



Building His Body  
By  
Reflecting the Son

**October 2017**



Saturday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 2 pm  
FREE

Bounce House! Craft Activity!  
Sweet & Treat Walk!  
Face Painting! Corn Dogs!

**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



## Relatively Speaking

Here is a little quiz of six questions for you:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Noble or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last six Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's World Series winners.

How did you do? The point of this quiz is that none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. As a matter of fact, if you didn't know the answer you probably had to google them. And these are not second rate achievers. These are the best people in their field. Yet the applause for them dies down quickly. Awards fade and achievements are quickly forgotten.

Here is another little quiz of six questions for you:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name two friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile and valuable.
4. List a few people who have made you feel appreciated.
5. List five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name three heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Notice that since these question related closer to you, they were much easier. The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most money, or awards or credentials. They are the ones who care about you!

Some of your best friends are the people you attend worship and Bible Class with. They are the ones who are your fellow parishioners at Trinity. Usually these people are those who care more about you than anyone else. These are those who are part of your family.

God has made us one big family in Jesus here at Trinity. Let's all participate together in the many family events at Trinity.

### CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER AT TRINITY

Sunday, October 1 --- Ladies' Aid Sunday  
Sunday, October 8 --- Mission Festival Sunday  
Sunday, October 15 --- Altar Guild Sunday  
Sunday, October 22 --- Youth Sunday  
Sunday, October 29 --- Reformation Sunday

*Pastor Ken*



**for the Month! 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	Estelle Remmert	10/21	Ruby Emshoff
10/03	Rachel Villalovoz	10/08	Barbara Havemann	10/24	Bryant Schiller
10/04	Nathan Romano	10/09	Ronnie Thrasher	10/27	Kelly Kruzel
10/04	Joel Grigar	10/12	Ursula Kutra	10/29	Pastor Ken Bersche
10/04	Larry Schulke	10/14	Doris Schaffner	10/29	Timothy Ramon
10/05	Lee Hobratschk	10/15	Beth Franke	10/31	Robert Herridge
10/05	MICAH KRUZEL	10/18	Maggie Kent	10/31	Betty Remmert
10/05	CADE LANGTON	10/20	Adrian Horelica	10/31	Patricia Gum
10/06	Grace Holtkamp	10/21	Dianne Clover		
10/05	Jill Sullivan				



**Happy Anniversary**

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

10/04/1997	Bryant & Melinda Schiller	10/16/1993	Mark & Patsy Romano
10/15/1976	Johnnie and Cynthia Sodalak	10/20/2011	Brett & Brittany Carter

touch the heart of our faithful members to serve our congregation.



**Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins**

<u>Ethel Donnelly</u> Colonial Belle- Sealy	<u>Rae Marie</u> <u>Kveton</u> Colonial Belle - Sealy	<u>Joyce Meyer</u> Colonial Belle Sealy	<u>Mildred Pless</u> Tru-Care Columbus
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Maggie Kent



Thank you to everyone for your phone calls, cards and prayers during my surgery and recovery and especially to Pastor Bersche for his many visits and prayers.

God's Blessings, Geraldine Stuessel



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Church Council

Nominations Committee Members are: Pastor Bersche, Lee Hobratschk, Betty Remmert, Fred Paben and Susie Hartmann. If you are interested in serving on a board please contact one of the nominating committee members.



**Congregational Meeting!** – Will take place on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the Worship Service. We pray that our loving God will



**MISSION FESTIVAL  
POT LUCK**



**OCTOBER 8, 2017**

- 8:30 Breakfast (Sweet rolls, fruit, coffee, donuts)
- 9:00 Bible Class – Rev. David Cecil
- 10:00 Worship (Guest Speaker  
Rev. David Cecil from POBLO International)
- 11:15 Pot-Luck Meal in Gym
- 11:45 Outdoor/Indoor Games (Horseshoes,  
Dominoes Bounce house etc.)



When: October 7, 2017

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

Cost: ALL FREE

Who: Everyone Invited to  
Bring Families and Friends  
Bounce House! Craft Activity!  
Sweet & Treat Walk! Face Painting!  
Corn Dogs! Nachos! Snow Cones! Popcorn!  
Lemonade and Water!  
By the Fellowship Committee

# JOIN US Sunday's



## 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.



## Circle of Friends Luncheon!

## Two Luncheons in October!

Our next Circle of Friends Luncheon at Trinity is Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm will be a thanksgiving meal.

Enjoy Lunch! Play Bingo! Play Dominoes Or Just Have Lunch with Us! Remember to sign up if you are planning to attend and invite your friends and neighbors. Come and Enjoy the Fellowship and Food!! If you have any questions please contact: Mary Buechmann-885-2730.



## Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

PLEASE sign up to help with donations for the Preschool-Congregational Dinner on beginning Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>!

# Preschool News



"We know God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose". (Roman 8:28)



Preschool Open House will take place on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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

### Week of Monday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

"The End of the Tower of Babel"

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

### Week of Monday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

"Abraham's Great Big Family"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

### Week of Monday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

"Joseph and the Colorful Coat"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message  
"Moses Hears the Call of God"

### Week of Monday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message  
"Moses Leads God's People"

### Week of Monday Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>

"General Joshua and the Promise Land"

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 with 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.



**Pancake Breakfast THANKS!** Thank you to Pat Buechmann and Ron Hartmann for flipping



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### **Family of the Week!**

Family of the week is a program 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 will 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Eleanor Callender & Connor Castillo

#### **October 9<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Connor Cooper & Emily Fernandez

#### **October 16<sup>th</sup> – October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Adalynn & Rylan Graham


#### **October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>**


Creed Haidusek & John Haisler


#### **October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Arianna Hernandez & Hunter Hewson


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 Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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, the spurs will be removed. So let's get out our cowboy hats and boots!

 **Gun Safety!** On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am-10:30 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.


 **Vision Hearing Screening!** Vision and Hearing Screening will take place on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 am-10:30 am. 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.


If you can help in games or refreshments please place your name on the volunteer list. We need participation and not spectators! Only parents that sign up to supervise the activity station, clean-up crew during their designated time are allowed during the party. Whoever signs up first will be able to help with the party. We will have more parties throughout the year for you to participate.

 **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 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Dinner tickets will be on sale Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

 **Late Pick Up!!** Please be on time to pick your child up from preschool. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!

 **Reminder!** No Preschool Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> due to the Austin County

Fair and Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> due to public school closed.

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



## MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING September 11, 2017

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Vice President, Ron Hartmann. Valerie Engelbrecht presented the devotion and prayer, which included selected verses from Psalm 30. Psalm 30 is a restoration psalm..."Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Council members present:

- Ron Hartmann – Vice President
- Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Lee Hobratchk – Elder Chairman
- Valerie Engelbrecht – Education

Chairman

- Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman
- Becky Tipton – Evangelism Chairman
- Susie Hartmann – Fellowship Chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman
- Pastor Bersche

Absent:

- George Wied – President
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman
- Maggie Kent - Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on August 14, 2017 were presented for review and approval. A motion was made by Susie Hartmann, seconded by Carol Jean Hauschild, to accept the minutes as read. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

None

Chairmen Reports

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

• The August 31, 2017, Treasurer's report was presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$107,146.20. The Building Fund balance is \$51,361.67 and the Designated Funds balance is \$93,772.63. The Total of all Funds is \$252,280.50.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman

• Jerry reminded the Council that all budget requests are due. The Council discussed the 2018 budget which will be presented to the

congregation for approval at the meeting on October 29, 2017. A detailed budget will be given to the congregation for review two weeks prior to October 29.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chairman

- The Elders have completed their budget requests.
- An Elder will be serving on the nominating committee.

Ron Hartmann – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Sunday morning adult Bible class continues studying the Augsburg Confession.
- Wednesday morning Bible study will begin Wednesday, September 13. The class will be studying the Book of Hebrews.
- Pastor will be meeting with the Confirmation parents on Sunday, September 17.
- Preschool Chapel for Pastor begins Wednesday, September 20.
- Mission Fest is Sunday, October 8. The speaker will be David Cecil from Pablo Ministries.
- Youth Sunday will be October 22 and Reformation Sunday is on October 29.
- Pastor reported that Trinity currently has no members that are hospitalized. However, there are several members that are recovering from various procedures or illnesses, as well as the shut-ins that he continues to visit.

Valerie Engelbrecht – Education Chairman

- The Youth Service has been changed from October 29 to October 22.
- Sunday School Rally Day was a success with a good number in attendance. Maggie Kent and Patricia Gum will be teaching the high school class.

Becky Tipton – Evangelism Chairman

- The Pumpkin Palooza plans continue for October 7.

Susie Hartmann – Fellowship Chairman

- Susie discussed food and games for the Pumpkin Palooza. Fellowship has rented a Bouncy House for the Pumpkin Palooza, and it will still be available to use on Mission Fest Sunday.
- Susie asked about the possibility of restructuring the pews in the Chapel in order to make them more easily accessible. The Council decided to look at the feasibility of this.

Susie will order banners to be placed on the fence by the playground to advertise various church functions. Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman

- Bill has priced shelving to be used for storage. He will order one unit to see if it will work for what is needed.

• Instead of the Trustees replacing some of the coolers, as previously discussed, George Wied will be replacing these. Maggie Kent – Preschool – Presented by Pastor Bersche

- Maggie asked for prayers for Shea Orsak, one of the Preschool teachers. She will be out for an extended period and Stacey Picard will be teaching as a substitute during that time.

• CPR and First Aid training is Thursday, September 14.

- The new chairs for the classrooms have been ordered and should be delivered soon. Also, school supply orders are arriving.

• The Pancake breakfast was a success on September 11. Pat Buechmann, Ron Hartmann and Mary Buechmann helped Maggie with this event. Pastor Bersche blessed the breakfast meal.

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

New Business

- Possible dates to complete the members' pictures for the Directory were discussed.

• Lee has had a request to use the Fellowship Hall for May 26, 2018, for a graduation party.

- A nominating committee for the upcoming election will be formed. There are numerous offices that will need to be filled.

There being no further business, Carol Jean Hauschild made a motion to adjourn. Becky Tipton seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed. George Wied will have the devotion for the next meeting, October 9, 2017. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Bersche.

**Ron Hartmann – Vice President**  
**Ruth Szymanski - Secretary**

