TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas

Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

August 2017

Advance!!! BBQ Tickets!!
$10.00
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
&
Bible Study
10:00 am Worship

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Bad Into Good:
When Your Hut Is Burning

He was the only survivor of the shipwreck. He got washed up on a small, uninhabitable, deserted island in the Pacific Ocean. Each day he prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. And each day he scanned the horizon to see nothing but ocean. He saw no help in sight. After the first week he became exhausted and realized that he had to build some shelter from the elements of the wind, sun, and rain. So with the little strength that he had, he managed to build a little hut out of driftwood not only to protect him from the elements but also to store the few items he had left that washed up on the shore after the wreck.

Each day he would sit there on the shore, praying, looking, and hoping that maybe, possibly, someone would come and rescue him. Yet day after day, he felt all alone as he saw nothing but blue waters. And when he wasn't praying and looking, he would be out looking for any food to give him some sustenance for life.

One day, while out scavenging for food, he noticed the smell of smoke. He thought, "Could it possibly be someone who had come to answer his prayers of rescue?" Yet when he arrived back home to his hut, he noticed that the smoke and the flames were coming out of roof of his makeshift home. He desperately thought to himself, "The worst has happened. Everything is lost. How could of this happened?"

He was stunned with grief and anger. He cried out, "God, how could you do this to me? I've been praying to be rescued for all these days and You answered me by burning down my shelter."

Early the next day, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. When aboard the rescue ship, the man asked his rescuers, "How did you know that I was here?" They simply replied, "We saw your smoke signal."

In life, there are a lot of tough, unexplained things that happen to us and our loved ones. And it is easy to get discouraged when things are going badly for us. But we should not lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Remember, the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it may be a smoke signal that summons the grace and love of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it. We often say, "It is impossible." But God says, "All things are possible" We often say, "I can't go on." But God says, "My grace is sufficient." We often say, "I can't manage." But God says, "I will supply all your needs." We often say, "I feel all alone." But God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

In CHRIST,
Pastor Ken

YOUTH – We are in need of someone to volunteer working and coordinating our youth here at Trinity. If you are interested please contact Pastor Bersche or George

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS 2017-2018 If anyone is interested in teaching Sunday School where help is much needed for the 2017-2018 year, please contact: Valerie Engelbrecht valerie.june@sbcglobal.net 281-703-4903

Birthdays for the Month!

Greetings to you on this Special Day

8/01	Evangeline Coody	8/13	Patrick Johnston	8/21	Pat Buechmann
8/05	John Vrablec Jr.	8/15	RYANNE MEYER	8/21	Shirley Svinky
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/15	James Schmidt	8/22	Dean Jacobson
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	Pat Schmidt	8/24	ZABEIN ALLEN
8/09	Krisha Langton	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/27	Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	Bill Reay	8/17	Karleigh Jaloway	8/27	Rob Emshoff
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	8/28	Gene Remmert
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/18	Alton Kveton	8/29	Tara Johnston
8/12	Patsy Romano	8/20	GAGE NEELEY	8/31	Rae Terrell
8/13	Lee Allen Palm				

Happy Anniversary

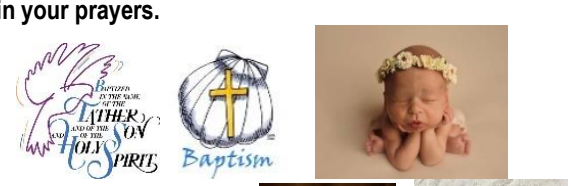
Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.

8/1/2015	John and Nicole Vrablec	8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin
8/2/1969	Charles and Beverly Ekarius	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann

Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

Ethel Donnelly	Rae Marie Kveton	Joyce Meyer
Colonial Belle-Sealy	Colonial Belle – Sealy	Colonial Belle – Sealy

Sympathy for the family of Dennis Orsak who went to be with his Lord on Monday, July 10, 2017. He was the father-in-law to Shea Orsak, our preschool teacher Please keep the family in your prayers.



Congratulations Brynn Ainsley Blume, may God's grace and blessings that you receive on your Baptism by Pastor Ken Bersche on July 23, 2017 guide you throughout your life.

Congratulations to Madilynne Emory Jurek a private baptism by Pastor Ken Bersche on June 24, 2017. May God continue to bless you in your baptism and guide you through life.

Board of Education would like to thank Ladies Aid Society for their donation of $50.00 to VBS and Altar Guild for their donation of $100.00 to VBS. This was greatly appreciated!

The church floors including gym will be waxed during the week of August 14th-18th. Please enter carefully!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thrivent members are reminded to check with Thrivent and make your Choice Dollar distribution. Do this selection every other month. For more information contact Grace Holtkamp.

Fellowship Breakfast before Sunday School

Join us at 8:30 am for Fellowship with coffee, juice, donuts, fruits and more before Sunday School at 9:00 am. All ages please continue enjoying breakfast taking it with you as we divide into our Sunday School classes.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

continues through the summer. Please join us for furthering your Christian education. Only those who can recite the 10 confessions our church subscribes to can be exempt. See you Sunday at 9:00 am.

Children, Jr. High and High School Bible Classes

God should be at the center of our lives, meaning that we should consider Him in everything we do. Join us for fellowship breakfast before Sunday School at 9:00 am and church at 10:00 am.

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.

Handbell Choir – We are looking for anyone that is interested in ringing bells for the Bell Choir. If you are interested in ringing (no experience necessary or need to know about music to participate) please contact Pam Epperly pgepperly@gmail.com or the church office by the end of August. Without enough ringers we will not have Bell Choir for Trinity Lutheran Church. We are praying that some of our members will consider ringing bells.

THE CHOIR MINISTRY is looking for members after the BBQ to join the choir to sing on Sunday mornings when scheduled. Current members and NEW members are needed! The more people that participate, the more fun! Come and give it a try.

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Church BBQ 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

TLC BARBECUE! August 13th 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.

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, kids games, 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!

Kid's Let's Get Wet at the BBQ!

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!

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 will be sold with your help in baking and canning: homemade food items only 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 12th after 10 am and on Sunday, August 13th before 10 am. We appreciate your helping us

with this adventure. For any questions, please contact Mary or Johanna Buechmann at 979-885-2730.

Lutheran Witness Subscription

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewals are beginning. If you are interested in receiving 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, this includes 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. Forms are inside your notes and news and in this newsletter. If you are already receiving it and wish to continue, please bring your subscription payment to the church office for another year or mail in your insert that is in the newsletter.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Board Members for 2017-2018 are:
Melinda Schiller – President
Patsy Romano – Vice President
Stacey Picard – Secretary
Kellie Kainer – Liaison
Cheryl Steinhauser – Liaison
Jodine Meyer – Paid Treasurer

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Teachers for 2017-2018 are:
Allysha Toellner – Two Year Old Class
Shea Orsak – Younger Three Year Old Class
Beatrice Aguirre – Older Three Year Old Class
Beth Barrett – Younger Four Year Old Class
Kristi Flores – Older Four Year Old Class
Robin Jacobson – Asst. Director

*My first day back to preschool is Monday, August 7th

*Teachers first day back will be Monday August 14th.

*Wednesday, August 19th staff conference 9:00 am

*Preschool Parent Orientation Thursday, August 24th 6:00 pm-7:00pm in the sanctuary.

*The first day of Preschool Monday, August 28th.

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!

*We have a few spots open for the four-year-old class. If you know anyone please have them call the preschool @979-627-7846.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President, George Wied. George opened the meeting with prayer and presented the devotion.

Council members present:

- George Wied – President
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Lee Hobratschk – Elder Chairman
- Valerie Engelbrecht – Education Chairman
- Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman
- Becky Tipton – Evangelism Chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Maggie Kent – Preschool

Council members absent:

- Ron Hartmann – Vice President
- Susie Hartmann – Fellowship Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on June 12, 2017, were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Carol Jean Hauschild, seconded by Maggie Kent, to accept the minutes as presented. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- The Rental Agreement for use of the hall has been re-written. Maggie Kent and Bill Blume re-wrote the contract based on the discussion at the June meeting. The contract was reviewed by Council. After discussion, it was determined that the upstairs room will be rented for five hours, not four, as previously discussed.
- All rentals will come before the Council for approval.

- Alcohol (beer and wine only) will be allowed. If the event will have more than fifty guests, security will be required. This will be at the expense of the lessee.
- Bill Blume has checked with the insurance company about allowing alcohol, and there is not an issue with this.
- A motion was made by Jerry Leiber, seconded by Johanna Buechmann, stating that the finalized contract will be taken to the congregation for approval. Motion approved.
- The Altar Guild has determined a place for the plaque that was donated by Jeanette Simmons, to be hung. The Trustees will assist with this.
- There was a brief discussion about what special project the gift from the Sidney Dell Johnston Remmert Estate should possibly be used for.

Chairmen Reports

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

- The June 30, 2017, Treasurer's report was presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is $113,322.29. The Building Fund balance is $51,093.60 and the Designated Funds balance is $71,896.75. The Total of all Funds is $236,312.64.
- A Thank You letter from the Texas District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has been received. This letter thanks Trinity for our partnership in the mission of the Texas District, as well as the offerings that the church has made.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman

- Jerry presented a 2018 Proposed Budget to be reviewed.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chairman

- The Elders approved that the church would pay for the Pastors' wives retreat for Melissa Bersche. This will take place in September at Camp Lone Star.
- The Elders are looking for a volunteer to assist Maggie in the office, and to be able to fill in for her, when needed.

Pastor Bersche

- Pastor reported that he performed the Baptism of Madilynne Jurek on Saturday, June 24. There are two upcoming Baptisms.
- A new Bible Class has started – 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Valerie Engelbrecht – Education Chairman

- Vacation Bible School was a huge success with attendance of over 60 children. Kim Kornegay directed VBS. The students delivered 244 items to the Sealy Christian Food Pantry.
- The Board of Education will not be having games at the church barbecue. Instead, a water slide has been ordered.

Becky Tipton – Evangelism Chairman

- The Pumpkin Palooza plans are underway. This event will take place on the second Saturday of October.

Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman

- Bill has met with Accredited Billing Services to discuss the church's janitorial services. ABS will charge a fee of $805.00 per month.
- Maggie has checked with the references that were given for ABS and all reviews were good.
- Valerie Engelbrecht made a motion to proceed with the contract with Accredited Billing Services. Becky Tipton seconded the motion. Bill will meet with ABS one more time to finalize.

Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report

Maggie Kent – Preschool

- The Preschool Board will meet to discuss scholarships to be distributed.

A motion was made by Becky Tipton to accept the Chairmen Reports as presented. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members approved the Reports and the motion passed.

New Business

- The Trustees will be replacing some of the sprinkler heads for the lawn sprinkler system

There being no further business, Johanna Buechmann made a motion to adjourn. Bill Blume seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed. Valerie Engelbrecht will have the devotion for the next meeting, August 14, 2017. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Bersche.

George Wied-President
Ruth Szymanski-Secretary

Please pray that you or someone will have a willing heart to volunteer as a Sunday School Teacher or to lead our Trinity Youth!

SIGN UP TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE BBQ! To help defray the cost of the BBQ we are asking for help in monetary donations. Please check out the donation listings on the glass windows as you walk in through the glass doors and sign up for the items you would like to help in $5.00 increments. Please place your money in the envelope and give to the church office or place in the offering plate. Be sure to register your name and the amount contributed on the envelope so your donation can be properly credited. Thank you for all your help in defraying the cost! Let's make this a successful year!

COMMITTEES FOR 2017 – 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 Drive Thru	Richard Engelbrecht	281-740-9618	rengel12402@yahoo.com
Serving 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
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Country Store	Johanna Buechmann	979-885-2730	jlb30@peoplepc.com
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Beans	Doyle Kornegay	512-694-8057	dkornegay@sealyisd.com
Beans	Kim Kornegay	979-877-8105	kkornegay2012@gmail.com
Beans	Barry Wolf	361- 522-2710	wolf1261@aol.com
Beans	Rachael Wolf	361-815-3879	wolf1261@aol.com
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Tea	Patricia Gum	832- 520-9700	patriciar_04@yahoo.com
Cakes and Pies	Antoinette Romano	281-217-7177	antsrom8@gmail.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 jlb30@peoplepc.com)
Purchasing	Jerry Leiber	979-885-6773	msleiber@yahoo.com
Live & 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 Ron Hartmann Susie Hartmann	832-520-9700 713-206-2557 281-658-1900	patriciar_04@yahoo.com rhartm7810@aol.com sgrthompson@yahoo.com
Ticket Sales	Patsy Romano	979-885-2384	mpromano@sbcglobal.net
Ticket Sales	Linda Blume	979-885-3285	lblume48@gmail.com
Washing Coolers	Bill Blume	979-885-3285	blume_bill@yahoo.com

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CUT OUT AND MAIL YOUR DONATION TO TLC

If would like to help in defraying the cost of the BBQ but cannot get to the church office to drop it off, you can mail your donation and let me know where you want your donation money to go towards.

In $5.00 Increments

_____
Offering Envelope #_____
If you do not know your offering number stewardship will take care of this for you.

	Quantity	Total Cost
Chicken	_____	_____
Sausage	_____	_____
Pickles	_____	_____
Bread	_____	_____
Potatoes	_____	_____
Pit Rental	_____	_____
Paper Goods	_____	_____
Ingred/Supplies	_____	_____
BBQ Sauce	_____	_____
Charcoal	_____	_____
Beans	_____	_____
Water Slide	_____	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED:

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Thank you for your help to defray the cost of the BBQ by $5 increments!
Your Donation Is Greatly Appreciated. You Can Mail Your Donations To The Church.
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Don't Forget To Purchase Your Tickets!

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