



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

**OCTOBER
2016**



**MISSION SUNDAY
FESTIVAL
POT LUNCHEON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
AFTER THE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

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



Celebrating as a Family!

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19-22

We always need to be reminded that we are Jesus' Church. As St. Paul tells us, we are not aliens or strangers. We are not strangers or aliens to Jesus. We also shouldn't be aliens or strangers to each other. Instead we are together. We are fellow citizens with each other built on Jesus as the cornerstone. In other words, we are FAMILY!

As the family of faith at Trinity in Sealy, we need to celebrate together. First, we celebrate the gift of God's eternal grace for the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life in Jesus alone! Second, we celebrate the gathering of His family. This includes the many different groups which make up our family.

For the next two months, each Sunday we will commemorate certain groups that make up our family. No one group is ever better than another. We are always ONE family in Jesus.

Upcoming Celebrations at Trinity:

October 2	Ladies Aid Sunday
October 9	Youth Sunday
October 16	Choir/Bell Choir Sunday
October 23	Mission Festival
October 30	Reformation Sunday
November 6	All Saints' Sunday
November 13	Altar Guild Sunday
November 20	Christ the King Sunday
Wednesday, November 23	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 27	First Sunday in Advent

To God Be All the Glory,

Pastor Ken

Greetings to you on this Special Day

10/01 Lorrene Schiller	10/07 MASON DZIADEK	10/21 Ruth Paben
10/02 Gilbert Franke	10/07 Jodine Meyer	10/21 Ruby Emshoff
10/03 Rachel Villalovo	10/07 Estelle Remmert	10/24 Bryant Schiller
10/04 Nathan Romano	10/08 Barbara Havemann	10/27 Kelly Kruzel
10/04 Joel Grigar	10/09 Ronnie Thrasher	10/29 Pastor Kenneth Bersche
10/04 Larry Schulke	10/12 Ursula Kutra	10/29 Timothy Ramon
10/05 Lee Hobratschk	10/14 Doris Schaffner	10/31 Robert Herridge
10/05 MICAH KRUZEL	10/15 Beth Franke	10/31 Betty Remmert
10/05 CADE LANGTON	10/18 Maggie Kent	10/31 Patricia Gum
10/06 Grace Holtkamp	10/20 Adrian Horelica	
10/05 Jill Sullivan	10/21 Dianne Clover	





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


10/04/1997 Bryant & Melinda Schiller	10/16/1993 Mark & Patsy Romano
10/12/2013 Eric and Patricia Gum	10/20/2011 Brett & Brittany Carter
10/15/1976 Johnnie and Cynthia Sodolak	


Prayers for Nursing Home And Shut Ins

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



Circle of Friends Luncheon Is Wednesday, October 5th! Our next Circle of Friends Luncheon at Trinity is Wednesday, Oct. 5th 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 on the sheet 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


 Thank you everyone for the warm and caring thoughts and prayers during my time of need during my surgery and recovery. Thank you Pastor Bersche for being at the hospital during my surgery. Blessed to be part of this church family.
God's Blessings, Maggie Kent


 Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, thanks the Sealy Lions Club for the American Flag that has been donated by them to the church. This flag stands in the Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy.


 I would like to say thank you for the caring card sent to me. I miss everyone in Circle of Friends, miss the meals and just wanted to say thank you to everyone for thinking of me.

I love you all, Marie Stasny

 **Pancake Breakfast THANKS!** Thank you Pat Buechmann and Ron Hartmann for flipping pancakes and Mary Buechmann helping me with the rest of the preparations. Thank you to Pastor Bersche blessing the breakfast meal. Thank you to congregational members who came to have breakfast with the preschool families. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the preschool. All of you are blessings!

 **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place on Sunday, October 30, 2016 after the worship service. Copies of the 2017 budget are available in the narthex. Please pick up your copy for review and approval at the congregational meeting on October 30th.

 **Nominating Committee** Church Council Nominations Committee Members are: Pastor Bersche, Fred Paben, Gene Remmert, Geraldine Barrett and Stephen Stuessel with Fred Paben in charge of committee. Committee will need names by October 23rd meeting. If you are interested in serving on a board please contact one of the nominating committee members.

 **MISSION SUNDAY** Luncheon – Sign up in the narthex if you are planning to attend MISSION SUNDAY Festival Pot Luck Luncheon after church on October 23rd. Ladies please bring desserts! Contact Norma Pavelka for any questions.



Portals of Prayer books October –

December are ready. Please pick one up in the narthex or ask an Usher for help to locate one for you.



Preschool Open House will take place on Thursday, October 20th 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event, including the congregation. You may bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and family. This is a great time for everyone to come together and see some of the work the children have completed and for the families and friends to visit classrooms and teachers.

Angela from Books are Fun will also have her display set up with books for you to order or books that are pay and take.

When you arrive for the Open House, please go straight to your child's classroom and see the work he/she has completed. When you have visited the classrooms come and have some refreshments in the gym and browse and order some books. For every ten books sold, preschool receives one free book. Please bring the family and enjoy Open House.

Themes! Themes for the month of October are: Family, Fire Prevention, and the Five Senses. Bible stories are:

Week of Monday Oct. 3rd

"The End of the Tower of Babel"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"Abraham Follows God"

Week of Monday Oct. 10th

"Abraham's Great Big Family"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

Week of Monday Oct. 17th

"Joseph and the Colorful Coat"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Moses Hears the Call of God"

Week of Monday Oct. 24th

"Moses Leads God's People"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"General Joshua and the Promise Land"

Week of Monday Oct. 31st

Ruth Must Find a New Home

The color for the month of October is BLUE, the shape is RECTANGLE and the children will continue to learn the letters i, m, f, s, and d.

Thank you to all the parents in helping reinforce the rules of the preschool. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and inappropriate behavior, thank you for reinforcing and talking to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.



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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 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 October are:

October 3rd – October 7th

Giovanni Chavez & Grant Ellis

October 10th – October 14th

Layla Escalera & Ava Fernandez

October 17th – October 21st

McKenzi Galvan & Madeline Gass

October 24th – October 28th

Maddison Green & Kallie Haidusek

October 31st – November 4th

John Haisler & **Xion**

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Wear Blue Day! Since we are learning the color BLUE for the month, we would like the children to wear something BLUE to preschool on Thursday, October 6th. Children can wear blue clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color BLUE!



Western Day! On Wednesday October 12th, the children may dress in western clothes for Western Day to promote The Austin County Fair. Each child may dress in western jeans, boots, shirts, belts, hats and also a bandana. If your child decides to wear spurs, this is fine, except if they are hurting another child, then the spurs will be removed. So let's get out our cowboy hats and boots!



Gun Safety! On Wednesday, October 12th, Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Gun Safety.

Mr. Gary, as the children call him, knows that a lot of children go hunting with their dads and grandpas and would like to keep the little ones safe. Mr. Gary will also explain to the children the importance of what to do if you find a gun, for example, at a friend's house. What do you do with a gun? Mr. Gary will also talk about how to use play guns and not to point the guns at others. Let's see what the children can learn during Gun Safety!




Fire Prevention! The Sealy Fire Department will come to the preschool on Wednesday, October 19th at 10:00 am.

They will teach the children to stop, drop and roll in case of a fire.

Children will enjoy the morning with the Sealy Fire Department as they learn about Fire Safety, since October is Fire Prevention Month. One of the important things that the firemen will teach the children is not to be afraid of them or hide from them in case they are in the house while burning. Firemen are there to help and rescue them even though their equipment may be scary. The firemen will also teach the children how important an escape route is for the entire family and the importance of smoke detectors. Please try to have your child here for this important lesson.

Syes And Eard

 **Vision Hearing Screening!** Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on **Monday, October 24th** beginning at 9:00 am.

This is mandatory by the state for the four year old classes. You have an option of taking your child for a diagnostic examination (such as eye doctor or hearing specialist) instead of signing up for the screening that the preschool provides. But check the cost to avoid surprises!

If you decide to take you child to be screened, then you must provide the preschool office with a copy of both the acuity and audiometric data signed by the doctor for our files and for the state. The words "OKAY" or "NORMAL" beside the word eyes or ears from regular physicians DO NOT meet the state's record requirements.

The cost for the screening is **\$14.00** for vision and hearing. Rhonda Lazenby, professional from College Station, will come to the preschool to screen the four year old classes. She is a state certified screener.

Please make checks payable to Rhonda Lazenby. If you decide to do the screening yourself, please have your documentation in my office by **Friday, October 21st**. Vision and Hearing Screening is mandatory by the state. If you decide not to have this screening, then your child may not participate in the preschool program.

Please bring in the documentation or make a check out to Rhonda Lazenby for **\$14.00** or cash (exact change) by **Friday, October 21st** along with the permission form. Do not turn in the form without the money or the money without the form.



Harvest Party! The preschool Harvest Party for the entire preschool will be Wednesday October 26th, 9:30 am-10:30 am. All room mothers need to be here right after dropping off their children to help set up.

We would like the children to come dressed as one of Noah Ark's animals. We have in the past had great and unique costumes, such as ladybugs, puppy dogs, sheep, kitty cats, cows and lots more. There are so many simple ways to dress your child as animals without spending a lot of money.

There will be a sign up volunteer list for refreshments and games. We need parents to help in supervising the children with games that the preschool provides. I will need help in setting up, tearing down, wiping tables and chairs, sweep and clean the kitchen after the party. So if you can help

in games or refreshments please place your name on the volunteer list. We need participation and not spectators!



Snacks! The preschool would like to say a "Big Thank You" to all the parents that donated snacks to the preschool. Snacks are not required to be brought 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 have to buy for the entire preschool. If you go shopping here are some ideas: cheese nips, honey combs, round crackers, pretzels, fruit loops, microwave popcorn, nacho cheese, goldfish and slice cheese. We appreciate it all!



Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser! We are getting ready for our 18th Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 10th, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 7:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$10.00 for one size plate. This is a major fundraiser for the preschool, which helps with the cost for teacher training, playground upkeep, classroom toys and learning materials, supplies, repairs, carpet cleaning, and helps keep the preschool afloat.

Look for a special letter informing you of all the details of the Preschool – Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. Preschool needs help with all the donations and help with the dinner. Take a look at the glass window for all the donations needed to make this fundraiser a success! This will be posted on Monday October 17th. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be on sale Monday, October 17th.



Late Pick Up! Please be on time to pick your child up from preschool. Beginning October 1st the \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!



Reminder! No Preschool Thursday October 13th and Friday October 14th due to the Austin County Fair!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



Johanna Buechmann will have church council minutes in the narthex. Due to my surgery and recovery I was not able to place the minutes into the October newsletter.

My apologies and God's Blessings,

Maggie Kent