



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

MARCH

2022



TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Journey with Joseph

He was the only survivor of a shipwreck. Washed up on the shore of a small, deserted island, he was afraid of his future. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him. Every day he scanned the horizon of the ocean, searching for help to come, but it never did.

Exhausted, he managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store the few possessions he regained from the wreckage of the ship.

One day he went out scavenging for food. When he arrived back to his little hut, he found it in flames with the smoke rolling up into the sky. "Why, Lord? Why have you abandoned me and now you let this happen?" The worst had happened. For him, everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger.

He woke up on the beach early the next morning by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. His rescue finally came. The weary man asked his rescuers, "How did you know that I was here?" They replied, "We saw your smoke signal."

Many unexplainable things happen to us in life. It is easy to get discouraged on this journey. But we should not lose heart because God is always at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

This Lent, come, worship. Our midweek worship theme is "Journey with Joseph." As we journey with our God, let us be renewed by the cleansing washing of Jesus' blood.

May God continue to bless you all.

Pastor Ken

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:

5:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

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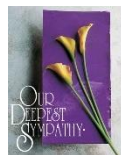
Doyle Kornegay

Tracy Schiller

Ronnie Schmidt

Stephen Stuessel

Barry Wolf



Sympathy for the family of Jo-Anne Gilliam who went to be with her Lord on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Please keep James and the rest of the family in your prayers. ***A Memorial Service will be Sunday, March 13th, 2022, at 2:00 pm followed by coffee and cake in the gym.***



LENT SERVICES CONTINUE

An opportunity to look at our lives and Christ's sacrifice of His life.

<p>Ash Wednesday March 2nd 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 6th First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>March 9th Second Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 13th Second Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>March 16th Third Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 20th Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>March 23rd Fourth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>March 27th Fourth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>March 30th Fifth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>April 3rd Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>April 6th Sixth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship 7 pm Worship</p> <p>April 10th Palm Sunday</p>	<p>April 14th Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Communion</p> <p>April 15th Good Friday 7:00 pm Holy Communion</p> <p>April 17th Easter 8:00 am Worship Holy Communion 9:00 am Coffee Kolaches Etc. 10:00am Worship Holy Communion</p>
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Offerings may be dropped off or mailed to 402 Atchison, Sealy, TX 77474. Please use your church offering envelopes requested by Stewardship to ensure that you will be given credit for your contributions.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

START 2022 on a generous note if you haven't already, you can still direct 2021 Choice Dollars. With many organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"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

3/02 Deanna Cash	3/14 BRYNN BLUME	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/14 Suzanne Bozeman	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/16 Ellie Anderson	3/27 Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/03 Carolyn Rash	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/29 Joanie Griffin
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/22 Susie Hartmann	3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/06 KASEY PICARD	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/07 Stacey Picard	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/09 Gabriella Munoz	3/26 Howard Bear	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/26 Brandon Blume	3/31 Savannah Munoz

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

3/05/2010 Ron and Susie Hartmann	3/17/2012 Rich and Farrah Drury
3/12/2016 Hannah and Matthew Mueller	3/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston	3/24/2007 Christopher and Valerie Bryant

BAPTISM

“This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” -1 Peter 3:21

3/01/1930	Dorothy Hein	3/12/1950	Linda Blume	3/22/1959	Carolyn Rash
3/02/2003	Brylie Nedd	3/12/2006	Cade Langton	3/22/1944	Carrie Steinbach
3/04/1928	Hilda Allison	3/13/1977	Laura Kutra	3/24/1991	Doug Browne
3/08/1987	Kelly Kruzel	3/14/1985	Angelia Ramon	3/24/2001	Kristen Cash
3/09/1947	Bill Blume	3/14/1993	Kylie Wolf	3/24/2001	Krystal Cash
3/09/2008	Bradley Bozeman Jr.	3/15/2008	Heather Bozeman	3/24/1991	Hannah Mueller
3/09/2008	Robert W. Bozeman	3/15/1978	Stephanie Koeppen	3/25/2010	Jill Sullivan
3/09/1969	Bryant Schiller	3/19/1938	Lorena Mueller	3/26/1944	Joyce Amthor
3/11/2007	CHARLIE ARRIAGA	3/20/1957	Michael Ashorn	3/26/1944	David Hauschild
3/11/2008	ZACHARY ORSAK	3/22/1959	Diane Henry		

CONFIRMANDS

“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

3/02/2003	Dorothy Coody	3/22/1959	Carol Pless	3/25/2001	Sterling Schiller
3/04/2007	Stephanie Sneed	3/23/1986	Patrick Johnston	3/25/2001	Royce Sebesta
3/19/1969	Vera Schmidt	3/24/1991	Doug Browne	3/25/2001	Viola Sebesta
3/10/1943	Dorothy Hein	3/24/1991	Rhonda Browne	3/17/1988	Tara Johnston
3/10/1980	Mark Niemann	3/25/2001	Melody Anderson	3/27/1994	Rachel Villalovoz
3/16/1997	April Schmidt	3/25/2001	Robert Anderson	3/28/1948	Aletha Jeske
3/16/1967	Ruth Szymanski	3/25/1945	Lorena Mueller	3/30/1969	Rebecca Tipton
3/18/1984	Brent Foltz	3/25/2001	Bryant Schiller	3/31/1968	Susie Busse
3/22/1964	Johnny Busse	3/25/2001	Lorrene Schiller	3/31/1968	Donna Emshoff
3/22/1970	Ron Hartmann	3/25/2001	Melinda Schiller	3/31/1968	Troy Tesch



HURRY! SIGN UP! (March Your Calendar) **MARCH BLOOD DRIVE**
 Sunday, March 20th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall. Sign up now!
 Contact Maggie Kent (979) 885-2211 and she will be happy to sign you
 up for the drive. (secmaggie@tlcsealy.org) Sign up Online! Go to giveblood.org and search
 mobile drives, the date 03/21/21 and sponsor code: 1881 **SPREAD THE WORD!** Encourage friends and
 family to donate with you.

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.



Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

<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>George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494</p> <p>Carrie Steinbach Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474</p>
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OVER 60'S VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Members sixty years of age and over will have a Valentine Luncheon after church on Sunday, March 27th. The Youth of Trinity will serve.



MEALS ON WHEELS needs drivers to help deliver meals to homebound elderly one Tuesday a month for 20-25 minutes.

Contact Noah Hankins at 281-793-3722.



Order your Easter Lilies now for 2022!

March 20th – April 10th

Honor a loved one or their memory and provide beautiful adornment for our sanctuary during the Easter services. Each lily is \$15.00 (payment in advance) and can be picked up after the 10:00 am service Easter morning.

Make Checks Payable To:
Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild

Only 24 Easter Lilies will be SOLD

Contact Mary Buechmann to check if Easter Lilies are sold out! Please give money to Mary Buechmann and contact her with any questions 979-885-2730 or 281-728-0973. Please do not place money and form in the offering plate or leave in church office.

MARCH Circle of Friends Luncheon



WHEN: WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2022

Time: 12:15 pm

Sign Up to Attend!!

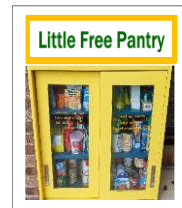
Come join us for Circle of Friends with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, March 9th at 12:15 pm.

Please call Mary Buechmann
979-885-2730
Cell 281-728-0973
To sign up

Please sign up on the sign-up list in the narthex if you are planning to attend.

By the way...desserts are always welcome!

FREE LITTLE PANTRY



HUNGER IS ONGOING!

If you would like to assist by donating items to the Little Free Pantry, here are some suggestions to purchase:

Non-perishable foods such as toiletries, water, boxed juice, pop-top canned pull top meats such as tuna, salmon, soups, cup of soups, stews, chili, tea bags, coffee...not pods or beans etc. Whatever you can find that is easy for them to open since they do not have can openers.

Thank you! Noah Hankins



Fall

Registration Begins



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 are ready for you to pick up in the office. After Thursday, March 31st, the enrollment is open to the waiting list and the public. 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 and for the ones in the program is \$125.00 until March 31st. 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.



MARCH TUITION IS DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH BEFORE SPRING BREAK!



Spring and Graduation Pictures will be Tuesday, March 29th beginning at 8:15 am.



Wear Orange Day! On Friday, March 22nd the children can wear orange to reinforce the color for the month.



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. Your child will be asked to bring about 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 March are:

<u>March 7th- March 11th</u> Phillip Jackson & Tyler Ramon	<u>March 21st - March 25th</u> Mateo Sanchez & Eduardo Prado
<u>March 14th - March 18th</u> Spring Break	<u>March 28th - April 1st</u> Elias Sanders & Colt Shupak

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



Themes! The themes for the month of March are Spring, Garden and Growing. Children will enjoy this month having fun planting something special in the classroom. They will water, nurture, and watch the plant grow and realize that God creates everything for us to enjoy.

Children will have a special project of planting seeds. They will take their little starter garden home and both child and parents can care and transplant their little garden and watch it grow.

Preschool Bible Lesson The Bible stories for the month of March are:

<u>March 7th- March 11th</u> "Two Small Coins" Chapel with Pastor Bersche	<u>March 21st - March 25th</u> Chapel with Pastor Bersche
<u>March 14th - March 18th</u> SPRING BREAK	<u>March 28th - April 1st</u> "Mary's Gift" Chapel with Pastor Bersche "Make Way for the King"

The Children will continue to learn the letters for the month B, V, W, E and K. The shape and color for the month is CRESENT and ORANGE.

The Bible verse for the month is: "I will be

with you always". (Matthew 28:20). The children will learn The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The children will learn The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, worker, or animals. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.



Spring Break! Preschool will not be in session beginning Friday, March 11th - Monday, March 21st due to Spring Break. Preschool is closed Friday, March 11th which is before spring break and Monday, March 21st after spring break.



I would like to say a special thank you in advance to the preschool parents participating to letting their child sing. Thank you to Pastor Ken Bersche for spending time with the preschoolers every Wednesday teaching our children about Jesus. Thank you to the congregational members who support the preschool. Thank you to my special preschool staff who are the ones that work side by side with these children teaching the love of Jesus. All praise and glory go to our Lord and Savior giving the blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. May God continue to bless.



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is a time to correct our bad habits and make ourselves a little bit more in Christ's image. Lent is also a time for sacrifice. During this season, we can sacrifice something that is meaningful to us.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2022**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Patricia Rother 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
- Pastor Bersche
- Maggie Kent – Preschool
- Patsy Novosad - Preschool

Absent:

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of January 31, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$32,800.07. The Building Fund balance was \$26,379.08 and the Designated Fund balance was \$111,135.54. The Total of All Funds was \$170,314.69. The total contributions for January were \$14,194.00 and total expenses for January were \$21,156.04. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$14,194.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$21,156.04.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Tax statements will not be mailed out, members need to pick them up from the church if they wish to file them with their taxes.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Services are continuing with COVID-19 protocols in place. Masks are recommended during the service and sanitation of hands before communion.
- Elder Duty and Contact lists were revised and distributed.
- Trinity Lutheran Church Constitution and By-Laws were distributed to elders.
- Elder Guidelines were also distributed and discussed at the elders meeting.
- Elders also discussed inactive and/or delinquent member status.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for January 2022:
 - Evangeline Coody passed away on January 12, 2022. Her funeral was January 17, 2022.
- Pastor was unable to visit shut-ins during the first two weeks of January due to testing positive for COVID.
- Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class begins a new topic on February 20th on “Understanding the Old Testament” (a brief walk through with a video presented).
- Confirmation seminar on the Office of the Keys in January was postponed to February due to COVID. Next seminar will be on the Lord’s Supper in March.
- Adult information classes will continue Sunday through February.

Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

- Little Caesar’s Pizza Fundraiser is currently going on and will end on March 6th.
- Youth will begin selling Lenten crosses on the first Sunday of March for \$10.
- Over 60’s Valentine Luncheon has been postponed until March 27th after church.
- Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Bake Sale will be on April 10th after church.
- VBS has been scheduled for June 7 – 9 from 6-8pm.
- Youth Lenten Soup Supper has been switched to March 30th and the Choir will provide the meal on March 16th. We had to switch dates, due to Spring Break week.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- More volunteers are needed to help set up Fellowship breakfast/coffee.
- Meals on wheels is looking for additional drivers to help once a month.
- Pantry out front is running out of funds to continue filling it. Looking for more donations & a suggestion was made to have Thrivent members use their Thrivent Action Dollars to help defray the cost of the little pantry.
- New members luncheon will be held sometime in June.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Ushers are not informing George when they are unable to serve on their scheduled days. This will be discussed with current ushers, but he will also be looking for more ushers who can sub in when there are vacancies.

Preschool – Patsy Novosad & Maggie Kent

- Preschool Board Minutes were provided to church council.
- Looking for an Audit Committee for the preschool financials.
- Preschool will be setting up an Amazon account separate from the church account.
- The question was asked if preschool teachers could share information/posts from the Trinity Preschool Facebook page to the teachers personal Facebook page.

George Wied made a motion to postpone setting up the Audit Committee until after the computer is purchased and all financial documents have been uploaded. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

George Wied made a motion to inform preschool teachers they may not share Trinity Preschool's Facebook posts to their personal Facebook pages for the security and privacy of the children.

Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

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

New Business

- The Sealy HS Art teacher has asked to use the gym on April 30th for the Arts/Apps fundraiser that is sponsored by the Lions Club.
- Council will be in charge of the March 9th Lenten Soup Supper.
- The bid for the Audio/Visual updates was presented by Terry Hankins. The bid is to bring the church into the current century and will cost around \$24,717, based on the bid from Intelligent Lighting Services. There was discussion of getting a 2nd bid to compare pricing before deciding what all needs to be updated. Casey Picard will be reaching out to PGF Integrations out of Richmond to schedule a walk-through to obtain a bid. Council decided to table this item until we receive the 2nd bid. Maggie Kent & Janice Wied will work on creating a visual funding chart to show the congregation the progress on collecting funds to pay for the Audio/Visual updates.

There being no further business, George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Terry Hankins - President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary



Ash Wednesday

March 2nd

11 am Worship
11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Altar Guild
7 pm Worship

**March 6th First
Sunday in Lent**

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

March 9th Second Wednesday in Lent

11 am Worship
11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Church Council
7 pm Worship

March 13th Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

March 16th Third Wednesday in Lent

11 am Worship
11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Youth
7 pm Worship

March 20th Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

March 23rd Fourth Wednesday in Lent

11 am Worship
11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Preschool
7 pm Worship

March 27th Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

March 30th Fifth Wednesday in Lent

11 am Worship
11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Choir
7 pm Worship

**April 3rd Fifth
Sunday in Lent**

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

April 6th Sixth Wednesday in Lent

11:45 am Lite Meal after Worship
6:00 pm Soup Supper by Fellowship
7 pm Worship

**April 10th
Palm Sunday**

8:30 am Fellowship with Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts
9:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

**April 14th
Maundy Thursday**

7:00 pm
Holy Communion

**April 15th
Good Friday**

7:00 pm
Holy Communion

**April 17th
Easter**

8:00 am Worship
Holy Communion
9:00 am
Breakfast Coffee, Kolaches and Donuts Etc.
10:00 am Worship
Holy Communion