



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
10:00 am Sunday

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TRINITY TIDBITS

OCTOBER 2021

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



Celebrating God's

Mission and Ministry among Us

In the last chapter of Matthew, Jesus gives us and His disciples the great commission: As you are going, make disciples of all nations.... All too often though we think negatively about God's mission and ministry that He has given us. Make disciples? Do I have to? We act as if it is a chore and a burden. Instead, we should look at God's mission and ministry as a cheerful opportunity. Instead, we should say: Make disciples! Let's celebrate because we get to do that!

As saints, we look forward to serving but as sinners, we complain or make excuses. What is it going to be: serve or complain? Minister or make excuses? Think about this though: where would we be if our God only complained about us? Where would our destiny be if God gave an excuse instead of serving us by taking away our sins completely and fully by Jesus' death and resurrection.

We should gladly and joyfully celebrate the work God has given to us. God's mission and His service to those inside and those outside the church should always be a delight. For the month of October and part of November we will be celebrating the mission and ministry God gives. The mission and ministry that we get to do. Each Sunday we will celebrate:

- October 3 - - - Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- October 10 - - Mission Festival (Semi-Potluck Meal after worship)
- October 17 - - Trinity Ladies' Aid
- October 24 - - Youth Sunday (Barbecue Meal after worship)
- October 31 - - Reformation Sunday
- November 7 - All Saint's Sunday
- November 14 - Lutheran Hour Ministries
- November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

God's richest blessings to you all as we worship our Lord in word and in deed.

In Christ, Jesus, our Lord,
Pastor Ken



Time Change Sunday, November 7 Remember to Fall Back One Hours on Saturday Before Bedtime!



Prayer 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

10/01 Lorrene Schiller	10/07 MASON DZIADEK	10/20 Vera Schmidt
10/02 Gilbert Franke	10/08 Barbara Havemann	10/21 Dianne Clover
10/03 Rachel Villalovoz	10/09 Ronnie Thrasher	10/21 Ruth Paben
10/04 Joel Grigar	10/12 Ursula Kutra	10/24 Bryant Schiller
10/04 Nathan Romano	10/12 April Schmidt	10/25 Jeannette Simmons
10/04 Larry Schulke	10/13 WILLIAM FULLEN	10/27 Kelly Kruzel
10/04 Dorthy Sliva	10/14 Doris Schaffner	10/29 Pastor Ken Bersche
10/05 Lee Hobratschk	10/15 Beth Franke	10/29 Timothy Ramon
10/05 MICAH KRUZEL	10/18 Maggie Kent	10/31 Robert Herridge
10/05 Cade Langton	10/18 TYLER RAMON	10/31 Betty Remmert
10/05 Jill Sullivan	10/20 Adrian Horelica	10/31 Patricia Rother
10/06 Grace Holtkamp		



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

10/04/1997 Bryant & Melinda Schiller	10/16/1993 Mark & Patsy Romano
10/15/1976 Johnnie and Cynthia Sodolak	10/20/2011 Brett & Brittany Carter



Blessings to you on this Special Day!

James Sneed 10/1/1984	Tara Hobbs 10/14/2007	JAYLEE KONESHECK 10/20/2019
Viola Sebesta 10/1/1989	Kellie Kainer 10/14/1979	Dean Jacobson 10/22/1991
Adeline Vrablec 10/7/2018	Briana Kent 10/14/2007	Norma Pavelka 10/23/1932
Brittney Steinhauser 10/8/1995	Marlene Leiber 10/18/1950	Stacie Leiber 10/26/1980
Patrick Johnston 10/10/1971	Jennifer Sullivan 10/19/2000	
ISABEAU NIEMANN 10/11/2009		



“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

James Gilliam 10/2/1994	Mary Buechmann 10/16/1963	Norma Pavelka 10/27/1946
Jo Anne Gilliam 10/4/1992	Theresa Terrell 10/25/1998	Marvin Pless Jr. 10/29/1961



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



Dorothy Hein Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474	Ruth Paben Orchard Park @ Southfork 3151 Southfork Pkwy, RM 127 Manvel, TX 77578	Jo-Anne Gilliam Home 2545 HWY 159 E Fayetteville, TX 78940	Evangeline Coody Home 7452 Gosler Rd. Sealy, TX 77474
Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747	George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494	Carrie Steinbach Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474	

With Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Erik Julian who went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Please keep Bob and Terri Julian and the rest of the family in your prayers

Carpet Committee



THANK YOU
 Carpet Committee, for
 your group effort, hard
 work, organization, and
 dedication for the new
 carpet in the sanctuary.
 Marlene & Jerry Leiber
 Dorothy Coody
 Aletha Jeske
 Janice Weid
 Barbara Vohs
 We appreciate all of you!
 Thank You!



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Come join us for Circle of Friends with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, October 6th at 12:15 pm. Please call Mary Buechmann at 979-885-2730 or cell 281-728-0973 if you have any questions. Please sign up on the sign-up list in the narthex if you are planning to attend. By the way...desserts are always welcome!



MISSION SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar and please attend Sunday, October 10th for Worship and for a MISSION SUNDAY LUNCHEON! Our guest speaker will be from Camp Lone Star. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to bring a dish.



**NO WALKING IN THE GYM
 UNTIL NOVEMBER**

FUNDRAISING EVENT



LCMS YOUTH FUNDRAISER PLATES \$12

Please join us in supporting our Youth Sunday October 24, 2021, after worship. Barbeque chicken and sausage plates will be \$12.00 each. Tickets will be pre-sold in the Narthex. The day of the fundraiser, youth will have a silent auction to sell their handmade crafts. All proceeds will go toward the youth's attendance of the LCMS Youth Gathering in July 2022. Please contact Valerie Bryant at 817-939-3845 if you have questions.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you to everyone that has been dropping off or mailing their offerings to the church. Please continue sending weekly, monthly, 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. After March 31, 2022, the year will end and start over on April 1, 2022. Any questions, please call Grace Holtkamp 979-885-2169.

September 9, 2021
 Amount of Deposit: \$358.00

LWML NEWS



The LWML of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wallis invites us to the Mid Coast Fall Rally on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at

515 Cedar St. Wallis, 77485. Registration is 10:30 am – 11:00 am and they are serving lunch. Speaker is our LWML District President, Frances Molitor. For more information contact Aletha Jeske 979-627-9161.



Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission met on September 14, 2021, at 7 pm and opened with a welcome by Aletha Jeske.

Four members and Pastor Bersche were present. Pastor Bersche presented the devotion “Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus” based on Ephesians 6:10-20 followed by singing the hymn. The league Pledge was read by all. Mary Buechmann read the minutes from August meeting. Johanna Buechmann made the motion to except the minutes read seconded by Millie Lehrmann. All approved. Aletha discussed the Bylaws for LWML Texas District and continues to work on them. Service projects were discussed. LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 3rd. All are invited to Mid-Coast LWML Zone Fall Rally in Wallis on October 16th. The meeting closed in song and the Lord’s Prayer led by Pastor Bersche. The next meeting will be October 12th at 7 pm. We invite all ladies here at Trinity to come visit/join us.

In Christ, Mary Buechmann



CALLING ALL YOUTH – Youth Sunday is October 31st. Please plan to attend in leading the Youth Worship Service. Attending Sunday

School will help in the preparations for the service.



The month of September went very well with children and parents. This year our ratios are low since we started later than the regular schools. I

did not advertise due to not knowing what the state’s ratio number of children would be with the pandemic. I look everywhere for the information on ratios and contacted other centers. Since we

were starting fresh and new, I wanted to make sure I stayed in compliance with the state. Our funds are very low since we do not have a full house. A big, huge help were the donations of needed school supplies to get us started. Again, I want to thank everyone who helped donate items to the preschool program to get us started.

We are extremely happy to meet so many new and familiar faces who are attending preschool this year. State Licensing has kept me on my toes. Sometimes I’m confused. For example, the very week were supposed to begin, I let the state know we had two teachers with Covid. For that situation, I sent in our procedure of what to do and worked very hard explaining everything to the teachers and the parents. As soon as the state arrived, she told me to get rid of all the signs and parents are to come into the building to drop off their children and preschool goes on as normal. She mainly wanted to know if a serious situation was to arrive, how would I handle it. This made me a little upset due to having the parents and teachers confused and I apologize.



Preschool Open House will take place on Thursday, October 21st 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this event, including the congregation.

Parent’s you may bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, and family. This is a great time for everyone to come together and see some of the work the children have completed and for the families and friends to visit classrooms and teachers.

Here are my Open House Night suggestions for parents from a teacher’s point of view. Go early. This evening is somewhat social, and you might want time to chat with other parents. The preschool teachers and their classrooms are on display. Make this a positive experience for your child and everyone.

We are proud of each one of these children who attend Trinity Lutheran Preschool. We are here to help children learn and develop, to improve social, physical, and emotional skills. We are here to support parents and families and to help children live better lives through the experience they will accomplish in their classrooms, with their teachers and the rest of the staff as a team.



Bible Stories for the month of September are:

Week of Monday Oct. 4th

“Abraham’s Great Big Family”

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

“Joseph and the Colorful Coat”

Week of Monday Oct. 11th

“Joseph Forgives His Brothers”

Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message

Week of Monday Oct. 18th

Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message

“Moses Hears the Call of God”

Week of Monday Oct. 25th

Moses Lead’s God’s People”

Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message

“General Joshua and the Promised Land”



Themes for the month of October are Family, Fire, and the Five Senses.

The color for the month is BLUE, the shapes are circle and rectangle, and the children will continue to learn the letters i, m, f, s, a, and d. We teach the children the sounds and names of these letters to begin putting silly words together. Once the children are introduced to the next batch of letters, they soon start blending and sounding out words.



Thank you to all the parents in helping reinforce the rules of the preschool. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child’s day with inappropriate behavior, thank you for reinforcing and talking to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have those aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child will be asked to bring about five 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 October are:

October 4th -October 8th

Royce Beckendorff

October 11th – October 15th

Tyler Brown

October 18th – October 22nd

James Burson

October 25th – October 29th

Samantha Chavez

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Western Day! On Wednesday October 13th,

the children may dress in western clothes for Western Day to promote Austin County Fair. Each child may dress in western jeans, boots, shirts, belts, hats and a bandana. If your child decides to wear spurs, this is fine, except if they are hurting another child, then the spurs will be removed. Let’s get out our cowboy hats and boots!



Wear Blue Day! Since we are learning

blue for the month, we would like the children to wear something BLUE to preschool on Wednesday, October 20th. Children can wear blue clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce blue!



911 Safety 911 Safety! Retired State

Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday, October 13th at 10:15 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

It is important that children know what to do during an emergency, especially if an adult is not present. Children need to know how to dial 911, and conversely, they need to know that they should NOT dial 911 unless there is an emergency.

Retired Trooper Gary will talk to the children about the person on the other line of the 911 who is called a dispatcher and emergency responder. Depending on the call center, emergency dispatchers must follow certain protocols. Sometimes those involve asking very specific questions, and then giving commands.

He will talk to the children that it’s ok to give information to the dispatcher and then follow their directions. It could be lifesaving! It’s always important that children don’t answer the door for just anyone. First responders will always announce themselves and it’s important that they know and understand it is okay to open the door

for first responders and begin treating the injured person. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.



Fire Prevention! The Sealy Fire Department will come to the preschool on Friday, October 8th 10:00 am. They will teach the children to stop, drop and roll in case of a fire. Children will enjoy the morning with the Sealy Fire Department as they learn about Fire Safety, since October is Fire Prevention Month. One of the important things that the firemen will teach the children is not to be afraid of them or hide from them in case they are in the house while burning. Firemen are there to help and rescue them even though their equipment may be scary. The firemen will also teach the children how important an escape route is for the entire family and the importance of smoke detectors. This is an important lesson Please try to have your child here for this important lesson.



Harvest Party! The preschool Harvest Party for the entire preschool will be Wednesday, October 27th 9:30 am-10:30 am. We would like the children to come dressed as one of Noah Ark's animals. We have in the past had great and unique costumes, such as ladybugs, puppy dogs, sheep, kitty cats, cows, and lots more. There are so many simple ways to dress your child as animals without spending a lot of money.

There will be a sign-up volunteer list for refreshments and games. We need parents to help in supervising the children with games that the preschool provides. I will need help in setting up, tearing down, wiping tables and chairs, sweep and clean the kitchen after the party.

If you can help with games or refreshments, please place your name on the volunteer list. Only parents that sign up to help with the party by supervising activity stations can attend. Whoever signs up first will be able to come and help with the party. We will have more parties throughout the year for you to participate.



Teaching children about the community and the need for food for the ones who do not have is difficult for preschoolers to understand. The children also

learn ways of cooking on stove or oven. Each year the surrounding churches help the food pantry by donating items to help families in need to furnish a meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Help fill the boxes to help the Sealy Christian Food Pantry for their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Drives to the ones in need. They are asking for your help in collecting for the month of October & November as many regular size canned yams and cranberry sauce.

Our goal is to fill five boxes with the help of the preschool and congregation. You can help by letting your child place the cranberry sauce and yams in the shopping basket and let them place them in the boxes located in the gym.



Sealy Christian Food Pantry Information

The time has come for the Sealy Christian Pantry to have their own facility once again due to outgrowing the facility. Right now, the Food Pantry is using Life Bridge church until they can raise enough funds for their new building. 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). If anyone would like to help with this cause, a table is set up in the gym 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 donate
- 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 donate. 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 high and some low) in 2021. The hope is that the Pandemic is slowly improving, and that people are slowly returning to work. If you can help in anyway, spread the news to your family and friends to help with cranberry sauce, yams and or donations towards the new building will help feed the ones in need. I want to thank you in advance.



Reminder! No Preschool Thursday October 14th and Friday October 15th due to the Austin County Fair and Monday, October 16th due to public school closed.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



If would like to assist by donating items to the Little Free Pantry, just place them in the container in the Narthex. Some suggested items are non-perishable food such as pasta, rice, dry beans, toiletries, water, boxed juice, pasta, rice, canned meats such as tuna, salmon, soups or dry soups, stews, chili, tea bags, coffee...not pods or beans etc. Please consider donating if you can.

Thank you! Noah Hankins



**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
September 13, 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
- Casey Picard – Vice President

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton – Preschool

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on August 9, 2021, were presented for review and approval. Janice Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Still waiting on a couple numbers to complete 2022 budget proposal.
- Carpet should be done by the end of the week.
- The pews will be cleaned after the carpet has been finished.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- There was discussion about the signature card at Citizens State Bank. Linda made a motion to change George Wied to Terry Hankins on the signature card. George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.
- As of August 31, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$46,132.20. The Building Fund balance was \$59,809.84 and the Designated Fund balance was \$110,897.54. The Total of All Funds was \$216,839.58. The total contributions for August were \$23,511.00 and total expenses for August were 21,797.31. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$155,100.13 while the total expenses for the year were \$166,116.22.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Still receiving donations for heating/AC replacement.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Terry Hankins said the postcards came in and will be distributed to elders soon.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Pastor continues to visit shut-ins. Currently there are 14 shut-ins.
- Bible class finished the study on 1 Corinthians on Labor Day weekend. In September he will begin a new series entitled “This We Believe”. The class will explore certain issues we deal with today in life such as artificial insemination, abortion, homosexuality, cloning, cremation, stem cell research, just to name a few.
- Confirmation began with a parent introduction meeting on August 29. The first seminar was Wednesday, September 8 with weekly assignments. Pastor currently has 6 youth in confirmation.

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- Sunday School Kick-Off went well. The first Sunday in the classroom is September 19, 2021.
- October 24 will be a barbeque fundraiser with a silent auction and bake sale. Ticket sales will begin Sunday, September 19.
- The Christian Growth and Education Board had their first meeting regarding the 2022 National Youth Gathering on Sunday, September 12. Registration information and deposits are due by October 15 and online registration will be November 1.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- October 10 is Mission Festival Sunday. Fried chicken will be ordered and provided by the Fellowship Outreach Committee and there will be a sign-up sheet for everything else to be potluck
- October 24 is the barbeque fundraiser sponsored by the Fellowship committee. The proceeds will go to the youth group for the National Youth Gathering.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Terry Hankins reported Bill Blume received a quote from Extreme Roofing for \$5,600.00 to power wash and paint the garage and big wall. Terry made a motion to table the power

washing bid until after the AC and carpet have been completed and paid for. Gorge Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Everything with the ushers is going well.

Preschool – Rebecca Tipton

- Preschool started Monday, September 13. Everything went well.
- Preschool Board will meet Monday, September 20.

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

New Business

- Terry Hankins asked George Wied to be in charge of an election committee to find potential candidates for several positions on the Church Council. George accepted and will begin assembling this committee very soon.
- The Council discussed the need for a TLC Preschool audit. After reviewing the cost and the needed paperwork, Casey Picard made a motion to acquire the help of Emshoff Tax Service to align their bookkeeping with that of the church. His motion also included the Preschool should acquire their own debit card by October 1. George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. and Terry Hankins will have the devotion. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am Fellowship

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Children’s and High School

Sunday School

10:00 am Worship



**Time Change
Sunday, November 7
Remember to Fall Back
One Hour on Saturday
Before Bedtime!**