



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

**MARCH
2017**



Saturday night March 11th
before you go to bed!

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



You are Nothing Minor

The center and focus of our lives as Christians is and should always be focused on Jesus! He is what we are all about. It's not about the good things we do or say. It's not about the great things we say about or to others. As followers of Jesus, we are His disciples because of Jesus! That means there is no one greater or lesser in the kingdom of God. We are not mere minor characters on the scene for the history books. Jesus died for all and His blood atones for everyone's sin.

Starting this month, we continue our central focus on Jesus: His life, death, and resurrection for us. Our meditations for our Lenten midweek gatherings for worship will be constructed for us by certain minor characters of Jesus' passion. Through them we will be reminded of Jesus' words, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me!"

Our first gathering, Malchus will speak to us about how we should respond to those who have wronged us in the shadow of Jesus' cross.

Next, a false witness bears to us about how often we lie and deceive with fictional stories.

Third, the bystander reminds us how many times we deny Jesus but how He never denies us.

Fourth, an Elder shows us how much we are worth.

Fifth, a more common character of Barabbas will tell us that people are truly crazy or out of their minds while Jesus always has us in mind.

And finally, Simon from Cyrene helps us to examine our lives in carrying the cross of Jesus for others to see.

As the minor prophets in the Old Testament point the focus on God's saving actions ultimately through His Son, Jesus; so also, minor characters of the Passion help us focus on Jesus and what He's done to make us more than minor people. He makes us His People!

IN CHRIST,
Pastor Ken



3/02 Deanna Cash	3/16 Eleanor Anderson	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/27 Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/22 Valerie Engelbrecht	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/22 Susie Hartmann	3/29 Joan Griffin
3/6 KASEY PICARD	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/7 Stacey Picard	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/07 Terry Kieke	3/25 Vivian Kveton	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/9 Gabriella Munoz	3/26 Howard Bear	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/26 Brandon Blume	3/31 Savannah Munoz
3/14 Suzanne Bozeman		



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

3/05/2010 Ron and Susie Hartmann	3/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/12/2016 Hannah and Matthew Mueller	3/27/2010 Richard and Valerie Engelbrecht
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston	



<u>Ethel Donnelly</u> Colonial Belle- Sealy	<u>Rae Marie Kveton</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy	<u>Joyce Meyer</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy
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We would like to thank Trinity Lutheran Church for allowing us to use your building for our recent blood drive. It was a huge success and we are so very blessed to have the amazing support from family, friends and the community. God Bless.
No One Fights Alone
Mike Michalke and family
#teampopsy



Trinity Lutheran Preschool would like to thank everyone who helped by donating items and purchasing tickets for the Preschool Chicken Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Thank you Dorothy Coody for your Thrivent seed money towards the fundraiser. Thank you to the preschool parents, the community, our church congregation and preschool staff for your love and support towards Trinity Lutheran Preschool Program. Special thank you to Pat and Mary Buechmann for all the help in the preparation of the dinner. All of you are greatly appreciated!!



Thank you to everyone in our family at Trinity for your thoughts, prayers, concern, and gift at the death of our Betty, beloved mother. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.
 Pastor Ken, Melissa, Samantha and Dani.



CHAT AND CHEW

Everyone is welcomed to stay after church in the narthex each Sunday for coffee and cookies giving time to fellowship among each other.

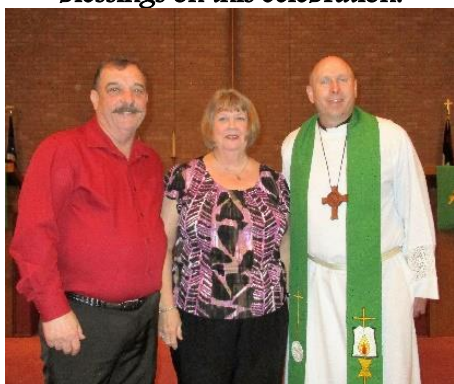
Ash Wednesday – WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST
 6:00 PM SOUP SUPPER BY ALTAR GUILD
 7:00 PM WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION



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Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy on Sunday, February 19, 2017 welcomed William Monette Fullen into the family of God through Holy Baptism by Rev. Kenneth Bersche. Parents are John and Nichol Fullen. Many blessings on this celebration.



Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy welcomed new members, Carl and Carol Wied on Sunday, February 12, 2017. Receiving the couple to the family of Trinity is Pastor Ken Bersche. We welcome you with open arms.



The Mid Coast Zone LWML recently held a retreat at The Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria. The theme was "Hope in a Troubled World – Trusting God's Promises" based on Psalm 119:114 with Lois Teinert (immediate past president of Texas District LWML) leading the Bible studies. Attending from Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, were Valerie Engelbrecht, Stacy Picard, Susie Hartman, and Beth Franke.



Circle of Friends Luncheon!

When: Wednesday, MARCH 8TH!

Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up To Attend!!

Come join us for "Circle of Friends" to include our younger seniors and those younger that would like to have lunch with us. Join us on March 8th at 12:15 for lunch. Come enjoy the meal and fellowship! Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. Please sign you and your friends up in the narthex if you would like to attend or bring a dessert. Contact Mary Buechmann or Antoinette Romano for any questions.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Many Trinity Members of Thrivent Choice Dollars have directed those dollars to several institutions. Remember to continue doing this every two or three months by calling 1-800-847-4836. After March 31, 2016, any funds not directed will be moved into the Thrivent General Fund. Contact Grace Holtkamp for information. Remember to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars before March 31st.

Based on member recommendations, Trinity Lutheran Church received \$12,332.00 in charitable outreach funding in 2016.



Easter Pancake Breakfast! Please join us April 16, 2017 with Easter Sunrise Service with Communion at 7:00 am then at 8:00 am for Easter Pancake Breakfast. Pastor Bersche will have a Congregational Bible Class at 9:00 am then 10:00 am Easter Worship Service.



I missed seeing you at church
 And wondered how you are,
 I hope and pray that you'll return,
 For your absence breaks my heart
 I want you to know I care
 And miss you very much,
 I pray God's love will reach inside
 With a special touch.

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Remember and praying for you and missing you in church. Please join us 8:30 am Fellowship Coffee and Donuts
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship.

See you Sunday!



LENT **LENT SERVICES for 2017** LENT

March 1st 6:00 pm Soup Supper by ALTAR GUILD....Worship/Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

March 8th 6:00 pm Soup Supper by PRESCHOOL....Worship at 7:00 pm

March 15th 6:00 pm Soup Supper by LADIES AID....Worship at 7:00 pm

March 22nd 6:00 pm Soup Supper by CHURCH COUNCIL....Worship at 7:00 pm

March 29th 6:00 pm Soup Supper by YOUTH....Worship at 7:00 pm

April 5th 6:00 pm Soup Supper by CHOIR....Worship at 7:00 pm



April 13th MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm



April 14th GOOD FRIDAY Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 pm



April 16th SUNRISE Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 am



April 16th EASTER Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am



REGISTRATION Fall Registration will begin Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and end on Friday, March 31, 2016. This is 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. You may pick up a packet on Wednesday, March 1st in the preschool office.

After March 31st, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and public. If you are planning to have your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and bring it back, along with the registration fee.

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$80.00. For the early registration, and for the month of March only, 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 the registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. Remember that fall registration is beginning Wednesday, March 1st and will end on Friday, March 31st, for the price of \$65.00 and this is only for the ones that are in the program NOW! Registration will be first come first basis.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday – In March schools across the United States will celebrate the birthday of one of the most beloved children's authors of our time, Dr. Seuss. Children will celebrate and honor his birthday by participating in fun activities, playing games, and reading his much-adored books.

Beth Franke, retired Librarian, will come to the preschool to read to the children on Friday, March 3rd.

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2; 1904 and his birth name is Theodor Seuss Geisel. A few of the classes are asking for parents to come and read to the children. Check with your child's teacher if they would like for you to volunteer and read to the children.



Spring Pictures! Stephanie Meyer from Stephanie K Photography will come to the preschool to take spring pictures of the children. Please dress your child in spring attire.

Stephanie will be here on Wednesday, March 22nd beginning at 8:30 am. Please be sure to fill out your order form and return it to the office with your money by Friday, March 10th. No pictures will be taken without the required form and money.



Wear Orange Day! On Friday, March 10th the children can wear the color ORANGE to school to reinforce the color for the month.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that helps children 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 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 March are:

March 6th – March 10th Haley Orsak and Bradley Picard	March 27th – March 31st Bristol Smith Braden and Kasen Koy
March 13th – March 17th Spring Break	
March 20th – March 24th Noah & Abraham Rosas Isabel Ruiz	

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



Themes! The themes for the month of March are: Spring, Garden and Growing. The children will enjoy this month having fun planting something special in the classroom. They will water, nurture and watch the plant grow and realize that God creates everything for us to enjoy.

Children will have a special project of planting seeds. They will take their little starter garden home and both child and parents can care and transplant their little garden and watch it grow.

The Bible stories for the month of March are:

<p>March 1st – 3rd Ash Wednesday Pastor Bersche "The Children"</p> <p>March 6th – March 10th "The Blind Beggar" Pastor Bersche "A Small Man"</p>	<p>March 13th – March 17th SPRING BREAK</p> <p>March 20th – March 24th "Two Small Coins" Pastor Bersche "The Man at the Pool"</p> <p>March 27th – March 31st "Mary's Gift" Pastor Bersche "Making Way for the King"</p>
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The Children will continue to learn the letters for the month B, V, W, E and K. The shape and color for the month is CRESENT and ORANGE.

The Bible verse for the month is: "I will be with you always". (Matthew 28:20). The children will learn The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The children will learn The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, worker or animals. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.



Stranger Danger! The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Thursday March 2nd at 10:00 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not leaving with someone you do not know, not to take anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright and know how and when to call 911.



Spring Break! Preschool will not be in session the week of March 13th – March 17th due to Spring Break.



Treasure Box Items Needed! Parents, preschool is in need of small unopened toys for the classroom treasure box. If you have some and would like to donate them to the preschool the teachers would greatly appreciate it!

If you are shopping and you see very inexpensive small items for the treasure box and would like to purchase these items for the classrooms this would be greatly appreciated also!



I would like to say a special thank you to the preschool parents participating to let their child/children sing and joining us for the luncheon. Thank you to Pastor Ken Bersche for all the kind words expressed and how important it is to teach our children about Jesus here at Trinity. Thank you to the congregational members who support the preschool program during the year and to have this program here at Trinity. Thank you to my special preschool staff who are the ones that work side by side with these children teaching the love of Jesus. All praise and glory goes to our Lord and Savior giving the blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. May God continue to bless.



Preschool Soup Supper – Preschool would like to welcome you to join us for soup supper on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 pm. This is a love donation for the preschool program. We enjoy different variety of soups and after soup supper you are welcome to join us for the Lenten Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

You are invited to attend any of the Wednesday Lenten Worship Services. Soup is at 6 pm and worship is at 7 pm. Please join us for Ash Wednesday, March 1st. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Ken Bersche or me. We would love to have you come and worship with us.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING February 13, 2017

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Vice President Ron Hartmann. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bersche. Johanna Buechmann presented the devotion "Work Boots" from the Portal of Prayers.

Council members present:

- Pastor Bersche
- Ron Hartmann – Vice President
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Lee Hobratschk – Elder chairman
- Jerry Leiber – Stewardship chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee chairman
- Susie Hartmann – Fellowship chairman
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher chairman

Council members absent: – George Wied, Valerie Engelbrecht and Becky Tipton

The Minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2017 were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Susie Hartmann, seconded by

Bill Blume, 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. Lee Hobratschk reported that the family that donated the statue will pick the statue up.

Chairmen Reports

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

- The January 31, 2017, Treasurer's report, along with contributions and expenses for the month, were presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$104,922.29. The Building Fund balance is \$61,834.69 and the Designated Funds balance is \$52,095.94. The Total of all Funds is \$218,852.92. The General Fund contributions for January were \$18,541.40 and General Fund expenditures were \$17,135.84.
- After discussion, a motion was made by Lee Hobratschk to transfer the Special Service funds (Advent, Thanksgiving and Christmas services) into the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Carol Jean Hauschild. All Council members approved and the motion passed.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars for our church totaled \$12,332.00 for the year 2016.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship chairman

- Contribution envelopes for 2018 will be ordered soon.

Lee Hobratschk – Elder chairman

- The Elders will review the list of delinquent members to determine how to proceed.
- Plans are being made for Boy Scout Sunday.

Ron Hartmann – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- During January, Pastor conducted two funerals. Also, by Profession of Faith, Carl and Carol Wied have been accepted into membership.
- Pastor will be performing a Baptism on February 19, for the son of John and Nichol Fullen.
- Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017. The theme for the Lenten services will be minor characters of the Passion.

Valerie Engelbrecht – Board of Education - Absent

Rebecca Tipton – Evangelism chairman – Absent - Report presented by Susie Hartmann

- The Evangelism Committee is planning these events:

- Picnic on the Playground (June 10, 2017)
- Pumpkin Palooza (October 7, 2017)
- Beginning Sunday, February 19, 2017, the Evangelism Committee will be serving coffee and pastries following services. This "Chat and Chew" is an opportunity for members, and visitors, to mingle after church.

A motion was made by Bill Blume to approve these events. The motion was seconded by Ruth Szymanski. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

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 air conditioning is in need of replacement. Several bids have been received, and the bid that has been accepted and approved, is the bid from Honeycutt A/C for the amount of \$11,750.00.
- The Trustee committee is in need of four more members who will be willing to serve on this committee.
- The Council discussed the possibility of changing more of the lights to LED bulbs.

Johanna Buechmann – Usher chairman

- Brody Schiller has been serving as a new usher.

Ron Hartmann called for a motion to approve the Reports. The motion was made by Carol Jean Hauschild to accept the Chairmen Reports as presented. Bill Blume seconded the motion. All Council members approved the Reports and the motion passed.

New Business - None

There being no further business, Ron Hartmann called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Susie Hartman, seconded by Carol Jean Hauschild. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Susie Hartmann will do the devotion for the March meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Ron Hartmann-Vice President
Ruth Szymanski**