



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son



**2021**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:  
10:00 am Sunday

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979-885-2211  
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Stephen Stuessel  
Barry Wolf



**Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Back One Hour  
Ready for SS & Church  
On November 7<sup>th</sup>**

# TRINITY TIDBITS

**OCTOBER 2021**

A monthly newsletter for the people of Trinity Lutheran Church of Sealy, Texas  
Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> Fall Back One Hour Ready for SS & Church  
On November 7<sup>th</sup>



## Not Another "At Least" Statement

One of the worst statements we many times make in life are the two words, "at least". We use this short prepositional phrase to attempt in justifying our wrong actions or someone else's wrongs.

The only justification that takes place with this phrase is that the action merely seems not as bad as it is. Regardless of the situation, even when using an "at least" statement, the wrong is still completely wrong.

I remember the true story of a math teacher. One day she caught her student cheating on a test. It was not a matter of assumption. She actually caught him "red-handed", cheating on a test. Now matters of cheating should be taken seriously and brought to the attention of the principal. On that particular day the principal was out of the office. So the issue was taken upon by the school's superintendent since it was a very small school district. The student was sent to the superintendent's office along with the teacher. The teacher was taken back by the statement made by the superintendent when he said, "At least you know that this student is concerned about his grade since he was caught cheating on a test. At least he was trying!"

The Apostle, St. Paul writes to the Christians at Philippi: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." We cannot and should never say to ourselves or to one who is worried about something or are anxious, "At least I'm/you're concerned and not apathetic!" At least? The Scriptures remind us to put all things into the hands of God and then be thankful. Although that is sometimes hard to do if not what seems impossible to do, we cannot try to justify it by saying, "At least".

Thieves try to break into a convenient store at night in order to steal money and some merchandise. Yet when they jokingly tried to open the store's front door they found it unlocked. Apparently, the last worker to leave that night got distracted and left without locking up. The robbers then took advantage of the unusual situation. They robbed the store and as a sarcastic joke, they scribbled on a sticky note and placed it on the door. The note read, "Thanks for staying open for us." The next morning when the owner of the store came in, the police were already on location. The clerk next door called the police and met the owner in the parking lot. He handed the owner the note and then said, "At least they were thankful."

"At least" doesn't make us grateful. Instead, it gives us an excuse. Instead, it only inhibits us from the reality. We are sinners but at least we know it. We also know that because of our sin we are condemned to die eternally. The problem is that the statement, "At least it is for eternity!" doesn't do us any good.

God's love overshadows our stupid, justifying "at least" statements. "At least" will not get us very far in life, physically or spiritually. Truly we are thankful to God for His justification for us in His Son, Jesus. He did not say to us "at least" but he says, "Your sins are forgiven because I took your place on the cross." Our false justification of "at least" is done away. Now we can truly be thankful and say, "Jesus died for me and gives me life."

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

11/03 Ruth Witte	11/11 Margaret Jatzlau	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka
11/05 Joe Smith	11/11 CLAYTON SNEED	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/05 Michael Ashorn	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/23 LAUREN LUTHER
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/14 Alexis Horelica	11/23 Hannah Mueller
11/07 Robert Emshoff	11/15 Chris Bryant	11/24 Susie Busse
11/08 Barbara Koy	11/16 EMMA FULLEN	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/09 Larry Koy	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/09 Cody Barrett	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen
11/11 Pam Epperly	11/20 Mark Neimann	




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

11/01/2008 Casey & Stacey Picard	11/15/1997 Clifton & Krisha Langton
11/04/1978 Lee & Kim Hobratschk	11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild
11/10/1990 Robert & Melody Anderson	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann
11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner	




Blessings to you on this Special Day!

11/1/2003 Taylor Cash	11/11/1984 Kari Furey	11/18/1956 Ron Hartmann
11/1/1950 Janice Wied	11/13/2016 Bryce Jaloway	11/20/2010 Lauren Luther
11/2/1980 Rachel Villalovoz	11/15/1983 Chris Bryant	11/26/1949 Johnnie Sodolak
11/4/1934 Dorthy Sliva	11/15/1997 Jenna Hein	11/29/1959 Suzanne Bozeman
11/6/2011 Connor Smith	11/15/1998 Nathan Romano	11/30/1997 Samantha Bersche
11/10/1968 Pastor Bersche	11/16/2001 Cory Barrett	11/30/1939 Carol Schuknecht



**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>George Baade</b> Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494</p> <p><b>Evangeline Coody</b> Home 7452 Gosler Rd. Sealy, TX 77474</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>
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*With Deepest Sympathy*

**Sympathy** for the family of Florence Akinosho, mother-in-law to Chad Hintz, a memorial service was held yesterday in Houston. Please keep Chad and wife, Bunmi in your prayers.

*With Deepest Sympathy*

**SYMPATHY** for the family of Ruth Paben who went to be with her Lord on Friday, October 22, 2021. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.



*Boston James Pavelka entered God's beautiful world on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, weighing 7 lbs. and 4 oz and 21.5 inches long. Parents are Nick and Sydney Pavelka. Grandparents are Rhonda Pavelka and Kerry Pavelka. Great Grandparents are Jerry Grunke and the late Mary Grunke.*

## THANKSGIVING CHURCH WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closes at NOON

Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Holy Communion

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving



### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Come join us for Circle of Friends with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



Preschool is having a Bake Sale on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>! Help by Baking or Purchasing! Come By and Support Trinity Lutheran Preschool!

Something amazing happens when you take up

**JOIN US IN WALKING FOR EXERCISE IN THE GYM MONDAY'S & FRIDAY'S 2 PM- 3 PM**



Little Free Pantry



### HUNGER IS ONGOING!

Thanks to each and every one who donates to the Trinity Little Free Pantry! Families of food insecurity is scary not knowing what to feed their family or even if they live alone.

If you 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

Direct Your  
**THRIVENT**  
**CHOICE DOLLARS** today!  
today!

### 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.



a life of thankfulness. When you give thanks to the Lord, you confess that He is a good and loving God.



Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission met on October 12, 2021 at 7 pm and opened with a welcome by Aletha Jeske, President.

Four members, Pastor Bersche and guest Pastor Scott, Lifebridge Community Church were present. Pastor Bersche opened with prayer. Pastor Scott presented the topic Reformation Today, devotion and quotes from Martin Luther. Aletha opened the meeting, and the League Pledge was read by all. Mary Buechmann, Secretary, read the minutes from the September meeting. Beth Franke made the motion to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Johanna Buechmann. All approved. Beth Franke, Treasurer, made the motion for permission to open a checking account at Citizens State Bank, Sealy, in the name of Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission, with Beth Franke and Aletha Jeske on signature card. Johanna Buechmann seconded the motion. All approved. Mites collection was also taken. Bylaws were approved by LWML as notified by email from Dorren Clements, LWML Texas District Structure Committee Chairman. Christian Growth was added to Bylaws along with accepting women from our congregation to join our LWML. All received copies of Bylaws. Texas District projects were discussed. All are invited to Mid-Coast LWML Zone Fall Rally at St. Paul, Wallis on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. Frances Molitor, Texas District LWML President, is the speaker. Thrivent Project/Event for November or December was discussed but no decision made. The month of October is International Clergy Celebration. Aletha presented gifts to Pastor Bersche and Pastor Scott. The meeting was closed with all singing the Praise, Love and Serve. Pastor Bersche lead in the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We invite all ladies here at Trinity to come visit/join us.

***In Christ, Mary Buechmann***

Poinsettias – Purchase a poinsettia to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season in honor or memory of someone special. Altar Guild is selling: 5 White – 6” for \$15.00 & 20 red – 6” for \$15.00. Give your order to Mary Buechmann who will be selling in the narthex. Please do not place in offering plate. Make checks payable to Trinity

Lutheran Altar Guild. Deadline to place order is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. No orders taken without payment or no orders after December 5<sup>th</sup>! Contact Mary Buechmann at 979-885-2730 or 281-728-0973.

***Mary Buechmann***



**Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:45 am—8:30 am  
Pancake Breakfast  
Social & Love  
Offering  
Join us for  
pancakes, fellowship**

**among parents and help support our little preschool program!**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
PRESCHOOL BAKE SALE**



Trinity Lutheran Preschool will have a bake sale at Citizens State Bank on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have as many parents as possible and church members bake to raise money for the preschool. Before you bring your baked item to the church, please label the name of your baked items.

You may bring in your baked items the day before the bake sale on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> during business hours. If you bring your baked items on Friday, you may bring them to the church or take straight to Citizen State Bank. We have a few ladies in the church that will sell the baked items for preschool due to not interrupting preschool schedule. I love when everyone comes together to benefit the preschool program. If you cannot bake an item, please consider stopping by Citizens to purchase desserts.

These desserts would be great for your Thanksgiving meal!



**Themes!** The themes for the month of November are Transportation and Giving

Thanks. The children who are ready will learn green, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will learn the Third Commandment "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. The Bible stories for the month are:

**Week of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

"Ruth Finds a New Home"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"God Chooses David"

**Week of Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

"David Fights Goliath"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"The Wisdom of King Solomon"

**Week of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - Nov 19<sup>th</sup>**

"Elijah the Prophet"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Jonah and the Big Fish"

**Week of Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Holidays**

**Preschool Closed**

**Week of Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

"Daniel the Prisoner"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Daniel and the Lions"



**Picture Day** will be Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fred Broussard has a Bachelor of Science in Photography from Sam Houston State University, class of 1985. He is celebrating thirty-five years as a professional photographer.

Every child will have their picture taken along with a group class picture. What Fred will do is give you a proof for you to look at and you can decide if you want to purchase your child's

picture or not. If your child does not come on Tuesday's, bring them anyway for the day.



Ester Baker from ECI, Early Childhood Intervention, will be here on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's ages and stages of development, this is the time to ask questions. This is FREE, please take advantage of this for your child.



**Gun Safety!** On Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Gun Safety. Mr. Gary, as the children call him, knows that a lot of children go hunting with their dads and grandpas and would like to keep the little ones safe. Mr. Gary will also explain to the children the importance of what to do if you find a gun, for example, at a friend's house. What do you do with a gun? Mr. Gary will also talk about how to use play guns and not to point the guns at others. Let's see what the children can learn during Gun Safety!



**Wear Green Day!** Since we are learning the color GREEN for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce green.



**Sack Lunch Day!** The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use in bringing their lunch! This will be a Fun Friday for the preschoolers!



**Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program that 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 is 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 November are:

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mila Fivelstad

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Cooper Garbs

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Connor Gass

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**

Thanksgiving Week

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>-Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Carter Haidusek

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



**Fantasy of Lights!** This year's Fantasy of Lights parade will be December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The theme for the Sealy Fantasy of Lights is: "A Cajun Christmas".

We need help from parents with the use of an 18ft. trailer, truck for pulling the trailer, 25 bales of hay and a generator and a facility to build the float. The children may ride on the float with one parent.

Decorating the float will be the Monday evening right after the Thanksgiving holidays. If we do not have the items to borrow from the parents, then we will not have a float in the parade. Trinity Lutheran Preschool always had parents each year that would coordinate with the staff to make this happen.

With a signed permission form, children can ride the float with one parent but no siblings. If you want your child to ride but you are not able to ride, please have a responsible parent riding on the float to take your child with them when the parade ends. If you are

planning to ride there will be no siblings and no extra family members.

Please contact the preschool office if you can supply the items needed for the preschool float.



**Reminder!**

No Preschool Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holidays.

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 11, 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
- 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
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

**Absent:**

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton – Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2021 were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- The pews will be cleaned the week of October 25.
- 2022 Budget was reviewed. George Wied made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Casey Picard seconded, and all Council members approved.

## Chairmen Reports:

### Linda Blume – Treasurer

- As of September 30, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$39,913.57. The Building Fund balance was \$45,201.84 and the Designated Fund balance was \$111,076.54. The Total of All Funds was \$196,191.95. The total contributions for September were \$19,805.87 and total expenses for September were \$24,718.43. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$174,906.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$190,834.65.

### Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Still receiving donations for heating/AC replacement.
- Offering envelopes should be in next month.
- Ordered more deposit ticket books.

### Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Terry Hankins reported the TLC Preschool scholarship was raised from \$1,000.00 to \$2,100.00.

### Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

### Pastor Bersche

- Adult Bible Class finished the book of 1 Corinthians the first Sunday in September.
- Sunday School Kick-off was Sunday, September 12. The devotion was on Romans 12: “Many Members but One Body”.
- The third Sunday of September the Adult Bible Class started a new study entitled, “This We Believe” based on controversial questions and the answers our church body states.
- Weekly confirmation assignments continue via text message or email.
- Confirmation Seminar and Makeup Seminar went well.
- One confirmand is scheduled to be confirmed this next May, and there are six first year confirmation students.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues their yearlong study on the Prophet Jeremiah, the weeping prophet.

- Preschool chapel began in early October due to late beginning and carpet installation in the sanctuary.
- Visitation: 10 shut-ins and 4 sick visits
- Mission Festival was October 11. The guest speaker was Aaron Littman, the Director of Camp Lone Star.
- Within the months of October and November, TLC will be celebrating the Love of God in Jesus through the groups of our congregation.

### Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- Sunday School has been going well.
- October 24 is the barbeque fundraiser, silent auction and bake sale sponsored by the Fellowship Committee and Youth Group. Proceeds will go towards the National Youth Gathering.

### Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- The Mission Sunday Luncheon went well with 43 in attendance.

### Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Nothing to report.

### George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

### Preschool – Rebecca Tipton

- Nothing to report.

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

### New Business

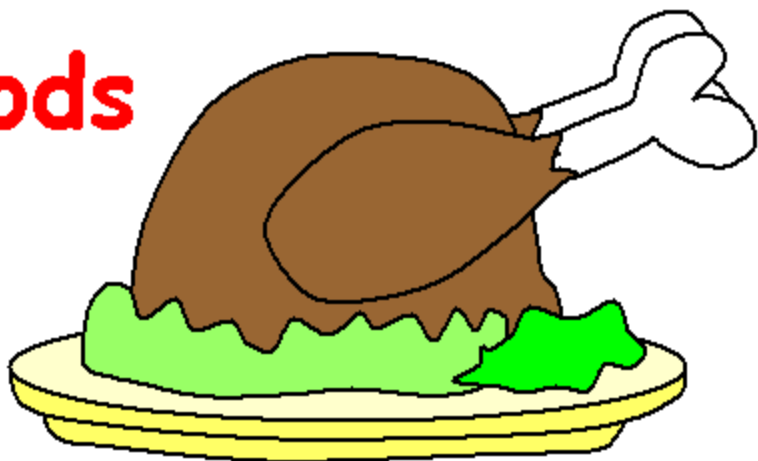
- George Wied assembled a Nominating Committee consisting of Pastor Bersche, Barry Wolf, George Wied, Joann Dixon and Jerry Lieber.
- There will be a congregational meeting Sunday, October 31 to vote on the 2022 Budget and elect the 2022 church officers.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion. George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Casey Picard seconded. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

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

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Christmas Foods Anagram



Hidden Word (circled letters):

a b **c** e e i n r r r s

**a** c c e h l o o t

**a** g r v y

a l **n** s t u w

a m s **y**

**c** e i k o o s

d **d** g i n p u

**e** k r t u y

f f g i n **s** t u

i m **n** s t