

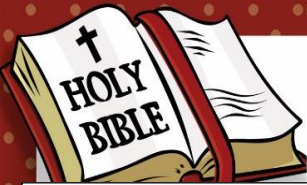


TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

JANUARY 2022



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Fellowship
9:00 am Sunday School
&
Bible Study
10:00 am Worship

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New “to You” Year

I remember back when I was serving my first congregation some many years ago that when I got there the congregation knew that we only had one car. Now my wife, Melissa, was going to be working at a school twenty-five minutes away. So, the president of the congregation let me borrow his brown Mercedes Benz. For some reason, I just didn't feel quite right driving his car. Most of my calls in that rural church were down gravel, dirt, or deep sand roads (no pavement for miles).

So, we made a purchase. The year was 1995 and I bought a 1992 Ford Ranger pickup truck. It was manual transmission with a somewhat extended cab. Mostly, it was my new truck. Well, at least it was new to me.

Now, after you buy something used (or as dealerships call them “previously owned”) you soon find out why the vehicle was for sale in the first place. I remember the words of one of my former, late, parishioners, Mary Nell, who told me, “My husband always said that when you buy a used car you are only buying the previous owner's problems.”

It had problems all right. Not many problems but a couple that got my attention. First, the smell of the interior was a very sweet smell. It was as if the dealership or previous owner was trying to hide something. Secondly, the voltage regulator was going out on it. That meant I couldn't drive it at night because when you turned its lights on, the voltage would go crazy.

Even with the problems though it was still my new truck, (at least new to me) truck. This resembles our celebration of the New Year. Supposedly it is a new time in our lives where we can change things for the better. We can forget the former year and get on with our lives in the new. But the new (or new to me) wears off pretty quickly and problems still remain. After all, it's really not new at all. It's just another day which we date with another year.

Really, with everything in this life, are there many things that are really new? The One, however, who makes all things new does so through His Word and Sacraments. It is not only “new to us” but God makes us “new”. God offers us forgiveness through His Son, Jesus. His blood washes away our sins so that we are New to Him! Jesus died, ending His earthly life for a short period of time, so that we can be live “new” lives.

It may be a “New to you” Year but as brothers and sisters in Christ we are truly made New in His eyes. Blessings to you all this New (to you) Year. Only in Jesus is it really a NEW YEAR!

In Christ,
Pastor Ken



Birthdays This Month

1/02 Debbie Ashorn	1/08 Royce Sebesta	1/19 Rachel Hilson	1/29 Dani Bersche
1/03 Kyle Johnston	1/09 Meagan Keeton	1/19 Preston Villalovoz	1/29 Al Konesheck
1/03 David Kainer	1/09 Stephanie Sneed	1/23 Brian Nedd	1/29 Stephanie Meyer
1/06 Aletha Jeske	1/11 LILA MEYER	1/24 BOWEN BLUME	1/29 Nickolas Pavelka
1/06 Peggy Jurek	1/12 Johnny Busse	1/25 Doug Browne	1/29 Marty Schiller
1/06 Kimberly Kornegay	1/14 John Schier	1/25 Wayne Grigar	1/30 Bradley Bozeman
1/07 ISAAC BRYANT	1/15 Theresa Terrell	1/27 Shari Cleveland	1/30 Beverly Ekarius
1/07 Bunmi Hintz	1/18 Lisa H. Barrett	1/27 Patsy Novosad	1/30 Dorothy Hein
1/08 Melody Anderson			

Anniversaries This Month

1/02/1993 George & Janice Wied	1/15/1956 Royce and Viola Sebesta
1/04/1992 Jerry & Julie Ebers	1/22/1993 Beverly and Kenny Fritsch
1/11/1958 Melvin & Pat Schmidt	1/31/2015 Brandi and Aaron Pizana

Baptisms This Month

1/1/1980 Pat Buechmann	1/1/1986 Stephanie Meyer	1/11/2015 Dawson Villalovoz	1/22/1950 Johnny Busse
1/1/1982 Julie Ebers	1/1/1986 Joyce Park	1/12/1964 Debra Waldrop	1/23/1968 R. D. Schmidt
1/1/1980 Pam Epperly	1/1/1968 Ann Reay	1/15/2006 Zabein Allen	1/23/2003 Kolby Wolf
1/1/1986 Patricia Grigar	1/1/1953 Ruth Szymanski	1/15/2012 Bradley Picard	1/25/2004 Grace Kruzel
1/1/1986 Wayne Grigar	1/1/1960 Rebecca White	1/15/2006 Clayton Sneed	1/26/1936 Aletha Jeske
1/1/1966 Susie Hartmann	1/3/1993 Cody Barrett	1/17/1988 Travis Pavelka	1/27/2002 Austin Keeton
1/1/1965 Robin Jacobson	1/4/2009 Ryanne Meyer	1/21/2004 Alexis Horelica	1/28/1962 Barry Wolf
1/1/1986 Al Konesheck Jr.	1/6/1952 Robert Emshoff	1/21/1947 Larry Schulke	1/29/2006 David Kainer
1/1/1986 Amanda Matus	1/8/1935 Royce Sebesta		

Confirmed This Month

1/1/1980 Pat Buechmann	1/1/1986 Pam Epperly	1/1/1980 Adolph Leschper	1/1/1986 Tracy Schiller
1/1/1986 Brenda Cash	1/1/1986 Beverly Fritsch	1/1/1980 Joyce Meyer	1/1/1955 Pat Schmidt
1/1/1986 Shari Cleveland	1/1/1986 Dorthy Gerhart	1/1/1980 Alice Moore	1/1/1982 Carol Schuknecht
1/1/1986 Evangeline Coody	1/1/1986 Patricia Grigar	1/1/1986 Karen Naida	1/1/1986 Shirley Svinky
1/1/1986 Loretta Dziadek	1/1/1986 Wayne Grigar	1/1/1986 Darrell Palm	1/1/1964 Janice Wied
1/1/1986 Clarence Einkauf	1/1/1986 Larry Koy	1/1/1986 Joyce Park	1/5/2014 Doyle Kornegay
1/1/1986 Beverly Ekarius	1/1/1986 Alton Kveton	1/1/1986 Billy Schaffner	1/14/1990 Peggy Jurek



Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut In

Dorothy Hein Veranda House
 Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle, Sealy
 George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, Katy
 Jo-Anne Gilliam – Home
 Carrie Steinbach – Home
 Evangeline Coody – Home



OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE NEW YEAR!

December 29, 2021, Office Closes @ NOON
 December 30, 2021, Office Closed
 December 31, 2021, Office Closed



Offerings may be dropped off 8 am – 2:45 pm, Monday-Thursday (Fridays until Noon) or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474



Please come by the church office for your **2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**. Please begin using your new envelopes beginning the first Sunday in January. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Wied or any member of the Stewardship Committee.



Altar Guild: Thank you for your purchase of the poinsettias dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Thank you for giving the church extra beauty during the Christmas season.



FLOWER CHART 2022 - Please sign up in the narthex on the new Flower Chart for 2022 if you would like to place altar flower arrangements giving God the Glory in memory or honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or special occasions.



LAY READERS 2022 - Please sign up if you would like to be a Lay Reader on Sunday. The new sign-up sheet is ready for 2022.



CHURCH PLANNING MEETING – is set for Monday January 10th at 6:30 pm. All committees and groups or a representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be on the church calendar (January thru June 2022) should attend.

Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to all who placed yams, cranberry sauce, chili, soups, and crackers in the boxes during the month of November and December for the Sealy Food Pantry. This was greatly appreciated!
Ms. Maggie



CHURCH MAILBOX CHRISTMAS CARDS! Members and Guests, please check your slots for Christmas cards! This is located as you enter the front double glass doors on the right. After Sunday, January 23rd the cards will be recycled.



Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission met on December 14, 2021 at 7 pm and opened with a welcome by Aletha Jeske, President. Four members and Pastor

Bersche were present. Pastor Bersche presented the opening devotion and topic Why is He named Jesus? and Why is He called Christ? from various bible verses. Aletha opened the meeting and the League

Pledge was read by all. Mary Buechmann, Secretary, read the minutes from the November meeting. Barbara Vohs made the motion to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Johanna Buechmann. All approved. The treasurer's report was not presented. Mites collection was also taken. The meeting time was discussed to change from 7 pm to 6 pm. Barbara made the motion to change the meeting time to 6 pm. Johanna seconded. All approved. Old Business – The candy cane Christmas trees were finished and Aletha will deliver to Colonial Bell on Monday December 20th at 2:30 pm for the residents and staff. New Business – A candy cane Christmas tree will be delivered to Shut-Ins by Pastor Bersche. The trees will also be given to pre-school teachers, church staff and LWML members. The membership booklet will be started for the January 11th meeting. The zone retreat, Friday-Saturday January 21st-22nd, 2022 in Victoria, was discussed. The meeting closed as Pastor Bersche lead in the Advent Hymn. The next meeting will be January 11th at 6 pm. We invite all ladies here at Trinity to come visit/join us.

In Christ,
Mary Buechmann, Secretary



Congratulations to our new 2022 Church Officers who were installed Sunday, December 26, 2021. Here is a list of all the Officers:

- Terry Hankins** – President
- Casey Picard** – Vice President
- Kimberly Kornegay** – Secretary
- Ruth Szymanski** – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf** – Elder Chairman
- Patricia Rother** – Board of Christian Growth
- Noah Hankins** – Congregational Fellowship Outreach
- Pastor Bersche**
- Janice Wied** – Stewardship Chairman
- VACANT** – Trustee Chairman
- George Wied** – Usher Chairman
- Patsy Novosad** - Preschool Liaison
- Rachel Villalovoz** – Preschool Liaison





Wow, it is hard to believe that half of the school year is gone! I hope that everyone had a great Christmas, and

you are ready for 2022. I know that God has a lot of plans for all of us for this year. Always pray and God will guide you to the right path. Enjoy your new year! The staff and I would like to say "thank you" to everyone for the wonderful gifts that were given to us for Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



I want to thank all who were involved with the Fantasy of Lights Preschool Float. Olav and Brenda Fivelstad help decorate the float. Thanks to both with great ideas since this was not an easy float for preschool with the theme Cajun Christmas. Other thanks go to Spencer and Arielle Pitcock for the use of their truck, trailer, and generator. Steinhauser's in Sealy let the preschool use fifteen bales of hay for the children and parents to sit on. Thankful for Spencer to pick up the bales of hay and return when we were finished. Spencer and his wife, Arielle help tear down the float and the containers were put back in their place. Parents and children riding the float enjoyed being with their children participating and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

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PRESCHOOL THEMES

The theme for the month of January is Community Helpers, such as doctors, firemen, policemen, veterinarians and many more. The children will play out roles in their classrooms and learn the importance of these careers and how people serve and help the community.

The letters for the month for the classes that are ready to move on are P, L, U, G, and H. The shape and color for the classes will be learning are SQUARE and YELLOW.



The Bible Stories for the month are:

Jan. 3rd – Jan. 7th Pastor Bersche's Children's Message "Miracles of Jesus"	Jan. 17th – Jan. 21st Pastor Bersche's Children's Message "Walking on Water"
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Jan. 10th – Jan. 14th "Simon Peter The Rock" Pastor Bersche's Children's Message "Stories of Jesus"	Jan. 24th - Jan. 28th "Open Eyes" Pastor Bersche's Children's Message "A Good Neighbor" Jan. 31st "Listening"
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The Bible Verse for the month is: "Trust in the Lord and do Good" Psalm 37:3. Children are still learning the first, second and third commandments and this month adding the fourth commandment:

First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? 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 Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and mother. What does this mean? We should fear and love God, so we do not despise our parents and other authorities but honor them and obey them and cherish them.



Crazy Hat Day! On Friday January 7th, the children are having a Crazy Hat Day! This is a fun day for the children to wear or decorate a hat and make it as silly as possible to wear to preschool.

We always enjoy and love to see the children on any silly day because they are so cute and adorable! I love when the parents help their children get very creative on any silly day. So, decorate a hat and make it silly!



Wear Yellow Day! On Friday, January 14th the children can wear yellow to reinforce the color for the month.



Popcorn and Movie Day! Who came up with popcorn?

Popcorn was discovered in an old bat cave in west central New Mexico. Popcorn wasn't really invented, it was discovered. When popcorn was discovered, they used it for decorations, head ornaments, and necklaces. Later the

Aztecs discovered you could eat it. **Why do you eat popcorn at the movies?** Popcorn is easy to make, easy to eat with your hands, can be made without a huge kitchen, and the smell makes people want to buy it. Back in the mid-1800s the popping itself was considered entertainment. It was theater owners who made popcorn a part of the movie-watching experience.

On Tuesday, January 18th, the preschoolers will enjoy the history of popcorn along with a movie. Please have your child bring a snack bag of popcorn to preschool and a boxed drink so we can enjoy our popcorn with a movie.

Community Helpers Dress As A Dress-Up Day!!! Community Helper!

On Wednesday, January 26th we would like the children to come to school as one of their favorite community helpers! During the entire month we will be learning about our community and how our community helpers provide the necessities for us to live a better life.

Who knows what these little preschoolers will be when they grow up? But what an opportunity to have them dress and act out a role who they think is an important part of their lives and the encouragement to grow and become one.



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have that gives an opportunity to share their family with everyone. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child should bring 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 January are:

Jan. 3rd – Jan. 7th Jace Johnson	Jan. 24th - Jan. 28th Logan Lewis
Jan. 10th – Jan. 14th Ace & Harlie Kopzynski	Jan. 31st – Feb 4th Leanna Lopez
Jan. 17th – Jan. 21st Margo Krampitz	

Please hand your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Camouflage Day! On Friday, January 28th, the preschoolers can come dressed in camouflage pants, tops, hats etc. This can be any color of camouflage and if you do not have camouflage, just wear the colors of camouflage.

Camouflage also means to hide, just like Jesus hid in the tomb for three days before he joined God. But even though we are blended, God still wants us to stand out. So don't forget Camouflage Day!

Reminder! Preschool will be closed Monday January 17th for Public School Holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

THANKS Thanks to everyone for your help and support of the preschool.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 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
- Linda Blume – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

Absent:

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Rebecca Tipton – Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on November 15, 2021, were presented for review and approval. Noah Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. Linda Blume seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- A bid for \$165.00 was received to tune the piano in the choir loft. Noah Hankins made a motion to accept the bid. Casey Picard seconded the motion and all Council members approved.

Chairmen Reports:

Linda Blume – Treasurer

- As of November 30, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$29,150.13. The Building Fund balance was \$25,657.73 and the Designated Fund balance was \$112,100.54. The Total of All Funds was \$166,908.40. The total contributions for November were \$16,644.00 and total expenses for November were \$26,125.43. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$234,311.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$244,662.23.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- 2022 offering envelopes are in and will be put out by Sunday, December 19.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- 12 visits to shut-ins and sick parishioners.
- Wednesday Advent Worship concluded on December 15.
- Christmas Caroling took place on Wednesday, December 22.
- Official Acts for November 2021:
 - o Transfer out to St. Paul, Wallis – Barbara Hanvey.
- Bible Classes:

Sunday Mornings – “This We Believe” which discusses controversial topics and official statements from our church body (LCMS). This study will continue through mid-January.

Wednesday Mornings – Jeremiah

Valerie Bryant – Christian Growth Chairman

- The Youth were in charge of the Advent Soup Supper on December 8.
- The Christmas Youth Service was held on December 12.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Christmas Caroling was Wednesday, December 22.
- Angel Tree – 36 names were filled with only 1 week to complete.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Nothing to report.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool – Rebecca Tipton

- Nothing to report.

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

New Business

- A new signature card at Citizens State Bank was issued for 2022 to include Terry Hankins, Barry Wolf, and Ruth Szymanski.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Casey Picard will have the devotion. George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry Wolf seconded. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

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

8:30 am Fellowship

9:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00 am Worship

Love to see you and your children for Morning Fellowship at 8:30 am with light breakfast and at 9:00 am Preschool thru High School Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

Come Join Us!

