



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

February

2021

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:30 am Fellowship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
&  
Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## “Significant”

There is no doubt that the coronavirus has been a significant factor in our lives and the lives of those around the world for over the past year. Even December of 2019, there were news reports from China about the spread of coronavirus. Now we are still in the middle of this pandemic by the significant and unseen enemy known as Covid19. It is significant because it has drastically changed our lives.

That word, “significant” is our focus for the upcoming penitential season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. What does that word mean, “significant”? The dictionary defines “significant: as such:

Sig-nif-i-cant

/sig'nifikent/

adjective

1. Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy. “a significant increase in sales” Similar words/phrases: notable, noteworthy, worthy of attention, remarkable, outstanding, important, of importance, consequential, serious, crucial, weighty, material, appreciable, momentous, of moment, memorable, unforgettable, pronounced, etc.
2. Having a particular meaning; indicative of something. “in times of stress her dreams seemed to her especially significant” suggesting a meaning or message that is not explicitly stated. “she gave him a significant look”
3. Relating to or having significance (statistics)

For the most part, the coronavirus brought significant negative changes- to many great sickness and possible future health complications, while to others, even death. Yet we focus on the positive significance that Jesus brings to our lives. The events in His passion were positively significant for us. Please join us every Wednesday during Lent at either 11 in the morning or 7 in the evening to explore the significance of Jesus for us.

February 17 – A Significant Problem – Mark 14:32-42

February 24 – Significant Actions – Mark 11:12-19

March 3 – Significant Questions – Mark 12:28-37

March 10 – Significant Teaching – Matthew 23:1-12

March 17 – A Significant Final Appearance – John 12:23-36

March 24 – A Significant Deal – Luke 22:1-6

The pandemic is significant to us all and it cannot be seen by the naked eye. Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection for us as the Son of God is also unseen without the eyes of faith. But Jesus is more significant to us because He brings a greater change- everlasting life.

God’s Blessings to You All,  
Pastor Ken





*Birthdays of the Month*

2/01 Amber Shupak	2/11 Gage Grigar	2/23 Rich Drury
0/03 James Gilliam	2/11 Darrell Palm	2/24 Diane Henry
2/06 ISOLDE NIEMANN	2/12 Noah Hankins	2/25 Charles Abel
2/07 Bob Witte	2/14 Dorthy Gerhart	2/26 Matthew Mueller
2/08 Audie Jackson	2/17 Marc Knapp	2/27 COLBY NEDD
2/08 Sabrina Schiller	2/21 Haley Orsak	2/28 Joyce Amthor
2/08 Troy Tesch	2/21 AVERIE RAMON	2/28 CHARLIE ARRIAGA
2/09 Courtney Dziadek	2/22 Jerry Grunke	



Let's rejoice with these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.

2/14/1989 Bill and Ann Reay	2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek
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**BAPTISMS**

"This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." -1 Peter 3:21

2/1/1991 Bonnie Reay	2/12/1978 Amber Need	2/22/1970 Kimberly Kornegay
2/4/2001 Kyle Johnston	2/14/1999 Clayton Fritsch	2/23/1964 Melody Anderson
2/6/2000 Meagan Keeton	2/14/1988 Rachel Hilson	2/24/1952 Patsy Novosad
2/6/2000 Reed Langton	2/16/1986 Katy Grigar	2/25/2001 Dani Bersche
2/6/2005 Garrett Nedd	2/17/2019 Emma Fullen	2/25/1996 Nick Pavelka
2/12/1967 Lisa Barrett	2/19/2017 William Fullen	2/25/2007 Preston Villalovoz



Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

<p><b>Lillie Foehner</b> Vibralife, Katy 1222 Park West Green Dr. Katy, TX 77493</p> <p><b>Dorothy Hein</b> Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p><b>Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle</b> 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 7747</p>	<p><b>Fred &amp; Ruth Paben</b> Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 117 Manvel, TX 77578</p> <p><b>George Baade</b> Caydance Assisted Living, Katy 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494</p> <p><b>Jo-Anne Gilliam</b> Home 2545 HWY 159 E Fayetteville, TX 78940</p>	<p><b>Carrie Steinbach</b> Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p><b>Evangeline Coody</b> Home 7452 Gosler Rd. Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p><b>Betty Herridge</b> Home 5382 Hwy 159 W Bellville, TX 77418</p>
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Sympathy to the family of Curtis Simmons who went to be with his Lord on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Please keep his wife Jeannette Simmons and the rest of the family in your prayers.



Please Pray for Trinity Lutheran Preschool Program



**Reminders– Church office hours are 8–3 Monday through Thursday and Friday until noon. Offerings may be dropped off or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474**



**The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.**  
Deut 14:23<sup>14</sup>



**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS  
January 7, 2021**

**Amount of Deposit: \$133.00. Don't forget to direct your choice dollars. To do this call 1/800-847-4836 and when prompted say "CHOICE DOLLARS". If you have any questions please call Grace Holtkamp.**



**SENDING CARDS**

I have had the joy of five years sending out birthday, get well and sympathy cards to members and guest of Trinity. It is time for me to pass this on to someone else. If you are interested in volunteering with this Card Ministry, please call me (Betty Remmert) at 979-627-5171. I would like to pass on the joy!



**THE NO BBQ! BBQ! FUNDRAISER!**

As a congregation, you have done amazingly well in donating to defray the cost of the HVAC Unit. We started raising the money in July 2020 and have reached \$20,266.00 thanks to you!



**MINUTES OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
December 14, 2020**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Dorothy Coody presented the Devotion and she followed the Devotion with Prayer.

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President

- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Ruth Szymanski – Secretary
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Pastor Bersche
- Noah Hankins – Evangelism Chairman
- Dorothy Coody – Fellowship Chairman
- Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman
- Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman
- Maggie Kent – Preschool – Becky Tipton from the Preschool Board

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Youth Chairman
- Education Chairman - Vacant

The Minutes from the meeting held on November 16, 2020 were presented for review and approval. Dorothy Coody made a motion to accept the minutes. Linda Blume seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- The Council members were given the revised Trinity Preschool By-Laws at the November meeting for their review. Since there was not enough voting members at the meeting for a quorum, this business was tabled until the January meeting.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- Linda presented the November 30, 2020 Treasurer's Report. As of November 30, 2020, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$50,959.09. The Building Fund balance was \$57,010.77 and the Designated Fund balance was \$98,003.45. The Total of All Funds was \$205,973.31. This balance reflects a payment made for the Heat/AC system in the amount of \$59,738.00.

Terry Hankins for Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- There will be no worship service on Saturday, December 19, due to a wedding.
- Due to low attendance at Advent services, the Elders have begun discussion about how to conduct Lenten services.
- There will be two Christmas Eve services on December 24, 2020....at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
- There will not be a worship service on Christmas Day, December 25, 2020.
- The Elders expressed their appreciation to Bobby Barrett for his years of service as an Elder. He has stepped down from his position.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- Adult Bible Class is continuing.
- The Advent services have had low attendance.

- There are currently 12 members that are shut-ins. Pastor is able to visit with 7 of these. He visits on the phone with the over 5 members.
- There was a very good response to the Youth Service.
- Pastor officiated at one official act, the funeral service of Gene Remmert.

**Noah Hankins – Evangelism Chairman**

- Noah reported that the gifts from the Angel Tree have been delivered and are much appreciated.
- Noah also reported that we currently have enough volunteers for the HOA Meals on Wheels program.

**Dorothy Coody – Fellowship Chairman**

- Nothing to report

**Bill Blume – Trustee Chairman**

- Bill reported that he is still waiting to hear about the projector screen in the gym.
- The new heating/AC system is completely installed and is functional.
- The air handler room has been repaired and painted.
- Bill reported that he has received a bid to replace all outside light fixtures. The cost would be approximately \$2,788.00 for the lights, plus \$1,700.00 for the installation.
- One of the stairwells needs to be repaired and painted.

**Johanna Buechmann – Usher Chairman**

- Nothing to report

**Becky Tipton – Preschool**

- It was decided at the last Preschool Board meeting, that a letter should be sent to all of the Congregation members explaining the current situation with the Preschool. The letter explains what has happened since the school closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need that the school has for funding. After much discussion, it was determined that a representative from Council would work with the Preschool board to write this letter. The letter will be mailed out around December 21, 2020. A decision will need to be made quickly in order for the Preschool to continue.

**New Business**

- None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Janice Wied will have the devotion for the January meeting. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

*Terry Hankins - President  
Ruth Szymanski - Secretary*

**Please Join Us Ash Wednesday and Lent Services February 17<sup>th</sup> thru March 24<sup>th</sup>**



LENT  
&  
ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES



Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

<p><b>February 17<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 11 am Worship with Holy Communion 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>April 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday</b> 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>February 24<sup>th</sup> Second Wednesday in Lent</b> 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>April 2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday</b> 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Wednesday in Lent</b> 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Saturday</b> 5 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>March 10<sup>th</sup> Fourth Wednesday in Lent</b> 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter</b> 8 am Worship with Holy Communion <b>OR</b> 10 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>March 17<sup>th</sup> Fifth Wednesday in Lent</b> 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	<p><i>The Season of Lent</i></p>
<p><b>March 24<sup>th</sup> Sixth Wednesday in Lent</b> 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	