



**Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son**

JUNE 2016



VBS

**June 14th/15th & 16th
5:30 pm-8:00 pm**

**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



Priorities Portray Our Loyalty

Charles, a ten-year old boy, was failing math. His parents knew the importance of education so they hired a tutor. After two weeks, the parents noticed that his grades were getting worse. They began thinking that their son might have a psychological problem, therefore they hired a psychologist. The counselor met with the lad a few times but it still didn't work. The psychologist then suggested that Charles should go through hypnosis, which also failed.

Charles' parents started wondering if he had some sort of learning disability. They visited with his teacher who had the school counselor test him for any learning problems. The results of the test declared that Charles had no disabilities and that he had an above average intellect.

After numerous visits with Charles' teacher, school counselors and administrators, they still had no solution. They started to believe that their young son had Attention Deficit Disorder because he had a tendency not to focus. So they took him to a medical doctor to get him diagnosed. The doctor ran some tests and the results showed that Charles was a normal ten-year old boy.

They were beside themselves and didn't know exactly what to do with Charles. His math grades were D's and F's. Finally, at the insistence of a family friend they decided to enroll their son in a private parochial school. After the first day, the boy's parents were surprised when Charles walked into the house with a stern, focused, and determined expression on his face. He walked right past them and went to his room. He closed the door and quietly for nearly two hours worked on his math homework. At supper he came out of his room to eat. After he cleaned his plate, he quickly went straight back to his room. He closed the door and went back to work on his studies until bedtime.

This study pattern continued for a few weeks until it was time for the semester report card. Charles walked in with his report card and laid it on the dinner table and went straight to his room. Cautiously, his mother opened it, and to her surprise, she saw his math grade, "A." Thrilled at his remarkable progress, Charles' parents rushed into his room. The father investigated, "Charles, we just want to know what helped you in math. We've tried everything with you: tutoring, psychology, hypnosis, testing. Was it the different school, maybe the textbook, the teacher, what?" Charles answered, "On that first day when I walked in the front door of the school and saw that guy nailed to the 'plus sign,' I just knew that they meant business."

When it matters most, God means business. He adds us to be one of His children by baptism into His death on the cross and His resurrection. God takes away all our sins, including our bad habits and disloyalties. God makes us His top priority by taking away our sin and adding us to His kingdom. As we continue through the upcoming summer months, let us not forget the loyalty God has for us by putting Him as our top priority. See you in Bible Study and Worship!

In Christ, Pastor Ken



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!



Greetings to you on this Special Day

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



Happy Anniversary

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

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



Sympathy for the family of May Dell Dethlefsen, sister to Geraldine Barrett, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 26, 2016. A memorial service was held at Christ the King Church LCMS in Waller, May 7th at 10:30 a.m. Please keep Geraldine and the rest of the family in your prayers.



Congratulations to Janis Pless in the birth of her son, Weston Mitchell born on April 24, 2016. He is 7 pounds 6 ounces and 20 inches long.



Congratulations to Marshall and Karleigh Jaloway in the birth of their son Bryce Elgien weighing 7lbs 7oz and 20½ inches long. Grandparents are Eric and Stephanie Meyer.



Congratulations to Kolby Wolf and Samantha Bersche graduating Sealy High School and Karleigh Jaloway graduating from Blinn.

Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

Ethel Donnelly Colonial Belle Sealy	Rae Marie Kveton Colonial Belle - Sealy
Charles Bolten Colonial Belle - Sealy	*Bernice Hintz Kruze Village: Rehab for broken leg P. O. Box 1651 Brenham, TX 77833 979-289-2568
Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle - Sealy	*Lavonn Schier Colonial Belle



LUCK MEAL will take place on Sunday June 5th. Please join us for the Pot Luck Meal after the worship service. Please bring a dish: meat, vegetable, casserole or dessert. Please contact Norma Pavelka for more information.

Thank You!

I would like to say a Big Thank You to the preschool parents, congregation, preschool board members and the teachers for their support and dedication throughout the year. And a special thank you to Mary and Pat Buechmann for all their support not only for the preschool program but for all they do here at Trinity and for providing the graduation cake for all of us to enjoy. Thank you to Pastor Ken Bersche for your participation of being part of the preschool program. All of you are greatly appreciated! Ms. Maggie



FOOD TRUCK – The Houston Food Bank truck will be here at Trinity Lutheran Church 10:00 am – NOON on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 to hand out food to the community. We are in need of twelve volunteers (four being men) to help hand out the food. Please sign up in the narthex if you are able to help. If you have any questions, please contact Ron & Susie Hartmann.



Church Planning Meeting is set for Monday June 13th at 6:30 pm. All committees and groups or representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (July 2016-January 2017) should attend.



TLC Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. Trinity Lutheran VBS 2016 is set for June 14 - 16, 2016 (Tuesday - Thursday) 5:30pm - 8:00pm. If you have any questions or would like to help out, please contact Valerie Engelbrecht at 281-703-4903.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 14th for our annual Trinity BBQ and Auctions. This is a favorite time of year to fellowship with family and friends, sharing great food and fun. It's not too early to invite your neighbors so they don't book something else for that day. Start looking for that unique auction item, or start making it yourself-there's nothing better than handcrafted items. Fresh veggies from your garden always go over well, along with canned items. If you are currently a chairperson, please let us know if you are willing to serve again this year. If you are new to Trinity, and would like to get involved, please let us know. We WILL find a spot for you to work that day!! If you have any questions, please call George or Janice Wied at 979/865-5357. Let's make this another successful year!



Ladies Aid News

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on May 5, 2016 for their regular meeting.

Ruth Paben gave the topic Parson Blue Herrington fights for his life, from Texas Children's Newsletter.

It was decided to buy banners for the church.

The meeting time for the Ladies Aid was changed, our next meeting will be on August 4th and from there on every two months.

The mite box money will be given to Vacation Bible School.

Ruth Paben



**Sunday,
June 19th!!**



**MINUTES OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH ON APRIL 24, 2016**

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

Minutes from Congregational Meetings on April 26, 2015 and October 25, 2015 were read for approval. Motion made by Doyle Kornegay to accept minutes as read. Carol Jean Hauschild seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

The Pre-school Board ballot of Stacey Picard was read to the congregation. Board member rolling off is Denise Kopecky. The floor was open to nominations with none presented. Robert Richter made motion to accept nomination as presented by acclamation. Ron Hartmann seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Valerie Engelbrecht presented information on Thrivent funding through action teams with discussion following. This funding can be used for fundraisers, service projects and educational projects or events and if approved will receive \$250 debit card for seed money to put on event. Grace Holtkamp is Project Coordinator.

The lights in Sanctuary have been changed to LED lights. There are more lights still needing to be changed out. The electric bill has gone down since changing lights to LED.

Andy Rebber with Verdin Company gave presentation on Carillon church bell electronic system because the middle church bell no longer works. The options are to a) repair the present bells for \$9,800 except lift to get to bells or b) the electronic Carillon bells that works the same plus can play music to include 450 hymns from the Lutheran Hymnal for either \$9,600 or \$11,800 installed with 5 year warranty. Questions were discussed. The Estella Meyer Estate of \$10,000 in Designated Funds can be used to purchase bell system. *Motion made by Rebecca Tipton to purchase the electronic Carillon system with USB for \$11,800 and seconded by George Wied. All approved. Motion past. **Motion made by Carol Jean Hauschild to use the Estella Meyer Estate Designated Fund of \$10,000, a celebration for her family for dedication and further funds from the Memorial Fund to cover cost of bell system. Rebecca Tipton seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past. The current bells will be kept.

Dale Toellner resigned as Church Council President effective April 30th due to medical issues. Vice President George Wied will take over as President.

There being no further business, President Toellner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Robert Richter, seconded by George Wied to adjourn. All approved. Motion past.

There was no further business.

Dale Toellner, President



**MINUTES OF TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by Lee Hobratschk, Elder Chair, who also opened with prayer. Norma Pavelka presented the devotion "Organizing By The Numbers from Living Simply" based on 1 Corinthians 14:40.

Council Members Present:

- Pastor Bersche
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair
- Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair
- Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
- Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
- Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
- Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
- Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
- Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:

- George Wied - Vice President
- Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair

Minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made a motion to accept minutes as written. Norma Pavelka seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Fred Paben reported that the Carillon church bell electronic system has been ordered and details of project that needs to be done for system.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The April 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$110,773.59, Building Fund is \$59,806.27, Designated Funds is \$52,594.32 and Total - All Funds is \$223,174.18. The General Fund Contributions is \$14,962.50. Total management and general expenses is \$18,557.82. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$3,595.32). General Fund Expenditures is \$18,557.82.

*Carol Jean reported that \$1,250 from the Geraldine Abel family plus Estella Meyer Estate will go towards the new bell system.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*No report presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Elders are contacting delinquent members again.

*Lee advised that the Ushers for the Preschool Graduation Service make sure to pass collection plates through each row.

George Wied - Vice President (not present) *No report presented.

Pastor Bersche

*Pastor reported there were no funerals in April, visited shut ins and helped conduct the wedding of Lowell Coody and Andrea Henrion with Pastor Franke.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education (not present) *There will be Sunday School for the children during the summer.

*Board is working on VBS as the theme is Pets Unleashed with the mission project for Elderly with pets. The VBS closing service will be June 19th at the Father's Day Youth Service. The Thrivent Action Team was submitted and approved for VBS.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*The Mother's Day Youth Service went well.

*The Youth Garage Sale profited \$1,800.

*The Youth Car Wash will be May 21st with no Thrivent Action Team approved.

*The June 5th Youth Summer Celebration will be rescheduled for August.

*The registration fee for the youth gathering has been paid in full and still in need for more funds.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Ruth will give goody bags to Preschool graduates.

*Discussion on visitors from Sunday.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Potluck on June 5th for High School Graduation.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*Hwy 36 sign has been finished.

*Meeting room chair cannot be repaired.

*Hand held microphone was checked and it works good.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*No report presented.

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

New Business:

*Maggie Kent and Fred Paben ordered gun signs for front and back glass doors.

*No further new business.

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

George Wied will do devotion for June meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, June 13, 2016. Lee Hobratschk led all in the Lord's Prayer.

Lee Hobratschk, Elder Chair

Johanna Buechmann - Secretary