



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Struggles in His Resurrected Life!

A man once found a cocoon of a caterpillar that would soon transform into a butterfly. After he observed it day after day, he noticed a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that tiny little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could get and that it could not get any farther. So, the man then decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of cocoon in that small hole. By doing this, the insect easily emerged from the cocoon.

Now the problem was the butterfly had a swollen body and its wings were shriveled up. He continued to watch this butterfly. He expected at any time for the butterfly to spread its beautiful wings and fly away. He thought that at any moment its wings would expand and enlarge to be able to support the insect in flight.

Nothing happened though. In fact, that butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to walk well. It never was able to fly either.

What the man thought was being kind to the butterfly by helping him out turned out to be more of a hindrance. The man in his kindness and haste did not understand that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the small opening were God's way of forcing fluid from its body into its wings. In that way, it would be ready for flight once it achieved freedom from the cocoon.

This is a very good lesson for us to learn in life. Just because something is challenging or difficult doesn't mean that it is good for us. Many times we think because Jesus rose from the dead and now gives His resurrected life to us that life will no longer have any trials, tribulations, or struggles.

Jesus definitely went through a horrendous struggle and trial. He was rejected by His own people. Sentenced to die a horrific death on a cross and because of His crucifixion, God forgives us of our sins. This does not mean that everything will be great in our new resurrected life that He gives to us. We definitely will have struggles in life. May we always pray for God's guidance and strength through those struggles because sometimes they, that is the struggles, are what strengthens our faith in Him and in His resurrected life.

*In the Resurrected and Living Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ken*

Wyatt August Wilkerson and Wade Preston Wilkerson (twins) were baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church Sealy, on Sunday, March 27, 2022, with Pastor Ken Bersche officiating. Parents are Les and Karleigh Wilkerson.



Pastor Ken Bersche and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church welcomed Shea

Orsak and her daughter Haley, and Carol Kimich as new members on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

April 2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:

5:00 pm Saturday

10:00 am Sunday

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LENT SERVICES CONTINUE

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

<p>April 3rd Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>April 6th Sixth Wednesday in Lent 11 am Worship Lite Meal after Worship 6:00 pm Chili Dogs and All the Fixings 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</p> <p>9:00 am BREAKFAST!</p> <p>10:00am Worship Holy Communion</p>
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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

4/02 Tracy Schiller	4/17 Sarah Emshoff	4/23 AVERY GRIGAR
4/02 Rachel Wolf	4/17 Lorena Mueller	4/23 ISABEAU NIEMANN
4/02 John Fullen	4/18 Marlene Leiber	4/25 Kayla Romano
4/02 AVERY FULLEN	4/19 Donald Munoz	4/26 Carol Jean Hauschild
4/03 Jennifer Smith	4/19 Eric Bryant	4/26 Jerry Leiber
4/13 CAYDEN KOPECKY	4/20 Denise Kopecky	4/26 Geraldine Barrett
4/15 Brent Foltz	4/22 Brent Novosad	4/30 Kimberly Hobratschk
4/14 Amanda Matus	4/22 Antoinette Romano	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

04/02/1967 Larry & Barbara Koy	04/19/1988 Donald and Felicia Munoz
04/02/1983 Jerry & Linda Schroeder	04/25/1998 Joe and Jennifer Smith
04/14/1962 Bob and Ruth Witte	04/28/2018 Erik and Rachel Hilson

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

4/6/2008 Jacie Kainer	4/14/1946 Charles Abel	4/21/1958 Bobby Barrett
4/7/1957 Carolyn Bankhead	4/17/1949 Loyce Orsak	4/25/1982 Brandon Blume
4/7/1946 Gilbert Franke	4/11/2010 Jolie Kainer	4/26/2014 Rylenn Furey
4/10/2005 Lindsey Dziadek	4/12/1992 Joe Smith	4/26/1981 Klarrisa Smith

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

4/1/1966 Gaylan Christiansen	4/5/2009 Nick Pavelka	4/13/1966 Robert Emshoff
4/1/1945 Ella Niemann	4/7/1963 Jerry Leiber	4/14/1957 David Hauschild
4/1/2007 Amber Shupak	4/8/2001 Rachel Hilson	4/14/1984 Kimberly Kornegay
4/1/1974 Leisha Wied	4/8/2001 Travis Pavelka	4/14/1957 Larry Remmert
4/2/1950 Carrie Steinbach	4/8/2001 Jake Schiller	4/15/1973 Diane Henry
4/3/1966 Patsy Novosad	4/9/2006 Cody Barrett	4/15/1984 James Schmidt
4/3/1974 Carolyn Rash	4/9/2006 Kylie Wolf	4/17/1983 Johanna Buechmann
4/4/2004 Hannah Mueller	4/10/1960 Charles Ekarius	4/17/2011 Brandon Ebers
4/4/2004 Sabrina Schiller	4/10/1960 Gilbert Franke	4/17/2011 Kolby Wolf
4/4/1993 Justin Szymanski	4/10/1960 Larry Schulke	4/18/1982 Scott Stuessel
4/5/1975 Susie Hartmann	4/11/1965 Don Henry	4/19/2009 Brittney Steinhauser
4/5/2009 Lauren Jackson	4/12/1981 Lisa Barrett	4/20/2003 Brittany Foerster

JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 ADULT & CHILDREN CLASSES

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.

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). We must let our lights shine, especially for our children.



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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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 - THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS March 9, 2022
Amount of Deposit: \$342.00



Order your Easter Lilies

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 Easter morning service.

Make Checks Payable To:
 Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild

Please give money to Mary Buechmann and contact her for the lilies. 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.

Only 24 Easter Lilies will be SOLD! Contact Mary Buechmann to check if Easter Lilies are available!

Tournament of Roses parade this year. They showed how the floats were built and decorated with various items. There had to be certain number of roses on each float. It was time consuming to place each item on the float either with glue or placing flowers in vials.

Pastor’s devotion was on 1 Corinthians 14:26 and the topic for the March meeting was from The Lutherans Women’s Quarterly and was given by Pastor Bersche called “The Promise, Power and Peace.”

Upcoming items:

The state convention is June 16-18 at the Hyatt Regency, West Houston. Our Spring Zone Rally is April 2, 2022, at 10:30 am at Grace Lutheran Church in Victoria, TX.

With no further business the meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Our next meeting is April 12, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the church. We would love to have you at our next meeting.

Secretary, Barbara Vohs



LWML

Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission met for February and

March on March 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm and opened with a welcome by Aletha Jeske, President. In February our speakers were Johnny and Susie Busse who showed pictures of working on the floats for the



LWML

Project for LWML or Lutheran Women in Mission will be LCMS's theme: "March Behind the Cross"

for this year—honoring newborn babies and sanctity of life.

Every Sunday please bring a baby item to place in the marked box in the narthex. These items will be given to newborns here at Trinity and Sealy Pregnancy Center.

Baby item list include—baby bottles, diapers, baby wipes, diaper cream, receiving blankets, bibs, washcloths, socks or booties, baby shampoo, baby soap, baby moisturizer, baby towels, baby hairbrush, baby detergent, burping cloths etc.

Thank you and God bless your efforts.

Aletha Jeske



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.

FREE LITTLE PANTRY



HUNGER IS ONGOING!

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

Non-perishable foods such as:

Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Toothpaste,

Water, Boxed Juice, Tea Bags, Coffee Not Pods, Pop-Top Canned Soups, Chilis, Beanie Winnies, Fruit Cups, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Tuna, Salmon, Soups, Cup of Soups, Ramon Noodles, Stews, Chili, Instant Potatoes, Instant Oatmeal, Mac, and Cheese, etc. Whatever you can find that is low cost and easy to open.

Thank you! Noah Hankins



The Youth are selling Easter Crosses after church for \$10.00 for the next few Sundays. These signs are a great way to show your neighbors your beliefs in the Lenten and Easter seasons!!!!

Easter egg candy donations are needed no later than April 3rd. A box is in the Narthex to drop off your candy donations.

Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 10th immediately following church. All children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt & Easter snack package at 11:15 am.

Youth will have a Bake Sale on April 10th, before and after the worship service in the Narthex.

God's Blessings, Patricia Rother



Bike Safety with Retired Trooper Gary!

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt

will come to the preschool

to talk to the children about Bike Safety on Wednesday, April 6th at 10:15 am. He will talk to the children about the importance of wearing a helmet, watching out for people, and being aware of parked cars and knowing driveways can be dangerous while riding a bike. Teaching safety is important here at Trinity.

Park and Picnic!

Springtime is here with great spring weather. With the beautiful sunshine the three and four-year-old classes are looking forward to enjoying a park and picnic at the Lions Park on Friday, April 29th. Students will need to bring a sack lunch along with a drink. The children will decorate a special bag for their lunches as a reminder to the parents not to forget.

A permission form must be signed to attend the park and picnic. We also need at least (6) or more parent volunteers to help chaperone, have close eye supervision and help transport the children across the street to the park and back to the preschool. If rain occurs, we will have a sack lunch day, play games, and have their lunch in the gym.

All parents that are helping with the park and picnic please be here by 9:30 a.m. Remember that each child is a precious gift from God and must be supervised. Please do not gather and visit with each other but make sure you are always in view of the children.



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program that aids children to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Families of the Week for the month of April are

April 4th – 8th

Gabriel Saucedo & Kristian Saucedo

April 11th -15th

William Sodolak & Samuel Taylor

April 18th - 22nd

Ethan Torres & Ariana Velazquez

April 25th - 29th

May 2nd thru May 6th!

Please hand your family of the week pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is family of the week.

Wear Black Day! On Thursday, April 14th the children can wear the color BLACK to reinforce the color for the month.

Crazy Sock Day! On Wednesday, April 20th the children will have Silly Sock Day! The children must come to preschool with shoes on. If your child comes in with sandals without any socks, please bring a pair of socks for them. Shoes are a must when going outside to play.

Themes! The themes for the month of April are Spring, Farm and Sea Animals. The color the children are learning, and reinforcing is BLACK, and the shape is DIAMOND and the letters to teach are B, V, E, W, and K for the ones that are ready to continue. The Bible stories for the month of April are:

April 4th - April 8th "Mary's Gifts" Pastor Bersche (Chapel) "Make Way for the King"	April 18th - April 22nd "Sadness" Pastor Bersche (Chapel)
April 11th - April 15th "Washing Feet" Pastor Bersche (Chapel) "The Last Supper"	April 25th - April 29th Pastor Bersche (Chapel) "Fish for Breakfast"

The children continue to learn the Ten Commandments and Lord's Prayer and know that Jesus loves them.

Easter Party! The preschool Easter party will be Wednesday, April 13th beginning at 9:30 am until 10:30 am. The children will have a Chicken Nugget Party. We will have a sign-up list for parents to bring items needed for the party and help with games.

Each child will need to bring six plastic eggs to preschool to be filled by you. Please fill each egg with individually wrapped candy inside. The children will have a small Easter egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have the room moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same number of eggs to go home.

**Preschool Closed Friday and Monday
April 15th, and 18th for Easter!**

**Administration Day is
Wednesday, April 27th!**

Teacher Appreciation Week is



Pre-K Graduation! SAVE THE DATE! The four-year-old class will have a cap and gown ceremony on Sunday, May 22nd at the 10:00 a.m. worship service with a reception after the service.

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve."

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 14, 2022

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

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:

- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

Old Business

- Still awaiting a couple more bids for the audio/visual equipment and installation. George Wied made a motion for Terry Hankins and Pam Epperly to obtain the necessary bids and move forward with the selection process. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed. Be on the lookout for opportunities to donate in order to offset the cost of our new audio/visual system.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of February 28, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$24,652.09. The

Building Fund balance was \$26,724.45 and the Designated Fund balance was \$112,585.54. The Total of All Funds was \$163,962.08. The total contributions for February were \$19,490.20 and total expenses for February were \$26,268.67. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$33,684.20 while the total expenses for the year were \$47,424.71.

- After discussion of possible donation options for our funds from Mission Sunday, Barry Wolf made a motion to make a donation to LCMS for Ukraine. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Cancelling Children’s Quarterly Bulletin due to cost.
- Updating the Official Acts will be computer generated, backed up by flash drive and stored in the vault with the previous handwritten ledger entries.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for January 2022:
 - Jo-Anne Gilliam passed away on February 13, 2022. Memorial service was held on March 13, 2022.
 - Wyatt August Wilkerson and Wade Preston Wilkerson were baptized on February 27, 2022.
- Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class has begun a video series on Understanding the Old Testament featuring Dr. Robert D. Miller, a professor in Old Testament Studies.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues the year’s study on Jeremiah.
- Confirmation seminar focused on the Office of the Keys with Confession and Absolution. Confirmation Sunday for 1 confirmand is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
(Report given by Kimberly Kornegay)

- Little Ceasar’s Pizza Fundraiser raised \$750.00 plus there was \$350.00 in donations from the congregation members for a total profit of \$1,100.00.

- Lenten crosses are still for sale before/after church on Sundays or during the week from Maggie.
- Preparations are being made for the Over 60’s Luncheon March 27th after church.
- Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Bake Sale will be on April 10th after church.
- Plans are being made for VBS which is scheduled for June 7 – 9 from 6-8pm.
- There was discussion of having a workday for the youth to help around the church. Noah Hankins made a motion the youth group be paid \$200.00 for the Saturday workday. The \$200.00 would go towards the National Youth Gathering. George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.
- Thank you to friends, family and congregation members who donated money or purchased items from the youth fundraiser. Without the help of the congregation and community, our youth would not be able to attend the National Youth Gathering in July.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Preparations are being made for Easter Morning Breakfast.

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool – No Representative

- No report.

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

New Business

- No new business currently.

There being no further business, Barry Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed with prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. George Wied will have the devotion.

***Terry Hankins, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary***