



TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

FEBRUARY 2022



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

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God's Sacrificial Love

Oliver Cromwell lived from 1599 until his death in 1658. He was the Lord Protector of England. There is a story told that at one time he sentenced a soldier to be executed by the firing squad for the crimes he committed. He ordered the execution to take place at the ringing of the evening curfew bell. The soldier/prisoner waited on the day of his execution with anxiety. The morning, noon, and afternoon passed by quickly. Then he was led out to be shot at the ringing of the bell.

As he stood there awaiting his death, he mustered up the courage to stand still, but the bell did not ring. The bell never sounded that evening. Instead the soldier's fiance' had climbed into the belfry. In order to stop the bell from tolling, she clung on to the great clapper to prevent it from striking the sides of the bell.

When she was summoned by Cromwell to account for her actions, she wept before him. She then showed him her hands. They were bruised and bloody. Cromwell's heart was touched by her sacrificial actions in the belfry.

He then gave the sentence: "Your fiance' shall live because of your sacrifice. Curfew shall not ring tonight!"

God's love for us is great. Although we have committed many crimes (sins) against him and against his creatures and creation, He still gives up His Son, Jesus as a sacrifice for us. God's love is more than an emotion. God's love is action in sacrifice for us so that we have eternal life. Even for us, the curfew bell which tolls death will not ring for us at all!

God's Love be with you all.
Pastor Ken



Join us each Sunday

8:30 am Fellowship – Time to enjoy fellowship among each other while having coffee, donuts and kolaches before Sunday School and Bible Class.

9:00 am Sunday School for Young Children Through High School - Learn about God, the Bible, understanding sin and grace, teaching in a caring and age-appropriate way.

9:00 am Adult Bible Class – Learning the message of faith.

Birthdays This Month

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| 2/01 Brooklyn Konesheck | 2/08 Sabrina Schiller | 2/14 Dorthy Gerhart | 2/24 Diane Henry |
| 2/01 Amber Shupak | 2/08 Troy Tesch | 2/15 Shannon Einkauf | 2/25 Charles Abel |
| 2/03 James Gilliam | 2/09 Courtney Dziadek | 2/21 Haley Orsak | 2/26 Matthew Mueller |
| 2/06 ISOLDE NIEMANN | 2/11 Gage Grigar | 2/21 AVERIE RAMON | 2/27 Colby Nedd |
| 2/06 Paige Nixon | 2/11 Darrell Palm | 2/22 Jerry Grunke | 2/28 Joyce Amthor |
| 2/07 Bob Witte | 2/12 Noah Hankins | 2/23 Rich Drury | 2/28 CHARLIE ARRIAGA |
| 2/08 Audie Jackson | | | |

Anniversaries This Month

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| 2/14/1989 Bill and Ann Reay | 2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek |
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Baptisms This Month

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| 2/1/1991 Bonnie Reay | 2/12/1978 Amber Need | 2/22/1970 Kimberly Kornegay |
| 2/4/2001 Kyle Johnston | 2/14/1999 Clayton Fritsch | 2/23/1964 Melody Anderson |
| 2/6/2000 Meagan Castro | 2/14/1988 Rachel Hilson | 2/24/1952 Patsy Novosad |
| 2/6/2000 Reed Langton | 2/16/1986 Katy Grigar | 2/25/2001 Dani Bersche |
| 2/6/2005 Garrett Nedd | 2/17/2019 EMMA FULLEN | 2/25/1996 Nick Pavelka |
| 2/12/1967 Lisa Barrett | 2/19/2017 WILLIAM FULLEN | 2/25/2007 Preston Villalovoz |

Confirmed This Month

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| 2/20/2005 Monika Foltz | 2/22/2003 Ronnie Thrasher |
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Sympathy to the family of Evangeline Coody who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, January 12, 2021.

Please keep her sons, Lowell, and Larry and the rest of the family in your prayers.

THANK YOU

From the family of, Evangeline Coody, to all who helped make Mom's memorial service so comforting, respectful, and nice, we would like to express our heartfelt, Thank You! Special thanks also, to all who have cared for Mom over the years with visits, phone calls, gifts, and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Blessings to you all and thank you, so much, The Coody Family



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



TREASURE BOX ITEMS

When donating items to the treasure box for the children's message, please put no eatable items in it. If you would like bring items for the treasure box, you can purchase items from any Dollar Stores or a store of your choice.



OVER 70'S DINNER

OVER 70'S DINNER will be rescheduled later in March or April.



TRINITY LADIES SEWING

Ladies sewing will meet every fourth Tuesday of each month. This month will be February 22nd at 9:00 am. We will be sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Bring

your scissors! No sewing skills necessary! Contact Mary Buechmann for details.

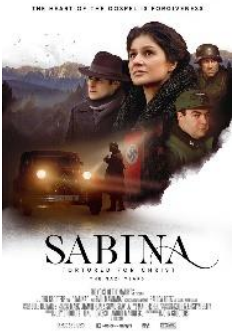


Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut In

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



OLD PIANO - Karina Carr and her family moved to Sealy and have an old piano in the addition to their house and they are looking to get rid of it. If you are interested, please contact Karina Carr at kaecarr@gmail.com.



REGISTER TO WATCH SABINA TORTURED FOR CHRIST THE NAZI YEARS – A story of how the Nazis killed her entire family and how she risked everything to share the love and truth of Christ with them. How to register to watch Sabina? Go to SabinaMovie.com. Click register. Fill in the information and go from there.

Sabina may be watched free on the weekend of March 4th 5th and 6th. The heart of the gospel is forgiveness. This movie is PG-13.

Upcoming Blood Drives for 2022

- BLOOD DRIVES FOR 2022 ARE:**
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022



During Valentine's Day, we tend to look around and see a lot of love everywhere! There are cards, candies, commercials, everything

points towards love. But a long time ago God sent us the ultimate valentine. He sent us his son to die for us, and in doing so, Jesus saved us from our sins. This was the ultimate sacrifice, and the ultimate act of love. When we think about how God loves us more than anyone else ever could.

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PRESCHOOL



PROGRAM!
How Much Do You
Love Your Preschool



The Preschool will be accepting Love Donations during the month of February as a fundraiser. We invite you to donate any amount to help us fund our preschool and reach our goal of \$3000.00 or more. We are grateful for your support and thank you for being part of our family at Trinity Lutheran Preschool and our Community! In addition to tuition, school fundraisers keep our preschool going strong.

Children are a special gift from God. It is our goal to have a safe and nurturing

environment, where your child will know that God, and their caregivers, love them. We are big enough to have quality programs, yet small enough so that you and your child will feel like family.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is known for its amazing reputation. Our staff is experienced, dedicated, creative, and flexible, have a sense of humor, passionate with a warm personality and great communication skills.

This fundraiser is for the whole month of February to give you a chance to donate more than once. Take an envelope from the Giving Tree and express the love you have for Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

You can make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or for church members, you may make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church to have your donation recorded in offerings for year-end statement. I would like to say thank you in advance. How much do you love Trinity Lutheran Preschool?



Stranger Danger! The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Friday, February 11th at 10:00 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not leaving with someone you do not know, not to take anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money, or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright and know how and when to call 911.



Singing in Church!

We all know the wonderful feeling of watching our child/children perform for us. On Sunday, February 27th please make plans for all the preschoolers to join us for the 10:00 am worship service. The children will be in front of the church and sing some of the wonderful songs that they learned in chapel.

Please arrive at 9:30 am and drop off your child in their classrooms. This will give us ample time to practice and be ready for church.

It is very important that you drop off your child and leave **IMMEDIATELY** because the longer you stay the harder it is on your child. We want your child to be happy and sing beautifully so you will be proud of them. Please mark Sunday, February 27th on your calendar to sing. Your child is only little once so don't let you and your child miss out on this program.



Extra Clothing! Please have an extra set of clothing in your child's cubby. If your child

has been sent home with Trinity clothing, please return the clothing in case we need them for another child.



Themes! Themes for the month of February are Hygiene, Dental and Health.

We all knew how important it was to wash our hands, and now even more important for children and everyone to learn the proper way of hand washing since Covid arrived. Children will know to wash their hands, back and front and in between their fingers for twenty seconds.

They will learn the proper nutrition and how exercise can keep you healthy. Teachers will talk to the children about health items such as soap, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that will keep you healthy.



The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

Jan. 31st – Feb. 4th

“Listening”

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message
“The Woman Who Could Not Stand Up”

Feb. 7th – Feb 11th

“The Lost Sheep”

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message
“The Lost Coin”

Feb. 14th – Feb. 18th

“The Lost Son”

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message
“The Man Who Remembered”

Feb. 21st – Feb. 25th

“Pastor Bersche’s Children’s Message
“The Children”

The Bible Verse for the month is “Love One Another” (John 13:34). The children will learn The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God, so we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any way dishonest way, but help him improve and protect his possessions and income.

Along with the Seventh Commandment the children will also learn The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

We will learn pink and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.



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 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 February are:

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| Feb. 7th – Feb 11th Logan Lopez Feb. 14th – Feb 18th Reed Nelson | Feb. 21st – Feb. 25th Christian Oviedo Feb. 28th – March 4th Sadie Pitcock |
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Please hand your pictures to your child’s teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Bring PINK Items! On Friday February 18th, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!



Go Western Day! Go Western Day will be Friday February 25th. The children can come to preschool dressed in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas, and belt. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. Let’s see all the cowboys and cowgirls!



Silly Hair Day! On Wednesday, February 16th the children will have a silly hair day. This is so much fun to see the different ways of how the children look with their hair fixed silly.



Bring a Postage Stamp! Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child’s teacher for the special valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child’s teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size and weight of the valentine project.

Children will learn a little about the postal system in their classrooms. The teachers will have a center for the children to make cards, write letters and pretend to be a mail carrier, etc.

Please have your stamps here by Wednesday, February 9th, so the valentine cards can be mailed out in ample time.

The children will place the valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postal carrier to take with them.

If your child has not brought a stamp for their valentine card to be mailed you, you may pick up the card in your child’s cubby.



Fall Registration! Fall registration will begin Tuesday, March 1st and end on Thursday, March 31st for the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Tuesday, March 1st in the preschool office.

After Thursday, March 31st, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and the public. So, if you are planning on having your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet and return it with registration fee.

Non-refundable registration fee for the 2022-2023 school year is \$150.00. But for early registration in the month of March the ones in the program now will have a discount from \$150.00 to \$125.00. Beginning April 1st, the registration will be \$150.00.

Along with registration fee, I must have all enrollment forms completed and turned into the office. Registration will be on first come basis.

Potty Training **Potty Training!** I want to remind the two-year-old parents that if your child will be going into the three-year-old class this fall they must be fully potty trained. Please remember that if your child is not potty trained, they may not be in the three-year-old class. That means no pull ups! Each child must be in underwear or panties!

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. For the ones that are not potty trained this would be a great time to start. Talk to your child's teacher and between both of you working towards this goal your child will be ready for the three-year-old class next year.

Please work with your child at home supervising them to take down their own bottoms and get themselves onto the toilet, wipe, flush and pull up their own bottoms. By working together, let's make this our goal for them to potty without assistance.

Don't Forget! Reminder that preschool is closed Monday, February 21st for President's Day. Public school will also be closed.

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart." Proverbs 21:2

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2022**

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

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Rebecca Tipton – Preschool

Absent:

- Pastor Bersche

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

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Pianos were tuned Wednesday, January 5, 2022 and the cost was \$310.00.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of December 31, 2021, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$41,267.84. The Building Fund balance was \$26,250.53 and the Designated Fund balance was \$110,675.54. The Total of All Funds was \$178,193.91. The total contributions for December were \$36,010.00 and total expenses for December were \$22,919.70. The total contributions for the year 2021 were \$270,321.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$267,581.93.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Year-end contributions have been posted.
- 2021 annual contribution statements were printed and put in mail slots.
- 2022 contribution envelopes are in the narthex for members to pick up. Maggie

mailed some to out-of-town members, and those who rarely attend services.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- 2022 Elder duty calendar has been made and distributed.
- Service and Communion – still practice social distancing and masks are recommended.
- Elder duty guidelines are being revised.
- Church Directory information is being reviewed.
- New Elder – Ronnie Schmidt.
- Elders approved funeral for Greg Clements to take place here at Trinity since he had been confirmed here.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for December 2021:
 - December 12 – Baptism of Brynn Joy Konescheck.
 - December 19 – Baptism of Boston James Pavelka.
- Due to Covid, Pastor's Jr. Confirmation Seminar set for January 12 and 16 have been postponed to February as already scheduled.
- Due to Covid, all Sunday School and Bible classes have been suspended through January.

Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

- A youth service is scheduled for January 30.
- Christian Growth Board meeting has been moved to the last Sunday of each month after church.
- Sunday, February 13 is the Valentine's Luncheon. Invitations will go out soon.
- Confirmation has been received for the 2022 National Youth Gathering.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Christmas caroling was enjoyed by all who attended.
- Fellowship has been suspended through January due to Covid.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

- Bids were received for exterior painting (garage and exterior wall of fellowship building which faces playground, etc). After review of all bids, George Wied made a motion to accept the \$3,400.00 bid (best bid received). Casey Picard seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- New 2022 schedule has been distributed to all ushers.

Preschool – Rebecca Tipton

- Preschool Board meeting has been moved to 2nd Sunday of each month after church.
- Quicken program has been purchased for Preschool accounting.
- Bylaw changes were presented.
 - Article V #6 - A Church Liaison shall attend Trinity Lutheran Church Council meetings, or should appoint a board member to attend. ("If she cannot" was deleted)
 - Article VI #2 - A quorum for the transaction of any business shall be three members of the board, (including ex-officio members.) (delete "ex-officio members" because they do not vote)
 - Article VI #3 - Technology (such as but not limited to phone calls, facetime, or zoom) may be used to include members who are unable to attend or to hold meetings in the event that a face- to-face meeting is not possible.
- Patricia Rother made a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

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

New Business

- There was discussion regarding seeking bids for a new electronic/sound system for the church. A fundraiser could possibly help defer the cost. Barry Wolf made a motion to look into the cost of a new system. Casey Picard seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed. Terry Hankins and Casey Picard will be forming a committee to complete the research of a new system.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Patricia Rother will have the devotion. Meeting was adjourned and Council closed with the Lord's prayer.

*Terry Hankins, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary*