



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

November 2017

Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday, November 22nd
7:00 pm



Church Office Closed
Wednesday at NOON
Thursday and Friday for
Thanksgiving

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



Pilgrims: Past and Present

The Past-

The memory of the devoted settlers who celebrated their first Thanksgiving with their Native American neighbors is alive today. We remember not only their past giving thanks but also many people giving thanks to God for His goodness and mercy. Surprisingly, the actual name "pilgrim" which is used extensively in American history today was not applied to that particular brand of English settlers. It wasn't until about 175 years after they landed in 1620 on the new continent. The term was designated to them first by the Rev. Chandler Robbins. He referred to the Plymouth Rock pioneers in a sermon he gave on Forefathers Day in 1793. In his sermon, he read aloud a letter written by one of these first settlers, William Bradford. In Bradford's letter, he described how one hundred and one passengers mustered up the courage to climb aboard the Mayflower to begin the treacherous voyage to an unknown land which would take months. He wrote, "They knew they were pilgrims and looked not much on those things, but lifted up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits." With this in mind, Robbins started calling his ancestors "pilgrims" and the name stuck even to this day.

The Present-

The word pilgrim is defined as a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons. This name also resides with us as well. The name accurately describes our life as Christians, journeying through life in service to Christ until we are called to our heavenly home. This Thanksgiving we are reminded that we too are considered pilgrims as we "look to the heavens" and embrace our ties to our God who has bound Himself to us. While He blesses us with food, shelter, clothing, health, family, and friends on this earth, we can be certain that He has bigger and better blessings waiting for us in heaven. When we work, speak, and act in ways that honor God, assured of His promised forgiveness and salvation in Jesus Christ, our lives take on new meaning and our thanksgiving transcends the physical.

The Future-

Our journey on this earth may get treacherous and the voyage may seem long but in the grand scheme of things, we know that God is still at work. He is still guiding, directing, protecting, governing and leading His pilgrims- past, present, and future. God gives us the courage to journey. His gifts us with His grace in Jesus today and tomorrow, from generation to generation. His grace is shown again and again as we set our eyes to see His goodness to us.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15-16

Pastor Ken



Advance

Thanksgiving Dinner Tickets
\$10.00 ONLY 500 Tickets Will Be Sold!!!!



For the Month! Greetings to you on this Special Day



11/03 Ruth Witte	11/11 Margaret Jatzlau	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/05 Joe Smith	11/11 CLAYTON SNEED	11/23 Hannah Mueller
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/24 Susie Busse
11/07 Robert Emshoff	11/14 Alexis Horelica	11/27 Betty Richter
11/08 Barbara Koy	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/09 Larry Koy	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/09 Cody Barrett	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen
11/11 Pam Epperly		



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

11/01/2008 Casey & Stacey Picard	11/15/1997 Clifton & Krisha Langton
11/04/1978 Lee & Kim Hobradschk	11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild
11/10/1990 Robert & Melody Anderson	11/23/1963 Robert & Betty Richter
11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann

Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

<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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Connecting to Families. Thank you to all the child care givers for attending. We appreciate the ladies of the church at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, Mary Buechmann, Grace Holtkamp, Doris Schaffner, Norma Pavelka, Antoinette Romano, Briana Kent, Tara Hobbs and Maggie Kent who baked desserts.

Thank you to members at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, Pat Buechmann and Jerry Grunke for taking time to come and set up tables for the conference.

Appreciation to Pat and Mary Buechmann and Johanna Buechmann for preparing the meal of Sloppy Joes and Cole Slaw with all the trimmings for the conference and preparing the breakfast table, coffee and tea for the ladies. We appreciate Susie Hartmann for the delicious breakfast tacos, Shirley Ueckert for the yummy muffins, Stacey Picard for the fruit platter, Mary Buechmann for a fruit platter, Beatrice Aguirre for the monkey bread and Maggie Kent for the little pigs in the blankets.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool Director, Maggie Kent of Sealy and Tender Care Learning Center in Bellville, Holly Monk, and Shirley Ueckert appreciates everyone for graciously working together for a successful conference.

Thank You, Maggie Kent



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.

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to: *Sympathy for the family of Lillie Mae Bosse, mother to Charles Abel, went to be with her Lord on Monday, October 9, 2017. Please keep Charles and the rest of the family in your prayers.*

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to: *Sympathy for the family of Mildred Pless who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Please keep her daughter Glinda and son Marvin and the rest of the family in your prayers.*

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to: *Sympathy for the family of Clara Michalke Lindermann who went to be with her Lord on October 10, 2017. She was the mother of Mike Michalke. Please keep Billy and Doris Schaffner and the rest of the family in your prayers.*

Thank You! **Our Children Our Future** Austin County Child Care Association, Shirley Ueckert, Holly Monk from Tender Care Learning Center, Bellville and Maggie Kent from Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, graciously thanked speakers: Yevonne Wieringa, Celeste May from St. John Lutheran Church, LCMS from Cypress Texas and Sabrina Stanley from Houston, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Immunization Department for leading our conference "Our Children Our Future" with joy and very informative information.

Topics discussed were Licensing and Supervision, A Day in the Life of Two's, Positive Guidance, Immunizations, Child Directed Art, Leadership inside an Early Childhood Center and

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY JOIN US

We Have a Class for You



Children's Sunday School



Sunday School begins at 9:00 am and we have a place for the whole family. In one trip to church your entire family can participate in the important purposes of Bible study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. You gain the assurance of knowing that every member of your family is involved in weekly, small-group Bible study, which is growing their Bible knowledge and helping them grow spiritual.

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We have a place for you here at Trinity

The church is an encouraging place. We all need encouragement. Life is hard. Life is difficult. We all run into various kinds of challenges; health problems, financial issues, conflict within our families. We have an opportunity to encourage one another and that is part of what church is about.

Sunday service is where fellowship begins. Being in classes, groups and serving is where you get to know people on a deeper level. But it starts on Sunday; the launching point to fellowship and community is in church services.

Every Sunday that you come, there are going to be people who are looking for you, wondering if you're there. People will miss you. And the longer and more consistently you come, the more you will be missed. Because the more that you are in church, the more you are involved, the more people miss you and notice that you're not around. It is a wonderful thing to be a part of Trinity Lutheran Church it is like having a much larger family.



ly. CHAT AND CHEW



JOIN US

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



"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." —Colossians 3:17



Nineteenth Annual Preschool Congregational Thanksgiving

FUNDRAISER



There are times when awe and gratitude overwhelm us, whether we're seeing a sunset, watching a child laugh or just appreciating a special moment. These are the moments when we just want to thank God for the good things in our lives, and praise God for the amazing world around us.

Giving thanks in hard times can be so hard to do, but I've found that when I do, it has the effect of changing my heart and my outlook. By giving thanks God gives us hope and a new light of hope.



We are getting ready for our Nineteenth Annual Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be on **Thursday November 9th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m.** The cost of the ticket is \$10.00. This is the major fundraiser for the preschool which helps with the cost for teacher training, criminal background and fingerprinting of teachers, playground upkeep, classroom toys, supplies, snacks, repairs, carpet cleaning, exterminating, fire inspections, gas inspections etc., or for whatever else arises in the year.



Since this is a fundraiser to benefit the preschool, we need parents and church members to donate food items towards the dinner. This is posted on the large glass window as you enter the preschool. Please have your money or can items in the office **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**.



We are in need of **sixty-five** turkeys and you can purchase a turkey for **\$15.00** and make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or you can give cash. Please bring your donation for the turkey to the preschool office. We will make one check out to H E B in Columbus, since we are purchasing the turkeys from them. Please have your turkey money donation in the office **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**, so I can pick up the turkeys on Friday morning to deliver to Mikeska's in Columbus to be pit smoked.



The cost to pit smoke the turkeys is around \$650.00. Mikeska's in Columbus smokes the turkeys for the preschool. It would be a big help if you could donate money towards the smoking of the turkeys. With your help you can donate in \$5.00 increments. Make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or cash and bring to the preschool office. All donations will need to be in the preschool or church office **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th** so I can pay Mikeska's when I pick up the turkeys the day of the dinner.



6lb cans

We are also in need of **thirty-two** of the huge cans of the corn, **thirty-five** of the huge cans of green beans, **thirty-five** cans of the huge yams, **eight** cans of the huge cranberry sauce, **thirty** desserts and **thirty-five** loaves of bread which is an increment of \$5.00 for each line and I can order and pick up. Please feel free to take a look at the thanksgiving dinner fundraiser sign up list and write your name on the items you wish to donate. Please bring to the preschool **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**. This will give me an idea of what I need to purchase for the dinner. Now you can see how expensive this event can be, but with all the parents and congregation donating food items, this can be a success.



Bill's Country Market is the only place you can find the largest cans of Yams. Kevin will keep the shelf stocked for you to purchase. You cannot find this at Sam's, Costco or other grocery stores. Kevin will also keep in stock the green beans, corn and cranberry sauce. Please bring in **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**.

Silent Auction During the dinner we also have a silent auction. If you would like to donate towards the silent auction, this would be greatly appreciated! You can donate new items, hand crafted items, baked goods, gift certificates or whatever you can think of to make this a success. Please give us a starting price on your item. Please have your items in the office **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**.

HELP We also have a work sign-up list to help in the kitchen. This is a very important job and beginning Monday November 6th, we begin preparation of our thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Maggie at the preschool office or church office if you would like to help in the kitchen. We try to do most of the preparation during preschool hours. Everyone may leave at NOON. Even if you can help for a couple of hours would be appreciated.



De-boning turkeys is a big part of the thanksgiving dinner. We desperately need help in tearing the meat off the bones and placing the meat in pans. There is a sign-up list for church members and preschool parents to help in de-boning. De-boning usually starts around 12:00 pm. If you can save the date, **Thursday November the 9th to help de-bone**, this would be greatly appreciated! Sign up if you can help. If you at the last minute decide you would like to debone turkeys, please come and join us at noon.

DESSERT Desserts may be brought in on **Wednesday and Thursday November 8th and 9th** in the morning. Please sign up to bake desserts for the dinner.



We are asking for monetary donations of **\$5.00** per loaf of bread and I will order and pick up the bread for the dinner at **Bill's Country Market**. If you would like to bake a couple of Mrs. Smith's pies and bring to the preschool that would be

great. We try not to make this difficult for everyone, so just remember to be simple.



Tickets went on sale Monday October 15th for \$10.00. Once we reach our limit of 500 tickets sold, no tickets will be sold after that time. The kitchen is only equipped to handle about 500 plates. No tickets sold the night of the dinner. Remember that this is a fundraiser and by the time we pay to pit smoke the turkeys, purchase the dry goods and ingredients for the dressing, it is worth while to have this fundraiser! Please have all items here at the preschool by **Friday, October 27th**. Can goods and turkey money may be brought in **ASAP** or by **Friday, October 27th**.



Thank you in advance to all the preschool parents, congregational members and community for all your dedication and support in making Trinity Lutheran Preschool a success and sharing the word of Jesus Christ.

(Everyone's efforts are worthwhile and serve a noble purpose)



Themes! The themes for the month of November are: Transportation and Giving Thanks. The children who are ready will learn the color GREEN, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds if they are ready, T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will be learning the Third Commandment "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of Nov. 6th– Nov. 10th

"God Rewards Ruth's Loyalty"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"God Chooses David"

Week of Nov. 13th – Nov. 17th

"David Fights Goliath"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Solomon Saves a Baby"

"The Wisdom of King Solomon"

Week of Nov. 20th – Nov. 24th

"Elijah the Prophet"

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Week of Nov. 27th – Dec. 1st


"Jonah Tries to Run From God"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Jonah and the Big Fish"



Wear Green Day! Since we are learning the color GREEN for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 17th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color GREEN!

 **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. 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 November are:

<p>Nov. 6th – Nov. 10th Arianna Hernandez Hunter Hewson</p>	<p>Nov. 20th– Nov. 24th Thanksgiving Holidays</p>
<p>Nov. 13th – Nov. 17th Charles Jenkins Kylie Kircher</p>	<p>Nov. 27th-Dec. 1st Faith Knesek Harper Kopczynski</p>

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



Sack Lunch Day! The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Tuesday November 21st outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use as their lunch sack!



Christmas Pictures! Kay from Treasured Portraits will be at the preschool on Wednesday, November 15th to take Christmas pictures.

Please fill out the picture order form and hand back to the preschool office by Friday, November 10th along with the money. Please make your check out to Treasured Portraits. If your form is not handed in your child will not have his/her picture taken.



Fantasy of Lights! December 2nd is the fantasy of Lights and the theme for the Sealy Fantasy of Lights is: Christmas Around the World. Trinity Lutheran Preschool Float Theme is “Jesus Is Our World”

Ron and Susie Hartmann will let us use their 18ft. trailer, truck for pulling the trailer, 25 bales of hay and a generator. They are asking anyone that is able to help decorate the float to please come to their home located 3769 Ward Bend Road. This will be at 6:00 pm Monday, November 27th and Tuesday if we are still in need to finish decorating the float. Ron and Susie Hartmann have a barn to place the finished float into until Saturday.

With a signed permission form, the three and four-year-old classes are able to ride the float with one parent but no siblings. 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.



Preschool Closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving

Have a Great and Safe Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday In Christ, Maggie



MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING October 9, 2017

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President George Wied. George also presented the devotion which was “It’s Not Me” which was based on 1 Peter 4:7-11. The devotion was followed by Prayer.

Council members present:

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

Absent:

- Becky Tipton – Evangelism Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2017, were presented for review and approval. One correction was noted: Pablo should read POBLO. A motion was made by Carol Jean Hauschild, seconded by Susie Hartmann, to accept the minutes with the one correction. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Carol Jean Hauschild has researched the account that the Church has at the Texas Church Extension Fund.
- Council discussed the possibility of re-arranging the pews in the Sanctuary in order to make seating more accessible. Susie Hartmann will get several estimates of the cost.

Chairmen Reports:

Carol Jean Hauschild – Treasurer

- The September 30, 2017, Treasurer’s report was presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$102,493.63. The Building Fund balance is \$51,414.41 and the Designated Funds balance is \$90,747.78. The Total of all Funds is \$244,655.82.
- Carol Jean mentioned that the Concordia Health Care Plan statement that was due October 1, 2017 has not been received. Lee Hobratschk will check on this issue.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman

- The budget was presented to the Council for review. Discussion followed. Bill Blume made a motion that a new line item, “Kitchen Supplies” be added to the budget which will cover all paper goods. Ron Hartmann seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion carried.

Lee Hobratschk - Elder Chairman

- Lee mentioned to the Council that the Elders will be looking for a speaker for Mission Fest speaker for 2018.
- The Elders want to send out Christmas and Birthday cards to all members in order for the members to become acquainted with their appointed Elder.

Ron Hartmann – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- The Church will need delegates for the District Convention, as well as the Circuit Forum.
- Pastor asked that all members assist with visitors, offering to help visitors in any way. The discussion centered around possibly putting signage in various locations on the Church premises, directing visitors to different areas.
- Bible Class that was held on Mission Fest Sunday was enjoyed by all who attended, and was very interesting and informative.

Valerie Engelbrecht – Education Chairman

- The Youth Service will be October 22.
- The Board of Education is looking to fill several positions that will be opening on the Board.
- The Youth will begin making cards to be delivered to our members who are shut-ins.
- The Christmas program will be December 10.

Susie Hartmann – Fellowship Chairman

- The Pumpkin Palooza was a success with a good number in attendance.
- Susie will be ordering banners for Advent that will be placed on the fence around the playground.

Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman

- Bill has purchased a shelving unit for the storage room.

Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman

- There was a discussion about being certain that all doors are locked after Sunday services.

Maggie Kent – Preschool

- Plans are underway for the Preschool-Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner, which is

Thursday, November 9. Maggie told the Council these important facts: (1)the turkeys are being purchased from Bill’s Country Market and HEB in Columbus; (2)Ron Hartmann and Maggie Kent will deliver the turkeys to Mikeskas to be smoked and will also pick the turkeys up to bring back to the church; (3)Dean Jacobson will be wrapping the turkeys and placing them on the pit, which is being provided by Mark Meloneck. Help is needed with both of these; (4)tickets are on sale; (5)donations are needed to help defray the cost of the meal; (6)silent auction items are also needed; (7)Preschool donates 20% of their profits to the church; (8)Maggie expressed her thanks to Mary and Pat Buechmann, as well as Johanna Buechmann for all of their help.

A motion was made by Valerie Engelbrecht to accept the Chairmen Reports as presented. Carol Jean Hauschild seconded the motion. All Council members approved the Reports and the motion passed.

New Business:

- The dates for the Stroke Scan unit have not yet been finalized.

There being no further business, Bill Blume made a motion to adjourn. Ron Hartmann seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed. Susie Hartmann will have the devotion for the next meeting. The meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Bersche.

George Wied – President
Ruth Szymanski - Secretary



Sealy Christian Food Pantry



COLLECTING FOR THE MONTH OF

NOVEMBER

ANY BRAND OR ANY KIND OF

GRAVY MIXES

Brown Gravy, Turkey Gravy,

Mushroom Gravy, Country Gravy,

Chicken Gravy ETC.

The Sealy Christian Food Pantry would like your help in collecting food items for those less fortunate. Please have your child bring gravy mixes and place in the box located in their classroom. This is a lesson for the children teaching them that some people really do not have food for the holidays and with their help people can enjoy a hot meal.