TRINITY TIDBITS

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

November 2026

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
9:00 am
Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday

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November 1st ends daylight savings time at 2 am. Turn your clocks back for one hour.

From the Desk of the PASTOR

Lord, Forgive Me When I Whine

The following poem says a lot about how we are ungrateful for what we have and how much we "whine" for what we do have. The author of this writing is unknown, but I feel it is an important point to make in our lives as we walk in gratefulness with our God.

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her -- she seemed so gay, and how, I wished I were so fair; When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle; she had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two feet -- the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets, the lad who served me had such charm; he seemed to radiate good cheer, his manner was so kind and warm; I said, "It's nice to deal with you, such courtesy I seldom find"; he turned and said, "Oh, thank you sir." And then I saw that he was blind. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes, the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue; he stood and watched the others play, it seemed he knew not what to do; I stopped a moment, then I said, "Why don't you join the others, dear?" He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears, the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go; with eyes to see the sunsets glow, with ears to hear what I would know. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine; oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

Author Unknown

In Christ,
Pastor Ken



PURCHASE
A POINSETTIA TO BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY for the Christmas Season. Altar Guild is selling Poinsettias 20 Red and 5 Whites for $15.00 each and must pay in advance, beginning Nov.15th through December 29th.
Contact Mary Buechmann with any questions. Please DO NOT turn money into the church office or offering plate.
Make Checks Payable To: Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild
Deadline Sunday, Nov. 29th

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)

11/03 Ruth Witte	11/08 ADDYSON DEMBOWSKI	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/05 Michael Ashorn	11/08 Barbara Koy	11/15 Chris Bryant	11/23 Hannah Mueller
11/05 Andrew Schmidt	11/09 Larry Koy	11/16 EMMA FULLEN	11/24 Susie Busse
11/05 Cody Shupak	11/09 Cody Barrett	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/24 KINSLEE CARR
11/05 Joe Smith	11/11 JAKOBE DRURY	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/26 Zachary Orsak
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/11 Pam Epperly	11/20 Mark Niemann	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/07 BRYNN KONESHECK	11/11 Clayton Sneed	11/21 Michael Hulstrand	11/27 Krystal Cash
		11/21 Rhonda Pavelka	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen

Happy Anniversay!

"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)

11/01/2008 Casey & Stacey Picard	11/19/2005 Michael & Trine Hulstrand
11/09/2019 Chad & Bunmi Hintz	11/23/1968 R. D. & Vera Schmidt
11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner	11/25/1995 Steven & Bitsy Cobb
11/15/1997 Clifton & Krisha Langton	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann
11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild	

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.

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On October 15, 2026, the amount of deposit is $ $273.00. Please call 1-800-847-4836 and appoint 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
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



Memorial Chairperson

I am truly honored to serve as the new Memorial Chairperson at Trinity Lutheran Church. As a lifetime member, Trinity Lutheran has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and holds a very special place in my heart. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role. It is my hope that together we can continue to honor the lives of those we have loved and lost, while keeping their memories and legacies alive for generations to come. I look forward to serving our congregation and being a part of this special ministry."

In Christ, Patsy Romano

Begin Your Sunday's 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 and Communion



Come and Join Us for Sunday School
All Ages!

Ms. Maggie - Pre-K Through 2nd Grade
Ms. Nikki - Third Grade Through 5th Grade
Ms. Patricia – Jr. High & High School
Ms. Lauren – Jr. High – High School in November
Pastor Ken Bersche - Adult Bible Study



I Am So Excited to See You!



Circle of Friends

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS TURKEY AND DRESSING LUNCHEON is Wednesday, November 4, 2026! The sign-up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board. Come and enjoy the fellowship! And remember that desserts are always welcome. Contact Mary Buechmann with questions 979-885-2730 or cell 281-728-0973.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 25, 2026

The semi-annual Congregational meeting was held on October 25, 2026. The Budget for 2027 was presented for discussion and was passed by all members present at the meeting.

There were two Officer positions that were vacant. Kimberly Kornegay's term as Secretary has reached the term limits. Lauren Jackson was nominated for this position and was elected unanimously by members present. She will serve the term beginning January 2027. The other position that was vacant was Usher Chairman. David Novosad's term was up. There were no nominations for this position and David has agreed to serve another term, beginning January 2027.

Angel Tree



Once again, we are partnering with the Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center to help provide Christmas gifts to some of the children that they serve. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas joy to these children. We are all so blessed……let's share some of our blessings with these children. There is a tree in the narthex with angels on it. Each angel has a child's name, ID number, age and gift suggestion. Just choose an angel (or several) and sign your name on the list. Be sure to match the number **and** the name. Go purchase your item(s) and return your wrapped gift, with the angel attached to the church before December 1. If you would like, we will do the shopping and wrapping for you. There is an envelope on the table that you can make a cash donation to. We will take care of it for you!! As usual…..Thank You for helping with this!! (A suggested amount to spend is $25) Questions? Contact Ruth Szymanski (979-885-9504) or Noah Hankins (281-793-3722)

Lutheran Women in Mission Texas District
2026-2028 Mission Grant
Description and Prayer

Bridge to Belonging — Camp Lone Star $20,000.00
Camp Lone Star (CLS) provides transformative overnight camp experiences that nurture spiritual growth, leadership, and community in children and youth. Committed to ensuring every child can encounter the joy and life-changing impact of camp, CLS seeks a partnership with the LWML Texas District to remove financial barriers for families earning under $47,000 a year. Currently, 65 percent of these families are unable to attend even with existing aid. By doubling scholarship support, CLS can welcome more campers into a Christ-centered environment where they experience belonging, adventure, and the gospel in a uniquely unplugged setting. This mission grant will match CLS's support, increasing the award level and enabling additional campers to receive the extra funding they need to attend.

Heavenly Father, Christ, in His Holy Word, has charged us to reach all nations, instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord, and asked that children be brought unto Him. Please, with this mission grant, bless Camp Lone Star in La Grange to reach more children and help parents send their children through financial assistance. Camp Lone Star is more than funding a summer program; they are investing in the spiritual growth and leadership development of our next generation of Christian leaders. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing Box

The Blessing Box Group will not meet in November.



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.



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.

BLOOD DRIVE



THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is SUNDAY, November 29th from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm in the GYM (Sign up Online! Go to giveblood.org and search for mobile drives, the date 11/29/2026 and sponsor code: 1881. Your blood helps save infants, children and adults and the recipients are so grateful!



Church office closes at noon on Wednesday, November 25th. Closed all day Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving.

PRESCHOOL NEWS!

Thank you to all the parents who attended Open House. I really enjoyed mingling with everyone.

Most of all I was really excited seeing past parents from twenty-five or thirty years ago who are grandparents now! It felt like a family reunion!

Everyone enjoyed the punch and cookies after visiting the classrooms. I thank God each day for Trinity Lutheran Preschool and for having families that are loving, caring and supportive.

I feel incredibly lucky to have great preschool teachers. They each have a gift for teaching young children. These teachers are

wonderful, hardworking, and dedicated. If anyone deserves praise, it is our preschool staff.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

Your child is asked to bring about five 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. Families of the Week for the month of November are:

Nov. 2nd – Nov.6th
Hayes Haechten
Nov. 9th – Nov. 13th
Chase Hagen
Nov. 16th – Nov. 20th
Emma and Walker Hahn
Nov. 23rd-Nov. 27th
Thanksgiving Holidays-No Family
Nov. 30th – December 4th
Kohen Harrington

Please bring pictures on Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Themes! The themes for the month of November are:

Transportation…Children love to learn about how to get from here to there.

Thanksgiving…We give thanks wholeheartedly for what the Lord does.

Five Senses: God gave us eyes to see, ears to hear, a nose to smell, hands to touch, a tongue to taste.

Feast and Friendship: As we grow up, we learn how to make friends, how to keep friends, and how to be good friends.

The children who are ready will learn green, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will learn the Fourth Commandment "Honor your mother and father". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve them, and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of Nov. 2nd – Nov. 6th
November 2nd – No School
"A Voice in the Night" pg. 160
"Israel's First King" pg. 164
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"A Good Heart" pg. 168
"David and Goliath" pg. 173
"Hannah's Prayer" pg. 156
"Best Friends" pg. 181

Week of Nov. 9th – Nov. 13th
Preschool Closed on Monday
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"King David" pg. 186
"The Lord is my Shepherd" pg. 190
"The Wise King" pg. 194

Nov. 16th – Nov. 20th
"God Watches Over Elijah" pg.201
"Elijah Helps a Widow" pg. 206
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message
"Fire From Heaven" pg. 209
"Chariots of Fire" pg. 216

Nov. 23rd – Nov. 27th
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Week

Nov.30th
Jars of Oil pg. 222
Elisha's Room pg. 226

Please have your child at school between 8:00 am – 8:15 am.

• Reduces Anxiety and Stress: Arriving on time allows children to transition smoothly from home to school rather than rushing or walking into a room where activities have already begun.

• Prevents Missed Learning and Social Time: Morning circles, greeting routines, and early-day foundational activities build social-emotional skills and cognitive readiness. Even small delays add up; missing just 5 minutes a day can equal days of lost learning over a school year.

• Helps Children Connect with Peers: Being on time gives kids a few relaxed minutes to greet their teacher, talk with classmates, and feel like part of the group before work or play begins.

• Avoids Classroom Disruptions: Late arrivals split staff attention, interrupt ongoing group work or lessons, and can make the late-arriving child feel self-conscious.

• Builds Lifelong Habits: Timeliness in early childhood teaches respect for others, personal

responsibility, and fundamental time-management skills that carry over into later schooling and adulthood. As noted in community discussions on Reddit, parents generally agree that early punctuality expectations act as a vital building block for future school and work structures.

Decorating the Christmas Tree On Tuesday, November 17th, the preschoolers will decorate the Christmas tree in the gym with their own homemade decorations made in their classrooms.



Wear Green Day! Since we are learning green for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Thursday, November 5th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce green.



Friendsgiving Day! Friendsgiving is our preschoolers and teachers gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are learning about Feast and Friendship and would like the preschoolers to have Friendsgiving Day among themselves. This will be a small Thanksgiving Celebration of giving thanks to each other.

Look for a note that will be sent home to help purchase some of the items needed for Friendsgiving Day. We would like to have all the items here on **Thursday, November 12th**. On Thursday, November 19th the preschoolers will mix the items brought in for their Friendsgiving Day Celebration and enjoy their friendship meal.



Sack Lunch Day! The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Friday, November 20th outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use in bringing their lunch! This will be a Fun Friday for the preschoolers before Thanksgiving Holidays!

Fantasy of Lights!

Parents, I Really Need Your Help!

This year's Fantasy of Lights Parade is celebrating 40 years of Christmas Magic which began in 1987 and continues December 5, 2026.

The Theme for this year is ~~"A Ruby Christmas~~", but we are using the theme "A Savior is Born".

What is needed for Trinity Lutheran Preschool to be in the parade:

Person with a truck to drive in the parade.

An 18 ft. long trailer with railings around for safety to be decorated for the float.

Supplies if needed to be purchased to build the float.

We need about 15-20 hay bales to sit on and will be returned to you. We place sheets on the hay for the preschoolers and parents to sit comfortably.

A generator to keep the lights lit during the parade.

Parents help decorate the float at Trinity during preschool hours. We will keep the trailer decorated in the church garage as we have done each year.

Please contact me or Robin if you are interested in helping. The Monday after Thanksgiving we will begin decorating the float.

With a mandatory signed permission form, children can ride the float with one parent. If you want your child to ride but you cannot ride, please have a responsible parent riding on the float to take your child with them when our float ends. If you are planning to ride, there will be no siblings and no extra family members. The trailer is not big enough to accommodate extra people.

If we can all pitch in and help, I will be most thankful and grateful.



Reminder! No Preschool Monday November 9th and the week of Monday, November 23rd – November 27th for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Then we begin preparations for the float when we get back on Monday, November 30th to be in the parade on Saturday, December 5th.

"In Christ, Ms. Maggie



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2026

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

Council members present:

Jason Carr – President
Terry Hankins – Vice President
Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
James Gilliam - Elder Chairman
Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman & Preschool
John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman
David Novosad – Usher Chairman
Preschool - Karina Carr

Absent:
Pastor Ken Bersche

The Minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2026, were presented. James Gilliam made a motion to accept the minutes. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Old Business:
Church Council officer positions to be voted on during October 25 congregational meeting are:
Secretary
Usher Chairman

Chairmen Reports:
Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
September Report - As of September 30, 2026, the cash balance in the General Fund was $40,277.94. The Building Fund balance was $47,531.70 and the Designated Fund balance was $105,481.60. The Total of All Funds was $193,391.24. The total contributions for September were $20,522.96 and total expenses for September were $29,954.87. The total contributions for the year 2026 were $223,387.37 while the total expenses for the year were $242,980.25.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
No special contributions in September. All contributions went to the General or Building Funds.

Elders - James Gilliam
Nothing to report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President
Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche –
No report.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman
Sunday School is going good.

Karina Carr – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
The Mission Sunday Potluck was a success with 53 people in attendance.

John Vrablec – Trustee Chairman
Nothing to report.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman
Nothing to report.

Karina Carr - Preschool
Treasurer's report -
Checking Account balance - $62,155.79
Savings Account balance - $50,804.75
School year is off to a good start.
Preschool Pancake Social had a strong turnout and generated a profit of $156.25 after expenses. The funds will be used for CPR, First Aid and fingerprinting expenses.

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

New Business
After Council discussion, Terry Hankins made a motion to allow Antonio (Lawn Service Co.) to clean flower beds around the church. Janice Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Ruth Szymanski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and Kimberly Kornegay will have the devotion. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jason Carr - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary



How a Christian is like a Pumpkin
DLTK's Bible Crafts for Kids

This is a fun way to share the Christian message! It would be great to use Halloween or Fall.

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin:

God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.

Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

1. Take a pumpkin. "You aren't a pumpkin, but all of us are something like one. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins." Talk about how a pumpkin is like us: it has an outside and an inside. The outside is what people see. The inside is like our soul or our heart. A pumpkin left to itself will soon rot and die. We will die someday too."
2. Carve out eyes and a small "o" shaped mouth. As you make the holes and pull out the pieces of rind, ask people what they see inside (yucky stuff). "This is what we look like to others and what we are like when are hearts are not changed. The hearts of men are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live

   (Ecclesiastes 9:3). How can we get rid of this icky stuff?"
3. "God is the only one who can change our heart. But in order for God to change our heart we must become open to him." Carve an opening in the top of the pumpkin big enough to put your hand through. You might want to quote Revelation 3:20: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.
4. Put in your hand and pull out the insides. "God scoops out all the yucky stuff inside of us. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, impurity, and greed." Talk about the cross and how Jesus was willing to become messy for us, so that we might be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezekiel 36:25b-27).
5. "But if we leave a pumpkin with just the insides taken out, then it's just hollow. We need to have a light inside that will truly make us alive! Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' Add a light to the inside of the pumpkin. "When Jesus lives inside of you, you can glow! You will want to be kind and honest. You will want to please God, to help others, and to tell other people about your Friend and Lord."
6. At this point you might want to carve the mouth into a smile! "God carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

