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Reflecting the Son

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April 2021

HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
5:00 pm Saturday
10:00 am Sunday

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phone numbers, email addresses, home
addresses, married, divorced or adding a new
addition to your family.



A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas
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Live Like There's Forever!



Live like there's no tomorrow! That expression is some people's life motto. That idiom means simply to live with reckless abandonment. And some do live as if they have no regard for the future. It goes along the words which St. Paul quotes in 1 Corinthians 15:32- "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die."

One could have an opposite view of this attitude though. For if there is no tomorrow then a person might live delicately so as to possibly conserve one's days left upon the face of the earth. This idea comes across from many people this past year during the pandemic. They were extra, extra cautious in everything: never leaving the house, every package that comes to the door must be sanitized, mail must also be sanitized, etc. Yet in this idea, the Bible reminds us that you cannot add any time to your life on the face of the earth.

St. Paul reminds us, regardless of our situation whether pandemic or not, we are to live life because there is forever. St. Paul says, "Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 ESV

We live life in confessing Jesus to others, serving others, and loving the Lord our God. As we continue to live life because there is the resurrection we celebrate the lives of others as well.

Our congregation will celebrate confirmation later this month and the beginning of next month. As these eight children of God confess their faith in the living Jesus, let us keep them in our prayers that they may also understand to live life because there is forever.

Our confirmands this year and the dates of their confirmations are the following:

- Sunday, April 18: Jacie Kainer & Cadie Neu
- Sunday, April 25: Jade Barton & Lillian Villalovoz
- Saturday, May 1: Avery Grigar & Ryanne Meyer
- Sunday, May 2: Noah Bryant & Zachary Orsak.

In the Resurrected and Living Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ken



**"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**

4/02 Tracy Schiller	4/17 Sarah Emshoff	4/23 AVERY GRIGAR
4/02 Rachel Wolf	4/17 Lorena Mueller	4/23 ISABEAU NIEMANN
4/02 John Fullen	4/18 Marlene Leiber	4/25 Kayla Romano
4/02 AVERY FULLEN	4/19 Donald Munoz	4/26 Carol Jean Hauschild
4/03 Jennifer Smith	4/19 Eric Bryant	4/26 Jerry Leiber
4/13 CAYDEN KOPECKY	4/20 Denise Kopecky	4/26 Geraldine Barrett
4/15 Brent Foltz	4/22 Brent Novosad	4/30 Kimberly Hobratschk
4/14 Amanda Matus	4/22 Antoinette Romano	



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

04/02/1967 Larry & Barbara Koy	04/19/1988 Donald and Felicia Munoz
04/02/1983 Jerry & Linda Schroeder	04/25/1998 Joe and Jennifer Smith
04/14/1962 Bob and Ruth Witte	04/28/2018 Erik and Rachel Hilson



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

4/6/2008 Jacie Kainer	4/14/1946 Charles Abel	4/21/1958 Bobby Barrett
4/7/1957 Carolyn Bankhead	4/17/1949 Loyce Orsak	4/25/1982 Brandon Blume
4/7/1946 Gilbert Franke	4/11/2010 Jolie Kainer	4/26/2014 Ryllynn Furey
4/10/2005 Lindsey Dziadek	4/12/1992 Joe Smith	4/26/1981 Klarrisa Smith



"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

4/1/1966 Gaylan Christiansen	4/5/2009 Nick Pavelka	4/13/1966 Robert Emshoff	4/20/2003 Bonnie Reay
4/1/1945 Ella Niemann	4/7/1963 Jerry Leiber	4/14/1957 David Hauschild	4/28/1996 Brandon Blume
4/1/2007 Amber Shupak	4/8/2001 Rachel Hilson	4/14/1984 Kimberly Kornegay	4/28/1996 Bradley Bozeman
4/1/1974 Leisha Wied	4/8/2001 Travis Pavelka	4/14/1957 Larry R Emmert	4/28/1996 Sarah Emshoff
4/2/1950 Carrie Steinbach	4/8/2001 Jake Schiller	4/15/1973 Diane Henry	4/28/2019 David Kainer
4/3/1966 Patsy Novosad	4/9/2006 Cody Barrett	4/15/1984 James Schmidt	4/28/2019 Cade Langton
4/3/1974 Carolyn Rash	4/9/2006 Kylie Wolf	4/17/1983 Johanna Buechmann	4/28/2019 Garrett Nedd
4/4/2004 Hannah Mueller	4/10/1960 Charles Ekarius	4/17/2011 Brandon Ebers	4/28/2019 Connor Smith
4/4/2004 Sabrina Schiller	4/10/1960 Gilbert Franke	4/17/2011 Kolby Wolf	4/28/2019 Ronnie Thrasher II
4/4/1993 Justin Szymanski	4/10/1960 Larry Schulke	4/18/1982 Scott Stuessel	4/29/1979 Debra Ashorn
4/5/1975 Susie Hartmann	4/11/1965 Don Henry	4/19/2009 Brittney Steinhauser	4/29/1990 Stephanie Meyer
4/5/2009 Lauren Jackson	4/12/1981 Lisa Barrett	4/20/2003 Brittany Foerster	4/29/2018 Melissa Nieman


Prayers for our Nursing Home and Shut-Ins


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


<p>Lillie Fohner 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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Our Deepest Sympathy

**Our Deepest Sympathy's
Go Out To**

 **SYMPATHY** for the family of Roland Lueckemeyer who went to be with his Lord on Tuesday March 9, 2021. Please keep his niece Janice Wied and the rest of the family in your prayers.

 **SYMPATHY** to the family of Rose Marie Trenckmann who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. Being a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church she will be greatly missed by her church family, along with her beautiful smile. Please keep her son John in your prayers.

 **SYMPATHY** for the family of Allen Sell who went to be with his Lord on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Please keep Robert and Carolyn Rash and the rest of

children at the most. I am praying by June or July we can go back to our regular licensed ratios of children.

State Licensing will come sometime in August to inspect the building and property to make sure all compliances are up to date. She will inspect all the paper work pertaining to me as the director and all staff and children's papers.

A lot of changes been a lot of changes taken place since the Preschool Bylaws have been updated. I am not very good with changes and I learned to balance negative thoughts with positive ones and know I am doing my best in these tough situations. Sometimes it takes time to see the whole picture of the changes, to see that these changes are for the best, knowing you have the love, support, care and encouragement of the Preschool Board, Church Council, Elders' and our Congregation.

"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12).

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



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

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Kimberly Kornegay presented the devotion.

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
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Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman
- Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool Liaison

The Minutes from the meeting held on February 8, 2021 were presented for review and approval. Noah Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.


Unfinished/Old Business:


- Preschool is getting its own credit card.
- Asset Committee was formed and members of committee are George Wied, Casey Picard and Noah Hankins.

Chairmen Reports:

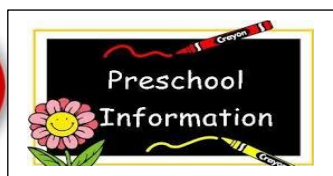
Linda Blume – Treasurer

- Linda presented the February 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report. As of February 28, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$50,135.79. The

 We thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns during our recent illness. All of you are blessings to us.



God's Blessings, Johanna, Mary and Pat Buechmann



Trinity Lutheran Preschool is getting closer to reopening. I have renewed our ninety day suspension for the third and last time. Our first request for a ninety day suspension was back in September. The second ninety suspension was January of this year and our third and last request of ninety day suspension is this month in April to reopen the day after Labor Day.

Suspension sounds like trouble but this is the procedure to have all paper work updated to reopen each ninety days.

As of right now without advertising, we have twenty-eight children enrolled for the fall. With ratios low we can have forty-eight

Building Fund balance was \$58,518.96 and the Designated Fund balance was \$97,660.79. The Total of All Funds was \$206,315.54. The total contributions for February were \$19,530.00 and total expenses for January were \$22,527.27. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$41,700.60, while the total expenses for the year were \$42,487.49.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Nothing to report

Terry Hankins for Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Mask wearing will continue for now and will be reviewed again in April.
- Trinity will also continue with 2 services through Confirmation.

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.
- Bible class continues with the study of 1 Corinthians. Attendance is low.
- Confirmation will take place over 4 Sundays. Dates will be published in the New & Notes in the near future.
- Official Acts: On February 2, 2021, Gerald & Lynlee Nixon along with children Ty and Paige transferred into our congregation from St. John (Wharton).
- 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

- Kimberly Kornegay reported there will be no Easter Egg Hunt because of COVID.

- Board of Education will make Easter bags to distribute to the children after all 3 services.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- The yellow outreach cabinet located in front of the glass doors of the church is set up and ready to go. Items have been taken from the cabinet, which is good. Donations are needed in order to keep refilling the cabinet.
- The Fellowship Committee will provide individually wrapped breakfast items such as pigs-in-the-blanket and muffins along with water and orange juice for the congregation after the 8:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday (April 4, 2021).

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Nothing to report.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Ushers are being covered.

Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool

- Nothing to report.

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

New Business

- There was a discussion about moving the Church Council meeting to a different date in April due to scheduling conflicts. Discussion ceased. Noah Hankins made a motion to move next month's meeting to Tuesday, April 6 and to change all future meeting times to 6:00 p.m. Casey Picard seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Casey Picard will have the devotion for the April meeting. Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer.

***Terry Hankins - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary***

FUNDRAISER
Trinity Lutheran Church
Drive thru Fundraiser
5 PM—6:30 PM
By Ben's Chuck Wagon
Tickets \$10.00
Proceeds Will Be Given To Our Preschool
Chicken Fried Chicken Breast
Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Bread
& Dessert