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Reflecting the Son

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TRINITY TIDBITS

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas
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 **May 2021** 



Confirmation Continues

We continue to celebrate others confessing their faith in Jesus Christ!

On the first weekend of this month (May) we will conclude our confirmation worship services. Confirmation should always make you remember, reflect, and relive.

First you remember. Regardless of when you got confirmed, whether as an adult or as a youth the word, "confirmation" makes you remember. Whether it was a simple portion of a worship service or it was a full complex worship service including a questioning and the actual rite of confirmation, you remember. You remember when you confessed Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. And as you remember you still are confirming the faith that God the Holy Spirit gave to you: Jesus died to take away your sins and rose again to life on the third day to grant you eternal life.

Second you reflect. You reflect not only upon the very moment or day of your confirmation but you should also reflect on the extreme numerous ways God has richly blessed you in life. Yet as you internally reflect with your mind, your life externally should then also give the reflection of Jesus to those who see you. Amazingly enough, confirmation continues even many years after the actual event. You should reflect upon the fact that the vows you took on your confirmation were and are about faithfulness. Namely, God's faithfulness to you and your response in faithfulness to Him.

Third you relive. As you remember and reflect confirmation you continue to relive the faith of Jesus. All the more you reflect God's love in Jesus to others you relive your confirmation each and every day of your life. The question that you as a Christian considered at confirmation and every day still exists: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God and in faith, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Yes, we continue to celebrate others confessing their faith in Jesus Christ! We also continue to celebrate ourselves confessing our faith in the same Jesus Christ who gives us resurrected life.

Celebrate confirmation today: remember, reflect, and relive Jesus that others may see your good works and give glory to the heavenly Father.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:

5:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

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Barry Wolf





**“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**

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| 5/01 James Sneed | 5/10 Barbara Vohs | 5/18 Scott Stuessel | 5/27 Viola Sebesta |
| 5/05 Karen Naida | 5/11 Brittany Foerster | 5/19 Don Henry | 5/28 Terry Hankins |
| 5/08 Colt Shupak | 5/11 CALEB KRUZEL | 5/20 Elgien Konesheck Sr. | 5/29 Neil Johnston |
| 5/09 George Baade | 5/14 Sterling Schiller | 5/23 Melvin Schmidt | 5/29 Brody Schiller |
| 5/09 Meagan Horelica | 5/14 Cynthia Sodolak | 6/24 BRYCE JALOWAY | 5/30 Brittney Steinhauser |
| 5/09 Robin Jacobson | 5/15 Bonnie Reay | 5/24 Susie Toellner | 5/31 Bitsy Cobbs |
| 5/09 David Hauschild | 5/17 Geraldine Stuessel | 5/25 Casey Picard | 5/31 Lindsey Dziadek |



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

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| 5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson | 5/12/1979 Michael and Debra Ashorn | 5/22/1993 Gerald and Lynlee Nixon |
| 5/6/2016 Lowell and Andrea Coody | 5/12/1979 Robert and Barbara Vohs | 5/24/1980 Robert and Donna Emshoff |
| 5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume | | |



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

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| 5/1/1963 Rhonda Pavelka | 5/13/1952 George Baade | 5/14/1995 Ty Nixon | 5/23/1954 Carol Wied |
| 5/5/2012 Jennifer Smith | 5/13/1971 Brent Foltz | 5/15/1949 Jerry Leiber | 5/26/1991 Jake Schiller |
| 5/8/1953 Geraldine Stuessel | 5/14/2000 Ellie Anderson | 5/16/2010 Kasey Picard | 5/26/1991 Sabrina Schiller |
| 5/9/1982 Eric Bryant | 5/10/1992 Brittany Foerster | 5/18/1958 Denise Kopecky | 5/30/1982 Sarah Emshoff |
| 5/9/2010 Lila Meyer | 5/12/1968 Rachel Wolf | 5/19/2019 Bowen Blume | 5/31/1942 Geraldine Barrett |



“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

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| 5/1/1952 Elgien Konesheck Sr. | 5/7/2017 Alexis Horelica | 5/19/1991 Shannon Einkauf | 5/22/1983 Ronnie Schmidt |
| 5/1/1969 Barbara Vohs | 5/7/2017 Neil Johnston | 5/19/1991 Stephanie Koeppen | 5/23/1998 David Novosad |
| 5/3/2015 Kyle Johnston | 5/7/2017 Brylie Nedd | 5/19/1991 Kelly Kruzal | 5/23/1986 Geraldine Stuessel |
| 5/3/1998 Mark Romano | 5/11/1998 Steven Cobbs | 5/19/1991 Katie Statham | 5/24/1953 Betty Remmert |
| 5/5/1985 Russell Dziadek | 5/14/1967 Carl Wied | 5/20/1984 Bitsy Cobbs | 5/25/1969 Dan Kieke |
| 5/5/1985 Patsy Romano | 5/15/1994 Kellie Kainer | 5/20/2012 Jennifer Smith | 5/25/1997 Brandi Pizana |
| 5/6/2012 Austin Jacobson | 5/16/1971 Lowell Coody | 5/20/2012 Joe Smith | 5/25/1997 James Sneed |
| 5/6/2012 Nathan Romano | 5/16/1982 Lynlee Nixon | 5/21/1989 Adrian Horelica | 5/26/1991 Marty Schiller |
| 5/7/2017 Deanna Cash | 5/17/1998 Rob Emshoff | 5/21/1989 Susie Kieke | 5/26/1996 Rachel Wolf |
| 5/7/2017 Taylor Cash | 5/17/1970 Sherri Putt | 5/21/1961 R. D. Schmidt | 5/30/1971 Denise Kopecky |
| 5/7/2017 Lindsey Dziadek | 5/17/1998 Angelia Ramon | 5/22/2011 David Cash | 5/31/1992 Stephen Stuessel |
| 5/7/2017 Tara Hobbs | 5/17/1970 Debora Waldrop | | |

Prayers for our Nursing Home and Shut-Ins
For the Lord Gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

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| Dorothy Hein Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474 Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747 | Fred & Ruth Paben Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 117 Manvel, TX 77578 George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494 | Jo-Anne Gilliam Home 2545 HWY 159 E Fayetteville, TX 78940 Carrie Steinbach Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474 | Evangeline Coody Home 7452 Gosler Rd. Sealy, TX 77474 Betty Herridge Home 5382 Hwy 159 W Bellville, TX 77418 |
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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY Sympathy for the family of Lillie Foehner who went to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 22, 2021. Please keep her niece Rhonda and the rest of the family in your prayers.

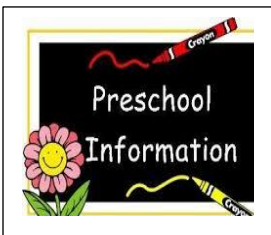


The Trinity Lutheran Ladies Aid met on Thursday, April 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Antoinette Romano. There were 5 members present, along with 2 visitors and Pastor Bersche. Carol Schuknecht presented the Devotion, followed by prayer. The Minutes from the last meeting, along with the Treasurer's Report, were read by Ruth Szymanski. A motion was made and seconded, to approve both reports. All members agreed and the motion passed. Carol Schuknecht reported on all of the cards that she has mailed on behalf of the Ladies Aid. Any correspondence that has been received was reviewed. Antoinette Romano reminded members that the Ladies Aid dues are \$1.00 per month.

New Business:

- Antoinette informed the members that there are 8 Confirmands this year. The gifts have all been purchased.
- A suggestion was made to change the meeting time from 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. After discussion, a motion was made to change the meeting time. The motion was seconded, and all members approved. The next meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.
- The annual Ladies Aid Bake Sale was discussed. The sale did not take place last year due to the pandemic. It was decided to not have the Bake Sale again this year.
- Aletha Jeske presented a new project to the Ladies Aid - Lutheran Bible Translators. After discussion, this idea was tabled until the June meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded, to adjourn. Pastor closed the meeting with Prayer and light refreshments were served.



My Preschool Board and I would like to say thank you in purchasing chicken fried chicken plates. We would like to thank church council and congregation for having the fundraiser to benefit the preschool program.

Saying goodbye to Preschool Board Members Patsy Romano and Cheryl Steinhauser for serving the preschool board for six years. We welcome Melinda Schiller and Patsy Novosad as new Preschool Board Members that were voted yes on Sunday, April 25, 2021 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2021**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Casey Picard 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
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool Liaison

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

Unfinished/Old Business:

- None

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- Linda presented the March 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report. As of March 31, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$45,987.86. The Building Fund balance was \$58,797.87 and the Designated Fund balance was \$98,952.04. The Total of All Funds was \$203,737.77. The total contributions for March were \$18,255.34 and total expenses for January were \$20,833.11. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$57,745.60, while the total expenses for the year were \$61,252.88.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Terry Hankins for Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Casey suggested meeting with Johnny Busse to conduct a walkthrough of the building in order to make a list of things

which need to be taken care of since the Trustee position is still vacant.

Pastor Bersche

- Easter weekend Trinity had over 200 members in attendance.
- Pastor continues to visit the shut-in members that he can physically visit with. Pastor visits the other shut-ins by phone.
- Adult Bible Class continues. Attendance is low.
- Confirmation will take place over 4 Sundays.
- 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
- 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. Trinity is still under COVID protocol at least until May 2.
- May 15 – 16 Pastor Franke will be conducting worship services during Pastor Bersche's absence.
- There have been zero exposures to the COVID virus during worship services.

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- There were plenty of Easter bags to hand out to all the children Easter weekend.

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 may be placed in the box in the narthex.
- The Fellowship breakfast went really well Easter weekend.
- Trinity is hosting a drive-thru fundraiser meal on Wednesday, April 21. Ben's Chuck Wagon is preparing the food. Tickets are \$10.00 and all proceeds will go to Trinity Lutheran Preschool.
- Plans are underway for a new member luncheon which will hopefully take place sometime during the summer.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Nothing to report.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool

- Nothing to report.

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

New Business

- The church's gas bill was \$8,264.29. The council discussed payment options and agreed to set up a payment plan hoping there will be adjustments to the bill. Noah Hankins made the motion we use the 12 month installment plan. Valerie Bryant seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

- Leisha Wied requested to use the fellowship hall August 28, 2021 for a shower. Kimberly Kornegay made the motion to allow the use of the facility and Casey Picard seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Terry Hankins will have the devotion for the May meeting. Pastor closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Terry Hankins - President

Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

CONFIRMANDS



Confirmands, please be sure to check the tables in the gym for congratulations of cards or gifts that were placed in the clear bowls for each of you. Even if you have already been confirmed please check the tables anyway. After May 2nd the tables will be taken down.

CONGRATULATIONS!

JACIE KAINER & CADIE NEU

JADE BARTON & LILLIAN VILLALOVOZ

AVERY GRIGAR & RYANNE MEYER

NOAH BRYANT

ZACHARY ORSAK

Congratulations on Your Confirmation



Congratulations on Your Confirmation



Congratulations on Your Confirmation

