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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
10:00 am Sunday

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**September
12th!**



TRINITY TIDBITS

SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Life In Christ, an Example of Service How Long, O LORD?

Psalm 13 asks the same question that often is on our minds, especially during these times. David, the Psalmist asks, “How long...” not once but four times: (1) How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? (2) How long will You hide Your face from me? (3) How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? And (4) How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

It is on our hearts and minds as well. “How long?” As in, “How long will this pandemic last?” or “How long will we be having church in this way?” But this question we all are asking shouldn’t come to any surprise. Unfortunately, we have been somewhat indoctrinated into our fast-paced culture. The word, “wait” is now a bad word that we don’t like to hear. Patience may be a virtue but we many times lack it. I find myself many times wondering when the traffic will clear and I can get to where I am going.

Even more so, we should contemplate the words of Psalm 13 in our day. Although we ask, “How long, O Lord?” the Psalmist answers the question in verse five: “But I have trusted in Your steadfast love. Instead of impatience and frustration listen to the result of trusting in the Lord: “My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation!” Our response to our own question, “How long?” should be of rejoicing. As David concludes the psalm, “I will sing to the Lord for He has dealt bountifully to me!”

Truly, the Lord has dealt bountifully to us, His people. Jesus has taken away our sins. Although He never promises to take away the inevitable temporal death we all will face, He does promise to take away eternal death by His death and resurrection. How long? We ask this patiently always knowing that God is in control.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

PSALM 13

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed over him,”
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.



Pray List Please update your friends or loved ones on the prayer list. Call or email Pastor Bersche or the church office with updates.



“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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| 9/02 Taylor Cash | 9/09 Patricia Grigar | 9/18 Kari Furey |
| 9/02 Deborah Christiansen | 9/09 Kellie Kainer | 9/19 Katy Grigar |
| 9/02 Russell Dziadek | 9/09 Jake Schiller | 9/20 Carol Schuknecht |
| 9/03 Shirley Schier | 9/10 Cory Barrett | 9/21 Ron Hartmann |
| 9/04 Carl Wied | 9/10 Aaron Kutra | 9/22 JAYLEE KONESHECK |
| 9/05 Loretta Dziadek | 9/10 Alice Moore | 9/23 Melissa Bersche |
| 9/05 Ella Niemann | 9/10 Billy Schaffner | 9/27 Rebecca Tipton |
| 9/05 Leisha Wied | 9/10 Janice Wied | 9/25 Brandi Pizana |
| 9/07 RYLYNN FUREY | 9/13 Ronnie Thrasher II | 9/26 ANTHONY HORELICA |
| 9/07 Drake Grigar | 9/17 Doyle Kornegay | 9/27 Briana Kent |
| 9/07 GABBY MATUS | 9/18 Clarence Einkauf | 9/28 Stacie Leiber |



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

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| 9/02/1967 Larry and Fay Alexander | 9/15/2020 Gavin and Mary Ann Thompson |
| 9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer | 9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge |
| 9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller | 9/20/2008 Dewayne and Kari Furey |
| 9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash | 9/20/1980 Brad and Maggie Kent |



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

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| 9/4/2005 EMMA FOLTZ | 9/16/1973 Gerald Nixon | 9/28/1969 James Schmidt |
| 9/8/2019 CARSON BRYANT | 9/16/1962 Leisha Weid | 9/29/2019 CRUE CARTER |
| 9/8/2019 ISAAC BRYANT | 9/19/1931 Ella Niemann | 9/29/1985 Rob Emshoff |
| 9/8/2019 Noah Bryant | 9/22/2018 AVERY BOZEMAN | 9/29/1974 Tara Johnston |
| 9/9/2019 Keith Lewis | 9/24/1954 Rebecca Tipton | 9/29/1947 Marvin Pless Jr. |
| 9/12/1954 Donna Emshoff | 9/26/1982 Bradley Bozeman Sr. | 9/30/2012 ANTHONY HORELICA |
| 9/14/1958 Cynthia Sodolak | 9/27/1953 Carl Wied | 9/30/2012 Meagan Horelica |
| 9/15/2014 Mary Ann Thompson | | |



“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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| 9/16/2018 Christopher Bryant | 9/23/1990 Rhonda Pavelka | 9/30/2012 Meagan Horelica |
| 9/16/2018 Valerie Bryant | 9/23/1990 Cheryl Steinhauser | |


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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| <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>Ruth Paben Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 127 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> |
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With Deepest Sympathy SYMPATHY to the family of Evelyn Haack, who went to be with her Lord on Friday, July 30, 2021. Please keep daughters, Debra Rath and Valerie Hoffpauir in your prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy SYMPATHY to the family of Richard Goebel who went to be with his Lord on Saturday, July 31, 2021. Please keep his parents Vernon and Martha and friends in your prayers.

A NOTE OF
 **TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Thank you for your 2021 donations to the Sealy Christian Pantry. Your church is faithful to support the Pantry with volunteer time as well as monetary gifts. You are much appreciated!
Sealy Christian Pantry

 **IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD... CIRCLE OF FRIENDS ARE BACK!** Circle of Friends is 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!

Tithes & Offerings **TITHES AND 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. 979-885-2169



**Join Us On
Sept. 13th!**

Preschool Pancake Breakfast Social & Love Offering

The preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Social with a Love Donation as the cost for the pancakes and sausage and the rest of the proceeds help with the cost of teacher training, FBI background checks and CPR & First Aid.

This will take place on **Monday September 13th 7:45 am - 8:30 am**. What makes this special it is the day after Grandparents Day who enjoys eating with their grandchildren.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children while getting to know other parents, teachers, children, and church members.

Church members come and meet some of the parents and children. You may know a few of them. Or come and enjoy pancakes and sausage among other church members.

If you are not able to make the pancake social, you can donate a Love Offering to the preschool.

*Hope to see everyone,
Ms. Maggie*



**NO WALKING IN
THE GYM UNTIL
OCTOBER**



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Morning Fellowship is looking forward to seeing you and your children on Sunday, September 12th at 8:30 am!

Let's start off the 2021-2022 Fall Season by attending Morning Fellowship, Sunday School and Church by the whole family consistently coming, teaching them good habits of attending.

Before Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, we enjoy morning fellowship with each other. Morning Fellowship is at 8:30 am to sit down and enjoy each other drinking coffee and eating a light breakfast. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class starts promptly at 9:00 am and Worship right after at 10 am. Please come and join us. 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.



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: vbryant28@gmail.com



The LWML meeting was on August 10, 2021 at 7 pm and opened with a welcome by Aletha Jeske, President. Five members and Pastor Bersche were present.

Pastor Bersche presented the devotion on What Joy! By Timothy Pauls based on Phillipians 4:4-7 followed by prayer. Letters of Welcome were read, Beth Franke, Treasurer, gave out mite boxes to everyone present and explained them.

Johanna Buechmann, Vice President, discussed the letter of intent for the Texas District. The names of the group was discussed to be called Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission in the Texas District Mid Coast Zone. Beth Franke made a motion to except the names and seconded by Mary Buechmann. All approved.

Aletha discussed creating a membership booklet. The Fall Rally will be October 9th in Wallis. All are to bring to the next meeting their favorite Bible verse. The meeting closed with The League Pledge and song Lutheran Women One and all. The next meeting will be September 14th at 7 pm. We invite all ladies here at Trinity to come visit/join us.

*In Christ,
Mary Buechmann, Secretary*



Sealy Christian Pantry H.O.P.E. Campaign

The Sealy Christian Pantry has felt the effects of the Pandemic, just 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. As soon as those doors were closed by the city of Sealy, God furnished a bigger and better door. Since that time, the Pantry has been distributing food from LifeBridge Church, which has worked well, allowing for a drive thru distribution. Changes from the Houston Food Bank have emphasized the need for this type of distribution, as well as warehouse storage. Prior to the Pandemic, food was delivered by cases. Now food is delivered by pallets. At any given time, there is an average of 50 to 75 pallets of food in the back of the sanctuary at LifeBridge. As well, LifeBridge

has freezers and other equipment onsite to successfully store and handle the food. The use of their church was meant to be a short-term, temporary solution, never a permanent solution.

The time has come for the Sealy Christian Pantry to have their own facility once again. Through a lot of prayers and generous supporters, the Pantry was able to purchase land for the new facility on Old San Felipe Rd in Sealy. The next step is to raise funds for a 5000 square foot warehouse/office facility. Obviously, this is a huge endeavor, and the Pantry has begun a fundraising campaign to work towards this goal---**H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Eat)**. In the Narthex, there is a table set up with a container of green bracelets, as well as a jar to place contributions in. The bracelets are to serve as a reminder to pray for this campaign. We ask that you prayerfully consider doing one of the following:

- Take a bracelet and make a donation
- Take a bracelet and remember to pray for the hungry and for success for this campaign
- Take a bracelet, pray for the success of this campaign and make a donation.

Any and all will be greatly appreciated!

To help you understand the magnitude of what the Pantry has been through during the Pandemic, here are some 2020-2021 statistics:

- Prior to the Pandemic, we served **75-100** families each week. Those families received food every other week.
- During March 2020 thru December 2020, the Pantry served **225-250** families every week. Those families represented **750-1000** family members each week.
- In 2020, the Pantry distributed approximately **500,000** pounds of food!!
- Thru May of 2021, the Pantry averages **170-225** families each week, representing **700-950** family members being served. This equals to approximately **235,000** pounds of food through May of this year.
- The Pantry is seeing more inconsistent numbers each week (some really high and some really low) in 2021. The hope is that the Pandemic is slowly improving, and that people are slowly returning to work.

Please consider making a donation to this fundraiser. Together we can offer some H.O.P.E. to those less fortunate than us. Let's **Help Other People Eat!!!** If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.



**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
August 9, 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
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

Absent:

- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Cheryl Steinhauser – Preschool Liaison

The Minutes from the meeting held on July 12, 2021 were presented for review and approval. Noah Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Janice Wied distributed copies of the 2022 proposed budget to all council members. Proposed budget is due by the September meeting so Terry Hankins can present the budget to the congregation in October.
- Terry Hankins gave an update on the carpet. Jerry Lieber is checking to see if the carpet has arrived.
- The pews will be cleaned after the carpet has been installed.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

President Terry Hankins presented the July 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report in Linda's absence. As of July 31, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$45,918.01. The Building Fund balance was \$59,650.65 and the Designated Fund balance was \$110,540.54. The Total of All Funds was \$216,109.20. The total contributions for July were \$15,263.00. and total expenses for July were \$16,114.59. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$131,589.13 while the total expenses for the year were \$144,318.91.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Offering envelopes have been ordered for 2022.

- Still receiving donations for heating/AC replacement.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Working on getting a Mission Festival speaker.
- Covid 19 – Variant – As of August 9, 103 cases in Austin Co. Masks will continue to be recommended. If you feel uncomfortable about not wearing a mask, please wear one.
- Working on stamped postcards to send out to new and delinquent members. Postcards will also be used for member birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Pastor continues to visit shut-ins. Currently there are 11 shut-ins.
- July Official Acts:
 - o Funeral - Fred Paben on July 10, 2021
 - o Adult Confirmation – Gavin & MaryAnn Thompson
 - o Transfer In – Millie Lehrmann
 - o Affirmation of Faith – Scott, Shannon, and Rose Einkauf
- Bible class continues the study on 1 Corinthians. Currently on chapter 15, hope to conclude 1 Corinthians by Labor Day weekend.
- Sunday School Kickoff will be featuring a tour of the church and its specific groups that serve us.
- Next study for Adult Bible Class will begin September 19 entitled “This We Believe”.
- Confirmation Parents Meeting will be August 29 after worship with the first Confirmation Seminar beginning the first part of September.
- At the request of a parishioner, we will be having a hymn sing Sunday on August 29 with all the hymns chosen by the congregation and this service will be led by the youth.

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- The Youth Lock-In was a huge success.
- The Youth Service will be Sunday, August 29.
- There will be a parent meeting to discuss the 2022 National Youth Gathering after the August 29 worship service.
- Sunday School Kick-Off is planned for Sunday, September 12.
- Sunday School teachers and subs are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Valerie Bryant.
- A youth fundraiser is planned for October 24. More details to follow.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Becky Tipton and Patsy Novosad – Preschool

- Presentation and discussion of the following items:
 - o Possible need for \$10,000.00 loan from Trinity to aid in preschool start-up costs. (Money for loan would come from the Sidney Dell Remmert Designated Fund.)
 - o Request for video camera monitor for preschool office.
 - o Preschool Supply Drive
 - o Fall Fundraiser
 - o New teacher hires (Tina Phillips & Ana Oviedo)
- After council discussion, Noah Hankins made a motion to accept all five items presented by the preschool. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the motion passed.

New Business

- Bill Blume – 13 trees around the church need to be trimmed. A \$4,200.00 bid was obtained which includes hauling everything away. Bill will check on availability dates and will get back with the Council to finalize and approve the job.
- Noah Hankins suggested donating money from a church sponsored BBQ meal fundraiser to the youth for the National Youth Gathering. Barry made a motion to accept. Kimberly Kornegay seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.
- Bill Blume suggested a camera monitor be placed in the Narthex to monitor the front and back doors of the church. Janice Wied made a motion to accept. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved and the motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. and Terry Hankins will have the devotion. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

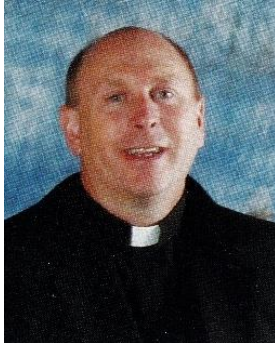
Terry Hankins - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary





This year our Parent Orientation and Meet the Teacher was a little different from the other years due to State and CDC Guidelines. Please be patient as we maintain the pandemic policies.

PRESCHOOL STAFF



Pastor Ken Bersche



Director Maggie Kent



Asst. Robin Jacobson



Tina Phillips
Younger
2 Yr. Old Class



Allysha Toellner
Older
2 Yr. Old Class



Shea Orsak
Younger
3 yr. Old Class



Ana Ovideo
Older
3 Yr. Old Class



Kristi Flores
Four's
4 Yr. Old Class

Meet the teacher was a great time for you and your child to meet other parents and to get to know all the teachers who will be in your child's life, teaching them about Jesus Christ. Trinity Lutheran Preschool has been blessed with teachers who are enthusiastic, dedicated, and loving. These teachers are role models, planners, facilitators, observers, record keepers, a support system, team players, communicators, conflict resolvers or better known as your child's teacher. Words cannot describe what a blessing they are to me and Trinity Lutheran Preschool. The teachers have work very hard to prepare for this fantastic school year!



ROUTINE!

We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, and the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them. Not only do we learn about Jesus, but we also teach and prepare your child for kindergarten beginning in the two-year-old class followed by the three-year-old class and completed in the four year old class.

The preschool doors will open at 8:00 am and will be closed at 8:15 am. Please arrive by 8:00 am and no later than 8:15 am since the teachers begin their class as soon as your child

walks through the door. We all know the importance of starting a day off right!

Young children need structure and routines to feel secure in their preschool environment. By having a clear morning routine to start a day at preschool, children will know what to expect and feel safe at school. Put yourself in your child's position if the person you are depending on gets you to work late continually? It is not fun for your child to begin their day when you throw off their schedule and cause anxiety and unhappiness when you drop them off to preschool. Your child wants to be here when the other children arrive

and enjoy their friendship. By allowing your child time to adjust to the classroom, friends, teacher, and environment will help them feel included and it will have a positive feeling for the rest of the day. Teachers begin the morning with instructions as simple as placing their backpacks where they belong or name recognition that they will miss out on if they are late. There are many things happening early when these children arrive. *Teaching Begins!!*



Themes for the month are

Creation/Self/Safety/Friendship/Manners/Kindness and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation.

The children will learn letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Throughout the year we have a teaching calendar and children learn matching, go-together, sequencing, lotto's, letter sound matches, categorizing, picture sound matches and much more. Ongoing skills are practiced everyday such as listening, following directions, and manners.

Learning centers allows the children to play cooperatively and investigate language, roles, materials, and relationship's and encourages children to learn at their own pace with material that meet individual needs and level of development. While children learn through play, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, sharing and much more. In turn, this helps them develop the ability to concentrate.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs; finger plays and pledges and memorize Bible verses. Listen to your child and all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.



Red/White/Blue Day! With all the natural disasters that are occurring, the children can wear Red/White and Blue on Wednesday, September 10th. The colors

RED/WHITE and BLUE will represent the 911 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 to step up to do the right thing.

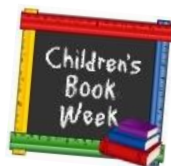


Wear RED Day! Since the children are learning red for the month, we will have a special color day. On Wednesday, September 15th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED to reinforce the color!



Back Yard Bash! On Friday, September 17th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each

child needs to bring a sack lunch with a drink to school and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.



Special Book Week! Beginning Monday September 20th – 24th preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make reading fun is to have your child

bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!



Bring Snacks for Your Child Each Day!

**DO NOT BRING A DRINK!!!
We Will Serve Water**



Please bring simple snacks in a plastic zipper snack bag each day for your child. Ideas are cheese nips, any kind of cereals. Sandwich crackers, pretzels, goldfish or whatever you think your child will eat. This is a snack and not a meal. The children have only a ten-minute snack time.



Action Plan or Emergency Response Plan Mandatory by the State

is required by your doctor if your child is allergic to certain foods, asthmatic and or needs an epipen. The purpose of this Emergency Response Plan is to establish an organizational structure and procedures for response to major emergencies. It assigns the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the plan during an emergency following the incident. If you have any questions, please come, and talk to me.



Extra Clothing! Please send an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Top, bottom, underwear, socks, and old shoes in case they pee on their socks and shoes. it is very important that we have extra set of clothes in case of spills or accidents.



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program we have that helps children share their family with everyone at preschool and church.

Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

What this entails that your child brings about seven to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the gym. Always check your calendar of events to see if it is your turn to be family of the week. Families of the Week for the month of September are:

September 20th – September 24th

Royce Beckendorff

September 27th – October 1st

Tyler Brown

October 4th – October 8th

James Burson

Please bring about eight to your your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.



A variety of Scholastic Book Club flyers are sent home with your child. These clubs serve as a convenient way for families to obtain quality books to enjoy at home. When books are purchased, your child's class receives bonus points that are used to acquire new books and educational supplies.

There is no obligation to participate in this program. Books can be ordered either by turning in the order form from the back of the club flyer or through the Scholastic Book Club website. When you order books using the paper order form, please make checks payable to Scholastic. Cash is not accepted. To pay by credit card, purchase your books using the club website (clubs.scholastic.com), entering the class activation code from your child's teacher to ensure that TLP receives your order. It takes one to two weeks after the order due date for the books to arrive.



Reinforcement! Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes

home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what the rules are in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.



Drills! The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills

conducted every three months are severe weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. If your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today, you will know why.



Emergency Preparedness Plan!

Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has an Emergency/Disaster Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5th Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance. A copy of this plan is always available

for review. One copy is in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan **MUST** not leave the classroom. A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that help defray the cost to the preschool program. The food not used will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year. This is another way to help the preschool and others in the community.



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Attending the Whole Week!

We encourage you to send your child five days a week. This is only a \$50 difference. Coming five days a week is an opportunity in preparing your child to learn to share, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Children thrive when there is consistency in care between home and school.

We notice children who come one day, miss the next, and then come again, commonly find it much more difficult to adapt to the class routine than children who attend five-days a week. We encourage five days a week noticing the difference between the children whose attendance is consistent and those who come for two or three days a week. Children attending five days a week normally make much more progress academically and socially in comparison with those children who attend a few days a week.

This is a suggestion and I know that some are not able to have their children attend all five days. I want you to know the difference between attending three days versus five days. Pray about this and if this is not the right decision for you, we understand.

Breakfast Policy

Please feed your child breakfast at home before preschool begins. Bringing breakfast to school interrupts the rest of the children. If your child does bring breakfast to school, please take him/her to the gym and sit down with your child and finish breakfast. You are responsible for your

child to eat breakfast and bring them to the classroom. Your child must be brought to the classroom by you. Please do not let them come to the classroom by themselves.

Late Pick Up

Please be on time in picking up your child at NOON! A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!

TUITION

September tuition is due by the 7th of September. All tuition is due by the 5th of each month.

TUTION, FEES, AND FUNDING

Tuition is due in advance with no deductions for any absences, holidays, illness, or closures due to inclement weather, power outages, or other situations beyond Trinity Lutheran Preschool's control. If tuition is not paid on the day that it is due, a late fee will be added to the tuition for each day that it is late until it is paid in full. When a payment is delinquent for one week or more, care may be suspended until the balance is current and your child's space will not be reserved. Tuition is due regardless of a child's absence from the program for any reason and is required to hold a child's space. Our policy for tuition is as follows:

- All accounts are due on the 5th of the month.
- Statements come home with each child's monthly newsletter, generally sent home on the last week of the previous month.
- If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, then a late charge of \$5.00 will be added to that month's tuition. All fees must be paid by the first of the following month or your child cannot attend until all fees are paid in full. Late charge will not exceed \$50.00 each month.
- After the 10th of the month, you will be notified by a board member to decide for the balance due or dismissal of care.

Termination

Because of the long-term benefits of participation in high-quality early childhood programs, our goal is not to suspend or expel a child from care. Instead, we attempt to collaborate with parents to bring the needed resources and strategies to a situation.

Our hope is that these efforts will result in suspensions and expulsions only being used where there are extraordinary circumstances or a determination of a serious safety threat. While we will make efforts to reduce or eliminate such circumstances and/or threats with the provision of reasonable modifications, we reserve the right to suspend or expel in any situation we deem necessary.

We can and will terminate our childcare arrangements immediately for any of the following reasons (but not solely limited to):

- Failure to comply with the contract
- Destructive or hurtful behavior of child that persists even with parent cooperation in stopping the behavior
- Non-Payment of childcare fees or late and/or recurring late payment of fees
- Failure to show up for 5 days in a row without any communication
- Failure to complete required forms
- Inability to meet the child's needs without additional staff
- Rude and disrespectful behavior towards provider or any employee
- If parents knowingly bring their child ill
- Conflict between parent / provider
- Extreme Behavior

PARTY GUIDELINES

We have five special parties a year, Harvest, Christmas, Valentine, Easter and End of School party and we ask parents to help with refreshments and supervision of games.

A sign-up list will be posted for parents to help with the activity centers and food items. This will be a first come first serve base. Parents that sign up for a particular party are the ones that can attend. We need parents help by setting up and supervising the activities centers. Supervised activity centers will be on 20-minute increments. Special food and game items will be on the list for parents to purchase and provide for the parties.

A kitchen crew will be needed to prepare the food, drinks and set up the children's tables ready for them to eat and have kitchen clean before leaving.

We ask all parents to help by setting up for the party, tearing down the activity centers, cleaning kitchen, wiping tables, sweeping, and taking out the trash.

Purpose of volunteers is to make sure children are safe, lower stress on everyone, work as a team and have fun with the preschoolers. Since we are a non-profit organization, we appreciate your help in donating items and your time for the parties.

CHAPEL SERVICES SINGING IN CHURCH

A beautiful Sunday for the children to participate and sing in front of the congregation and their families. This is usually a Sunday in February or March. Everyone's heart fills with joy to hear these children perform. We ask that you set this Sunday aside for your family and watch your preschooler perform songs they learned in Chapel. The next day when the children return to preschool, they will get to watch themselves perform on the big screen in the gym.

Thank you for choosing Trinity Lutheran Preschool a private school teaching and preparing your child for the future!

*In Christ,
Ms. Maggie*



SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
I would like to thank everyone who purchased and donated school supplies to Trinity Lutheran Preschool in helping reopen our program!
*From the bottom of my heart,
Thank You!! Ms. Maggie*

**Join Us on Sept. 13th
Preschool Pancake
Breakfast Social
& Love Offering**

If you are not able to make the pancake social, you can donate a Love Offering to the preschool.

 *Hope to see everyone,
Ms. Maggie*

Bible Word Search: The Creation

contributed by Peach Stringer

To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.



Adam, Animals, Beautiful, Birds, Cool of day, Dark, Divided, Dominion, Eden, Evil, Fifth day, Figs, First day, Fish, Flaming, Flee, Flowers, Fourth day, Fruitful, Garden, God, Good, Light, Moon, Multiple, Night, Rested, Sabbath, Satan, Sea, Second day, Separate, Serpent, Sixth day, Stars, Sword, Tempt, Third day, Torches, Tree of knowledge, Waters

It had so many locks that don't need a key. It was far too many for you to count. It was never to be shortened, for a vow had been said. It was a symbol of strength that flowed from the head. But in a moment of weakness, its secret was out, it lays all in pieces when she gave the shout. What is it?

I chose to climb a sycamore tree to see Jesus and invited him to come to my house, even though other people sneered at me. Who am I?

I am something you might read when you're sitting in a pew. I contain two testaments: one that's old and one that's new. What am I?

It kept him steady and others away. It kept them safe and showed the way. Once thrown down upon the ground, it came alive with a hissing sound. It hit the rock as it was told. And that was when the water flowed What is it?