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Reflecting the Son  
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am Bible Study**

**Worship Services:  
10:00 am Sunday**

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

## August 2021

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

### Life In Christ, an Example of Service

I can still hear my brother, Bob, laughing at me from the short stop position on the softball field. I was playing left field and having many stressful difficulties. And in my aggravation, he could hear me using quite colorful language as I played in the outfield.

When I was younger, every year our circuit of churches would get together for a co-ed slow pitch softball tournament. The year I remember was the year AAL sponsored our tournament at First Lutheran Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma. Now their softball field had an obstacle in it. In the middle of left field stood a large oak tree. The rules that we played by were that the outfielder still had to play the ball in the tree. Let me tell you, its not fun when a pop fly gets hit into the tree and hits a dozen branches on its way down. In the meantime, the base runner is cruising around the bases.

Looking back on that memory, I realize how competitive I was and how foolish and immature. Back then I regarded winning the game meant almost everything. Yet sometimes I wonder if that attitude takes hold of our Christian life and values as well.

It's quite easy to get frustrated and envious of other Christians. Especially when we hear all the great and marvelous things that other Christians are doing for the kingdom. You might feel the same way sometimes. Instead of remembering Jesus' words in Scripture, our mind reverts back to competition. We many times sound like Jesus' disciples, "Who is the greatest?"

St. Mark records for us: And they came to Capernaum. And having been in the house He was asking them, "What on the road were you discussing?" But they were silent with each other for they had been discussing on the road, who was the greatest. And having sat down He called the twelve and he says to them, "If anyone wishes to be first he will be last of all and a servant of all." Having taken a child, He set him in their midst and having taken him in His arms He said to them, "Whoever shall receive one such as little children in My name, he receives Me and whoever receives Me does not receive Me but the One having sent Me. (Mark 9:33-37)

Notice in this and other passages of Scripture, there is NO competition. There is NO room for being greater or better than others. There is only the example that Jesus gives us- to serve and not to be served. He is the ultimate example of this. He gave up His glorious throne in heaven. He came to earth as a newborn child. He grew up in a depressing, sin-filled world. He showed us a life of service to others. And that life of service ultimately is seen as He gave up His life into death on the cross where He suffered death for our sins. He rose from the dead to give us resurrected life. He ascended into heaven and before He left, He gave us the right to be called children of God (His greatness) through baptism.

Mark's account in chapter 9 continues. Sometime after this greatness controversy takes place, John comes to Jesus with an issue, or at least he sees it as an issue. "Teacher, we saw someone in Your name casting out demons and we were forbidding Him because he was not following us." Sounds familiar with churches who should be serving but instead feel that they are in competition with each other. Jesus responds to us and to John: Do not forbid him for no one is able to do a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. (Mark 9:38-40)

Therefore, we rejoice and praise God for other Christians, especially when they serve. We rejoice with other Christian congregations when they are growing, serving, and proclaiming the Gospel in their community. We are glad that the kingdom is NOT a competition with winners and losers. We rejoice that God has already won the victory over sin, death, and the devil with His Son Jesus.

In Christ, *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

8/01	Evangeline Coody	8/13	Steven Cobbs	8/20	Mary Ann Thompson
8/04	CARSON BRYANT	8/13	Lee Allen Palm	8/21	Pat Buechmann
8/05	Melissa Niemann	8/14	Jo-Anne Gilliam	8/21	Shirley Svinky
8/05	John Vrablec Jr.	8/15	Ryanne Meyer	8/22	Dean Jacobson
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/15	Carol Pless	8/24	ZABEIN ALLEN
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	James Schmidt	8/23	Jason Kruzel
8/09	Krishna Langton	8/15	Pat Schmidt	8/24	Blair Konescheck
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/27	Rob Emshoff
8/11	Bill Reay	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	8/27	Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauer	8/17	Karleigh Wilkerson	8/29	Tara Johnston
8/12	Larry Remmert	8/18	Patrick Johnston	8/29	Marvin Pless
8/12	Patsy Romano	8/18	Alton Kveton		



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

8/1/2015	John and Nicole Vrablec	8/13/1977	Robert and Suzanne Bozeman
8/2/1969	Charles and Beverly Ekarius	8/13/1994	James and Jo Anne Gilliam
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

8/1/1986	Stephen Stuessel	8/22/1947	Carol Pless	8/29/2010	Gage Grigar
8/9/1998	Austin Jacobson	8/25/1974	Maggie Kent	8/29/2010	Joel Grigar
8/11/1963	Jo-Anne Gilliam	8/26/2012	ISOLDE NIEMANN	8/29/2015	AVERIE RAMON
8/14/1994	Amber Shupak	8/29/2010	AVERY GRIGAR	8/29/2015	Timothy Ramon
8/17/1997	Karleigh Jaloway	8/29/2010	Drake Grigar	8/29/1971	Patsy Romano
8/19/1945	Carol Jean Hauschild				



“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

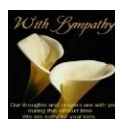
8/1/1968	Beth Franke	8/29/2010	Diane Clover	8/29/2010	Katy Grigar
8/17/2008	Antoinette Romano	8/29/2010	Joel Grigar	8/29/2010	Jennifer Sullivan

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

<p><b>Dorothy Hein</b> Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474</p> <p><b>Joyce Meyer</b> Colonial Belle 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747</p>	<p><b>Ruth Paben</b> Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 127 Manvel, TX 77578</p> <p><b>George Baade</b> Caydance Assisted Living, 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>
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**Pray List** Please update your friends or loved ones on the prayer list. Call or email Pastor Bersche or the church office with updates.



**Sympathy** is extended to the family of Fred Paben who passed away Wednesday, July 7, 2021. Please keep Ruth and the rest of his family in your prayers.



**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ARE BACK!**

Circle of Friends will begin on Wednesday, September 1st at 12:15 pm. Come join us for lunch and fellowship. We will not have BINGO but bring your own dominoes and cards or whatever game you want to play. Please call Mary Buechmann if you have any questions. And please sign up on the sign-up list in the narthex if you are planning to attend. Desserts are always welcome!



**NEW: YAHSS (YOUTH AND HYMN SING SUNDAY)**

For many years, Trinity's tradition of a youth led worship service took place on the fifth Sunday of the month. That tradition went on a break due to the covid pandemic. But on August 29<sup>th</sup> (the fifth Sunday of August) the tradition will be renewed with something new. Not only will the worship be led by the youth, but all the hymns will also be selected by you, the congregation. You may select a hymn from the Lutheran Service Book which is in the pew in front of you and write it on the comment section of your communication card (also found in the pew in front of you.) Hymn selections will be taken from today, August 1 until no later than Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**YOUTH ALL NIGHTER** will begin Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm and will end on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Please bring a snack and drink to share. And if you

want to sleep, well you know that probably won't happen. See YA at the church on August 6<sup>th</sup>!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF - SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>!**

We need volunteers to teach Sunday School whether full time (team) teachers or even substitute teachers. If interested or need information, call Valerie Bryant at 817-939-3845 or email her at [vbryant28@gmail.com](mailto:vbryant28@gmail.com)

**Tithes & Offerings**

Thank you to everyone that has been dropping off or mailing their offerings to the church. Please continue sending in the weekly, monthly, or however you do it, normal tithing as giving through online banking, mail your offering, church envelopes or cash donations. Giving our tithes and offerings reflects a grateful heart that wants to give back to God a portion of what He has given us.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**



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

**DRIVERS NEEDED!**



Please, please contact the church office if you can help with transporting church members to and from doctor appointments. No one at this time has contacted the office.

**WALKING IN THE GYM!**



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.

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**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Little Free**  
**Pantry**



**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!

More Info  
**COMING SOON**

**SEALY CHRISTIAN PANTRY UPDATE**

The Christian Pantry has felt the effects of the Pandemic, much like everyone else. Beginning in March of 2020, the Pantry was forced to close the doors at their location on Ward Street here in Sealy. Since that time, the Pantry has been distributing food from Lifebridge Church, which has worked well. However, the time has come to build a new location that can handle the number of clients that the Pantry now has. Land has been purchased on Old San Felipe Road in Sealy, and the Pantry is currently in the process of funding a new building. The Pantry has begun a campaign to help raise funds for this.....*H.O.P.E.* – *helping other people eat.* In the narthex, there is a table with a container of little green bracelets. Please, take a bracelet, make a donation if possible....*or*, take a bracelet as a reminder to pray for the hungry people in our community and for success of this fundraiser.



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**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS**

If you are interested in receiving the subscription the cost is \$22.00 through Concordia Publishing House without The Texas Messenger. Or you can request and pay the church to purchase the subscription for \$14.00, this includes the Texas Messenger. Please contact Maggie Kent in the church office if you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness through the church and fill out the form along with the payment to Trinity Lutheran Church. Forms are inside your Sunday's News and Notes. If you are already receiving it and wish to continue, please bring your subscription payment to the church office for another year or place in the offering plate AND Stewardship will give it to the church office.



**The Trinity LC's LWML Planning Meeting**

began with a word of welcome from Aletha Jeske. TX. Dist. LWML President, Debbie Curry was welcomed! Pastor Ken Bersche had Opening Devotions and the topic, "Running the Race: Looking to Jesus: Christian Competition". using Scriptures from Hebrews, 1 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Mark, John, Jeremiah, and Nahum. Pastor Bersche was thanked for an inspirational study. Next, Debbie Curry and Beth Franke, our Zone MidCoast delegate who had recently attended LWML Convention in Kentucky gave reports of many of the sessions they had attended. One of the most exciting were the ones that had addressed the new Mission projects, then the accepted--voted on 28 priorities. Information of four to five Projects will be printed each month in our Trinity Newsletter. It was suggested that we might wish to use several as our local projects as we use our Mite boxes each month. Also, both enjoyed doing the mighty Mission Pledge Walk, which we immediately thought that we could have walk here in Sealy soon!



**Morning Fellowship**

Before Adult Bible Study, we enjoy morning fellowship. Morning Fellowship is at 8:30 am to sit down and enjoy each other drinking coffee and eating a light breakfast. Adult Bible Class starts promptly at 9:00 am. Please come and join us for the Fellowship and Bible Study each Sunday morning. If you would like to help with morning fellowship, please contact (Noah Hankins) at 281-793-3722 to be placed on the schedule to help.

This was an interesting meeting, and we cordially invite all ladies here at Trinity to come visit/join at

our next meeting on August 10, 7:00 p.m. Election of officers, and project selections which will give us information of some of our LCMS's worldwide Mission endeavors will be shared. Also, to keep all these in our daily prayers.

Closing Devotions were led by Pastor Bersche with The Lord's Prayer, LWML Hymn: "Lutheran Women, One and All", and the heart grabbing LWML Pledge.

If you need more info, please call Aletha Jeske, 979-627-9161 or [dqjeske2@aol.com](mailto:dqjeske2@aol.com).



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 12, 2021**

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

**Council members present:**

- Terry Hankins – President
- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

**Absent:**

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool Liaison

The Minutes from the meeting held on June 14, 2021 were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Janice Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- The carpet for the church has been ordered.
- The pews will be cleaned after the carpet has been installed.
- George Wied is waiting to hear back from Camp Lone Star regarding a Mission Festival speaker.

**Chairmen Reports:**

**Linda Blume** – Treasurer

- Linda presented the June 30, 2021 Treasurer's Report. As of June 30, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$47,960.01. The Building Fund balance was \$59,443.18 and the Designated Fund balance was \$110,180.54. The Total of All Funds was \$217,583.73. The total contributions for June were \$20,017.18 and total expenses for June were \$21,936.71. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$116,326.13 while the total expenses for the year were \$128,204.32.

**Janice Wied** – Stewardship Chairman

- Still receiving donations for heating/AC replacement.

**Barry Wolf** – Elder Chairman

- Elders are considering sending postcards to communicate and encourage church attendance.

**Casey Picard** – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

**Pastor Bersche**

- Pastor continues to visit shut-ins. Currently there are 10 shut-ins.
- June Official Acts:
  - Funeral for Melvin Schmidt on June 11, 2021
  - Funeral for Betty Herridge on June 19, 2021
- A new ladies organization, LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League), is forming at Trinity. The organization strives to honor God by serving others. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, July 13.
- Bible class attendance is increasing. Current study is 1 Corinthians 15.

**Valerie Bryant** – Christian Growth Chairman

- There will be a Youth Lock-in at the church Friday, August 6. The times for the lock-in are 9 p.m. – 8 a.m. Each youth member can bring 2 friends.
- Sunday School Kick-Off is planned for Sunday, September 10.
- Sunday School teachers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Valerie Bryant.

**Noah Hankins** – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- The New Member Luncheon was a huge success.
- Research continues for a meal replacement for the BBQ fundraiser.

## Trustee Chairman – Vacant

### George Wied – Usher Chairman

- There is a good list of ushers and the schedule is working well.

### Terry Hankins for Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool

- There was discussion regarding a school supply fundraiser. The Council devised a plan to send out a congregation wide email offering members 2 options for participating. The email will contain instructions along with a supply list for purchasing the needed items. Kim Kornegay made a motion to accept the plan. Valerie Bryant seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

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

### New Business

- Trinity is working to establish a Security Force and are looking for members who have a CHL (Concealed Handgun License) to serve on the force. Please contact Terry Hankins or Bill Blume if you are interested in serving,

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. and Kimberly Kornegay will have the devotion.

There being no further business, George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Noah Hankins seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. Pastor closed with prayer.

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



### TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if

any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys but asked to see them individually. The 8-year-old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, 'Where is God?' Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. So, the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

### SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. Despite the best efforts of the pilot, the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and then he bailed out.



Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said, "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out.



The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world. I deserve to live." He also grabbed a parachute and jumped.



The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live-in peace."



The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my backpack."

