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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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Taking the Poison Out of Our Lives

I almost always have a project going on at home. It can be as simple as hanging or taking down Christmas lights or as complex as rearranging my backyard. The latter is what I've been doing for the past few months. In doing so, I came to the realization that my fairly-aged above ground pool needed to go since the winter freeze in February produced numerous holes in it. Too many holes that could not be repaired.

Now getting rid of the pool is one of the many things I had to tend to in my backyard. Along with the pool, a couple of years ago I put in a retaining wall by it. I made it with sandbags, just in case the pool would give way and take the neighbor's fence out. Now that retaining wall sat between the pool and the neighbor's fence. Scarcely would I or anyone go in that area during the winter months. During the summer months it would be invaded only to clean and spray a herbicide because a lawnmower or weed eater wouldn't fit.

This past winter, those sandbags came in great use. I used the sandbags during the freeze this past winter to insulate water lines so I didn't want to get rid of them. I just wanted to move them to another area. You never know if you might have to insulate water pipes again for the next winter. Now moving that wall was somewhat difficult- not because sandbags weigh a lot or because there were around 200 of them. No, moving the wall was difficult because as I picked up each and every bag I noticed at least one brown recluse spider or a black widow spider and sometimes both on each bag. It makes sense, they were never disturbed for over two years and it was a great place to trap insects for food.

As I removed the wall, sandbag by sandbag, it dawned on me how dangerous it is for us as Christians not to recognize our sins and our sinful nature. As a matter of fact, it is more poisonous to us not to disturb our sinful life than getting bit by a poisonous spider. I can't stress enough the importance of worshipping together which includes corporately confessing our sins and our sinful condition to our heavenly Father. For Jesus' sake, He forgives us of all our sins.

As we go through life, let us always remember the true danger involved in living in our sin-filled lives and letting our sins go undisturbed. Let us turn to God in repentance and for the sake of Jesus' death and resurrection for us, God grants us absolution or forgiveness. The poison of sin is taken away. The sting of death has been removed. The life our gracious God gives works wonders in our lives constantly so that we can produce His fruit of good works.

So don't ever forget how important worship is. Don't forget how precious confession and absolution is for us! Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God takes the poison out of our lives and fills us with His Spirit!

In the Resurrected and Living Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ken



2021

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

6/02 Heather Bozeman	6/10 Lowell Coody	6/21 Johanna Buechmann	6/26 Brandon Ebers
6/02 Lauren Jackson	6/10 Jerry Ebers	6/21 Betty Herridge	6/27 Brenda Cash
6/02 Justin Szymanski	6/10 Codi Konescheck	6/21 Dan Kieke	6/28 Ann Reay
6/04 LILLIAN VILLALOVOZ	6/13 Austin Jacobson	6/21 Connor Smith	6/29 Stephen Stuessel
6/06 Donna Emshoff	6/14 Brett Ebers	6/25 Larry Alexander	6/29 Kolby Wolf
6/06 Paul Orsak	6/16 Beverly Fritsch	6/25 Robert Bozeman	
6/07 Rebecca White	6/20 Nicole Vrablec	6/25 Luke Thielemann	



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

6/1/1958 Bobby & Geraldine Barrett	6/14/1975 Troy & Yvonne Tesch	6/17/1973 Jerry & Marlene Leiber
6/4/1994 John & Shirley Schier	6/14/1997 Russell & Sheri Dziadek	6/18/1999 Terry & Noah Hankins
6/9/2007 Don & Diane Henry	6/16/2001 Brian & Amber Nedd	6/18/1983 Ben & Peggy Jurek
6/14/1969 Marvin & Carol Pless	6/16/1957 Billy & Doris Schaffner	6/25/2016 Cody & Amber Shupak



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

6/1/1965 Rhonda Browne	6/11/1995 Phoebe Brown	6/16/1968 Scott Stuessel	6/26/1941 Antoinette Romano
6/1/1985 Brittany Carter	6/12/2011 Deanna Cash	6/19/2011 ALIVIA RAMON	6/28/2009 Mason Dziadek
6/3/2007 Colby Nedd	6/13/1951 Don Henry	6/20/1962 Jerry Ebers	6/29/1997 Lauren Jackson
6/4/1958 Mary Buechmann	6/14/1946 Howard Bear	6/21/1970 Bitsy Cobb	
6/10/1957 Lowell Coody	6/16/2002 Kayla Romano	6/25/2006 Cayden Kopecky	



“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

6/1/2009 Ty Nixon	6/10/2007 Noah Hankins	6/14/2015 Luke Thielemann	6/28/2015 Drake Grigar
6/2/1963 Linda Blume	6/14/2015 Cory Barrett	6/20/2004 Paul Orsak	6/28/2015 Colby Nedd
6/2/1963 Loyce Orsak	6/14/1946 Howard Bear	6/22/2014 Caleb Kruzal	6/28/2020 Preston Villalovoz
6/7/1992 Amber Nedd	6/14/2015 Austin Keeton	6/23/1967 Barbara Koy	6/28/2015 John Vrablec
6/10/2007 Terry Hankins	6/14/2015 Briana Kent	6/28/2020 Bradley Bozeman Jr.	6/28/2015 Nikki Vrablec

Nursing Home

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

Shut-In

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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As of June 1, 2021, Trinity will no longer offer the Saturday Evening service since covid restrictions are lessening. Our weekend schedule will be as follows:

8:00 am	Fellowship
9:00 am	Bible Class (GYM)
10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday School will begin this coming fall also. No longer will there be restricted seating but please continue to be considerate to those around you. Face coverings are still recommended. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month as usual. However, individuals will be ushered up with social distancing still in mind in the lines going to the altar and while kneeling at the altar rail. Families may commune together without the social distance recommendation. Those distributing the Lord's Supper are required to wash their hands thoroughly, use hand sanitizer frequently and they will also be wearing a face covering. Although we are technically still in a pandemic, the leadership of the congregation believes it is time for us to move forward in getting back to some normality.



Schedules & Volunteers for Sunday Mornings!

Please take time to call and begin serving in July!

Now that we are back to one worship service, we need Sunday morning volunteers for various duties on Sunday mornings. If you have volunteered before, please **contact the person in charge** of making out the schedules that you would like to continue. A new list is being formed by volunteers who call. You are welcome to serve on more than one list. Please contact this person if you would like to serve as:

Greeters – Mary Buechmann
979-885-2730 or 281-728-0973 leave a message

Ushers – George Wied
979-865-5357 and leave a message

Video – Joel Grigar
979-885-1415 or 832-684-6210 and leave a message

Media – Pam Epperly
979-885-6993 and leave a message



Church Planning Meeting is set for Monday June 14th at 5:30 pm. All committees and groups or representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (July 2021-January 2022) should attend.



DR. TAXI We are in need of drivers! We are in need of volunteers to help transport church members to their doctor appointments since they are not able to drive themselves. If you have it in your heart to help please contact the church office and you can become a driver for them. Thank you in advance!!



Morning Fellowship Is Back!

Before Adult Bible Study, Noah Hankins will bring back morning fellowship. Morning Fellowship is at 8:30 am where we can sit down and enjoy each other drinking coffee and eating a light breakfast. Adult Bible Class will start promptly at 9:00 am. Please come and join us for the fellowship and Bible Study each Sunday morning.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS
Remember to contact Thrivent to send your Choice Dollars to groups that you named. Any questions, please call Grace Holtkamp.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY NEED OF JUICE BOXES & SNACKS!



Since kids are out of school for the summer Trinity's Little Free Pantry can use your assistants with juice boxes and snacks. If you would like to assist by donating items, just place them in the container in the Narthex.

If you would like to help by donating items such as: non-perishable food items, toiletries, water, boxed juice, etc. would be greatly appreciated! Please consider donating, if you can. Thank you! Noah Hankins





Sometime after July 13, 2021, State Licensing will arrive to do their part before reopening Trinity Lutheran Preschool and do several CCL Inspections. Some of the items and guidelines she will be looking for will be:

- Inspections of the Center's Facility
- Playground Inspection
- Permit
- Insurance
- Director Designee
- Controlling Persons
- Governing Body
- Health Safety Inspection
- Covid Policy and Procedure
- Procedure of Cleaning/Sanitizing and Disinfecting
- Employee Files Inspection
- Completion of Staff Training Hours Per Category
- CPR
- First Aid
- FBI Criminal Background Check
- Unpaid Invoices
- Parent Handbook Mandatory Updates
- Employee Handbook Mandatory Updates
- Emergency Preparedness Plan Updates
- Children's Files Inspection
- Posters Displayed
- Parent Information Board Updated
- Diapering Procedure Policy Update
- Procedure Using, Storing,
and Disposing Hazardous Materials
- Emergency Allergy Plan
- Inspection of First Aid Kits
- Gang Free Zone

These are just a few of the inspections that will take place with State Licensing. She will be visiting me several times.

Please keep the preschool in your prayers throughout all the inspections I will have to present to State Licensing. Thank you for all your support as a congregation having Trinity Lutheran Preschool teach about Jesus.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



Come join us in the gym Monday's and Friday's from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm to walk, stroll and socialize. Everyone can walk at their own pace. *Walking clears your mind, enriches the soul, takes away stress, and opens up your eyes to a whole new world. Claudette Dudley*

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES May 10, 2021

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Terry Hankins 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

Absent:

- Barry Wolf - Elder Chairman
- George Wied - Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins - Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Valerie Bryant - Christian Growth Chairman
- Cheryl Steinhauser - Preschool Liaison

The Minutes from the meeting held on April 6, 2021 were presented for review and approval. Janice Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Casey Picard seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by the members in attendance.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- An update was given regarding the March utility bill payment plan. The March bill in the amount of \$8,264.29 will be paid out at \$670.80 per month for 12 months in hopes of receiving some type of correction to the bill.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume - Treasurer

- Linda presented the April 30, 2021 Treasurer's Report. As of April 30, 2021,

the cash balance in the General Fund was \$34,867.26. The Building Fund balance was \$58,935.54 and the Designated Fund balance was \$123,373.24. The Total of All Funds was \$217,176.04. The total contributions for April were \$38,487.31 and total expenses for April were \$25,049.04. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$69,588.60 while the total expenses for the year were \$83,362.82.

- The Raymond C. Schreiner estate donated \$10,000 to Trinity Lutheran in April.
- The TLC Preschool Drive Thru Dinner fundraiser brought in \$2,360.00 in revenue with expenses totaling \$1,392.30. The profit of \$967.70 will be donated to the Preschool to help defer necessary costs to open again in August 2021.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Trinity Lutheran received \$1000.00 from the Lily Foehner estate.
- Trinity is still receiving donations for the HVAC unit.

Terry Hankins for Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- June 1, 2021 things will return to normal at Trinity with only one service on Sundays at 10:00am. Masks will still be recommended. All pews will be opened and communion will be back at the rail with social distancing in place; however, families will be allowed to stand/kneel together.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Pastor is fully vaccinated and is now able to visit more shut-in members that he can physically visit with.
- Adult Bible Class continues. Attendance is low.
- April Official Acts:
 - Funeral for Lillie May Foehner on May 1, 2021.
 - Baptism for Cadie Neu on April 18, 2021.
 - Confirmations for:
 - Jacie Kainer and Cadie Neu on April 18, 2021
 - Jade Barton and Lillie Villalovoz on April 25, 2021
 - Avery Grigar and Ryanne Meyer on May 1, 2021

- Noah Bryant and Zachory Orsak on May 2, 2021

- June 1, 2021 Trinity will revert back to one church service on Sundays at 10:00am with Adult Bible Study at 9:00am.
- June 10th – 12th Pastor Bersche will attend the Texas District Convention.

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- June 6, 2021 Sunday Morning Fellowship will be back at Trinity starting at 8:30 and Chat ‘N Chew will be discontinued.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Garage roof needs to be repaired. Extreme Roofing has provided Trinity with a bid of \$2800.00.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Ushers are being lined up to start back on June 6.

Terry Hankins for Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool

- TLC Preschool will have:
 - 2 – 2 year old classes with 3 spots still available.
 - 2 – 3 year old classes with 5 spots still available.
 - 1 – 4 year old class with 4 spots still available.

No motions were made to accept the reports due to lack of attendance.

New Business

- Janice Wied addressed the possibility of calling members we are missing who have not been to church in a while. The recommendation will be presented to the elders.
- Linda Blume reported the Mr. & Mrs. Billy Schaffner are donating new benches to place in front of the glass doors of the fellowship building.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. immediately following the TLC Planning meeting at 5:30.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Janice Wied will have the devotion for the June meeting. Pastor closed with prayer and everyone joined him with the words of the Lord’s Prayer.

*President-Terry Hankins
Secretary-Kimberly Kornegay*

CONGRATULATION
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES



Brylie Nedd-Sealy High School



Andrew Schmidt-East Bernard High School



Samantha Bersche-Texas Tech University



CONFIRMANDS

Back Row – Cadie Neu, Ryanne Meyer, Pastor Bersche, Noah Bryant and Zachary Orsak
 Front Row – Jade Barton, Avery Grigar, Jacie Kainer and Lillian Villalovoz