



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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

## Jesus is the Point!

It is the last inning. Good news – our team is winning the game by twenty-four runs. Everyone on the team has now played in the game because this is what some would consider a “blow out.” We are up to bat but many on the team are saying, “What’s the point?”. There is no way we could lose because the other team has nothing but defeat. Just then, one of our players hits a booming home run over the centerfield fence. No one cheers because the attitude is still, “What’s the point?”.

What about that one player on the team who hit the homerun? It might have been his or her first one. Even if it is their sixteenth or twentieth we should still celebrate. After all, that person has contributed to our team’s effort.

Sometimes we may have that same attitude toward celebrations in the church. Because it’s not my child/grandchild/god-child/niece or nephew/relative or friend. I don’t feel the need to celebrate.

Confirmation or honoring graduates may seem to us as a “What’s the point?” moment in life sometimes. We forget that those individuals are on our team or even better, they are on God’s team.

Even pastors and church workers may sometimes get this attitude. It’s easy to prepare and preach on Easter Sunday when we know the church will be full. Then come the Sundays after Easter Sunday. The feel is not the same. Statistics show that the Sundays following Christmas and Easter are the lowest attended Sundays in most churches, and it is on these Sundays where a pastor can easily say, “What’s the point?”.

Our pessimistic question should be changed. Instead of inquiring, “What’s the point?” we should be asking, “For whom did Jesus die and rise again?” The answer is simply expressed in the passage we know so well – John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Therefore, if Christ died for all in the world, then all are special in the eyes of God. That means everyone should be special in our eyes as well. That also reminds us how not only those who we worship with are special in God’s eyes but other fellow Christians around the world. That also means, those individuals who may even not know Jesus yet.

The answer is clear with Jesus’ death and resurrection. It’s not, “What’s the point?” but Jesus is the point! Come and worship as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday (May 1). So come and celebrate this month as we honor graduates of both high school and college (May 15). And celebrate as those from our pre-school will be graduating (May 22). God’s blessings to each one of you whom Christ died for and rose from the grave.

In the Crucified and Living Christ,  
Pastor Ken

**May 2022**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:  
10:00 am Sunday

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979-885-2211

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Mark Romano  
Doyle Kornegay  
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Ronnie Schmidt  
Stephen Stuessel  
Barry Wolf

# 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**

5/01 James Sneed	5/10 Barbara Vohs	5/18 Scott Stuessel	5/28 Terry Hankins
5/05 Karen Naida	5/11 Brittany Foerster	5/19 Don Henry	5/29 Neil Johnston
5/08 COLT SHUPAK	5/11 CALEB KRUZEL	5/20 Elgien Konesheck Sr.	5/29 Brody Schiller
5/09 George Baade	5/14 Sterling Schiller	6/24 BRYCE JALOWAY	5/30 Brittney Steinhauser
5/09 Meagan Horelica	5/14 Cynthia Sodalak	5/24 Susie Toellner	5/31 Bitsy Cobb
5/09 Robin Jacobson	5/15 Bonnie Reay	5/25 Casey Picard	5/31 Lindsey Dziadek
5/10 David Hauschild	5/17 Geraldine Stuessel	5/27 Viola Sebesta	

# ♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson	5/12/1979 Michael and Debra Ashorn	5/22/1993 Gerald and Lynlee Nixon
5/6/2016 Lowell and Andrea Coody	5/12/1979 Robert and Barbara Vohs	5/24/1980 Robert and Donna Emshoff
5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume		

# 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**

5/1/1963 Rhonda Pavelka	5/14/2000 Ellie Anderson	5/19/2019 Bowen Blume
5/5/2012 Jennifer Smith	5/10/1992 Brittany Foerster	5/23/1954 Carol Wied
5/8/1953 Geraldine Stuessel	5/12/1968 Rachel Wolf	5/26/1991 Jake Schiller
5/9/1982 Eric Bryant	5/14/1995 Ty Nixon	5/26/1991 Sabrina Schiller
5/9/2010 Lila Meyer	5/15/1949 Jerry Leiber	5/30/1982 Sarah Emshoff
5/13/1952 George Baade	5/16/2010 Kasey Picard	5/31/1942 Geraldine Barrett
5/13/1971 Brent Foltz	5/18/1958 Denise Kopecky	

# 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**

5/1/1952 Elgien Konesheck Sr.	5/7/2017 Alexis Horelica	5/19/1991 Shannon Einkauf	5/23/1998 David Novosad
5/1/1969 Barbara Vohs	5/7/2017 Neil Johnston	5/19/1991 Stephanie Koeppen	5/23/1986 Geraldine Stuessel
5/3/2015 Kyle Johnston	5/7/2017 Brylie Nedd	5/19/1991 Kelly Kruzal	5/24/1953 Betty Remmert
5/3/1998 Mark Romano	5/11/1998 Steven Cobbs	5/19/1991 Katie Statham	5/25/1958 Carol Jean Hauschild
5/5/1985 Russell Dziadek	5/14/1967 Carl Wied	5/20/1984 Bitsy Cobbs	5/25/1969 Dan Kieke
5/5/1985 Patsy Romano	5/15/1994 Kellie Kainer	5/20/2012 Jennifer Smith	5/25/1997 Brandi Pizana
5/6/2012 Austin Jacobson	5/16/1971 Lowell Coody	5/20/2012 Joe Smith	5/25/1997 James Sneed
5/6/2012 Nathan Romano	5/16/1982 Lynlee Nixon	5/21/1989 Adrian Horelica	5/26/1991 Marty Schiller
5/7/2017 Deanna Cash	5/17/1998 Rob Emshoff	5/21/1989 Susie Kieke	5/26/1996 Rachel Wolf
5/7/2017 Taylor Cash	5/17/1970 Sherri Putt	5/21/1961 R. D. Schmidt	5/30/1971 Denise Kopecky
5/7/2017 Lindsey Dziadek	5/17/1998 Angelia Ramon	5/22/2011 David Cash	5/31/1992 Stephen Stuessel
5/7/2017 Tara Hobbs	5/17/1970 Debora Waldrop	5/22/1983 Ronnie Schmidt	

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.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL





# Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



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

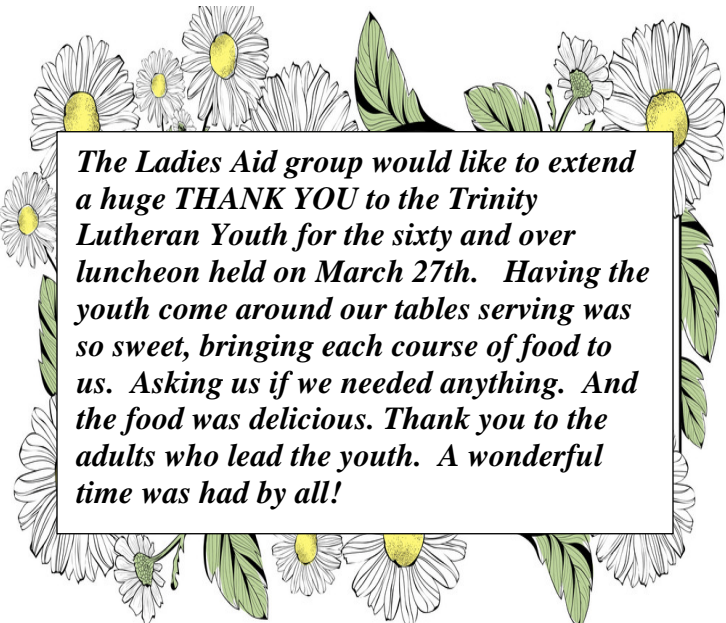
Dorothy Hein Veranda House 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474	Carrie Steinbach Home 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474	Joyce Meyer Colonial Belle 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747	George Baade Caydance Assisted Living, 24802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494
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Offerings 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**  
April 7, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$844.00



*The Ladies Aid group would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Trinity Lutheran Youth for the sixty and over luncheon held on March 27th. Having the youth come around our tables serving was so sweet, bringing each course of food to us. Asking us if we needed anything. And the food was delicious. Thank you to the adults who lead the youth. A wonderful time was had by all!*

**Welcome New Members**

Carol Jean Kimich  
Shea Orsak and Daughter Haley  
Danny and Stephanie Darrow  
and Daughter Avianna "Avi"  
Charles Arriaga  
Clayton Sneed

**Thank You!**

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls during my recovering after surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Bersch for his visits.

God's Blessings,  
Geraldine Stuessel

**Meals on Wheels**

**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.



## AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER

The audio/visual equipment we have at Trinity has long past it's lifespan.

Several bids for the equipment and installation have been reviewed by the church council and a thermometer fundraiser has been set up to offset the cost to meet the goal of \$25,000.00.

If you can please donate towards the Audio & Visual Equipment Fundraiser the amount is credited to your offerings.



## PROJECT FOR TLWM

(Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission) will be

the LCMS "March Behind the Cross." Members, even all men!! Let's overload the Diaper Bank for the Sealy Pregnancy Center by every Sunday, bringing a baby item to place in the marked box in the narthex or gym. Thanks, and God's blessings! Small box in the narthex; larger box in the gym.



## CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK MEAL

Honoring our High School and College graduates will take place on Sunday May 15th. Please let the church office know if you are graduating college. Please join us for the Potluck Meal after the worship service. Please bring a dish:

meat, vegetable, casserole, or dessert. Please contact Noah Hankins for more information.



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS!

Come join us for Circle of Friends with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</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!

## Bake Sale

### THE TRINITY LUTHERAN LADIES AID BAKE SALE

Will be Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Bill's, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please bake, purchase, or donate to support the church organization, "Ladies Aid Society." If you plan on helping by baking, please bring your baked items to Bill's by 8:00 am on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> "the day of the sale." OR You may bring your items to the church the day before during office hours. See you there for the best cakes, pies, and cookies!

## Memorial Day



### Remember Memorial Day!

**Memorial Day** (originally known as **Decoration Day**<sup>(1)</sup>) is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.





# 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: Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Water, Boxed Juice, Tea Bags, Coffee Pods, Pop-Top Canned Soups, Chilis, Beanie Winnies, Fruit Cups, Spam, Vienna Sausages, Tuna, Salmon, Soups, Cup of Soups, Ramen 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**



Everyone is invited to the four-year-old class graduation that will take place on Sunday, May

22, 2022, during the 10:00 am worship service. The children will wear the preschool's cap and gown that must be returned. The children will be able to keep their tassels as a gift. A gift bag with keepsakes will also be given to each pre-kindergarten child to take home.

We would like the parents of the children to be prompt bringing their child/children to their classrooms at 9:30 am. This will give us ample time to put the caps and gowns on the children and for the parents to take pictures.

Most important, we would like all the parents out of the classrooms by 9:45 am so we can calm the excited children and be ready for the ceremony.

I would like to say a Big Thank You to the preschool parents, congregation, preschool board members and the teachers for their support and dedication throughout the year.

Please come and take part in these children's lives and watch them graduate and move forward as they continue to learn and know that Jesus loves them. Remember to be here by 9:30 am on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> for GRADUATION!

Here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, we plant the seed to a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that will teach these children to grow in His love. We teach these children to become more like Jesus and to become more holy. It is this spiritual growth that becomes a birthmark of our faith!



**Cinco De Mayo Celebration-** Trinity Lutheran Preschool will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The children will enjoy Nachos and make sombreros and maracas. This is a great multicultural lesson for the children.



**Sunglasses Day!** On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the children may come to preschool wearing sunglasses! Hopefully the sun would be so bright we would have to wear the sunglasses! Please label your child's sunglasses with their names. Hopefully we will have a beautiful sunny day to enjoy God's world through our sunglasses.



### **Water Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt!**

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. Between having fun and checking out the lifeguards, most people don't think much about water safety — but they should. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death.

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will talk to the children about water safety tips.

Splashing, wading, and paddling — it must mean a great day in the water. Playing at the beach, at a water park, by a lake, or in a pool can be a real treat on a hot day. Swimming is a lot of fun, but Mr. Gary will tell us how to stay safe in the water.



**Wear Purple Day!** On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.



**Back Yard Picnic Bash!** We will have a blast outside by having a Back Yard Picnic Bash! We know how much the children enjoy playing outside and bringing their lunches. All the children need to bring a sack lunch along with a drink on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to enjoy the day outside with our Back Yard Picnic! Whether we have rain or not we will enjoy the day!



**Tie Dye Day** The preschool will have a special day with all the colors God has created. Tie Dye Day on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. We would like all the children to wear as many colors as they can to reinforce the colors learned throughout the year!




**Potty Training!** I want to remind the two-year-old parents that all who are going into the three-year-old classes this fall must be 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!

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.


Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. I appreciate all the parents supporting the teacher for potty training the children.

If your child has been sent home with a change of clothes from Trinity, please return it by the end of this school year.


 **A Special Thank You!** To all the parents and congregational members thank you for supporting the preschool this year.

Parents, I appreciate the donations of school and sanitation supplies at the beginning of the year. Thank you for volunteering for parties and other functions we needed parents and all the prayers for the preschool. Thank you for sending your child to learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your heart shows the love by your participation! From the bottom of my heart and the teachers, THANK YOU!

I would like to say thank you to my Preschool Board, Church Council President, Terry Hankins, and Pastor Bersche for all the support, taking time out for monthly meetings, all the prayers, and most of all giving your heart in the support of the preschool and the teachers. I appreciate everyone for all the hard work, decisions and getting Preschool back on track this year.

 **Teacher Appreciation!** Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>. Preschool teachers have a special gift and talent in teaching and loving our children.

Thanks to all who make these teachers feel important, blessed, and loved. Make this a great week for these special teachers who touch the heart of all of us. Thanks for being there for all of us all year long. All of you are special parents with a caring heart. You are greatly appreciated!

 **End of School Party!** Preschool will have their end of school hot dog party on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am-10:30 am. Please look for the sign-up list to help with games and refreshments!

*“The Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.” (Isaiah 30:18)*



*From All of Us at Trinity Lutheran Preschool  
In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
April 11, 2022**

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
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

**Absent:**

- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

**Old Business**

- A down payment was made for the Audio/Media upgrade. Instead of having a television installed on the back wall of the church, Pastor requested a new laptop that has already been purchased. The project should start between the last week of April and the beginning of May.

**Chairmen Reports:**

- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- As of March 31, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$20,394.38. The Building Fund balance was \$27,011.36 and the Designated Fund balance was \$96,705.54. The Total of All Funds was \$144,111.28. The total contributions for March were \$17,865.00 and total expenses for March were \$20,704.71. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$51,549.20 while the total expenses for the year were \$68,129.42.

- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Contributions for the Audio/Media upgrade have already been received.

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Nothing to report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for March 2022:
  - Adult Confirmation – March 6 2022
    - Carol Kimich
    - Shea Orsak
  - Joanne Gilliam Memorial – March 13, 2022
- Visits continue for shut-ins and sick parishioners.
- Holy Week has begun with the Palm Sunday service.
- Confirmation Sunday will be May 1, 2022.

Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

- VBS materials have been ordered & planning will begin in the next week.
- A new member joined the Pre-K thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School class April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Hotel confirmation paperwork will be sent in this week for the Youth conference in July 2022.
- The Easter egg hunt went well with around 15-20 children participating, and the Easter story snack mix bags were given to all the children.
- The Little Caesar's Fundraiser went well and brought in almost \$1,000.
- The Youth Bake Sale went well on Palm Sunday and brought in \$485.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Easter Breakfast – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Graduation Potluck – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Trustee Chairman – Vacant

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- 4 Ushers will be needed per service if the Elders decide to take up collections during the service. If you're interested in becoming an Usher, please contact George Wied.

Preschool – No Representative

- No report.

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

### New Business

- The company that offers Stroke Scans has asked if Trinity Lutheran Church

would like them to give a presentation during a church service of our choosing. Terry will get with Maggie to schedule this in the upcoming months. A motion was made by George Wied to approve the scheduling of the stroke scan and seconded by Ruth Szymanski.

There being no further business, George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and we closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Ruth Szymanski will have the devotion.

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



*Happy Mother's Day*

**SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

### **To the Moms Who Are**

***To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.***

***To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.***

***To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.***

***To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.***

***To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.***

***To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.***

***To those remembering Moms no longer with us.***

***To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love or hurt those they should have cared for.***

***Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.***

*- Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church*





**My faith in Jesus Christ grows when I follow  
His example and keep His commandments.**

“Follow me, and do the things which  
ye have seen me do” (2 Nephi 31:12).

ILLUSTRATION BY THOMAS S. CHILD