



Building His Body
By Reflecting the Son

February 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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TRINITY TIDBITS

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

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

I now know that my physical body has adjusted to the warmer climate of southeast Texas. After waking up one morning last month the temperature was below freezing. So, I thought to myself, it's cold outside; really cold! But then I remembered that this would have been a typical winter morning in the location I used to live.

I have to admit, I'm a bear to be around when it gets cold outside. I just do not, I just do not like winter! At all! But reading St. Paul's closing to his first letter to the church in Thessalonica we are reminded. We are to give thanks in all circumstances, always rejoice and we are not to quench the Spirit.

So, let me take St. Paul's advice personally and also share it with you. I am truly thankful for the gifts God has given me. And yes, I am thankful for the gifts that God has not given me for in His wisdom, He knows what suits us best.

Let me take this opportunity therefore to thank God for all of you here at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sealy. You all have touched my life and the lives of my family. I am truly grateful for all of you. I will continue to pray for you all and serve you to the best of my ability.

I don't think we truly say it enough to each other. "Thank you."

God in His Son Jesus Christ along with His Spirit continues to bless us and keep us in His care. As we continue this new year, let us be grateful for everything. Let us be thankful even in bad situations and circumstances.

God's blessings to you all.
And Thank You!

Pastor Ken

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)

2/01	Brooklyn Konesheck	2/08	Sabrina Schiller	2/14	Dorothy Gerhart	2/25	Charles Able
2/01	Amber Shupak	2/08	Troy Tesch	2/15	Shannon Einkauf	2/27	Colby Nedd
2/03	James Gilliam	2/09	Courtney Dziadek	2/21	Haley Orsak	2/28	Joyce Amthor
2/06	ISOLDE NIEMANN	2/11	Gage Grigar	2/21	AVERIE RAMON	2/28	Charlie Arriaga
2/06	Paige Nixon	2/11	Darrell Palm	2/22	Jerry Grunke		
2/08	Audie Jackson	2/12	Noah Hankins	2/23	Rich Drury		

Happy Anniversary!

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."

2/14/1989 Bill and Ann Reay



2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek

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, January 8, 2026 Amount of Deposit \$96.00.
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



Thank you Pastor Bersche for going out of your way with the construction of Hwy 36 to come visit after I was released from the hospital. Thank you to all the ladies of Altar Guild and Ladies Aid for the gift bags and for thinking of me during the Christmas season. A thank you goes to all the Christmas Carolers who stopped by Charles Abel’s house to sing to the both of us. We are very blessed to be part of this family at Trinity Lutheran Church. *Thank you, Charles Abel and Dorothy Sliva*

Thank you to the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild for the goodie bag for Christmas. Also, thank you for the group of Christmas Carolers who came to my house to sing. It was much appreciated and enjoyable.

Thanks, and God Bless,
Hilda Allison

thank you

The CIRCLE of FRIENDS

Circle of Friends is Wednesday, February 4, 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.

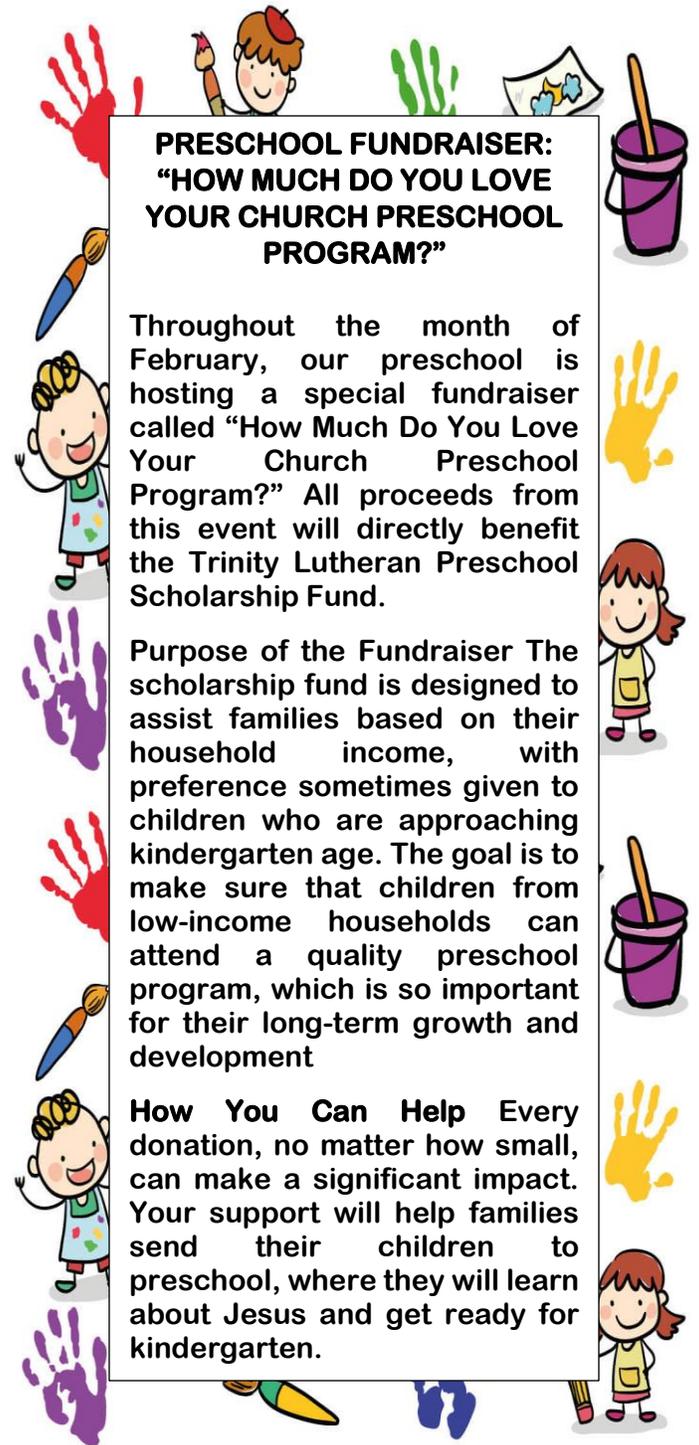
MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR! THE NEXT UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE is MARCH 15TH

From 10:30 am - 2:30 pm in the GYM (Sign up Online! Go to giveblood.org and search for mobile drives, the date 3/15/2026 and sponsor code: 1881.



THE BLESSING BOX

Is resuming each month beginning in January on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Come and join us.



PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: "HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE YOUR CHURCH PRESCHOOL PROGRAM?"

Throughout the month of February, our preschool is hosting a special fundraiser called "How Much Do You Love Your Church Preschool Program?" All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Trinity Lutheran Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Purpose of the Fundraiser The scholarship fund is designed to assist families based on their household income, with preference sometimes given to children who are approaching kindergarten age. The goal is to make sure that children from low-income households can attend a quality preschool program, which is so important for their long-term growth and development

How You Can Help Every donation, no matter how small, can make a significant impact. Your support will help families send their children to preschool, where they will learn about Jesus and get ready for kindergarten.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues from 10-11 am. We meet in the glass room by the church office depending on how many attending. Come join us each Wednesday!





Lent
A Season of Renewal

ASH WEDNESDAY

is on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. The worship opportunity for Ash Wednesday is at 11:00 am or 7 pm.

LENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

10:00 am Sunday 11:00 am Wednesday

First Sunday in Lent February 22	Second Wednesday in Lent February 25
Second Sunday in Lent March 1	Third Wednesday in Lent March 4
Third Sunday in Lent March 8	Fourth Wednesday in Lent March 11
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15	Fifth Wednesday in Lent March 18
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22	Sixth Wednesday in Lent March 25

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday is March 29

Maundy Thursday is April 2

Good Friday is April 3

Easter is April 5

The budget will be ready to present to council in May.

The Preschool runs on the preface that our tuition should pay for teacher and office salaries. In that regard, we use fundraiser funds to replenish the scholarship fund, purchasing items to help teachers with classroom projects needed for the preschoolers, playground upkeep, we also try to save money for emergencies and long-range goals. The money in our checking account at this moment will have to see us through until the first tuition that comes in September of 2026. We pay salaries for 12 months of the year even when no tuition is coming in from May until September. We also have our regular monthly bills to cover as well as ordering supplies that will see us through the 2026-2027 school year.

Our goal for this year is to fill the seats in the classrooms. We want to see the love of the Lord and children’s Christian education begin with Trinity Lutheran Preschool. With the economy being unpredictable for several years we have had many more people looking for scholarships. The Elders of the church graciously sponsor a child each year and so do the Preschool. We have had several private sponsors who have helped in the past when the need arises. Our fundraiser How Much Do You Love the Preschool is strictly going toward scholarships. We hope to double the available scholarships this year (the parents pay half price) and if we can, and offer even more if the funds come in. Students must qualify through a questionnaire, and they must attend five days.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool appreciates the members of Trinity for supporting us. We are grateful for members who sponsor a child to attend Trinity Preschool Program. With half a scholarship the cost is \$1,575.00. If you are interested in sponsoring a child to attend the program, please come and talk to me. I pray that we will be sustained through many more years to offer the word of the Lord our Savior and a wonderful Christian based education to the children of this community.



**Preschool
Budget
Meeting**



The preschool budget committee will meet in February to consider our budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Our fiscal budget runs with the school months September 1st to August 31st not from January to December.

Scholarship
Program

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How You Can Help Every donation, no matter how small, can make a significant impact. Your support will help families send their children to preschool, where they will learn about Jesus and get ready for kindergarten.

You can donate a monetary gift to help families that are struggling. Whether you donate \$5, \$10 or whatever you can to help us reach \$3000 for two children that can attend as half scholarships. The parents pay the other half. The cost of one child attending with half a scholarship is \$1,575.00. We would like to raise enough money each year for at least two or more scholarships to be added to the preschool budget.

You can make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or for church members, you may make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate it to (Preschool Scholarship Program) to have your donation recorded in offerings for year-end statement. I would like to say thank you in advance to help a child know about Jesus.



Themes! Themes for the month of February are Hygiene, Dental and Health. Preschoolers will learn the importance of keeping their body clean every day and include washing their hands after using the restroom. Along with the hygiene lessons they will learn the importance of brushing and flossing their teeth and covering their mouths and noses with a tissue when sneezing or coughing. Also washing hands after handling pets or other animals.

They will learn the proper 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.



Kid's Dentistry! Since the themes for February are Dental, Health, and Hygiene, Kid's Dentistry is coming to the preschool on Friday, February 28th at 10:00 am. They will explain to the preschoolers the importance of keeping their teeth healthy and why we see a dentist. They will show them the correct way to brush and floss their teeth and the reason behind keeping your teeth healthy.



The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

Feb. 2nd – Feb. 6th

“A Fishermen’s Net” Pg. 351

“Jesus Feeds Thousands” Pg. 357

Chapel with Pastor Bersche
Jesus Walks on Water” Pg. 364
Jesus Heals Blind Beggar” Pg. 371

Feb. 9th – Feb 13th

“Money in a Fish” Pg. 375
“The Good Samaritan” Pg. 379

Chapel with Pastor Bersche
Feb. 16th – Feb. 20th

Chapel with Pastor Bersche
“Mary and Martha” Pg. 385
“The Lost Sheep” Pg. 391

Feb. 23rd – Feb. 27th

“The Lost Son” Pg. 397
Chapel with Pastor Bersche
“Ten Lepers” Pg. 405

“Jesus and the Children” Pg. 409
The Bible Verse for the month is:
“Love One Another” (John 13:34).

The children will learn The Seventh and Eighth Commandment

7th Commandment- "You shall not steal".

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

8th 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 pink and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.



Bring PINK Items! On Friday February 6th, please have your child wear or bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!



Bring a Postage Stamp! Beginning the week of Monday, February 2nd and due by Friday, February 6th, 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 mail carriers, etc.

The children will place the Valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postal carrier to take with them.



Valentine's Party! The preschool will have their Valentine's Party on Wednesday, February 11th 9:30 am – 10:30 am. We will have an English muffin pizza party. Please sign up on the list for food and games.



Silly Crazy Hair Day! On Friday, February 20th the children will have a silly hair day. This is so much fun to see the different ways of children with their hair fixed silly.



Stranger Danger!

The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Thursday, February 12th at 10:15 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not going with someone you do not know, not taking anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money, or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright. And know how and when to call 911.



Singing in Church!

The teachers and I would love your child to sing in church on Sunday, February 22nd. These children have learned so many songs, fingerplays, Bible Stories and so much more during Chapel Time. Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 22nd to make plans for all the children to join at the 10:00 am worship service. The children will be in front of the church for you to watch and listen to some of the songs learned during Chapel.



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone. Families of the Week for the month of February are:

Feb. 3rd – Feb. 7th

Deacon Kveton

Feb. 10th – Feb 14th

Dayna Perez

Feb. 17th – Feb. 21st

Alora Phillip

Feb. 21st – Feb. 28th

James Pitcock



100 Days of Preschool!

The 100 Days of Preschool for Trinity lands on Thursday, February 19th. In celebrating 100 days of preschool, the children can come to school dressed as an old person being a hundred years old. Watch us on Facebooks and see the cutest ways parents dress their kids for 100 Days of School!



Marti Gras One of our teachers, Arielle Pitcock is purchasing a King

Cake for Mardi Gras or "Fat Tuesday," is a vibrant, final day of feasting and celebration before the Christian Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday falling on February 17, 2026, it is marked by parades, masked balls, and rich food, with its most famous U.S. celebrations occurring in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Chinese New Year!

Chinese New Year 2026 is the Year of the Fire Horse, beginning on February 17, 2026, and ending on February 5, 2027. It is the seventh sign in the 12-year Chinese zodiac cycle, representing traits such as hard work, independence, bravery, and a passionate, high-energy nature.



Go Western Day!

Go Western Day will be Wednesday, February 25th. The children may dress in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas, and belts. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. Let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!



Potty Training!

I want to remind the two-year-old parents that if your child goes into the three-year-old class this fall they 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 towards 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 potty without assistance.



Reminder

that preschool is closed Friday, February 13th and Monday, February 16th the same as public school.

FALL REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT THE SAME TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY AS FOR FAMILIES IN THE PROGRAM!

Fall registration will begin Friday, February 27th and end on Tuesday, March 31st for the families that are enrolled in the program now and the community! This is giving you the first chance to enroll your child for the 2026-2027 school year at a reduced non-refundable registration fee price of \$90.00 instead of \$125.00.

Registration will be opened to the community for the 2026-2027 school year at the same time as for the families already enrolled in the program with a non-refundable registration fee price of \$100.00 instead of \$125.00. April 1, 2026, registration fee will be \$125.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Friday, February 27th in the preschool office. This will be a first come first basis for enrollment. Please spread the word about fall registration for the 2026-2027 school year.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

CHURCH COUNCIL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 12, 2026

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

Council members present:

- Jason Carr – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- James Gilliam - Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- John Vrabec – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Karina Carr - Preschool

Absent:

- Nikki Vrabec – Board of Education Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on December 8, 2025 were presented. Terry Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. James Gilliam seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- No old business.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- December Report - As of December 31, 2025, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$74,779.45. The Building Fund balance was \$45,661.89 and the Designated Fund balance was \$102,008.10. The Total of All Funds was \$216,131.03. The total contributions for December were \$35,596.00 and total expenses for December were \$26,643.80. The total contributions for the year 2025 were \$334,515.25 while the total expenses for the year were \$303,287.68.
- There was discussion regarding donations for missions. Terry Hankins made a motion with a 2nd from David Novosad for the following donation distributions:
 - \$1,000.00 to Ministerial Alliance
 - \$1,000.00 to Sealy Christian Food Pantry
 - \$1,000.00 to Samaritan's Purse
 - \$1,000.00 to Camp Lone Star
 - \$600.00 to "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday (Pregnancy Center)

All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$195.00 for HVAC.
 - \$200.00 for Preschool.
 - \$550.00 for gym rental.
 - \$925.00 for Advent.
 - \$200.00 for Thanksgiving
 - \$4,710.00 for Christmas

- Year-end contribution statements are in the mailboxes.

Elders - James Gilliam

- Nothing to report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Sunday and Wednesday morning Bible classes continue.
- Monthly shut-in visits continue.
- Official Acts:
 - Bradley Kent passed away on Friday, December 12. Funeral was held on Friday, December 19.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education

Chairman

- Sunday School lessons have been ordered.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 29. Candy donations will begin after Valentines' Day.
- Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for May 26 through May 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Supplies are being ordered.

Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach

Chairman

- Currently ordering supplies for the new year.

John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman

- Fixed three broken toilets.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- The new Usher schedule has been distributed.

Karina Carr - Preschool

- Treasurer's report -
 - Checking Account balance - \$65,579.18
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,709.84.

- Fall registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin in March. The following registration rates will apply.

- \$90.00 pre-registration for those already enrolled. Pre-registration runs through the end of March.
- \$100.00 pre-registration for new students enrolling through the end of March.
- \$125.00 registration after March.
- Raising scholarship funds will be during the month of February.
- Tuition is \$300.00 for three days and \$350.00 for 5 days a week.

There being no further reports, Janice Wied made the motion to accept all reports presented. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- No new business.

There being no further business, Ruth Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karina Carr seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned, and Pastor Bersche led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion.

*John Vrablec - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary*