



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## What Are You Confessing?

The summer months are upon us as we turn our focus on the Sundays after Pentecost. It is on the Second Sunday after Pentecost that the colors in the sanctuary turn from red to white before they go green for the remainder of the summer. It is on this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Trinity, which is vitally important to us since our church name is Trinity Lutheran Church.

Trinity Sunday is similar to other Sundays but in one way very different. On this day we are reminded of our Baptism like other Sundays because we begin our worship with the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Like other Sundays we sing hymns but usually the hymns for this Sunday are especially about the Holy Trinity. On this Sunday, we listen to God's word like all Sundays. But on this Sunday (by tradition of the church) we confess our faith in the words of the Athanasian Creed.

Most people don't even know how to spell it. Most people don't know how to pronounce it. And most people don't really know what it's all about and the meaning behind its words. All that most people know is that it is a loooong creed that takes up two pages in the hymnal.

We confess the words of the Apostles' Creed which we learn in Confirmation classes. Typically, we confess the Apostles' Creed on those Sundays we don't celebrate the Lord's Supper. On the Sunday's we do celebrate the Lord's Supper we usually confess the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed was written out of a response to a north African pastor in the fourth century who taught wrongly about who Jesus was.

The Athanasian Creed was anonymously written sometime after the Nicene Creed. Its confession is mostly concerned with the teaching of the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation. The creed so clearly teaches that this is "the catholic faith." By the way, "catholic" here means universal. In other words, this is the faith that the Church of all times and all places has confessed.

Now the most confusing verses of the Athanasian Creed is the next to last verses. The lines read: "At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire." Although the Bible clearly teaches that our eternal life is solely in the forgiveness of sins earn and won for us by Jesus on the cross and His empty tomb. So, like all good Lutherans should ask: What does this mean?

We must remember how one is only able to perform a good work in the sight of God. This can only be done by faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, a person is not just judged by God because they are a relatively good or evil person. The common denominator in God's calling us to glory is in Jesus alone! When we confess the Athanasian Creed we are not saying that if I do good then I will receive good and vice versa. What it is saying is that those who have done good are given the ability to do so only by Jesus!

So, on Trinity Sunday which falls this year on June the 12<sup>th</sup>, let us confess our faith firmly and boldly that we do perform good deeds by Jesus who gives us His Spirit that enables us to serve. And we are confident because of Jesus we are called by God to be His people.

In Christ, Pastor Ken

## June 2022

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:

10:00 am Sunday

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979-885-2211

Preschool Phone  
979-627-7846

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[www.tlcsealy.org](http://www.tlcsealy.org)

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Maggie Kent, Office  
Secretary

ELDERS:  
Lowell Coody  
Joel Grigar  
Mark Romano  
Doyle Kornegay  
Tracy Schiller  
Ronnie Schmidt  
Stephen Stuessel  
Barry Wolf

New Members  
Potluck



WELCOME!

June 12th

# 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

6/02 Heather Bozeman	6/10 Lowell Coody	6/20 Nicole Vrablec	6/25 Luke Thielemann
6/02 Lauren Jackson	6/10 Jerry Ebers	6/21 Johanna Buechmann	6/26 Brandon Ebers
6/02 Justin Szymanski	6/10 Codi Konescheck	6/21 Dan Kieke	6/27 Brenda Cash
6/04 Lillian Villalovoz	6/13 Austin Jacobson	6/21 Connor Smith	6/28 Ann Reay
6/06 Donna Emshoff	6/14 Brett Ebers	6/25 Larry Alexander	6/29 Stephen Stuessel
6/06 Paul Orsak	6/16 Beverly Fritsch	6/25 Robert Bozeman	6/29 Kolby Wolf

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

6/1/1958 Bobby & Geraldine Barrett	6/14/1975 Troy & Yvonne Tesch	6/17/1973 Jerry & Marlene Leiber
6/3/1972 Clarence & Rose Einkauf	6/14/1997 Russell & Sheri Dziadek	6/18/1999 Terry & Noah Hankins
6/4/1994 John & Shirley Schier	6/16/2001 Brian & Amber Nedd	6/18/1983 Ben & Peggy Jurek
6/9/2007 Don & Diane Henry	6/16/1957 Billy & Doris Schaffner	6/25/2016 Cody & Amber Shupak
6/14/1969 Marvin & Carol Pless		

## 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

6/1/1965 Rhonda Browne	6/11/1995 Phoebe Brown	6/16/1968 Scott Stuessel	6/26/1941 Antoinette Romano
6/1/1985 Brittany Carter	6/12/2011 Deanna Cash	6/19/2011 ALIVIA RAMON	6/28/2009 Mason Dziadek
6/3/2007 Colby Nedd	6/13/1951 Don Henry	6/20/1962 Jerry Ebers	6/29/1997 Lauren Jackson
6/4/1958 Mary Buechmann	6/14/1946 Howard Bear	6/21/1970 Bitsy Cobb	
6/10/1957 Lowell Coody	6/16/2002 Kayla Romano	6/25/2006 CAYDEN KOPECKY	

## CONFIRMANTS

“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

6/1/2009 Ty Nixon	6/10/2007 Noah Hankins	6/14/2015 Kayla Romano	6/28/2015 Drake Grigar
6/2/1963 Linda Blume	6/14/2015 Cory Barrett	6/14/2015 Luke Thielemann	6/28/2015 Colby Nedd
6/2/1963 Loyce Orsak	6/14/1946 Howard Bear	6/20/2004 Paul Orsak	6/28/2020 Preston Villalovoz
6/7/1992 Amber Nedd	6/14/2015 Austin Keeton	6/22/2014 Caleb Kruzel	6/28/2015 John Vrablec
6/10/2007 Terry Hankins	6/14/2015 Briana Kent	6/23/1967 Barbara Koy	6/28/2015 Nikki Vrablec
		6/28/2020 Bradley Bozeman Jr.	



### 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

Shirley Svinky, 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, 4802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494



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  
May 9, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$844.00

## SYMPATHY



Sympathy for the family of Henerietta Rash who went to be with her Lord on May 10, 2022. Please keep Robert and Carolyn Rash and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers.

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Sympathy for the family of Robert Emshoff who went to be with his Lord on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Please keep his wife Donna and the rest of the family in your prayers.



**Church Planning Meeting** is set for Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. All committees and groups or representative from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be

on the church calendar (July 2022-January 2023) should attend.



**VACATION** – Pastor Bersche will take his vacation June 13<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>.



**VACATION** - Ms. Maggie will take her vacation June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>.



**STROKE SCAN PLUS**

**Stroke Scan Plus** will be at the church on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 10

am -5 pm. If interested this is a time to have a vascular and organ wellness ultrasound screenings. More information coming soon.



**Reminder! Church office will be closed for Memorial Day.**

## **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.

## *New Members Luncheon*

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

Please join us and welcome our new members to our family of faith with a potluck meal on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like for the congregational members bring sides of meat, veggies, casseroles, fruits, or desserts. New Members do not bring anything but you and your families. Please note...everyone please come to the luncheon even if you are not bringing a side. This is a great time to visit and enjoy ourselves with the new members.

New Members are:

Carol Jean Kimich

Shea Orsak and Daughter Haley

Danny and Stephanie Darrow and Daughter  
Avianna "Avi"

Charles Arriaga

Clayton Sneed

By Baptism - Wyatt and James Wilkerson  
Parents, Leslie and Karleigh Wilkerson

By Baptism - Brynn Joy Konesheck  
Parents, Al and Codi Konesheck

By Baptism - Boston James Pavelka  
Parents, Nick and Sydney Pavelka

## **Confirmation Celebration**



*Confirmation*

We celebrate the confirmation of Mason Dziadek Sunday, May 1, 2022, as he confessed his faith in Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for Mason and for all our confirmation students that the Lord would bless them and continue to keep them in the true faith to life everlasting.



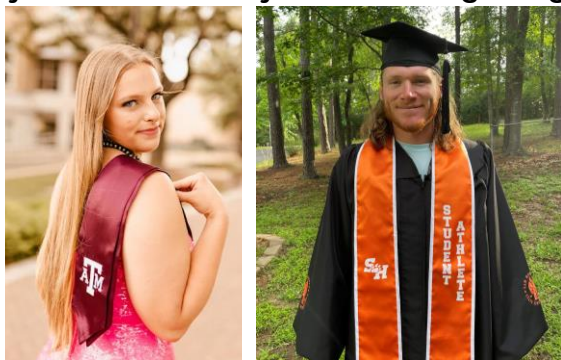
# Celebration of Graduates



High School and College Graduates were celebrated with a potluck meal after church on Sunday May 15, 2022



**High School**  
Taylor Cash Lindsey Dziadek Gage Grigar



**College**  
Dani Bersche Clayton Fritsch



**HURRY! SIGN UP!**  
Mark Your Calendar) **JULY BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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](mailto:secmaggie@tlcsealy.org)) Sign up Online! Go to [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) and search mobile drives, the date 07/03/22 and sponsor code: 1881.



**Preschool Graduation**  
Trinity Lutheran  
Preschool Pre-K class was honored on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service. Six preschool graduates wore their caps and gowns during the worship service. Cake by Mary Buechmann and punch was served after the worship service in the gym.

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Tyler Brown Connor Gass Joseph Huerta



Harlie Kopczynski Logan Lewis Gabriel Schoppe

## AUDIO/VISUAL

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The audio/visual equipment we have at Trinity has long passed its lifespan. Currently some of the equipment has been replaced...more to come later. Please donate towards the Audio/Visual Equipment. The amount is credited to your offerings. Please use a building fund envelope with a note on the outside designated to the Audio/Visual fund.





VBS Registration Forms are in the narthex on a table. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Rother.



**HUNGER IS ONGOING!**

Thanks to each one who donates to the Trinity Little Free Pantry! If would like to assist by donating items to the Little Free Pantry, just place them in the container in the Narthex. Some suggested items are non-perishable foods

such as toiletries, water, boxed juice, canned or packaged pop-top meats such as tuna, salmon, soups or cup of soups, stews, chili, tea bags, coffee...not pods or beans etc. Thank you! Noah Hankins



**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 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.



**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 16, 2022**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Ruth Szymanski 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
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

**Absent:**

- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

**Old Business**

- The installation of our new audio/visual system started May 17th. A representative will be in church on Sunday, May 22 to make sure everything is working correctly.

**Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of April 30, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$18,859.82. The Building Fund balance was \$27,274.95 and the Designated Fund balance was \$99,070.54. The Total of All Funds was \$145,205.31. The total contributions for April were \$19,196.00 and total expenses for April were \$19,777.72. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$70,705.20 while the total expenses for the year were \$87,907.14.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$1,050.00 to date.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Collections during the service will be reinstated in June.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for April 2022:
  - Adult Confirmation
    - Danny and Stephanie Darrow with their daughter Avianna “Avi” – April 10, 2022
    - Charlie Arriaga & Clayton Sneed – April 17, 2022
- Sunday Bible Study continues with a video series on the Old Testament.
- Wednesday Bible Study is finishing the book of Jeremiah and will end for the summer on May 25 and will continue in September.

Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

- VBS is scheduled for June 7-9 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Materials have been ordered and should be arriving soon.
- The National Youth Gathering is fast approaching. There are 11 youth and 3 chaperones attending and has already been fully funded.
- The last Sunday School class for children/youth will be May 22. Sunday School will resume in September.
- There may still be a room available during the summer for children who come to Sunday School with their parents.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- There was a wonderful turnout for the Graduation Potluck.
- The New Members Luncheon/Potluck will be June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Chairman – Terry reported

- There was discussion about professionally cleaning the gym floor. The council decided not to have anything done right now.
- Brand new A/C system has a one-year warranty which is about to expire. The council discussed purchasing a maintenance contract for \$4,856.00 per year which can be billed as four equal installments of \$1,214.00 throughout the year. The discussion was tabled until next month in order to conduct more research regarding maintenance and repair costs.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- Trying to find a few more ushers.

Preschool – Terry reported for Maggie.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May – interviews for new teachers for next year.
- Preschool has \$36,700.00 in checking account.

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

### **New Business**

- Jeanette Simons donated a 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm plaque in memory of her husband. There was discussion about purchasing a name plate for the plaque. Noah Hankins made a motion to purchase the name plate and Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed. Noah will be in charge of this project and will communicate with Jeanette.
- Noah Hankins presented the “Blessing Box” project. A group of sewers get together every six weeks to sew pillows/gift items for breast cancer patients. A suggestion was made to offer the gym as a meeting location which would be a way for Trinity to provide an outreach to the community. George made a motion to allow usage of the gym with no charge. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Noah Hankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Casey Picard seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Barry Wolf will have the devotion.

*Terry Hankins, President*

*Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary*