461.10. The General Fund Contributions is \$22,577.01. Total management and general expenses is \$17,059.50. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is \$5,517.51. General Fund Expenditures is \$17,059.50.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair (absent) *No report presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Inactive members are being worked on.
*There were 3 funerals.

George Wied - Vice President

*George received good comments on LED lights.
*Camp Lone Star built new building and needs volunteers to help build bunk beds end of February.

Pastor Bersche

*Pastor reported having 6 shut ins now from 11 when started as pastor and visit them twice a month.
*There have been 3 funerals: Alice Burttschell, Glenwood Kveton, and Clara Gerstenberger.
*Pastor also reported hospital visits.

*Lent starts Wednesday, February 10th on The Lord's Prayer.

*Confirmation is on the Ten Commandments.

*Church Office will be closed February 15th for President's Day.

*Adult Bible Study is studying Revelation.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education

*The Board is short of members due to members not wanting to be on the board again. Valerie will ask for new members to be appointed.

*VBS materials were ordered and working on.

*Palm Sunday - Celebration for kids during Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt after church.

*Youth Service will be on Mother's Day.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*Over 70's Valentine Luncheon - Youth are making decorations and buying supplies.

*Garage Sale is being moved to April 16th from 30th. Sale items will be stored in Sunday School room next to elevator.

*Patricia is looking into transportation options for Youth Gathering.

*Youth will sell crosses starting Ash Wednesday until Easter.

*Fundraisers for Youth Gathering scheduled.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Discussion on guests.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Council will host the Soup Supper on February 17th.

*Preschool Potluck Fellowship luncheon on February 28th.

*Easter Pancake Breakfast will be March 27th at 8 am.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Discussion on Hwy 36 sign information sheet.

*Trustees are still working on LED lights.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*All 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. Motion past.

New Business:

*Food Pantry/Houston Food Bank Truck on June 21, 2016 - Motion made by George Wied for the Houston Food Bank Food Truck to have an outstanding invitation to use the back parking lot on a rotating basis and to just notify the church office with dates ahead of time. Fred Paben seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.
*Church Pictorial Directory for 2016 with Life Touch - This will be tabled for the future.

*Carol Jean reported that the Memorial Fund will be audited by Grace Holtkamp and Geraldine Barrett.

There being no further business, President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by George Wied to adjourn meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

Patricia Gum will do devotion for March meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 14, 2016. Dale Toellner led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Dale Toellner, President
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary