



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

**September
2026**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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Rally Day
COME ONE COME
ALL AGES AND ENJOY

Sunday School Rally
Day on
Sunday, September
13th

TRINITY TIDBITS

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

From the Desk of the

PASTOR

There's NO Missing the Deadline!

Are you a person who is always late? Or are you a person who is always on time? Or are you a person who is not only on time but is constantly fifteen to thirty minutes early?

We know people who fit into all three categories of being punctual and non-punctual. There are those exceptions when one is late due to uncontrollable circumstances. Yet regardless, those who are always late complain about those who are always early and vice versa. Those who are always late tell the early-birds that they're not using their time wisely. Instead of being early for something, they could be doing something more productive at home and then leave in time for the appointment. Those who are always early tell the late-comers, that you never know when something might happen. You could have car trouble, or come upon unexpected traffic, or even a train that seems like it's a mile and a half long.

Whether you're an early-bird or a late-comer, God's time is always on time. It happens in a lot of churches on Sunday mornings (actually not so much at Trinity) and it's called the miracle of the opening hymn. I have other Pastors tell me the same thing. At the opening of the first hymn, attendance in worship is quite low. Then after that hymn you look up, and the number of people present has doubled and sometimes even tripled.

Late or early, God's time is always God's time. St. Paul reminds us about the time of salvation when he writes to the Christians in Galatia:

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

We live today, at this time, in His salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord. God's time of salvation is never late but is current.

In Christ,

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)

9/02 Taylor Cash	9/07 Drake Grigar	9/10 Billy Schaffner	9/19 Katy Grigar
9/02 Russell Dziadek	9/07 GABBY MATUS	9/10 Janice Wied	9/20 Carol Schuknecht
9/03 Shirley Schier	9/08 Scott Einkauf	9/13 Ronnie Thrasher II	9/22 JAYLEE KONESHECK
9/04 Carl Wied	9/09 Patricia Grigar	9/17 Doyle Kornegay	9/23 Melissa Bersche
9/05 Jason Kainer	9/09 Kellie Kainer	9/18 Clarence Einkauf	9/27 Rebecca Tipton
9/05 Leisha Wied	9/09 Jake Schiller	9/18 Kari Furey	9/27 Briana Kent
9/07 RYLYNN FUREY	9/10 Cory Barrett	9/19 KAELEE CARR	9/28 Stacie Leiber
	9/10 Alice Moore		

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)

9/02/1967 Larry and Fay Alexander	9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge
9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer	9/20/2008 Dewayne and Kari Furey
9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller	9/20/2025 Trey and Jackie Schmidt
9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash	9/25/2009 Danny and Stephanie Darrow
9/12/2015 Al and Codi Konesheck	9/30/2022 Will and Ellie Ford

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.

thrivent[®] CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent Choice Dollars August 13, 2026
Amount of Deposit is \$388.00. 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 77474

Lorrene Schiller - Avir Nursing, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747

Larry Schulke Kruse Village, 1700 East Stone Street, Brenham TX 77833

Carol Pless – Home

Joyce Amthor

Hilda Allison – Shut-In

Lee Allen Palm – Shut-In

Geraldine Stuessel – Shut-In

Good and loving God, be with our nursing home and shut-ins always, and most especially with those whose minds and bodies are in special need of care. Bless the caregivers who watch closely over them to be patient with them and love them. In Jesus Name. Amen

Rally Day

COME ONE COME ALL **AGES AND ENJOY**

**Sunday School Rally Day on
Sunday, September 13th**

8:30 am Join us for Breakfast

**9:00 am Come and Enjoy Pastor's
Congregational Bible Class**



**11:00 am After the Worship
Service**

**Meet in the Gym for 3rd Annual
Ice Cream Social**

The Blessing Box

**NEXT Blessing Box Group will meet on
Wednesday, September 9, 2026.**

Circle of Friends

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS COMING!

Wednesday, September 2, 2026!

**Call Mary Buechmann if you have any
questions.**

979-885-2730 or cell 281-728-0973

Begin Your Sunday's This Fall

With Morning Prayer

8:30 am Fellowship

9:00 am Adult Bible Class

**9:00 am Sunday School
For All Ages**

10:00 am Worship



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

The gifts you give are an immeasurable blessing to families around the world. The little girl is warmer because of a quilt sewn. A mother is happy because her children receive school supplies and a bag to carry them. A father is learning a new skill that will provide income for his family because he's learning to sew using a Fabric Kit he received. A grandmother has regained her dignity because she was able to bathe using the soap inside a Personal Care Kit. And the baby is sleeping soundly because he is swaddled in a soft blanket from a Baby Care Kit.

Thank you for the items that were donated towards the school supply kits.

Johanna Buechmann



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Now we have a box set out for donating personal care kits.

Please, if you can and are able, please gather these items and place them in the box in the narthex.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

ONE light-weight bath-size towel
(between 20" x 40"

and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling
8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping

ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original
packaging

ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging

ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional),
remove packaging

Let's see how many personal care kits from
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, we can send.



Parents of the Acolytes!



Start looking at the September – December Calendar for your child to

acolyte. I have emailed the list to begin signing up on Sundays that best fits your schedule. These students need to be praised for helping Pastor to make sure the candles are lit, or any other instructions Pastor may have them do during special services. Thank you for your commitment to this important role.



THE SEALY CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Please help by collecting plastic bags that can be used to bag canned items. If you would, please save your re-usable shopping bags and bring them to the church to be used to bag canned goods. There is a container next to the elevator to place them into.



PRESCHOOL PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Please come and support the preschool with a love donation and enjoy some pancakes and sausages on Monday, September 14th, 7:45 am – 8:30 am. This will be designated for criminal background checks. Even if you cannot make it to eat, you can make a love offering cash or check and drop in church offering plate. Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.



2026-2027

Preschool Teachers are:

Bethany Grochmall – Two-Year-Old Class

Katie Kofman – Three-Year-Old Class

Toni Jurasek – Four-Year-Old Class

Tracy Semmler – Substitute, Curriculum Coordinator

Robin Jacobson – Asst. Director

Myself, Maggie Kent – Director

The two new teachers, Katie and Toni, have experience in working in childcare. They both know how important it is to maintain state licensing standards. They are a great fit here at Trinity.

The preschool doors open at 8:00 am and lock at 8:15 am. We ask the parents to please arrive

by 8:00 am and no later than 8:15 am since the teachers begin their class as soon as your child walks through the door. We all know the importance of starting a day off right!

Preschoolers love to arrive on time to walk in with their friends which allows your child time to adjust to the classroom, friends, teacher, and environment helps them feel included and it will have a positive feeling for the rest of the day. Teachers begin the morning with instructions as simple as placing their backpacks where they belong or name recognition that they will miss out on if they are late. There are many activities happening early when these children arrive. *Teaching Begins at 8:00 am!*



Creation/Self/Bible/Friendship/ Manners/Nursery Rhymes and Grandparents Day.

The spiritual emphasis is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation. The children will learn letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Throughout the year we have a specific teaching calendar, and children learn matching, go-together, sequencing, lotto's, letter sound matches, categorizing, picture sound matches and much more. Ongoing skills are practiced every day, such as listening, following directions, and manners.

Learning centers allow the children to play cooperatively and investigate language, roles, materials, and relationships and encourage children to learn at their own pace with material that meets individual needs and level of development. While children learn through play, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, sharing and much more. In turn, this helps them develop the ability to concentrate.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs; finger plays, pledges, and memorize Bible verses.



Red/White/Blue Day! The children may wear Red/White and Blue for Patriot Day on Friday, September 11th. The colors RED/WHITE and BLUE will represent the 9/11 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 to step up to do the right thing. Even animals can be heroes.



Preschool Pancake Social! Preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Social with a Free Will Offering to defray the cost for the pancakes and sausage. The rest of the proceeds help with the cost of FBI background checks or CPR and First Aid.

This will take place on **Monday September 14th 7:45 am - 8:30 am.** This is a special day to

celebrate Grandparents Day. The preschoolers will enjoy their time eating with their grandparents. This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children while getting to know other parents, teachers, children, and church members.

Church members come and meet some of the parents and children. You may know a few of them. Come and enjoy pancakes and sausage with us.

If you cannot make the pancake social, you can donate to a Free Will Offering to the preschool.



911 Safety! Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Thursday, September 17th at 10:15 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

It is important that children know what to do during an emergency, especially if an adult is not present. Children need to know how to call 911, and on the other hand, they need to know that they should NOT call 911 unless there is an emergency.

Retired Trooper Gary will talk to the children about the person on the other line of 911 who is called a dispatcher and emergency responder. Depending on the call center, emergency dispatchers must follow certain protocols. Sometimes those involve asking very specific questions and then giving commands.

He will tell the children that it's ok to give information to the dispatcher and then follow their directions. It could be lifesaving! It's always important that children don't answer the door for just anyone. First responders will always announce themselves and it's important that they know and understand it is okay to open the door for them so they can begin treating the injured person. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.



WEARING RED Day! Since the children are learning red for the month, we will have a special color day. On Friday, September 18th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED to reinforce the color of the month!



Individual and Class Pictures! On Wednesday September 30th at 8:15 am a photographer from Lifetouch will begin taking photos. Have your child dressed nicely and bring a change of clothes if need be if you want them changed. A form will be sent home with you to be filled out and be returned to preschool. You will be able to choose pictures online and purchase your packet.



Back Yard Bash! On Friday, September 25th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring

a sack lunch with a drink to school and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.



Special Book Week! Beginning Monday September 21st – 25th preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child bring their favorite book from home (please label with name.) The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books with one another. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!



Bring Snacks for Your Child Each Day! DO NOT BRING A DRINK!!!! We Will Serve Water! Please bring simple snacks in a plastic zipper snack bag each day for your child. Ideas are cheese nips, any kind of cereals. Sandwich crackers, pretzels, goldfish or whatever you think your child will eat. This is a snack and not a meal. The children have a ten-minute snack time. Please do not bring lunch boxes or cute cloth bags to put their snacks into. Just place the snack in a snack bag. The children will have their routine to try to open their own snacks, and yes, we are there to help. Trying to open is a skill that will help them when they attend big school.



Action Plan or Emergency Response Plan Mandatory by the State is required by your doctor if your child is allergic to certain foods, asthmatic and or needs an EpiPen. The purpose of this Emergency Response Plan is to establish an organizational structure and procedures for response to major emergencies. It assigns the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the plan during an emergency following the incident. If you have any questions, please come and talk to me.



Extra Clothing! Please send an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Top, bottom, underwear, socks, and old shoes in case they pee on their socks and shoes. It is very important that we have an extra set of clothes in case of spills or accidents. If you are getting rid of little girl panties or boy underwear, we need these items.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that helps children share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

What this entails is that your child brings about seven to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the hallway. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. We will wait until October to begin Families of the Week.



Reinforcement! Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what the rules are in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground, and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



Drills! The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. If your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today, you will know why.



Emergency Preparedness Plan! Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Austin County Bank located across the street from the church and is within walking distance. A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that help defray the cost to the preschool program. The food not used will be used towards the end of the year by the preschoolers and donated to the outside pantry. This is another way to help preschool and others in the community.



Please feed your child breakfast at home before preschool begins. Bringing breakfast to school interrupts the rest of the children. If your child does bring breakfast to school, please take him/her to the gym and sit down with your child and finish breakfast. You are responsible for your child to eat breakfast and bring them to the classroom. Your child must be brought to the classroom by you. Please do not let them come to the classroom by themselves.



Please be on time to pick up your child at NOON! A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!



September tuition is due on the 1st of September. All tuition is due on the 5th of each month.



Tuition is due in advance with no deductions for any absences, holidays, illness, or closures due to inclement weather, power outages, or other situations beyond Trinity Lutheran Preschool's control. If tuition is not paid on the day that it is due, a late fee will be added to the tuition for each day that it is late until it is paid in full. When payment is delinquent for one week or more, care may be suspended until the balance is current and your child's space will not be reserved. Tuition is due regardless of a child's absence from the program for any reason and is required to hold a child's space. Our policy for tuition is as follows: All accounts are due on the 1st of the month. Statements come home with each child's monthly newsletter, generally sent home on the last week of the previous month.

If tuition is not paid by the 5th of the month, then a late charge of \$5.00 per day will be added to that month's tuition. All fees must be paid by the first of the following month or your child cannot attend until all fees are paid in full. The late charge will not exceed \$50.00 each month.

After the 10th of the month, you will be notified by a board member to determine how you wish to pay the balance due or to choose dismissal of care.



Because of the long-term benefits of participation in high-quality early childhood programs, our goal is not to suspend or expel a child from care. Instead, we attempt to collaborate with parents to bring the needed resources and strategies to a situation.

Our hope is that these efforts will result in suspensions and expulsions only being used where there are extraordinary circumstances or a determination of a serious safety threat. While we will make efforts to reduce or eliminate such circumstances and/or threats with the provision of reasonable modifications, we reserve the right to

suspend or expel in any situation we deem necessary.

We can and will terminate our childcare arrangements immediately for any of the following reasons (but not solely limited to):

Failure to comply with the contract.

Destructive or hurtful behavior of child that persists even with parent cooperation in stopping the behavior.

Non-Payment of childcare fees or late and/or recurring late payment of fees.

Failure to show up for 5 days in a row without any communication.

Failure to complete required forms.

Inability to meet the child's needs without additional staff.

Rude and disrespectful behavior towards provider or any employee.

If parents knowingly bring their child ill to school.

Conflict between parent / provider.

Extreme Behavior.

Class Parties We have five special parties a year, Harvest, Christmas, Valentine, Easter and End of School party and we ask parents to help with refreshments and supervision of games.

A sign-up list will be posted for parents to help with the activity centers and food items. This will be the first come first serve base. Parents that sign up for a particular party are the ones that can attend. We need parents help by setting up and supervising the activities centers. Supervised activity centers will be on 20-minute increments. Special food and game items will be on the list for parents to purchase and provide for parties.

A kitchen crew will be needed to prepare the food and drinks and set up the children's tables ready for them to eat and have the kitchen clean before leaving.

We ask all parents to help by setting up the party, tearing down the activity centers, cleaning kitchen, wiping tables, sweeping, and taking out the trash.

The purpose of volunteering is to make sure children are safe, lower stress on everyone, work as a team and have fun with the preschoolers. Since we are a non-profit organization, we appreciate your help in donating items for the parties.



Preschoolers Sing in Church Event!

Preschool has a Sunday set aside for the children to participate and sing in front of the congregation and their families. This is usually the last Sunday in February. Everyone's heart fills with

joy to hear these children perform. We ask that you set this Sunday aside for your family and watch your preschooler perform songs they learned in Chapel.

Thank you for all your participation and choosing this preschool program for your child.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 10, 2026

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Jason Carr. Janice Wied presented the Devotion and opening prayer.

Council members present:

- Jason Carr – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- James Gilliam – Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Barbara Havemann – Preschool

Absent:

- Kimberley Kornegay – Secretary
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2026, 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:

- A Thank You note was received from Christian City Fellowship thanking us for our support of the "Faith, Family and Fireworks" event.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- July Report – As of July 31, 2026 the cash balance in the General Fund was \$43,693.91. The Building Fund balance was \$46,316.70 and the Designated Fund balance was

\$105,011.60. The Total of All Funds was \$195,022.21. The total contributions for July were \$19,599.00 and total expenses for July were \$27,349.76. The total contributions for the year of 2026 were \$166,656.81 while the total expenses for the year were \$184,529.71.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included \$375.00 for Memorials and \$300.00 for the HVAC fund.
- Janice reminded the Council that the Budget sheets for 2027 were to be turned in.

James Gilliam – Elder Chairman

- Elders approved Pastor's mileage for the previous month.
- James was able to gather all of the information that is required for the Elders' section of the Budget.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts: Holy Baptism of Isla Pavelka on July 26
- Adult Bible Class continues the study of St. Paul.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins on September 2nd studying selected Psalms.
- Confirmation classes begin September 2nd.
- Sunday School Rally Day is September 13th.
- Pastor is currently visiting 16 shut-ins.

Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman

- Nothing to report

Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman (by Jason Carr)

- Rally Sunday with an ice cream social will be held after the service on September 13, 2026.

John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman

- Nothing to report

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report

Barbara Havemann – Preschool

- Treasurer's report
 - Checking Account balance - \$67,084.41
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,783.53
- All teachers have been hired.
- The total enrollment for the next school year is 32 students
- Appreciation was extended to everyone that has helped with funding scholarships for students.
- Staff Development will begin on August 17, 2026, with school beginning on August 24, 2026. "Meet the Teacher" will be held on August 20, 2026.
- The Preschool's Budget was presented to Council for approval. A motion was made by Terry Hankins to accept the Preschool Budget, Seconded by Ruth Szymanski. All members agreed and the motion passed.

There being no further reports, David Novosad made the motion to accept all reports. The motion was seconded by Terry Hankins. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- All members turned in their Budget worksheets.

There being no further business, John Vrablec made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on September 14, 2026 and John Vrablec will have the devotion. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jason Carr, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary