



**Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son**

August 2016

 **BBQ**

WORSHIP TIME!

Worship Services for Annual BBQ:
 Sunday, August 14th
 Pit Side Worship 6:30 am
 Sunday, August 14th
 Regular Worship 9:00 am.
 Church BBQ 11:00 am-1:00 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



All Aspects of the Christian Community

As sinful adults, we often forget that the Christian community is made up of people of every age. The church comprises people from the baptized infant to the elderly.

One of the misleading perceptions of Trinity that I have experienced in my first year with you, is that we don't have any youth. That my friends is completely FALSE! Whether you know it or not, our family of faith at Trinity not only has youth but we have amazing and talented youth. Just observe the children's message on a typical Sunday morning. Or just be amazed at the leadership of our youth during a Youth Sunday Worship service!

This fact became even more evident after traveling to and from the city of New Orleans with fifteen of our youth for the 2016 National Youth Gathering under the theme: In Christ Alone.

The Gathering opened with the first Mass event (25,000 youth and volunteers) gathered around the topic of having true joy in Christ alone.

Every morning of the gathering began with a Bible Study. Our particular scripture for the event was based on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. The first morning we focused on our identity in Christ alone. We learned that everything apart from Christ is nothing. The second morning our eyes were set on Jesus and His humility. In Christ alone, our lives echo His humility. The third morning our theme was "Community in Christ Alone". There is joy in the community created in Christ alone!

During the day, different interest sessions were offered for the youth. Topics that ranged from comical with a message to serious. Topics were given such as a Christian Illusionist, Christian comedian, seeking identity, defending the faith of Jesus, fear, sexuality, addictions of pornography, Christian athletes, abortion, faith at school, social media and its influences, trust issues, compassion especially with assisted suicide, Star Wars spirituality, dealing with stress, science and religion. The list goes on and on.

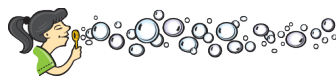
If our youth were not learning from an interest center, they were in the experiential center where any and everything was there to experience. (It is impossible to do everything at the youth gathering!)

Our evenings were filled with the awe-inspiring mass events at the Mercedes Benz Superdome. The same theme experienced for the Bible Study each day was then revisited.

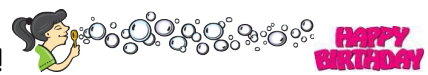
Our final event before the six-hour drive home, concluded with worship including the Lord's Supper. The Lord's table was set for 25,000 of Christ's followers under the unified theme: In Christ Alone We Stand.

On Sunday, August 7, our youth will share their experience with you. Come and have joy in Christ alone!

*In Christ Alone,
Pastor Ken*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Birthdays for the Month!



Greetings to you on this Special Day

8/01	Evangeline Coody	8/13	Patrick Johnston	Pat Buechmann
8/05	John Vrablec Jr.	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 Jaloway	Rob Emshoff
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/18	Alton Kveton	
8/12	Patsy Romano	8/20	GAGE NEELEY	8/31 Rae Terrell
8/13	Lee Allen Palm			



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
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann

Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

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

PresenterMedia Everyone is invited if you are interested in any aspect of the media team to come to a media meeting on Sunday, August 21 following the worship service. We are in desperate need of help for building and presenting the Sunday morning presentations and can always use more help with the sound and video systems. If there is a conflict with this date, let me know and I will look for another date. Thanks! Pam Epperly



Address Change – Doris Holtkamp is now living in Bryan, Texas. Her new address is 4235 Boonville Rd. #403, Bryan, TX 77802

YOUTH ALL NIGHTER – Calling all youth to attend Friday August 5th beginning at 9:00 pm and ending Saturday morning at 8:00 am enjoying the evening of youth fellowship!

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE – August 7th the youth of Trinity will lead the worship service.



The church floors including gym will be waxed during the week of August 15-19th. Please enter carefully!



Adult Bible Class Every Sunday: Reading the book of Revelation brings questions to one's mind. What or who is the great red dragon? Who is the woman giving birth? What about the millennium? Armageddon? Gog and Magog? The list of questions goes on and on and on. Come to Adult Bible Class every Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the upstairs conference room to help shed some light on your revelation questions!



Coming this fall: A new Bible Study starts on Wednesday, September 14th from 10-11 am. This informal study will meet in the glass room by the church office. More information to come.



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

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 for sale at the BBQ for desserts.

Country Store of Sweets, Jellies and Relishes



Country Store of Sweets & Stuff is ready for your items for 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 for 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 13th after 10 am and on Sunday, August 14th before 10 am. We appreciate your helping us with this new adventure. For any questions, please contact Mary or Johanna Buechmann at 979-885-2730.

Barbecue Bites:



We're down to just a few weeks before our third annual 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 supplies, 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!



TLC BARBECUE!

August 14th is the day for our annual BBQ this year. The live and silent auctions bring a unique opportunity to donate something handcrafted. We all love to own one of a kind items made by our friends. We are in the canning season--how about donating some jellies, vegetables, or fruits? It doesn't even have to be processed--a nice box of fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, or okra is a treat for someone without a garden! Also, watch your local stores for big sales on items--it could be the big ticket item of the day! Some merchants may even be willing to donate an item! Be sure to ask all of your neighbors and friends to attend this year.



Our annual BBQ and auction is fast approaching! The date this year is Sunday, August 14th in our fellowship hall. There will still be a pit service at KC Hall at 6:30 a.m.--regular service at church will be at 9:00 a.m. The meat, sauce, & potatoes will be cooked at KC Hall--everything else will take place here at the fellowship hall.

Please get in touch with your committee leader to let them know you are helping this year. If you are not on a committee but would like to help, please check out the list of committees, and volunteer! There will be a total of 700 tickets sold at \$10.00 each so don't wait until the last minute to purchase yours.

As in past years, there will be live and silent auctions, Water Slide for the Kiddos, Country Store of sweets and stuff, and Ladies Aid desserts. Start looking for that perfect auction item to donate, and get out your cookbooks for that delicious cake, pie, or cookie recipe.

Once again, we have posters up letting you know all the ingredients that are used in preparing our meal--envelopes are available if you would like to help with the cost of those items. See you at the BBQ! 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!



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**Sunday, August 14th Pit Side
Worship Service at 6:30 am
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Service will be at 9:00 am.
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Sunday, August 28, 2016 LAST DAY TO ORDER LUTHERAN WITNESS!! After the deadline you will have to order LW on your own. If you are interested in receiving or renewing 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. Please contact Maggie in the church office if you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness through the church and fill out the form along with the payment to Trinity Lutheran Church.



Wow, it is hard to believe that Preschool will begin in a few weeks! My first day back to preschool will be Monday, August 8th and the teacher's first day back will be Monday August 15th.

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 17th I will be with the preschool staff in conference 9:00 am - 10:00 pm for staff orientation and staff training.

Preschool Parent Orientation will be Thursday, August 25th 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 29th. 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 11, 2016

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President George Wied and presented the devotion Deceptive Currents based on Deuteronomy 8:11-20. President Wied also said the prayer.

Council Members Present:

Pastor Bersche
George Wied – President
Ron Hartmann - Vice President
Linda Blume - for Treasurer
Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
Ruth Szymanski – Evangelism
Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

Minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. Norma Pavelka made motion to accept minutes as written. Fred Paben seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Discussion with Patricia Gum regarding Pictorial Directory and dates would need to be scheduled on Sundays in the Fall.

Chair Reports:

Linda Blume - for Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer (not present)

*The June 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report and January - June 2016 Contributions and Expenses Report were presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$118,761.61,

Building Fund is \$60,091.82, Designated Funds is \$46,914.32 and Total - All Funds is \$225,767.75. The General Fund Contributions is \$14,268.00. Total management and general expenses is \$14,789.27. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$521.27). General Fund Expenditures is \$14,789.27.
*The Estella Meyer Estate Designated Fund zeroed out with remaining balance taken out of Memorial Fund for Carillon church bell electronic system.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair
*Budget worksheets are needed by August meeting.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair (not present) *No report presented.

Ron Hartmann - Vice President
*No report presented.

Pastor Bersche
*Adult Information Class starts Wednesday July 13th at 6 pm.
*Adult Bible Class starts September to May on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 am.
*Pastor had his 1 year anniversary.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education
*VBS went very well with 49 children, 15 adult helpers and teen helpers. The children handed out pet food for the elderly with pets for their mission project. Valerie finished Thrivent Action Team event package.
*BBQ games will be a water slide outside. There will be no carnival games this year.

Patricia Gum - Youth
*The Choir donated bake sale proceeds of \$800 for youth gathering. The National Youth Gathering is from Saturday, July 16th to Wednesday, July 20th in New Orleans.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair
*One visit was made in June that went well.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair
*The Fellowship Lunch on July 10th was well attended.
*Mission Sunday pot luck will be October 23rd with President Henning speaking.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
*Carillon church bell electronic system was installed and working with members trained.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
*Everything is okay.

President Wied called for a motion to approve the Chair Reports. Motion was made by Ruth Szymanski to accept the Chair Reports as presented. Pat Buechmann seconded the motion. All approved. Motion past.

New Business:

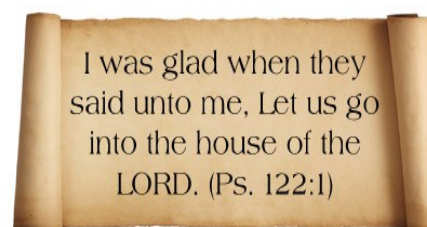
*Appoint Nominations Committee of 1 Elder, 1 Council member, 2 Congregational members not in office and Pastor. Pastor Bersche and Fred Paben will be on committee and will need to find Elder and Congregational members. Nominations will need to be in by October 23rd for October 30th meeting.
*Council will decide designation of BBQ funds.
*Discussion of usage of Hwy 36 sign to advertise events etc and what letters are needed.
*No further new business.

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

Ruth Szymanski will do devotion for August meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 8, 2016. Pastor Bersche led all in the Lord's Prayer.

George Wied, President
Johanna Buechmann – Secretary



COMMITTEES FOR 2016 – Committees are responsible to get their own volunteers:

Committee of	Contact Person	Number	Email
BBQ & Potatoes	Troy Tesch & Justin Tesch	979-885-6601	teschtroy@gmail.com
Coordinator	George Wied	979-865-5357	jlw.tx115@yahoo.com
Donations	Maggie Kent	979-865-9797	secmaggie@tlcsealy.org
Serving Inside	Paul & Loyce Orsak	979-335-6354	loyce.orsak1@gmail.com
Serving Line Drive Thru	Richard Engelbrecht	281-740-9618	rengel12402@yahoo.com
Serving Line Drive Thru	Mark Romano	979-885-2384	mpromano@sbcglobal.net
Kitchen	Ron Hartmann	713- 206-2557	rhartm7810@aol.com
Kitchen	Casey Picard	713-294-5860	staceyrenee@yahoo.com
Country Store	Mary Buechmann	979-885-2730	marybuech10@peoplepc.com
Country Store	Johanna Buechmann	979-885-2730	jlw30@peoplepc.com
Sauce	Johnny Griffin	979-885-3283	johngriffin97@sbcglobal.net
Beans	Doyle Kornegay	512-694-8057	dkornegay@sealyisd.com
Beans	Kim Kornegay	979-877-8105	kkornegay2012@gmail.com
Beans	Barry & Rachael Wolf	979-877-0341	wolf1261@aol.com
Publicity	Maggie Kent	979-865-9797	secmaggie@tlcsealy.org
Tea	Patricia Gum	979-743-5319	patriciar_04@yahoo.com
Cakes and Pies	Antoinette Romano	281-217-7177	antsrom8@gmail.com
Shut-In Deliveries	Rachael Wolf	979-877-0341	wolf1261@aol.com
Historian	Maggie Kent	979-865-9797	secmaggie@tlcsealy.org
Kid's Games	Valerie Engelbrecht	281-703-4903	valerie.june@sbcglobal.net
Decorations	Mary & Johanna Buechmann	979-885-2730	marybuech10@peoplepc.com
Purchasing	Jerry Leiber	979-885-6773	msleiber@yahoo.com
Live and Silent Auction	George & Janice Wied	979-865-5357	jlw.tx115@yahoo.com
Set Up & Clean Up	Bill Blume	979-885-3285	blume_bill@yahoo.com
Sales	Patricia Gum	979-743-5319	patriciar_04@yahoo.com
Ticket Sales	Mark & Patsy Romano	979-885-2384	mpromano@sbcglobal.net
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Treasurer	Patsy Romano	979-885-2384	mpromano@sbcglobal.net
Washing Coolers	Bill Blume	979-885-3285	blume_bill@yahoo.com



Kid's Let's Get Wet at the BBQ! \$5.00 Increments!

A water slide will be part of the excitement outside for all the children. But we need your help to defray the cost of the water slide! On the glass window as you enter the building there is a poster for you to help by donating \$5.00 per line. Families, Friends and Guests! Come with your child's bathing suit and towel and enjoy your barbecue meal, enjoy the auction, desserts and fellowship while the kids enjoy outside and get wet on the water slide!

