



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

April 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday

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MEETING

**SEMI-ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY,
APRIL 26TH!**

TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Easter Egg Hunt 2026! Thank you to everyone for donating candy and for all the youth in helping hide eggs for the children. You made this event a success.
Nikki Vrabec





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)

4/02 AVERY FULLEN
4/02 John Fullen
4/02 Tracy Schiller
4/02 Rachel Wolf
4/03 Jennifer Smith
4/13 CAYDEN KOPECKY
4/14 Amanda Matus
4/14 Johnny Tingle
4/15 Rose Einkauf
4/15 Brent Foltz
4/17 Sarah Emshoff

4/23 Isabeau Niemann
4/23 COURTLYNN SHUPAK
4/24 William Ford
4/25 Kayla Romano
4/26 Geraldine Barrett
4/26 Carol Jean Hauschild
4/26 Jerry Leiber
4/26 Stephanie McElroy
4/28 ELLEN HILSON
4/29 Chad Hintz

4/17 Lorena Mueller
4/18 Marlene Leiber
4/19 Eric Bryant
4/19 Donald Munoz
4/21 VAUGHN NOVOSAD
4/20 Denise Kopecky
4/22 Antoinette Romano
4/22 HANISH THOMPSON
4/23 Avery Grigar

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)

04/02/1967 Larry & Barbara Koy
04/18/2009 Jason and Karina Carr

04/19/1988 Donald and Felicia Munoz
04/25/1998 Joe and Jennifer Smith

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 February 10, 2026

Amount of Deposit \$149.00 Please call 1-800-847-4836 and 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, Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747
Ellie Niemann, Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474
Larry Schulke Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474
Hilda Allison – Shut-In



VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers for VBS in May. We need crew members to help with decorating, snacks, crafts, or games. Signup sheets will be going up in the narthex.

Thanks, Nikki Vrablec

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

THE BLESSING BOX

Will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. See you on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Congregational meeting is on Sunday, April 26th after the 10:00 am worship service to elect new preschool board members since a couple may be rolling off.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

(First, I need about five pictures of your child for the media team to place on the screen).

Confirmation Sunday is April 26th during Worship with Holy Communion. A space will be set up in the Narthex for anyone that would like to place gift cards, greeting cards or a gift showing appreciation to these confirmands. Confirmands recognized are Addison (Addy) Dembowski, Averie Ramon, and Harvey Weishoff.

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE RECOGNITION

(First, I need about five pictures of your child for the media team to place on the screen).

A space will be set up in the Gym for anyone that would like to place gift cards, greeting cards or a gift showing appreciation to these graduates. Graduates are Jade Barton, Noah Bryant, Avery Grigar, Jacie Kainer, Ryanne Meyer, Cadie Neu, Zachary Orsak, and Lillian Villalovoz. Please give the church office names of High School and College Graduate if your child's name is not listed.



Teacher Appreciation Week!

Preschool Parents, I want to let you know and give you time to get something special for your child's teacher for Teacher Appreciation Week Monday, May 4th through Friday, May 8th.



Mark this event on your calendar. Everyone is invited to the Pre-K Graduation that will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026, during the 10:00 am worship service.



Family of the Week!

We enjoy family of the week sharing families with everyone at preschool and church. Families of the Week for the month of April are:

The families will hand the pictures to their teacher the Friday before their child is the family of the week.

April 6th-10th James Pitcock

April 13th -17th Gabriel Potgieter

Kayson Reibenstien

April 20th- 24th Case Shupak

April 27th- May 1st Reba Sosa

Cash Walker



Wear Black Day! On Friday, April 10th we would like the preschoolers to wear the color BLACK to reinforce the color for the month.



Crazy Sock Day! On Tuesday, April 14th the children will have fun wearing funny socks for Silly Sock Day! The children must come to preschool with shoes on. Children that come in with sandals without any socks, please bring a pair of socks for them. Shoes are a must when going outside to play.



Bike Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt!

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will talk to the children about Bike Safety on Thursday,

April 16th at 10:15 am. He explains to the children about the importance of wearing a helmet, watching out for people, and being aware of parked cars and knowing driveways can be dangerous while riding a bike. Teaching safety is important here at Trinity.



Earth Day will be recognized on Tuesday, April 28th. The

preschoolers will make a special snack with Oreos, gummy worms and chocolate pudding. to represent the earth.



Potty Training! I want to remind the two-year-old parents that all who are going into the three-

year-old classes this fall must be 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!

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.

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. I appreciate all the parents supporting the teacher for potty training the children.

If your child has been sent home with a change of clothes from Trinity, please return it by the end of this school year.



Park and Picnic!

Springtime is here with great spring weather. With the beautiful sunshine the four-year-old class is looking forward to enjoying a park and picnic at Lions Park on Wednesday, April 29th. We need parents to bring their child a sack lunch with a drink. The children will decorate a special bag for their lunches as a great reminder to the parents not to forget.

A permission form must be signed to attend the park and picnic. We also need at least (4) or more parent volunteers to help Chaperone, have close eye supervision and help transport the children across the street to the park and back to the preschool. If rain occurs, we will have a sack lunch day, play games, and have their lunch in the gym.

Parents that are helping with the park and picnic please be here by 9:30 a.m. Remember that each child is a precious gift from God and must be supervised. Please do not gather and visit each other, so your eyes are always in view of the children.



Picnic on the Playground!

The two and three-year-old classes will have their special picnic on the playground while the four-year-old class will have theirs at Levine Park on Wednesday April 29th. Please bring your child a sack lunch with a drink. Look for the decorated special bag to pack their lunch!



The themes for the month of April are New are Spring, Farm, Sea Animals, Earth Day, and Bicycle Safety. This month the preschoolers will learn the color black, the shape diamond and the letters B, V, E, W, and K for the ones that are ready to continue.



Bike Safety Week

Bike Safety Week is Monday, April 24th. We ask each child to bring \$2 to send to St. Jude's Research Hospital to help families with their child with cancer. Marlo Thomas and many like her are actively involved in fundraising and awareness efforts for the hospital, it is important to note that she does not receive a salary or payment from St. Jude's. Instead, people like Marlo Thomas dedicate their time and efforts to support the hospital's mission of providing free medical care to children with cancer.

The Bible stories for the month of April are:

April 6th - April 10th

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

"Jesus Returns" pg. 459

"A Net for of Fish" pg. 462

April 13th-April 17th

"Jesus Goes to Heaven" pg. 486

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

"The Holy Spirit Comes" pg. 473

April 20th-April 24th

"The First Church" pg. 480

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

"The Lame Man" pg.484

"A Changed Man" pg. 488

April 27th-April 30th

"Paul's Journey" pg.494

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

"Earthquake in Prison" pg. 500

The children continue to learn the Ten Commandments and Lord's Prayer and know that Jesus loves them.

"He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6-7

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2026**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Jason Carr. Karina Carr 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
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman

- Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Karina Carr - Preschool
- Maggie Kent

Absent:

- None

The Minutes from the meeting held on February 9, 2026 were presented. Ruth Szymanski 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

- February Report - As of February 28, 2026, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$62,580.48. The Building Fund balance was \$45,896.70 and the Designated Fund balance was \$96,672.10. The Total of All Funds was \$205,149.28. The total contributions for February were \$31,176.00 and total expenses for February were \$23,122.98. The total contributions for the year 2026 were \$44,673.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$51,278.24.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:

- \$200.00 for preschool.
- \$195.00 for HVAC.
- \$20.00 for missions.

Elders - James Gilliam

- Nothing to report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Monthly shut-in visits continue (currently there are 15 shut-ins).
- Bible Classes:
 - Sunday Mornings - Studying Saint Paul.
 - Wednesday Mornings - Studying the beliefs of other Christian denominations.

**Nikki Vrabec - Board of Education
Chairman**

- Vacation Bible School “Tropical Trek” will be May 26 through May 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening. Please reach out to Nikki Vrabec or Kimberly Kornegay if you are interested in helping with VBS.
- Easter candy donations are being accepted. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 29 after the worship service.

**Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach
Chairman**

- The pantry has been cleaned out and organized.
- There will be an Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. between worship services.

John Vrabec – Trustee Chairman

- Currently working on several projects in and around the church.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Karina Carr - Preschool

- Treasurer’s report -
 - Checking Account balance - \$76,676.74
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,729.99
- The “How much do you love your preschool program?” fundraiser brought in \$3,877.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

There being no further reports, James Gilliam made the motion to accept all reports presented. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- Nikki Vrabec made a motion to grant three \$400.00 scholarships for three youth members who will be attending Camp Lone Star this summer. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.
- After short company presentations and council discussions regarding the church office copy machine and phone and internet service the following motions and approvals were made.
 - Ruith Szymanski made a motion to allow Texas Document Solutions to

provide a copier and services for Trinity. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

- James Gilliam made a motion to switch Trinity's phone and internet provider to Resound. Karina Carr seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.
- After Council discussion, James Gilliam made a motion to purchase a new laptop for the church office with a price ceiling of \$1,000.00. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.
- There was also a brief discussion to search out options to redo some of the landscaping around the church.

There being no further business, Terry Hankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned. Pastor Bersche led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. and John Vrablec will have the devotion.

Jason Carr - President
Kimberly Kornegay - Secretary