



Building His Body  
By Reflecting the Son

## January 2026

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School  
For All Ages

### Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

### Church Phone

979-885-2211

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS!



### CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, was successful. We had twenty-two Carolers singing to the residents at the Nursing Home, homes of Charles Abel, Dorothy Sliva, Lee Palm, Joyce Amthor, Geraldine Stuessel, Hilda Allison and Norma Pavelka.



The preschoolers sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and celebrated with cupcakes from Mary Beuchmann.



Mrs. Beth Franke took time to read stories of Jesus and his birth.



The preschoolers went to Austin County State Bank Christmas Caroling!



Great performance by the youth in presenting



# Happy Birthday!

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

1/02 Debbie Ashorn	1/09 Meagan Castro	1/19 Rachel Hilson	1/29 Dani Bersche
1/03 Kyle Johnston	1/11 Lila Meyer	1/19 RYLEY MCELROY	1/29 Al Konesheck
1/03 David Kainer	1/12 Johnny Busse	1/19 Preston Villalovoz	1/29 Stephanie Meyer
1/06 Kimberly Kornegay	1/14 John Schier	1/23 Brian Nedd	1/29 Nickolas Pavelka
1/07 ISAAC BRYANT	1/15 Cadie Neu	1/24 BOWEN BLUME	1/29 Marty Schiller
1/07 Bunmi Hintz	1/15 Theresa Terrell	1/25 Doug Browne	1/30 Bradley Bozeman Jr.
1/08 Melody Anderson	1/16 Stephanie Darrow	1/25 Wayne Grigar	1/30 Beverly Ekarius
1/08 Royce Sebesta	1/18 Lisa H. Barrett	1/27 Shari Cleveland	1/31 Alice Franklin

# Happy Anniversary!

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."  
(1 Thessalonians 3:12)

1/02/1993 George & Janice Wied	1/22/1993 Beverly and Kenny Fritsch
1/04/1992 Jerry & Julie Ebers	1/27/2007 Milton and Chris Beckendorff
1/11/1997 Ronnie and April Schmidt	1/31/2015 Brandi and Aaron Pizana
1/15/1956 Royce and Viola Sebesta	

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you for your Tithes and Offerings! Offerings may be dropped off or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474. Please use your church offering envelopes requested by Stewardship to ensure that you will be given credit for your contributions.

**Don't forget to direct  
Choice Dollars®**

Thrivent Choice Dollars, December 10, 2025, Amount of Deposit \$232.00.

Please take time to call 1-800-847-4836 to designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

### Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

“For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding.”  
(Proverbs 2:6)

Joyce Meyer, Colonial Living, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747  
Ellie Niemann, Colonia Living, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474  
Larry Schulke – Shut-In and Hilda Allison – Shut-In

## The CIRCLE of FRIENDS

Circle of Friends will not meet in January and will resume on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, for a Valentine’s Luncheon. Circle of Friends is on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:15 pm with lunch and fellowship.

Thank  
you



My family and I are grateful for your thoughts, prayers, sympathy cards, and flowers during Bradley Kent's final days.

Thank you for your generous donations to Trinity Lutheran Preschool, honoring Bradley's memory. We appreciate the bereavement committee for providing food and desserts, and Pastor Bersche for his thoughtful funeral message and ongoing support. Your kindness has brought us comfort during this difficult time.

In Christ,  
Maggie Kent and Family

## PLANNING MEETING

**THE CHURCH PLANNING MEETING** is Monday January 13th at 6:00 pm. All committees and groups or representatives from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be in the church calendar (January 2026 through June 2026) should attend.

## 2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES



Please come by the church office for your 2026 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES if you have not picked them up. Please begin using your new envelopes beginning on the first Sunday in January. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Wied or any member of the Stewardship Committee.



Thank You for Gracing and Beautifying the Altar!

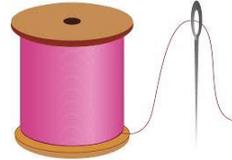
Poinsettias Gracing the Altar are Given in Dedication by Various Members in Honor and Memory of a Loved One to add extra beauty during the Christmas Season.

From The Altar Guild



## CHURCH MAILBOX CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Members and Guests, please check your slots for Christmas cards! This is located as you enter the front double glass doors on the right. After Sunday, January 14th, the cards will be recycled.



## THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

The Blessing Box will resume each month beginning in January on the second Wednesday. Come join us for the next Blessing Box Project on **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING DIAPERS FOR THE DIAPER BANK** for the Sealy Pregnancy Center. This is a need just like baby lotion, baby body wash, pacifiers, baby wipes, baby

socks, etc.



In January, we will focus on the theme of Community Helpers. This theme is designed to teach children

about the various roles that people play in our community and how they help us in our daily lives.

Community helpers include doctors, firemen, policemen, veterinarians, and many more. Each of these roles is vital in ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our community.

Children will have the opportunity to role-play as different community helpers in their classrooms. They will learn about the tools and equipment used by these professionals and how they perform their jobs.

By learning about community helpers, children will gain a better understanding of the

important roles these individuals play in our society. They will also learn to appreciate the hard work and dedication of these professionals. God gives us many caring people who are helpful in the world.

The preschoolers will learn new nursery rhymes, "Pat-A-Cake, Baker's Man" and "Do You Know the Muffin Man?" When children hear nursery rhymes, they learn the sounds that vowels and consonants make. They also learn how to put these sounds together to form words. Additionally, they practice pitch, volume, voice inflection, and the rhythm of language.

The letters for the month for the classes that are ready to move on are P, L, U, G, and H. The shape and color for the classes will be learning SQUARE and YELLOW.

The Bible Stories for the month are:

**Jan. 5 – Jan. 9**

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

An Angry King. Pg. 291

Jesus is Lost Pg. 296

**Jan. 12 – Jan. 16**

John Baptizes Jesus Pg. 303

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

Jesus Chooses His Disciples Pg. 308

Jesus' First Miracle Pg. 314

**Jan. 19 – Jan. 23**

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

Jesus Teaches on a Mountain Pg. 318

The Lord's Prayer Pg. 323

A Captain's Faith Pg. 324

**Jan. 26 – Jan. 30**

A Hole in the Roof Pg. 328

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

Jesus Calms the Storm Pg. 334

Two Miracles Pg. 340

The Bible Verse for the month is:

"Trust in the Lord and do Good" Psalm 37:3.

Children will continue learning the Ten Commandments.



**National Sticker Day!**

National Sticker Day is always on January 13<sup>th</sup>!

Each child needs to bring stickers to school to

make their sticker booklet. We will celebrate National Sticker Day on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Your child's stickers are due on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Stickers are so much fun. Please have your child bring a package of cute, funny, solid, or animal stickers to school on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> for a perfect day to go crazy!



**Wear Yellow Day!** On Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> the children may wear yellow to reinforce the color for the month.



**At Home Safety!** We are excited to announce a special session on home safety for our preschoolers. Retired Trooper Gary Pflugaupt

will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Safety at Home. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn important safety tips.

- **Answering the Door:** What to do if someone comes to the front door.
- **Telephone Safety:** How to handle phone calls.
- **Household Hazards:** Safety around guns, matches, electricity, and household products.
- **Helmet Safety:** Importance of wearing helmets.
- **Water Safety:** Pool safety, floods, streams, creeks, and other water safety issues.
- **Weather Safety:** What to do during storms, lightning, and tornadoes.
- **Critter Safety:** How to deal with raccoons, snakes, spiders, bees, and more.

All this will take place on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am. We hope your child will come home with valuable safety tips to share with the whole family!



**Camouflage Day!** On Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the preschoolers can come dressed in camouflage pants, tops, hats etc. This can be any

color of camouflage and if you do not have camouflage, just wear the colors of camouflage.

Camouflage also means to hide, just like Jesus hid in the tomb for three days before he joined God. But even though we are blended, God still wants us to stand out. So don't forget Camouflage Day!



**Dress As a Community Helper!**

On Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> we would like the children to come to school as one of their favorite community helpers! During the entire month we will be learning about our community and how our community helpers provide the necessities for us to live a better life.

Who knows what these little preschoolers will be like when they grow up? But what an opportunity to have them dress and act out a role who they think is an important part of their lives and the encouragement to grow and become one.



**Crazy Silly Hat Day!**

On Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, the children are having a Crazy Silly Hat Day! This is a fun day for the children, and they are so cute and adorable! I love it when the parents help their children get very creative on any silly day. So, decorate a hat and make it silly!



**Family of the Week!**

Family of the week is a program we have that gives an opportunity to share their family with everyone. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

Your child should bring 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 January are:

<b>Jan. 5 – Jan. 9</b> Emma Hahn	<b>Jan. 19 – Jan. 23</b> Kamdynn Harrington
<b>Jan. 12 – Jan. 16</b> Walker Hahn	<b>Jan. 26 – Jan. 30</b> Kohen Harrington

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



**Reminder!** The preschool will be closed on Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> for the Public School Holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



**JANUARY TUITION IS DUE NOW!**

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”  
Ephesians 4:32*

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 8, 2025**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by John Vrablec. Nikki Vrablec presented the devotion.

**Council members present:**

- John Vrablec – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- James Gilliam - Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Preschool - Stephanie McElroy

**Absent:**

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

**Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- November Report - As of November 30, 2025, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$66,431.69. The Building Fund

balance was \$45,536.30 and the Designated Fund balance was \$105,458.10. The Total of All Funds was \$211,107.68. The total contributions for November were \$30,984.00 and total expenses for November were \$26,308.62. The total contributions for the year 2025 were \$298,919.25 while the total expenses for the year were \$276,643.88.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- No report.

Elders - James Gilliam

- No report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Bible Classes:
  - Sunday Mornings - “Christmas Prophecy” - Old Testament verses that foretell the birth of Jesus)
  - Wednesday Mornings - “Formal and Material Principles” (a study on different faiths and religions)
  - Confirmation (January) - Office of the Keys (Confession and Absolution)
- Monthly shut-in visits continue.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- No report.

Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Christmas Caroling is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17 at 4:45 p.m.

Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman

- The new stove was installed. Working on selling the old one.
- A new A/C unit was installed for the BBQ room upstairs.
- Council discussed cleaning the carpet upstairs in the fellowship building (gym). Council decided against having it

cleaned and will, instead, replace it next year (2026) since it is 30+ years old.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool - Stephanie McElroy

- No report.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

John Vrablec - President

Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary