



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

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TRINITY TIDBITS

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



“Significant to Jesus”

Significant! That is who we are in the eyes of the Lord.

Sometimes people may introduce to others that one person that means the most to them. They introduce them as being “my significant other”. What we are saying is that one person is greatly significant and important to us.

That is how Jesus also sees us. We are His “significant” other. Remember that you are precious in His sight. After all, you are so significant that He came to this world, lived for us, kept the law perfectly for us, died a sacrificial death for us, and rose for us. He did all those significant things for “you”- His Significant Ones.

Take another look at that word: “significant” especially the words within it. The first part of the word is: “sign”. When one notices a sign they understand that what is to come is quite important. You are driving down a road and you come to a busy intersection where there is a stop sign. Now it is important that you do what the sign says: stop! The second part of the word is “if I cant”. When it comes to your eternal life in Christ, on our own, that phrase says it all. The Bible reminds us that when it comes to eternal salvation we cannot accomplish it. So, “IF I CANT” then who can accomplish it. The answer sounds so sweet in our ears as believers: Jesus!

As we continue to contemplate the significant actions of our God through His Son, Jesus Christ, let us understand how we also are significant to Him. At Christmas, the common statement that we make as Christians (and rightly so) is “Jesus is the Reason for the Season.” For Lent, we not only continue to relate that in our lives we also know that it was out of God’s grace and mercy that Jesus came, died, and rose. In other words, Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

We are significant to God so let us make Him significant in our lives as well. Let us make our worship of Him a top priority. Let us spiritually grow in His significant life, death, and resurrection.

And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” And Pilate said to them, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Mark 15:13-15 (ESV)

God’s Blessings to You All,
Pastor Ken

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
5:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

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LENT SERVICES CONTINUE



An opportunity to look at our lives and Christ's sacrifice of His life.

<p>March 3rd Third Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 10th Fourth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 17th Fifth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 24th Sixth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p>	<p>April 1st Maundy Thursday 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>April 2nd Good Friday 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>April 3rd Easter Saturday 5 pm Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>April 4th Easter 8 am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>OR</p> <p>10 am Worship with Holy Communion</p>
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Thank you Betty Remmert, Clint & Diane Remmert and Phil & Tammy Bradley in designating Gene's Memorials of \$1,000.00 to help preschool begin 2021-2022 school year. Gene Remmert is looking down from heaven for assurance that Jesus will be taught to these little ones.



Trinity Lutheran Preschool would like to thank Aletha Jeske giving \$500.00 to help preschool begin 2021-2022 school year. Aletha, thank you in reminding all of us of God's great blessing in teaching young children from little on of God's great gift of love thru Jesus Christ, our Savior, Redeemer of all. And for them, to learn that God loves each one of them dearly and calls them His own.



Thank you to all who have donated towards the preschool program whether small or large amounts to continue for the 2021-2022 school year. All of you are appreciated! God Is Good!

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



SYMPATHY for the family of Melvin Emmons who went to be with his Lord on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Please keep his daughter, Farrah Drury and the rest of the family in your prayers.



Reminders– Church office hours are 8–3 Monday through Thursday and Friday's until noon. Offerings may be dropped off or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474. Please use your church offering envelopes requested by Stewardship to insure that you will be given credit for your contributions.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

February 8, 2021
Amount of Deposit: of \$740.00.
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.



Little Free Pantry

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee is beginning a new Outreach venture. They have teamed up with Rae Lozano to furnish a location for a "Free Little Pantry," which is a project to help supply necessities for people in our community that are in need of a little assistance. Rae is a local resident who has a very big heart with a desire to share her blessings with others.

The Fellowship/Outreach Committee wants to help her reach her goals. One of the "Free Little Pantries" will be set up at Trinity in the very near future. The motto of this project is "Take what you need, Bring what you can, but above all, Be Blessed." If you would like to assist by donating items, just place them in the container in the Narthex. Some suggested items are: non-perishable food items, toiletries, water, boxed juice, etc. Please consider donating, if you can. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

3/02 Deanna Cash	3/14 BRYNN BLUME	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/14 Suzanne Bozeman	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/16 Ellie Anderson	3/27 Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/03 Carolyn Rash	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/29 Joanie Griffin
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/22 Susie Hartmann	3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/06 KASEY PICARD	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/07 Stacey Picard	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/09 Gabriella Munoz	3/26 Howard Bear	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/26 Brandon Blume	3/31 Savannah Munoz

♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

3/05/2010 Ron and Susie Hartmann	3/17/2012 Rich and Farrah Drury
3/12/2016 Hannah and Matthew Mueller	3/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston	3/24/2007 Christopher and Valerie Bryant

BAPTISM

“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

3/01/1930 Dorothy Hein	3/12/1950 Linda Blume	3/22/1959 Carolyn Rash
3/02/2003 Brylie Nedd	3/12/2006 Cade Langton	3/22/1944 Carrie Steinbach
3/04/1928 Hilda Allison	3/13/1977 Laura Kutra	3/24/1991 Doug Browne
3/08/1987 Kelly Kruzal	3/14/1985 Angelia Ramon	3/24/2001 Kristen Cash
3/09/1947 Bill Blume	3/14/1993 Kylie Wolf	3/24/2001 Krystal Cash
3/09/2008 Bradley Bozeman Jr.	3/15/2008 Heather Bozeman	3/24/1991 Hannah Mueller
3/09/2008 Robert W. Bozeman	3/15/1978 Stephanie Koeppen	3/25/2010 Jill Sullivan
3/09/1969 Bryant Schiller	3/19/1938 Lorena Mueller	3/26/1944 Joyce Amthor
3/11/2007 CHARLIE ARRIAGA	3/20/1957 Michael Ashorn	3/26/1944 David Hauschild
3/11/2008 ZACHARY ORSAK	3/22/1959 Diane Henry	

CONFIRMANDS

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9

3/02/2003 Dorothy Coody	3/22/1959 Carol Pless	3/25/2001 Sterling Schiller
3/04/2007 Stephanie Sneed	3/23/1986 Patrick Johnston	3/25/2001 Royce Sebesta
3/19/1969 Vera Schmidt	3/24/1991 Doug Browne	3/25/2001 Viola Sebesta
3/10/1943 Dorothy Hein	3/24/1991 Rhonda Browne	3/17/1988 Tara Johnston
3/10/1980 Mark Niemann	3/25/2001 Melody Anderson	3/27/1994 Rachel Villalovoz
3/16/1997 April Schmidt	3/25/2001 Robert Anderson	3/28/1948 Aletha Jeske
3/16/1967 Ruth Szymanski	3/25/1945 Lorena Mueller	3/30/1969 Rebecca Tipton
3/18/1984 Brent Foltz	3/25/2001 Bryant Schiller	3/31/1968 Susie Busse
3/22/1964 Johnny Busse	3/25/2001 Lorrene Schiller	3/31/1968 Donna Emshoff
3/22/1970 Ron Hartmann	3/25/2001 Melinda Schiller	3/31/1968 Troy Tesch



HURRY! SIGN UP! (March Your Calendar) **MARCH BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, March 21st 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall. Sign up now! Contact Maggie Kent (979) 885-2211 (secmaggie@tlcsealy.org) Sign up Online! Go to giveblood.org and search mobile drives, the date 03/21/21 and sponsor code: 1881 **SPREAD THE WORD!** Encourage friends and family to donate with you. The number one reason people do not donate is because they weren't asked or know what to do!



Thank you to all of our loyal blood donors who take time to give blood. One person's donation can save three lives.



Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



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

<p>Lillie Foehner Vibralife, Katy 1222 Park West Green Dr. Katy, TX 77493</p> <p>Dorothy Hein Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p>Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747</p>	<p>Fred & Ruth Paben Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 117 Manvel, TX 77578</p> <p>George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494</p> <p>Jo-Anne Gilliam Home 2545 HWY 159 E Fayetteville, TX 78940</p>	<p>Carrie Steinbach Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p>Evangeline Coody Home 7452 Gosler Rd. Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p>Betty Herridge Home 5382 Hwy 159 W Bellville, TX 77418</p>
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As you see the flower with that beautiful smile is how Trinity Lutheran Preschool Board and I feel about 2021-2022 school year to continue to teach children in our community about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Preschool discussed with Church Council the issues we were faced since Covid19 sneaked into all of our lives. If you were at the congregational

meeting and listened to Patsy Romano's story telling you of Pastor Bersche and Trinity Lutheran Preschool is a ministry to the community, ministry to our own church family, teaching our preschoolers the love of helping people in need, ministry to the families who want to learn English, celebrating the life of Jesus, learning memory verses, learning the Ten Commandments and the meaning behind each one, learning the Pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag, Bible and the Pledge to the Cross. Children learn Bible Stories, songs and finger plays. Our teaching is focused around Jesus.

Patsy talked about the children when they sing once a year in church in front of their parents and the congregation, how they can make us smile, laugh, fill our hearts with joy and most of all beautifully say the Lord's Prayer. Children are a special gift from God and they are our future.

The children who graduate from Trinity Lutheran Preschool are well prepared for kindergarten. We teach in such a way the children don't even realize they are learning.

As for their future we plant the seed, teaching Jesus Christ loves them and He is an important part of our lives as we grow in faith. When they grow into adults, they themselves plant the seed of Jesus to children and families. This is how Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Church is a ministry to families.

Preschool is an outreach and we are not here to change family's home church to belong to Trinity. We are here to minister to families who do not attend church, who are looking for a church home and to let those families know that they are always welcome to attend Trinity Lutheran Church.

Preschool informed the Church Council that we would need of approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 in order to re-open for the fall of 2021-2022. Preschool went to the bank to inquire about a loan, but the Preschool is not able to take out a loan on its own. The Church will need to borrow the money for the Preschool. Church Council suggested maybe the church can loan the money with the terms of repayment as a need base and not go over \$30,000.00. Church Council at this time must present this issue to the congregation for a vote.

To be honest I prayed knowing this was a tough decision for me as well as for others knowing the church paid \$50,000 from current funds and borrowed \$50,000 from the bank paying for the HVAC unit. Now the church has a monthly payment expense to the bank. I know how important preschool is and I did not want preschool to be a burden on the church. When Pastor Gil Franke spoke and said where is our faith? We all have to have faith. The vote was 63 in favor and 11 not in favor.

Amazing how God works in our lives of tough decisions, tears, broken hearts, changes, changes and more changes and sometimes wanting to give it all up. Do you think God was testing all of us? A few days after that congregational meeting, we found out the \$7000.00 small business loan through our PPP loan, we now do not have to pay that loan back. They will also reimburse the couple of payments already made to the bank. Now that is what I call faith!

Thank you to the Congregation for continuing Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Church Council in helping and preparing us to go forth in front of the congregation for good or not so good news. My heart melted to hear the words of members who really support our church and preschool program. Those kind words will be with me forever. Church Council presented the issue at the Congregational meeting that took place on Saturday and Sunday, January 30, and 31, 2021, to vote to lend money on terms of repayment to the preschool or close the doors for good.

Thank you Lord for giving strength and courage to Terry Hankins, Church Council, Pastor Bersche, Barry Wolf, Preschool Board Congregation, and myself, to learn from each other, to improve where we went wrong, and to cope with so many changes. Lord, You are the one I give all praise and glory and thanking You for bringing and uniting all of us during this time of need. Amen.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. George Wied presented the devotion and he followed the devotion with prayer.

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Casey Picard – Vice President

- Pastor Bersche
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool Liaison

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on January 11, 2021, along with the Minutes from the Congregational meeting held on January 30 & 31, 2021 were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

None at this time.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- Linda presented the January 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report. As of January 31, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$54,213.19. The Building Fund balance was \$58,369.01 and the Designated Fund balance was \$100,648.45. The Total of All Funds was \$213,230.65. The total contributions for January were \$22,170.60 and total expenses for January were \$19,960.22. The total contributions for the year 2020 were \$22,170.60, while the total expenses for the year were \$19,960.22.
- George Wied asked about the interest expense. Linda stated it was for the loan for the air conditioner.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Janice has decided to hold off on ordering offering envelopes for now due to increase in new memberships. There have been more small donations for the heating system.

Terry Hankins for Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Nothing to report

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report

Pastor Bersche

- Pastor continues to visit the shut-in members that he can physically visit with. Pastor visits the other shut-ins by phone.
- Confirmation is continuing and the students are currently studying the Lord's Prayer.
- Pastor will be sending a letter to parents of the 8 confirmands regarding the way confirmation services will be held this year due to COVID. He is planning on confirming 2 students each Sunday, starting the first Sunday after Easter and continuing until Memorial Day weekend.
- Official Acts: On January 11, 2021, Ronald Dean Schmidt, April Ann Schmidt, Andrew Dane Schmidt, Trey Dean Schmidt, R.D. Schmidt, and Vera Schmidt transferred their membership from St. John Wharton. On January 12, 2021, Steven and Elizabeth Cobbs transferred their membership from Katy Cross Point.
- Worship services will continue being held on Saturday's at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday's at 10:00 a.m. with Bible Study at 9:00 a.m.
- There have been zero exposures to the COVID virus during worship services.
- The Lent schedule is as follows:
 - Ash Wednesday service (February 17, 2021) will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. There will be no imposition of ashes due to COVID. The sermon topic will be about the significant events of Jesus' death and resurrection.
 - All Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
 - Maundy Thursday service (April 1, 2021) will be at 7:00 p.m.
 - Good Friday service (April 2, 2021) will be at 7:00 p.m.

- Easter services will be Saturday (April 3, 2021) at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday (April 4) at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- No activities to report

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Noah presented an outreach opportunity to the council. She would like for TLC to place an outreach cabinet outside of the fellowship building to help those in need. The cabinet will display the saying, "Take what you need, bring what you can, but above all, be blessed." The congregation can bring items such as non perishable food and toiletries and the Fellowship Committee will refill the cabinet as needed. If the cabinet is a blessing to our community, a second may be added. George Wied made a motion to accept the idea presented and Linda Blume seconded. The motion passed.
- The Fellowship Committee will provide individually wrapped breakfast items for the congregation after the 8:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021).

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Bill is still working on a plan for the outside lighting and the gym stairway.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- George reported all ushers will continue serving. He is contacting people month by month to make sure all necessary tasks/positions are covered. There must be someone to take attendance, pass out bulletins, and take attendees temperatures.

Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool

- Visitor Aletha Jeske addressed the board. She can sign the preschool up with NAIER.org to receive free items

(napkins, cups, etc.). She is willing to cover any cost if necessary.

- Preschool would like to have a fundraiser approved for April. It will be a meal by Ben's Chuck Wagon. The fundraiser will need to be sponsored through the church and proceeds will be assigned to Preschool. Terry Hankins opened discussion regarding the fundraiser. Discussion ceased. George Wied made a motion to approve one fundraiser per quarter for the preschool. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Maggie and Melissa have made phone calls to parents on the waiting list. The majority will be returning.
- Preschool welcome letter with new prices has been placed on the preschool website.
- Maggie Kent is working on the COVID-19 policy and procedures.
- Kimberly Kornegay suggested having a "Supply Drive" in July or August to help offset start up costs for the preschool.
- Noah Hankins mentioned having a "Butter Braid" fundraiser one quarter due to its huge success in other organizations.

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

New Business

- Terry Hankins suggested creating an Asset Committee to review all church assets and expenditures to determine cost efficiency. Following a brief discussion, the Council supported the idea. Noah Hankins made a motion to create the Asset Committee. Casey Picard seconded the motion. All council members agreed and the motion passed. George Wied, Casey

Picard, and Noah Hankins will be serving on the Asset Committee.

- Terry Hankins suggested the possibility of the preschool applying to have its own Discover credit card account. The Council discussed the idea and decided it would be beneficial for the church and the preschool for reporting purposes. George Wied made a motion for the Preschool to acquire their own credit card. Casey Picard seconded. All council members agreed and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Noah Hankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Wied seconded. Casey Picard will have the devotion for the March meeting. Pastor closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry Hankins - President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary