



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son



2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
10:00 am Sunday

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TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Is Your Life a Feast or Famine?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I have had the privilege and honor to serve our Lord in the pastoral ministry for some time now. As I start my eighth year at Trinity, I am amazed at how blest the people of God are. I also realize more and more how you have blessed me, my family, and our lives.

Now, throughout all the years prior to being with you, I can't really remember many Sundays where a prayer of rain wasn't on the prayer list. I remind you that I served a rural, farming, community outside Vernon, Texas. Most of the people there depended on agriculture for their lives. I still think back and am still amazed at the faith I have seen. In that location, rain at any time was a great, true blessing (even a tenth of an inch of precipitation).

Currently, in our corner of the world in Sealy, the land is very dry. (I hate to tell you that I've seen it much, much, much drier but of course that doesn't help the drought we are experiencing.) The drought in our location is one thing of great importance but the drought in our spiritual lives is of an even greater concern. Simply put, how is your spiritual life? Is it a feast or is it a famine?

Now, that's a hard question to answer because we many times compare our material life with our spiritual life. For instance, if everything is going great, if we have no or little debt, if everyone in our family is healthy, if we are enjoying life; then we might say that our spiritual life is great also. Usually however, it's the exact opposite.

Notice in your life, when are you more likely to come to the Lord in prayer? Isn't it when things are going bad? Isn't it when we are hurting or grieving? Isn't it when we are in despair? It's when we recognize our need for God's guidance in our lives that we understand our spiritual needs. We really should be praying in thanksgiving and praying for others when life seems great, but usually, we don't.

So, as we live our lives, let us always consider God's goodness to us through His Son, Jesus. For He also had highs and lows in life but at all times knew His heavenly Father. He always had a right relationship with Him. And even in His death for us on the cross, He served us by dying in that right relationship. Yet the Father raised Him from the dead which gives us new spiritual life because although we many times don't acknowledge it, our greatest need in life is a Savior from sin and death.

God's richest blessings to you in the good and the bad.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

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

8/04	CARSON BRYANT	8/12	Larry Remmert	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/22	Dean Jacobson
8/05	Melissa Niemann	8/12	Patsy Romano	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	8/24	ZABEIN ALLEN
8/05	John Vrablec Jr.	8/13	Steven Cobbs	8/17	Karleigh Wilkerson	8/23	Jason Kruzel
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/13	Lee Allen Palm	8/18	Patrick Johnston	8/24	Blair Konescheck
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	Ryanne Meyer	8/18	Alton Kveton	8/27	Rob Emshoff
8/09	Krishna Langton	8/15	Carol Pless	8/20	Mary Ann Thompson	8/27	Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/15	James Schmidt	8/21	Pat Buechmann	8/29	Tara Johnston
8/11	Bill Reay	8/15	Pat Schmidt	8/21	Shirley Svinky	8/29	Marvin Pless
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser						



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

8/1/2015	John and Nicole Vrablec	8/13/1977	Robert and Suzanne Bozeman
8/2/1969	Charles and Bev Ekarius	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin		

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

8/1/1986	Stephen Stuessel	8/20/1961	Bradley Kent	8/29/2010	Gage Grigar
8/9/1998	Austin Jacobson	8/22/1947	Carol Pless	8/29/2010	Joel Grigar
8/9/1992	Monica Knapp	8/24/1969	Ronnie Schmidt	8/29/2015	AVERIE RAMON
8/14/1994	Amber Shupak	8/25/1974	Maggie Kent	8/29/2015	Timothy Ramon
8/17/1997	Karleigh Jaloway	8/26/2012	ISOLDE NIEMANN	8/29/1971	Patsy Romano
8/19/1945	Carol Jean Hauschild	8/29/2010	Avery Grigar		
		8/29/2010	Drake Grigar		

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

8/1/1968	Beth Franke	8/17/2008	Antoinette Romano	8/29/2010	Katy Grigar
8/16/2020	Gavin Thompson	8/29/2010	Diane Clover	8/29/2010	Jennifer Sullivan
8/16/2020	Mary Ann Thompson	8/29/2010	Joel Grigar		



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

Psalm 54:6 – “With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good.”



Fellowship Sundays

In need of helping hands!

Help is needed on Sunday mornings by signing up on the signup sheet located in the kitchen to pick up donuts and kalaches for morning fellowship.

The donuts and kalaches are paid for in advance, you just need to pick them up around 7:30 am and bring them to the church to set out on the table. Coffee can be made and placed in the carafes.

A tub is filled with plates, knives, forks, packaged sugar, and sweeteners to be placed for everyone to use. In the refrigerator will be juice, water, and liquid coffee creamers to be placed on the table. This is all done before 8:30 am.

Then around 9:30 am help is needed to clean up and place everything back from where it was taken.

If you would like to help, please contact Noah Hankins at 281-793-3722.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you for your Tithes and Offerings!

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.



Remember to contact Thrivent to send your Choice Dollars to groups that you named. Any questions, please call Grace Holtkamp. THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS
June 8, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$249.00



Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewals END SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th.

If you are interested in receiving the subscription the cost is \$23.00 through Concordia Publishing House without The Texas Messenger. Or you can request and pay the church to purchase the subscription for \$14.00. This includes the Texas Messenger. Please contact Maggie in the church office if you are interested in receiving the Lutheran Witness through the church and fill out the form along with the payment to Trinity Lutheran Church. Forms are inside your news and notes and newsletter. Fill out the form along with your subscription money of \$14.00 and place in the offering plate and stewardship will give to me. If you are already receiving it and wish to continue, please bring your subscription payment to the church office for another year.

Great job!

This is exciting how much money we have already raised for the

Audio/Media Equipment! Every amount big or small donated is a blessing.

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER



The audio/visual equipment we have at Trinity has long passed its lifespan. A thermometer fundraiser diagram has been set up to show the offset of 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. Please use a building fund envelope with a note on the outside designated to the Audio/Visual fund. We have raised a little over **\$5000.00** thanks to you!





PEOPLE IN NEED!

Thanks to each one who donates to the Trinity Little Free Pantry! If you would like to assist by donating items to the Little Free Pantry, just place them in the container in the Narthex or glass hallway. 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



Trinity Lutheran Preschool should be off to a good start. We have new learning tools, toys, stem, practical life, math, science, language and new preschool furniture, shelves, and cubbies for the preschoolers. Please pray for

the preschool program for enrollment to increase.

Preschool Teachers for 2022-2023 are:
Rachel Hilson – Two-Year-Old Class (**Potential**)
Shea Orsak – Younger Three-Year-Old Class
Ana Oviedo – Older Three-Year-Old Class
Emma Kopczynski – Older Three and Younger Four-Year-Old Class (**Potential**)

Kristi Flores – Older Four-Year-Old Class
Robin Jacobson – Asst. Director

*My first day back to preschool is Monday, August 8th getting everything ready and prepared for the beginning of the school year.

*Teachers first day back is Monday, August 15th!

*Teacher Staff Conference is Wednesday, August 17th.

*Staff meeting to go over lesson plans is Thursday, August 18th.

*Preschool Meet the Teachers is Tuesday, August 25th 6:00 pm-7:00pm.

*The first day of Preschool Thursday, August 29th.

I would like to say a Great Huge Thank You to everyone in advance for all your support and prayers for the preschool. I know that my Lord is walking beside me every day! You are greatly appreciated!

**God's Blessings,
Ms. Maggie**

Have you thought about the projects we have going on in this church? Have you ever thought about getting involved and helping?



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry prays and provides comfort shawls for those in need.

Open to anyone who would like to participate. Instruction for knitting or crocheting is provided as needed. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. A shawl may be given to a person undergoing medical procedures, during an illness and recovery, as a comfort after a loss, during bereavement or ministering to others. If you find it in your heart that the Prayer Shawl Ministry is something you would like to do, please contact Barbara Vohs at 713-516-2704.

THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT



is a group of volunteers from Bellville, Sealy and the surrounding communities that get together to make and assemble

Blessing Boxes to be sent to breast cancer patients, following their surgeries. Next *Sew In* for the Blessing Box Project is Wednesday August 10th at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. Each box contains a mastectomy pillow and a shirt that has been altered to have special pockets for use after surgery. The boxes also include other items, such as socks, ChapStick, jewelry, inspirational quotes, etc. Everyone that requests a box will receive one at no charge to them. This group solely runs on donations. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.



Trinity Ladies Sewing

The ladies of Trinity have been sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief for many years. If you think this is something you would like to do, come join us Tuesday, August 16th. We meet upstairs in the sewing room the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. For more information contact Mary Buechmann at 979-885-2730.



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; the larger box in the gym.

COUNCIL MINUTES

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES July 18, 2022

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

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Pastor Bersche

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton & Maggie Kent -
Preschool
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth
Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2022, 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.

Old Business: No old business

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of June 30, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$14,854.59. The Building Fund balance was \$35,997.12 and the Designated Fund balance was \$101,572.25. The Total of All Funds was \$140,052.96. The total contributions for June were \$16,743.00 and total expenses for June were \$22,112.02. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$113,436.21 while the total expenses for the year were \$131,600.43.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$5,360.00 to date.
- Trinity also received a \$650.00 donation for Heating/AC.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman – report given by Terry Hankins

- Volleyball League will start up in the fall on Monday or Wednesday nights. Participants will just have to sign liability waiver to participate.
- Open gym starting soon and will be on Sunday or Wednesday evenings for the youth group.
- There has been research and discussion about creating a membership website with WordPress for easy distribution and protection of sensitive church related information to members. The Elders will participate in a trial run before inviting the congregation to join. Members wishing to have access will have to create a login.
- Budget Time.... anyone wanting to help, please feel free to contact Barry Wolf.
- There is an issue with the bell system and the problem is being addressed by the Elders.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- All shut-ins were visited.
- Bible Class continues the study “Understanding the Old Testament”. September 11 we will begin a new series entitled “The Blank Page in the Middle.”
- Confirmation begins in September with a parent meeting on the last Sunday of August and a review seminar on the last Wednesday of August.
- Vacation Bible School went well. Low attendance due to scheduling, Covid, etc., but all who came learned about Jesus and His love for us with the theme “Jerusalem Market Place”.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- No report.
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