



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

**DECEMBER
2016**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

**Christmas Eve Service With
Communion**
Saturday, December 24th at
6:00 pm

**Christmas Day Service with
Communion**
**Sunday, December
25th at 9:00 am**

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



A Constant Christmas in Changing Times

Do you remember Christmases of the past? Oh, how they've changed! It was before my time, but Christmas trees were actually lit up by candles. I hear of stories how during Christmas worship a man was designated to have the job of fireman. He was the one who made sure the tree didn't catch on fire and if it did, he had a bucket of water close by to put it out.

The decorations for Christmas have changed. Candles were replaced by the strings of the colorful big bulbs. They were replaced by smaller ones. The smaller ones which burned hot after a long time of use are now replaced by colorful and white LED lights. The tree at one time was cut from the pasture. Families found it easier to go to a tree farm or buy it from a store or some places from a convenient store or gas station. The real tree in many places was replaced by a metal tree which was replaced by plastic trees which are now replaced by pre-lit trees. (Those things are fun after a few years of use. You set them up and plug them in, and only a third of them or if any at all work.)

It seems that Christmas gifts have changed also. Children at one time were happy to receive fruit and nuts, clothing, and useful things. They were replaced by toys, dolls, etc. Of course, the toys and dolls got more elaborate and more expensive and more detailed. Today the toys which children want are mostly electronic, whether it be a game, toy, or even a cell phone.

Our Christmas celebrations have changed also. Gone are the days when everyone goes to grandma and grandpa's house either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, depending on one's family tradition. Today, it is typical for families to gather to celebrate weeks before Christmas. This is mostly due to the fact that family members live farther from each other. This isn't a bad thing, it just reminds us how times change, even celebrating.

It is a reminder to us that we live in a changing environment. You can never step into the same river twice. That's the way the world is. The cost of living, taxes, groceries, bills increase. Our society is more mobile where families live farther apart from each other.

But one thing remains constant: Jesus! Regardless of how our lives and celebrations change, He has, is and will never change. His love through His birth, life, death, and resurrection does not change. Through Him, God loved us, loves us, and will always love us. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior again this year, probably different than last year, we worship the same constant loving Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Christmas remains the same because Jesus is constant.

Merry Christmas to You All,

Pastor Ken

Advent and Christmas Celebrations at Trinity:

Nov. 27 – First Sunday in Advent	Nov. 30 – First Wednesday in Advent
Dec. 4 – Second Sunday in Advent	Dec. 7 – Second Wednesday in Advent
Dec. 11 – Youth Christmas Worship	Dec. 14 – Third Wednesday in Advent
Dec. 18 – Fourth Sunday in Advent	Dec. 21 – Caroling
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship	

Pastor Ken

Greetings to you on this Special Day

12/01 Charles Ekarius	12/15 Cy Vojtek	12/25 Bill Blume
12/02 Adolph Leschper	12/16 Linda Blume	12/26 Clifton Langton
12/04 Klarissa Smith	12/16 Brittany Luttrall	12/27 Austin Keeton
12/05 BRADLEY PICARD	12/16 Debora Waldrop	12/28 Reed Langton
12/09 Bobby Barrett	12/17 Laura Kutra	12/28 Kylie Wolf
12/09 Brooke Munoz	12/17 George Wied	12/28 AUTUMN MARTINEZ
12/11 Travis Pavelka	12/20 Doris Holtkamp	12/29 Clayton Fritsch
12/12 DAWSON VILLALOVOZ	12/22 Monica Kent	12/30 Hilda Allison
12/14 Ruth Szymanski	12/24 Charles F. Bolten	12/31 Barry Wolf



Happy Anniversary

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

12/07/1963 Paul & Loyce Orsak	12/10/1988 Doug & Rhonda Browne
12/07/1958 Gene and Betty Remmert	12/12/2009 Gaylan & Deborah Christiansen
12/08/1973 Johnny & Susie Busse	12/22/1973 David & Patsy Novosad

Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

<u>Ethel Donnelly</u> Colonial Belle Sealy	<u>Rae Marie Kveton</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy
<u>Charles Bolten</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy	<u>Joyce Meyer</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy



Sympathy **Sympathy for the family of Bernice Hintz who went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. Please keep the family in your prayers.**



The Ladies Aid would like to say thank you to the families who donated the money for the funeral luncheons. These donations are used to purchase the new banners hanging in the sanctuary.



Holy Baptism for Bryce Elgien Jaloway on Sunday, November 13, 2016, receiving the water of the Holy Spirit, Bryce receives the gift of new life from God, who is love. Pastor Ken Bersche performed the ceremony and the parents are Marshall and Karleigh Jaloway. May all involved do their part to be constant in faith.

Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. Without our congregational and preschool parent support towards our Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner this year would not have been a success. Special thank you to Mary and Pat Buechmann for all the help from beginning to end and Johanna Buechmann helping with the preparation of the dressing. Thank you Geraldine Stuessel for helping in the church office on Thursday. Thank you to Mark Meloneck for the use of his pit, and Dean Jacobson for spending his entire day working with the turkeys. A big thank you to everyone who helped debone turkeys, carrying roasters, washing pots and pans, serving food, making tea, helping with desserts, transporting meat from the pit and help with the silent auction. Thank you to all who gave extra monetary donations towards the dinner. Thank you for making your preschool program continue to teach and spread the love of our Lord and savior.



Thrivent Financial began a program this year called Thrivent Action Team. Anyone who is a member of Thrivent Financial can apply for this program which provides \$250.00 seed money for an event sponsored by the church. An application has to be submitted at least 21 days prior to the project start date. The next major event at Trinity will be the preschool chicken spaghetti dinner. For more information call a representative at 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Action Team". Grace Holtkamp is the contact at Trinity.

BBQ Results - \$ 15,241.38 BBQ Profit

- 1,000.00 Disbursed to Trinity Lutheran Youth
- 250.00 Disbursed to Sealy Christian Food Pantry
- 250.00 Disbursed to Sealy Ministerial Alliance
- \$ 13,741.38 Remaining balance to Trinity Lutheran's - General Fund



THANK YOU! Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner
Thanks to ALL who helped support the 18th Annual Preschool



SOUP SUPPERS 6:00 PM:

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES 7:00 PM

**November 30th 6:00 pm Soup Supper by
ALTAR GUILD**

December 7th Soup Supper by YOUTH

December 14th Soup Supper by CHOIR

December 21st

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

At 5:00 pm

AND

Soup Supper by CHURCH COUNCIL

At 6:30 pm



Mark your calendar!

CHRISTMAS Day Service

At 9:00 am:

Christmas Eve Service With Communion,

Saturday, December 24th at 6:00 pm

Christmas Day Service with Communion, Sunday,

December 25th at 9:00 am



CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED:

Church Office Closed

@ NOON on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

Closed Friday, Dec. 23rd

Closed Monday, Dec. 26th

Closed Friday, Dec. 30th

Closed Monday, Jan 2nd



The Houston Lutheran Chorale invites you to join in the celebration of our 32nd Christmas Concert, "A Star.....A Manger....A Promise", on Saturday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Downtown and Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Downtown. Come listen, sing, and enjoy the familiar sounds of the season, a beautiful Christmas medley of carols in Susa's *Christmas Garland*, favorite traditional carols including *Still, Still, Still, O Holy Night* and many more will be part of the celebration. Let us inspire and prepare you for the coming of our Lord! No tickets or reservations are required.



Thanks to ALL who helped support the 18th Annual Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner. Without our congregational and preschool parent support towards our Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner this would not have been a success. Special thank you to Mary and Pat Buechmann for all the help from beginning to end. Thanks to Mark Meloneck for the use of his pit, and Dean Jacobson for spending his entire day working with the turkeys.

A big thank you to everyone who helped debone turkeys, carrying roasters, washing pots and pans, serving food, making tea, helping with desserts, transporting meat from the pit and help with the silent auction. Thank you to all who gave extra monetary donations towards the dinner. And a special thanks to everyone signing up and donating food items towards the dinner. Thank you for helping YOUR preschool program to continue teaching and spreading the love of our Lord and Savior. From the bottom of my heart and for the love of the Lord, thank you everyone!

Thank you to all who donated their electric roasters to use for the vegetables. We would like to say a big thank you to HEB in Columbus for ordering the turkeys and Mikeska's in Columbus for smoking the turkeys for the dinner.

I was so very thankful for all the parents and church members involved in the preparation of the dinner. Each day there was a job that needed to be fulfilled. Everyone found their spot and began working. Most of all we enjoyed great fellowship.

Thanks to Robin Jacobson for coordinating the Silent Auction. Thanks to Rhonda Pavelka and Patsy Romano helping with the auction during the dinner.

A lot of time and work goes into the preparation of this fundraiser. God has blessed this preschool in so many ways with an awesome pastor, teachers, parents, congregational members and the love of these precious children. This gives us joy to do what we do for the Lord. I am so proud to be part of the family of God here at Trinity. Again Thank You For All Your Love and Support!




Themes! The themes for the month of December are: The Birth of Christ and Giving to Others. The children will learn the story of Joseph, Mary and how Jesus came to be in our lives. Children will also learn how great it feels to give to others who are less fortunate.

The children, parents, and congregational members can help in giving to the Christian Food Pantry. If we have each child bring several non-perishable items to donate, there would be many happy families with a Christmas meal. All the food will be delivered to the Sealy Christian Food Pantry by the children.

Children will also continue to learn the letters T, C, O, R, and N along with the shape STAR and color WHITE. The

Bible Verse for the month is "A Savior is born, He is Christ the Lord." The Bible stories for the month are:


Dec. 2nd	Dec. 12th-Dec 16th
"Daniel and the Prisoner" Pastor Bersche	Mary and Joseph Pastor Bersche
"Daniel and the Lion" Dec. 5th – Dec. 9th	"The First Christmas" Dec. 19th
"Esther the Beautiful" Pastor Bersche	"The Miracles of Jesus" Pastor Bersche
"Queen Esther Saves the People"	

 **Food Pantry!** Each year Trinity Lutheran Preschool takes up a collection of canned food items for the Christian Food Pantry. The collection will begin the first day of December.

Located by the sign-in-sign-out book is a box labeled Christian Food Pantry and we would like each child to bring items to be placed in the box for families that would not be able to have a Christmas Dinner.


Items that can be brought are
Canned sweet potatoes, Green Beans, Can Corn, Stuffing Mix
Cornbread Mix, Canned Fruit, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy
Mac and Cheese, Can Ravioli, Can Spaghetti and Meatballs
Variety of Can Soups, Peanut Butter, Boxes of Cereals
Rice a Roni, Saltine Crackers, Round Crackers


This is a great way to do God's work by helping the less fortunate so they could have a blessed Christmas with their family.

 The four-year-old class will take a walking field trip to the Christian Food Pantry to deliver the items of food. We also need a few parents to help walk with the children. If anyone would like to bring a little wagon the day of the field trip, this would be greatly appreciated!

The field trip will take place on Friday December 16th at 10:30 am, leaving here at 10:15 am. We also need the parents to fill out a permission form. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help by donating a wagon and or walk the children to the pantry.


The workers at the pantry will explain to the children the importance of helping one another in times of need. We may be blessed today but no one knows about tomorrow. Parents and congregational members are encouraged to bring non-perishable foods to help with the Christian Food Pantry.


 **Veranda House Field Trip!** After delivering the collected food to the Sealy Christian Food Pantry around 11:00 am the children will walk to the Veranda House for senior living, which a privately owned personal care home providing daily care to senior citizens. Veranda House is located across from the Sealy Christian Food Pantry and the children will visit and sing Christmas Carols to the residents. Remember that field trip forms must be filled out to attend.


 **Let's Be Safe!** Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday, December 14th at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will discuss with the children what being safe means. It means holding your parents' hands when crossing a street or careful not to touch the stove in case it is hot. Always ask your

parents or baby sitter before you go outside to play, or what about getting into a car, even if you know the person, unless your mother or father says it is okay. Also why do we have to sit in a car seat?

Mr. Gary knows that safety of children is of the utmost concern. He will teach children in a positive way to be safe without becoming fearful.

 **Flashlight Day!** On Wednesday, December 7th the children may bring a flashlight to preschool labeled with their name. This is to recognize that December 21st this year is the longest night of the year. The children will also read the story of the Lost Sheep. They can pretend to look for their lost sheep with their flashlights.


 **Pajama Day!!** All children! Wear your pajamas to preschool and enjoy the morning with the movie Polar Express on Friday, December 9th! We will have a special snack while watching the movie.

 **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 December are:

Dec. 5th – Dec. 9th	Dec.12– Dec. 16th
Kylie Kircher Piper Kircher	Faith Knesek Mason Kovar

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

 **Wear White Day!** Since we are learning the color WHITE for the month, we would like the children to wear something WHITE to preschool on Wednesday, December 21st. Children can wear white clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color WHITE!

Christmas Party! Each child in the classroom will draw names so we can have an ornament gift exchange among the children. The ornaments can be from .99 cents to \$3.00. This way the children can have fun exchanging their gifts but the gift will go straight into their bags so they can open the gift at home.

All ornaments need to be wrapped from whom and to whom and brought to the preschool by Friday December 15th. Please do not forget to bring your ornament gift, as we do not want a sad child without a gift.

The preschool Christmas party will take place on Tuesday, December 20th, 9:30 am – 10:30 am. The preschool party will be a mini corn dog party. Please check the party sign up list to see how you can help by purchasing food items needed for the party. Please sign up ahead of time to help with the games at the party.

 **Fantasy of Lights Parade**

Thank you to Ron and Susie Hartmann for coordinating all the details in putting the float together for the preschoolers. Thank you for providing the truck, trailer, hay and generator.

The float will be behind the Sealy Jr. High School, by the football practice field at Highway 90 West and Tiger Alley.

Float will be at the start up line by 4:30 pm and all children riding the float must be on the float by 5:30 pm. Be sure your child has had a restroom break before entering the float. The parade will start promptly at 6:00 pm. Entry number will be announced as soon as I find out.

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. If you as a parent along with your child want to ride please let me know by signing the permission form. Permission forms are due ASAP.



Food Pantry Donations Needed
Help Trinity Lutheran Preschool fill the food box for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry for their field trip! Boxes are located in the narthex and by the church office.



**Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year
Ms. Maggie & Preschool Staff**



(The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world did not recognize him...John 1:9-10)



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2016

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President George Wied. Valerie Engelbrecht presented the devotion "I'm Just A" based on Ephesians 1:11-12 and opened with prayer.

Council Members Present:

Pastor Bersche

George Wied – President

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

Lee Hobratschk - Elder

Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair

Patricia Gum - Youth Chair

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:

Ron Hartmann - Vice President

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

Minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made a motion to accept minutes as written. Valerie Engelbrecht seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Carol Jean will contact the family of Estelle Meyer to set up a date for the dedication of the bells.

*Congregational photos are set to be taken by Eric and Patricia Gum on November 20th and December 11th.

*Discussion on status of choir loft and stair cleaning.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The September 30, 2016 Treasurer's Report was presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$99,355.27, Building Fund is \$60,427.11, Designated Funds is \$61,521.62 and Total - All Funds is \$221,604.00. The General Fund Contributions is \$16,853.00. Total management and general expenses is \$21,535.19. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$4,682.19). General Fund Expenditures is \$21,535.19.

*Pastor cancelled cell phone contract and will get \$60 phone allowance next month.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*Budget will be in narthex and bulletin for 2 weeks before congregational meeting.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Discussion of Maggie receiving money for short term disability from Concordia plan.

*Discussion of Brad Kent's supplemental insurance through Texas Farm Bureau. Motion made by Patricia Gum to approve annual payment for Brad's supplemental medical insurance premium to Texas Farm Bureau to save \$484.32 rather than monthly payment. Valerie Engelbrecht seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Ron Hartmann - Vice President (absent)

*No report presented.

Pastor Bersche

*Mission Festival is October 23rd with breakfast at 8:30 am, Bible study at 9 am, church at 10 am followed by potluck and games for all ages.
*Celebrations in October and November to commemorate groups in church.

Valerie Engelbrecht - Education

*Children did very good singing in church for Youth Service. There were 9 children participating.
*Patricia Gum will take Denise Kopecky's place on ballot for Board of Education.
*The Children's Christmas Service will be December 11th.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*The youth made \$500 profit from chicken fried steak drive thru dinner.
*Youth will be participating in Boo Bash Halloween night, October 31st and will need donations of bags of candy for fishing booth again.
*8 youth were at Bible Youth Night and went well.
*Discussion on Patricia stepping down from Youth Board Chair and having youth step up and be youth board as a group and new Chair will oversee group.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair (absent) *No report presented.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

*Mission Potluck is October 23rd and advertised in bulletin.
*Soup Suppers on calendar for Advent.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair (absent)

*No report presented.

Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair

*Everything is okay.

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

New Business:

*Nominations Committee update by Pastor Bersche as still needing Youth Chair.
*BBQ funds will be dispersed as written in minutes.
*No further new business.

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

Lee Hobratschk will do devotion for November meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2016. Pastor Bersche closed with prayer.

George Wied, President

Johanna Buechmann - Secretary



MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON OCTOBER 30, 2016

President George Wied called the meeting to order.

Minutes from Congregational Meeting on April 24, 2016 were read for approval. Motion made by Lee Hobratschk to accept minutes as read. Ron Hartmann seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

The Ballot was presented to the congregation. President Wied read the names on the ballot. There was no Nominee for Youth Chair. Fred Paben made motion to accept nominations as presented by acclamation. Lowell Coody seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. The 2017 Proposed Budget for Trinity Lutheran Church was presented. Discussion on increase from Janitor (charges more when school is closed and less during school) and cleaning concerns to include vacuuming Choir Loft and Fellowship Center stairs. Discussion on if current budget is below or at budget which is at budget. Discussion on organist increase which includes playing for Choir practice before service. Rebecca Tipton made motion to accept budget as presented. Lowell Coody seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

*Discussion on final total on BBQ which was around \$15,000. The totals will be posted in the Yellows.

*Discussion on using the microphone at all meetings so that all can hear the speaker and having the sound system checked. There is hearing assistance if needed.

There being no further business, President Wied called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Rebecca Tipton, seconded by Susie Busse to adjourn. All approved. Motion passed.

President Wied closed in prayer.

George Wied, President
Johanna Buechmann, Secretary



**MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCHCOUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting was called to order by President George Wied. Lee Hobratschk presented the devotion on Martin Luther's Seal or the Luther Rose and opened with prayer.

Council Members Present:

Pastor Bersche
George Wied – President
Ron Hartmann - Vice President
Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair
Lee Hobratschk - Elder
Valerie Engelbrecht - Education Chair
Patricia Gum - Youth Chair
Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair
Fred Paben - Trustee Chair
Pat Buechmann - Usher Chair
Johanna Buechmann - Secretary

Council Members Absent:

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair

Minutes from the October 10, 2016 meeting were presented for review and approval. Carol Jean Hauschild made a motion to accept minutes as corrected (Lee Hobratschk's last name). Patricia Gum seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

*Carol Jean contacted the Meyer Family and Abel Family for the dedication of the bells set for Sunday, November 20th.

*Congregational photos are set to be taken by Eric and Patricia Gum also on Sunday, November 27th. Discussion about photos and shut-ins.

Chair Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild - Treasurer

*The October 31, 2016 Treasurer's Report and Contributions and Expenses January through

October 2016 were presented. The cash balances in the General Fund is \$110,505.86, Building Fund is \$60,643.63, Designated Funds is \$47,083.24 and Total - All Funds is \$218,232.73. The General Fund Contributions is \$19,985.00. Total management and general expenses is \$22,575.79. The Excess (deficit) of contributions over expenses is (\$2,637.29). General Fund Expenditures are \$22,575.79.

Jerry Leiber - Stewardship Chair

*No report presented.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chair

*Discussion on visitors in church past Sunday not signing visitor book. Evangelism welcomes visitors coming in or after church.

*Guest speakers for next years Mission Festival to be invited from Pablo Ministries.

*Discussion about extra money from Maggie's disability that was to go to Geraldine Barrett and Denise Kopecky. The money was not accepted by Geraldine and Denise.

Council went into Executive Session

*Discussion regarding extra money. Lee Hobratschk made a motion to table to next meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Council left Executive Session

Ron Hartmann - Vice President

*No report presented.

Pastor Bersche

*Pastor baptized Bryce Elgien Jaloway on Sunday, November 13th.

*Celebrations in October and November to commemorate groups in church with bell dedication Sunday November 20th. Discussion on bell ringing.

Valerie Engelbrecht- Education

*The Children's Christmas Service will be December 11th. The board is working on the program and special song.

*The Valentines Lunch will be on February 12th for 60's and older instead of 70's and older.

*The Board is filled again with members.

Patricia Gum - Youth

*Youth participated in Boo Bash Halloween night, October 31st, with the fishing booth. The youth made about 750 bags with 8 youth helping at the booth.

*The November Bible youth night was cancelled due to low turnout.

*The youth are hosting the December 7th Advent Soup Supper.

Ruth Szymanski - Evangelism Chair

*Evangelism hosted the breakfast on Mission Festival Sunday.

*The Bell Choir is always in need of more bell ringers.

Norma Pavelka - Fellowship Chair (absent) *Soup Suppers on calendar for Advent.

Fred Paben - Trustee Chair

*The copy machine lease is coming due soon (approaching one million copies). A new lease will be negotiated for a copier.

*Discussion on cleaning problems. Maggie was going to talk with janitor regarding this.

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. Fred Paben seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

New Business:

*Discussion on Denise Kopecky's grandson recognized in church on Boy Scout Sunday. This was referred to Pastor Bersche.

*Discussion on angel statue in glass hallway. Evangelism will look more into this.

*No further new business.

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

George Wied will do devotion for December meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday, December 12, 2016. President Wied led all in the Lord's Prayer.

George Wied, President
Johanna Buechmann – Secretary



Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner
Thank You for All Your Support! Ms. Maggie



Food Pantry
Donations Needed We need everyone's help fill the food box for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry for their field trip! Boxes are located in the narthex and by the church office. Preschool children will be filling the box but they also need help from you. The children will walk and parents will pull several wagons to deliver the food to the Food Pantry. Items that you can fill the box with are:

Canned sweet potatoes
Green Beans
Can Corn
Stuffing Mix
Cornbread Mix
Canned Fruit
Cranberry Sauce
Gravy
Mac and Cheese
Can Ravioli
Can Spaghetti and Meatballs
Variety of Can Soups
Peanut Butter
Boxes of Cereals
Rice a Roni
Saltine Crackers
Round Crackers
Etc.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool four-year-old class will have a walking field trip to the Sealy Food Pantry on Friday, December 16th! Please help the children by donating food for the less fortunate!

FOOD DRIVE

*God's Blessings,
Ms. Maggie*