



Building His Body
By
Reflecting the Son

February
2018



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

Pastor's Page

"To An Emotional Easter"

This is a unique year! We will celebrate Ash Wednesday on Valentines' Day and Easter Sunday on April Fool's Day. Notice that those two days are filled with high and low emotions. On Ash Wednesday, one feels remorse and sometimes regret for their sins. Then on that same day, you can feel warm and happy with the celebration of love (but for some, Valentines' Day can bring emotions of sadness, loneliness, and sorrow). On April Fool's Day, one feels laughter or embarrassment, depending on if you were the fool or the fooler of a joke. And on that same day, we feel great joy and gladness as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection from the dead.

Many cultures view emotions differently. For some people it is frowned upon for one to show extreme emotions. For instance, to see an adult male cry would be shameful. Sometimes, people identify a major difference in genders is that women show their emotions while men swallow them.

Many people view a good marriage as when both individuals in the relationship are "happy." And for some, a good cause for divorce is that one of the persons in the marriage is unhappy. As a matter of fact, some people see a person having a successful life as long as they are "happy" in their life. Yes, happiness is overrated because life isn't all about being happy.

Like it or not, emotions are a significant part of being human. How we feel many times determines what kind of day we will have. Thanks be to God that our eternal salvation does not depend upon our emotions but it depends on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Although, this is most certainly true, emotions are expressed throughout the Passion of our Lord directly and indirectly. These emotions will be the focus of our mid-week Lenten and Holy Week worship services.

In today's technological world, emotions are expressed by words or pictures. Even when texting, to show our feelings we occasionally use an emoji. By the way, the word "emoji" comes from two Japanese words: e meaning picture and moji which means character (picture characters). It is by coincidence that the English word "emotions" comes close in sound to the word "emoji".

Come and worship our Lord at our midweek Lent Worship under the theme: To An Emotional Easter.

Pastor Ken

LENT LENT WORSHIP SERVICES **Lenten SOUP Suppers for 2017** LENT

6 pm Soup Supper by ALTAR GUILD	7 pm Worship February 14 th	Ash Wednesday	Distress		Mark 14:33
6 pm Soup Supper by PRESCHOOL	7 pm Worship February 21 st	Lent 2	Amazed		Mark 15:5
6 pm Soup Supper by YOUTH	7 pm Worship February 28 th	Lent 3	Envy		Mark 15:10
6 pm Soup Supper by CHURCH COUNCIL	7 pm Worship March 7 th	Lent 4	Pain		Mark 15:19
6 pm Soup Supper by LADIES AID	7 pm Worship March 14 th	Lent 5	Exhaustion		Mark 15:21
6 pm Soup Supper by CHOIR	7 pm Worship March 21 st	Lent 6	Courage		Mark 15:43
Maundy Thursday	7 pm Worship March 29 th		Sorrow		Mark 14:19
Good Friday	7 pm Worship March 30 th		Loneliness		Mark 16:8



EASTER



Fear to Joy Mark 16:8



April 1st SUNRISE Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 am



8 am EASTER BREAKFAST



April 1st EASTER Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am



Birthdays for the Month!



2/01	Amber Shupak	2/11	Gage Grigar	2/22	Jerry Grunke
2/07	Bob Witte	2/11	Darrell Palm	2/24	Diane Henry
2/08	Sabrina Schiller	2/12	Noah Hankins	2/25	Charles Abel
2/08	Troy Tesch	2/14	Dorthy Gerhart	2/28	CHARLIE ARRIAGA
2/09	Courtney Dziadek	2/21	AVERIE RAMON	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

Ethel Donnelly Colonial Belle Sealy	Rae Marie Kveton Colonial Belle - Sealy
Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle Sealy	Ruby Emhoff Home



Terry and Noah Hankins are proud grandparents of Cole Monroe Keeton who was born at Katy Memorial Hospital on December 28, 2017 weighing 7 lbs 1 oz. 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Gary and Liz Keeton. Congratulations!!

Thank you Trinity Lutheran Church, Many thanks to the Carolers who came to my home on the 19th of December. The songs were enjoyed and the children did an excellent job on their performance also. (Loretta Dziadek)

Thank you Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Youth, Thank you for the beautiful Christmas wreath you made for me. It was greatly appreciated. (Loretta Dziadek)



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!!

Ms. Maggie



Sealy Christian Pantry

Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13th, 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.



BREAKDOWN

This is the following breakdown of our BBQ proceeds (profit)

17,646.45	
-1000.00	TLC Youth
-250.00	Sealy Christian Food Pantry
-250.00	Ministerial Alliance
16,146.45	General Fund



BOWLS - Church will no longer supply the plastic containers used during soup suppers due to sanitation reasons such as food particles stuck in the cracks and stains not able to come out of the containers. Bowls and utensils used for soup suppers will be disposable. There will be three compartment containers for you to use and throw away. You can bring a plastic bowl from home if you choose. Please be courteous and wash your own. This will give each group a chance to clean quickly and join the worship service at 7:00 pm.

Thank You for Your Understanding.
The Fellowship Committee



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 11, 2018 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.



Circle of Friends Luncheon!

Wednesday, February 7th! 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.



Singing in Church!

We all know the wonderful feeling of watching our child/children perform for us. On Sunday, February 25th 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 25th 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.



Bobbie Novicke 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.

Bobbie Novicke from Zboril's will come to the preschool on Tuesday, February 13th at 11:30 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. Bobbie will also show the children the correct way of flossing and brushing.



Junior Inspector Training! Eric Gum and his partners from the Sealy Police Department will

come to the preschool to talk to the children about law enforcement on Wednesday, February, 21st at 9:00 am. This was rescheduled from January 17th.

This theme will help inform children about the role of the police. Their job is to enforce the law. They do this in many different ways: by patrolling the streets, getting to know the people who live in the town, helping people who have accidents, directing traffic to avoid accidents and more.

The children will pretend they are police officers or detectives to look for clues. Children in groups of 5-10 will have to solve an imaginary case using special clues hidden throughout the building. What fun these children will have and who knows if one would like to become a police officer or detective.

 **Preschool Soup Supper** – Preschool would like to welcome you to join us for soup supper on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm. This is a love donation for the preschool program. We enjoy different varieties of soup 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, February 14th. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Ken Bersche or me. We would love to have you come and worship with us.

 The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

Feb. 5th – Feb 9th

“A Big Picnic”

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message”

“Walking on Water”

Feb. 12th – Feb 16th

Open Eyes

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message”

“Money in a Fish”

Feb. 19th – Feb. 23rd

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message”

“A Good Neighbor”

Feb. 26th – March 2nd

“The Woman Who Could Not Stand Up”

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message”

“The “Lost Sheep”

“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 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 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:

Feb. 5th – Feb 9th

Jonah Olvera

Abraham Rosas

Feb. 12th – Feb 16th

Bristol Schmidt

Courtlynn Shupak

Feb. 19th – Feb. 23rd

Isaiah Taylor

Nathan Taylor

Feb. 26th – March 2nd

Karsen Toman

Jaxson Toman

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 16th, 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 23rd. 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 9th, so the valentine cards can be mailed out in ample time.

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 Wednesday, 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.

Only parents that help supervise the games, kitchen help, clean up help will be allowed at the party. Be one of the first ones to sign up to help with the Valentine Party. PLEASE make sure everything is put away, tables are wiped down and floors are swept before you leave the party.

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 Thursday, March 1st and end on Thursday, March 29th for the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Thursday, March 1st in the preschool office.

After Thursday, March 29th, 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 2018-2019 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 29th. 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, 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 toward 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.

 Reminder that preschool is closed Monday, February 19th for President's Day and public school closed.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**MINUTES OF TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2018**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President George Wied. Becky Tipton presented the devotion based on 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5, verse 16. The theme was Rejoice Always. Becky also presented the opening prayer.

Council members present:

- George Wied – President
- Ron Hartmann – Vice President
- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Patricia Rother – Education Chairman
- Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman
- Susie Hartmann – Fellowship Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton – Evangelism
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Maggie Kent - Preschool

Absent:

- Lee Hobratschk – Elder Chairman
 - Katy Grigar – Youth Chairman
- The Minutes from the meeting held on December 11, 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:

- Ron Hartmann will attend the Texas District convention, with Pastor Bersche, June 14 – 16, 2018.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- The December 31, 2017 Treasurer's report was presented. The cash balance in the General Fund is \$116,049.15. The Building Fund balance is \$51,849.76 and the Designated Funds balance is \$96,192.25. The Total of All Funds is \$264,091.16.

- The Elders will determine where the offerings from the Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service will be used.

- The signature card for the Church checking account, at Citizens State Bank, will be updated to reflect Linda Blume as Treasurer, and George Wied as President. The three signers will be George Wied, Linda Blume and Lee Hobratschk.

- Bill Blume will be added to the safe deposit box signature card. Bill Blume, George Wied and Lee Hobratschk will be the three individuals that can access the safe deposit box.

Jerry Leiber – Stewardship Chairman

- Nothing to report

Ron Hartmann – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- All of the Christmas services were enjoyed by the members.

- Installation of Officers for 2018 will be during the service on Sunday, January 14, 2018.

- Bible Class has begun studying Matthew, Chapter 1 - the Genealogy of Jesus.

- The Wednesday Bible Study continues to study the book of Hebrews.

- Pastor Bersche has placed a "Pickle Jar" on his desk with all of the church members' names in it. Every week, he will draw several members' names, and will make contact with those members to schedule a visit with them. Please be sure that the Church Office has your correct phone numbers. Pastor will visit each family from Trinity.

Patricia Rother – Education Chairman

- Vacation Bible School will be held June 11 – 14, from 6 – 8 p.m.

- The Board of Education needs more board members.

- **Patricia Rother** – for Katy Grigar - Youth Chairman

- There will be an area youth gathering at Trinity on January 28, 2018.

- The youth are working on the Over 60 Valentine Dinner which will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

- **Becky Tipton** – Evangelism Chairman

- Nothing to report

- **Susie Hartmann** – Fellowship Chairman

- The banners for the Lenten season have arrived.

- **Bill Blume** – Trustee Chairman

- There is some sheetrock work that needs to be done in the stairwell. Bill will get bids for the job.

- Bill discussed the possibility of installing a covering for the handicapped parking in the back of the Church.

- There are six new shelving units that need to be assembled.

- On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, a representative from Voss Lighting will be here with samples of different lighting that we could use.

- The Chief of the Sealy Police Department would like to present a program about church safety to the Preschool teachers, Church staff, board and committee members, and anyone else who would like to attend.

- **Johanna Buechmann** – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report

- **Maggie Kent** – Preschool

- Preschool will be back in session on January 9, 2018.

- The Preschool has also purchased banners to advertise Preschool functions.

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

New Business:

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas will furnish a presentation on March 4, 2018.

There being no further business, Becky Tipton made a motion to adjourn. Ron Hartmann seconded the motion. All Council approved and the meeting adjourned. Bill Blume will have the devotion for next month's meeting. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*George Wied-President
Ruth Szymanski-Secretary*