



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

**February
2017**



**Over 60's
Valentine
Dinner**

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



The elders rule over the affairs of the church and are worthy of double honor, especially those who work in preaching and teaching
1 Timothy 5:17

“Bears Much Fruit!”

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

During the Sundays of Epiphany (January 8-February 26) we celebrate who Jesus is and who we are as His followers. We understand His manifestation or “epiphany” to us and in response, we follow in action.

Have you been paying attention to our Epiphany theme thus far? It hasn't been explicitly revealed to anyone except in the Bible passage that is spoken at the beginning of our worship. At the start of our worship for most of January and all of this month we have recited Galatians 5:22-23.

This month we will continue our theme based on the following:
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

We have already experienced Jesus as love, expressed to us at our Baptism. We then discovered the joy that we share with John the Baptist in having fellowship with Christ. Then, although, we have conflicts even within the church, we have peace in the Prince of Peace. Peace is followed with patience, which is quite an important fruit to experience in the hectic pace of life we live.

In February, our theme continues with kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We experience Jesus' kindness and goodness to us so that we reflect and show kindness and goodness to others. Although we are not able to be completely faithful, Jesus is always faithful and calls us into His faith. Finally, at Christ's transfiguration, we see not only His great, magnificent glory but also His gentleness and self-control.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us continue to show forth the fruits of the Spirit as we are connected to Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

Greetings to you on this Special Day

2/01 Amber (Jacobson) Shupak	2/11 Gage Grigar	2/24 Diane Henry
2/07 Bob Witte	2/11 Darrell Palm	2/25 Mildred Pless
2/08 Sabrina Schiller	2/14 Dorthy Gerhart	2/25 Charles Abel
2/08 Troy Tesch	2/21 AVERIE RAMON	2/28 CHARLIE ARRIAGA
2/09 Courtney Dziadek	2/22 Jerry Grunke	2/28 Joyce Amthor

Happy Anniversary

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

2/01/1946 Edwin & Estelle Remmert ♥	2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek
2/14/1989 Bill and Ann Reay	

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 for the family of Jeannie Holland (car accident) who went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Please keep her daughter and the rest of the family and friends in your prayers. She will be greatly missed.

Sympathy for Melissa Bersche's family at the passing away of her uncle, Richard Hasz. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Sympathy for Melissa Bersche's family at the passing of Melissa's mother, Betty A. Von Stroh who went to be with her Lord on January 20, 2017. Please keep the family in your prayers.



A Special Thank You to the entire congregation, our family of faith, of Trinity for the prayers, support and gifts. Your consideration and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. The Church Staff



Sealy Christian Pantry

Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 28, 2017 beginning at 5:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Center. This will benefit the Sealy Christian Pantry and their ministry of feeding the hungry. A free-will offering will be received-no charge.



Friends Luncheon!

Wednesday, February 1st! 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-885-7932.



Over 60's Dinner

Church members age 60 and older and their spouse are cordially invited by the youth of Trinity Lutheran Church to honor you with a dinner on Sunday, February 12, 2017 after the worship service. The meal includes Lasagna/green beans/salad/garlic bread/tea and coffee. Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, February 5th.



Remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars before March 31st.



March 1, 2017



**TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL
CHICKEN SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER!**

**Trinity Lutheran Preschool is having a
Chicken Spaghetti
Dinner Fundraiser**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

DRIVE THRU ONLY! Tickets \$10.00

**You can purchase your tickets
in the Church or Preschool Office.**

**Come and enjoy Chicken Spaghetti while
supporting the preschool!**

**A donation list is posted for parents and
congregation to help with some of the
ingredients for the dinner! Please look at the
glass window, sign up and bring in your
items ASAP!**



**Thank you in advance!
Ms. Maggie**



Singing in Church! We all know
the wonderful feeling of watching our child/children
perform for us. On Sunday, February 26th please
make plans for all the preschoolers to join us for the
10:00 am worship service. The children will be in
front of the church and sing some of the wonderful
songs that they learned in chapel.

Each year the congregation looks forward
to listening to the preschool sing praise and be part
of the worship service. Pastor Ken Bersche and
the Fellowship Committee would like for everyone
to stay for Sloppy Joes and Hot Dogs after church.
This is one way we can give back to the church for
the support that they give to the preschool.

Please let your child's teacher know
whether or not you and your child can attend. This
is a great time to invite family and friends to watch
the children sing and enjoy the meal after church.

Please arrive at 9:30 am and drop off
your child in their classrooms. This will give us
ample time to practice and be ready for church.

It is very important that you drop off your
child and leave IMMEDIATELY because the longer
you stay the harder it is on your child. We want
your child to be happy and sing beautifully so you
will be proud of them. Please mark Sunday,
February 26th on your calendar to sing. Your child
is only little once so don't let you and your child
miss out on this program. Please stay for the
luncheon and enjoy fellowship among your friends.



Kid's Dentistree Visits Preschool

The Themes for the month of February are: Hygiene,
Dental and Health. The children will learn the
importance of hand washing, right nutrition and how
exercise can keep you healthy.

Teachers will talk to the children about
health items such as soap, combs, brushes,
toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that
will keep you healthy.

Kendra Vega from Kid's Dentistree will
come to the preschool on Thursday, February 22nd
at 11:00 am to talk to the four-year-old classes
about Dental Hygiene.

The children will learn the importance of
seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Kendra will
also show the children the correct way of flossing
and brushing.

The Bible Stories for the month of February
are:

Feb. 1st – Feb 3rd

"Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"A Big Picnic"

"Walking on Water"

Feb. 6th – Feb 10th

Open Eyes

"Pastor Bersche's Children's Message "Money in a
Fish"

Feb. 13th – Feb. 17th

"A Good Neighbor"

"Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"The Woman Who Could Not Stand Up"

Feb. 20th – Feb 24th

"Pastor Bersche's Children's Message The "Lost
Sheep"

Feb. 27th – March 3rd


"The Lost Coin"

The Bible Verse for the month is "Love One
Another" (John 13:34). The children will learn The
Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.
What does this mean? We should fear and love
God so we do not take our neighbor's money or
possessions, or get them in any way dishonest
way, but help him improve and protect his
possessions and income.

Along with the Seventh Commandment the
children will also learn The Eighth Commandment:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

We will learn the color PINK and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.

 **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 will be 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 February are:

February 6th– February 10th

Jacob Nelson

Ryder Nelson

February 13th – February 17th

Isolde Niemann

Hudson Novicke

February 20th – February 24th

Alexis Novosad


Lainey Olday


February 27th– March 3rd

Elijah Olvera


Jonah Olvera

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

 **Bring PINK Items!** On Friday February 17th, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!

 **Go Western Day!** Go Western Day will be Friday February 24th. The children can come to preschool dressed in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas and belt. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. So let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!


 **Bring a Postage Stamp!** Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child's teacher for the special valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child's teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size and weight of the valentine project.

Children will learn a little about the postal system in their classrooms. The teachers will have a center for the children to make cards, write letters and pretend to be a mail carrier, etc.

Please have your stamps here by Friday, February 3rd, so the valentine cards can be mailed out in ample time for you to receive by mail.


The children will place the valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postal carrier to take with them.

If your child has not brought a stamp for their valentine card to be mailed you may pick up the card in your child's cubby.

 **Valentine's Party!** The preschool will have their Valentine Party on Tuesday, February 14th 9:30 am – 10:30 am.

We will have an English muffin pizza party. There will be a sign up list for you to bring English muffins, pizza sauce and mozzarella cheese and help with the supervision of games.


Each child will also need to bring a valentine card for each of their classmates for exchanging. Check with your child's teacher for a list of children in their class.


 **Fall Registration!** Fall registration will begin Wednesday, March 1st and end on Friday, March 31st for the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Wednesday, March 1st in the preschool office.

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

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$80.00. But for early registration and for the month of March 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 registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. Registration will be on first come basis.

 **Extra Clothing!** Please have an extra set of clothing in your child's cubby. If your child has been sent home with Trinity clothing, could you please return the clothing in case we need them for an emergency.

 **Potty Training!** I want to remind the two-year-old parents that all who are going into the three-year-old class this fall must be fully potty trained. Please remember that if your child is not potty trained they may not be in the three-year-old class.

That means no pull ups! Each child must be in underwear or panties!

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. For the ones that are not potty trained this would be a great time to start. Talk to your child's teacher and between the both of you working towards this goal your child will be ready for the three-year-old class next year.

Please work with your child at home supervising them to take down their own bottoms and get themselves onto the toilet, wipe, flush and pull up their own bottoms. By working together, let's make this our goal for them to go potty without assistance.

Don't Forget! Reminder that preschool is closed Monday, February 15th for President's Day and public school closed.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING January 9, 2017

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President George Wied, who also presented the devotion "Wise Words" from selected verses of Proverbs, Chapters 10 and 12. This devotion reminded us that the tongue is the strongest muscle in the body, performing both good and bad actions. George then opened the meeting with prayer.

Council members present:

- Pastor Bersche
- George Wied – President
- Ron Hartmann – Vice President
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Lee Hobradschk – Elder chairman
- Valerie Engelbrecht – Board of Education chairman
- Jerry Leiber – Stewardship chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee chairman
- Rebecca Tipton – Evangelism chairman
- Susie Hartmann – Fellowship chairman
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher chairman

Council members absent: – None

The Minutes from the meeting held on December 12, 2016 were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Carol Jean Hauschild, seconded by Lee Hobradschk, to accept the minutes as presented. All Council members approved and the Motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business

- Discussion continued about the Statue of the Angel in the foyer between the Church and the Education Building. The Council discussed the possibility of moving the statue. It was decided that this should be brought to the Congregation for their input. George Wied will bring this up on Sunday, January 15, 2017.
- Boy Scout Sunday is in February, and it was discussed as to how we should properly handle this. The discussion was tabled at this time. George Wied will announce this in Church on Sunday, January 15, 2017, to determine how many Boy Scouts we have as members.

Chairmen Reports

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

- The December 31, 2016, Treasurer's report, along with contributions and expenses year-to-date, were presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$103,516.73. The Building Fund balance is \$61,643.01 and the Designated Funds balance is \$51,870.94. The Total of all Funds is \$217,030.68. The General Fund contributions were \$15,775.00 and General Fund expenditures were \$19,113.37. There was a deficit, in December, between contributions and expenses of \$3,338.37. For the year 2016, there was a deficit between contributions and expenses of \$24,270.51.
- Carol Jean requested that when approving bills that need to be paid, to please indicate the line item number from the budget.
- Pastor's housing allowance will remain the same for the upcoming year.
- We will make a contribution of \$150.00 to both the Food Pantry and the Ministerial Alliance. This is an annual contribution that is done in January.

- An audit of the Memorial Fund records should be done in February by two members. Ruth Szymanski will help to perform the audit. One more member will be needed to comply.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship chairman

- There are still boxes of offering envelopes for 2017 that have not been picked up. He will meet with Lee Hobratschk to discuss this matter.

Lee Hobratschk – Elder chairman

- Delinquent members were mailed Christmas cards and the Elders will be meeting with the Evangelism committee for assistance in contacting some of the members.
- Geraldine Barrett has informed the Elders that she will no longer be available to serve in the Church office, on a regular basis, when Maggie is out of the office.

Ron Hartmann – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- The surgery that was scheduled for early January had to be re-scheduled to May due to conflicts with the insurance. He will work with Pastor Franke to cover for him while he is out of the office.
- Pastor expressed his thanks for the Christmas bonus that he was given in December.

Valerie Engelbrecht – Board of Education chairman

- The annual Valentine Dinner will be held this year on, February 12, 2017, and anyone who is 60 years of age, or older, is welcome.
- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 20 – 22.
- The Board of Education is in need of a Sunday school teacher for the youth.

Rebecca Tipton – Evangelism chairman

- The Trinity Lutheran sign on Hwy. 36 and I-10 that directs people to our church, has been knocked down. The Trustees have been working on this and new signs have been ordered.

- Becky will co-ordinate with Lee Hobratschk and the Evangelism committee will assist the Elders with visiting delinquent members.

Susie Hartmann – Fellowship chairman

- The Preschool will be singing in church on February 26, 2017. The Fellowship committee will serve a lunch after church for Preschool students and parents, as well as Trinity members.

Bill Blume – Trustee chairman

- The Trustees will be putting up the signs on Hwy. 36 on the north and south side of Sealy.

Johanna Buechmann – Usher chairman

- There was nothing to report.

George Wied called for a motion to approve the Reports. The motion was made by Carol Jean Hauschild to accept the Chairmen Reports as presented. Becky Tipton seconded the motion. All Council members approved the Reports and the motion passed.

New Business

- A blood drive for MD Anderson will be held at Trinity on Saturday, January 21, 2017.
- A “Thank You” note was read from Maggie Kent thanking us for the Christmas bonus that she received.

There being no further business, George Wied called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Bill Blume, seconded by Carol Jean Hauschild. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Johanna Buechmann will do the devotion for the February meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2017. Pastor Bersche closed the meeting with prayer.

George Wied – President
Ruth Szymanski - Secretary