



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

September

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



The Important Things in Life

If your house caught on fire or the flood waters were rising higher than your house's foundation and you had to leave your house with only a few items, what would they be?

I remember as a child growing up in tornado alley, in northern Oklahoma, basically living in the storm cellar during the spring months. I can still hear those storm sirens sounding off, warning everyone to take cover. It was quite typical that when they sounded the entire family of most dwellers in the area would be taking cover except for the head of the household who would be watching the skies on the horizon.

The one thing that always struck me with a positive vibe was the priority of what was brought down to the cellar. For my family the first and foremost item was the family Bible. It was that book that sat on the coffee table in the living room which not only gave hope but comfort, especially in a traumatic experience of a storm.

My family's home never got hit by a tornado. We never even got any damage from winds or hail, that I can remember but what I do remember was the importance of this priority in life.

For us as Christians today there are a few items which we should consider as a top priority. Of course, our worship of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ is an important part of our existence. However, too many times we neglect another priority – studying the Bible, God's Word.

Coming soon, you as a parishioner of Trinity have opportunities to learn more about who our God is and who we are as His people. Bible Class and Sunday School for all who are above three years of age are invited to come on Sunday mornings and have the opportunity to be informed about our God and our relationship with Him through Jesus.

For Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings, we will begin the month with an interesting topic for the Sunday prior to Labor Day. The following Sunday, September 11th, will be Rally Sunday when we will kick off our Sunday School program for the new school year. We will also have an exciting Congregational Sunday School/ Bible Class you won't want to miss. Then on the 18th, we will begin a new study entitled, "That Blank Page in the Middle." Come and find out more!

Blessings to you all in setting your top priorities in your walk with Jesus!

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

9/02 Taylor Cash	9/08 Scott Einkauf	9/18 Clarence Einkauf
9/02 Deborah Christiansen	9/09 Patricia Grigar	9/18 Kari Furey
9/02 Russell Dziadek	9/09 Kellie Kainer	9/19 Katy Grigar
9/03 Shirley Schier	9/09 Jake Schiller	9/20 Carol Schuknecht
9/04 Carl Wied	9/10 Cory Barrett	9/21 Ron Hartmann
9/05 Loretta Dziadek	9/10 Aaron Kutra	9/22 JAYLEE KONESHECK
9/05 Jason Kainer	9/10 Alice Moore	9/23 Melissa Bersche
9/05 Ella Niemann	9/10 Billy Schaffner	9/27 Rebecca Tipton
9/05 Leisha Wied	9/10 Janice Wied	9/25 Brandi Pizana
9/07 RYLYNN FUREY	9/13 Andrea Coody	9/26 ANTHONY HORELICA
9/07 Drake Grigar	9/13 Ronnie Thrasher II	9/27 Briana Kent
9/07 GABBY MATUS	9/17 Doyle Kornegay	9/28 Stacie Leiber



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

9/02/1967 Larry and Fay Alexander	9/15/2020 Gavin and Mary Ann Thompson
9/07/2002 Jason and Kellie Kainer	9/19/1998 Robert and Marie Herridge
9/08/1990 Tracy and Marty Schiller	9/20/2008 Dewayne and Kari Furey
9/12/1998 David and Brenda Cash	9/20/1980 Brad and Maggie Kent
9/12/2015 Al and Codi Konecheck	9/25/2009 Danny and Stephanie Darrow

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

9/4/2005 EMMA FOLTZ	9/16/1973 Gerald Nixon	9/28/1969 James Schmidt
9/8/2019 CARSON BRYANT	9/16/1962 Leisha Weid	9/29/2019 CRUE CARTER
9/8/2019 ISAAC BRYANT	9/19/1931 Ella Niemann	9/29/1985 Rob Emshoff
9/8/2019 Noah Bryant	9/22/2018 AVERY BOZEMAN	9/29/1974 Tara Johnston
9/12/1954 Donna Emshoff	9/24/1954 Rebecca Tipton	9/29/1947 Marvin Pless Jr.
9/14/1958 Cynthia Sodolak	9/26/1982 Bradley Bozeman Sr.	9/30/2012 ANTHONY HORELICA
9/15/2014 Mary Ann Thompson	9/27/1953 Carl Wied	9/30/2012 Meagan Horelica

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

9/16/2018 Christopher Bryant	9/23/1990 Rhonda Pavelka	9/30/2012 Meagan Horelica
9/16/2018 Valerie Bryant	9/23/1990 Cheryl Steinhauser	



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



Preschool

Pancake Breakfast Social & Free Will Offering

The preschool starts off the year by having a Pancake Breakfast Social with a Free Will Offering as the cost for the pancakes and sausage and the rest of the proceeds help with the cost of FBI background checks.

This will take place on **Monday September 12th 7:45 am - 8:30 am.** What makes this special it is the day after Grandparents Day who enjoys eating with their grandchildren.

This is a great time for the parents to have that special time with their children while getting to know other parents, teachers, children, and church members.

Church members come and meet some of the parents and children. You may know a few of them. Or come and enjoy pancakes and sausage among other church members.

If you are not able to make the pancake social, you can donate a Free Will Offering to the preschool.

*Hope to see everyone,
Ms. Maggie*



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF

SEPTEMBER 11TH!

**Breakfast will be
served
at 8:30 am.**

We need volunteers to teach Sunday School whether full time (team) teachers or even substitute teachers. If interested or need information, call Patricia Rother at 832-520-9700 or email her at patricia_04@yahoo.com.

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.



HANDBELL CHOIR is looking for anyone that is interested in ringing bells for the Bell Choir. If you are interested in ringing (no experience necessary or need to know about music to participate) please contact Pam Epperly pgepperly@gmail.com or the church office.

Pam Epperly with the Handbell Choir is looking for ninth graders on up to participate to ring bells on Saturday December 17th at 7:00 pm at the Liedertafel. Pam needs help transporting bell equipment to and from the Liedertafel on Saturday, December 17th. Anyone who would like to participate with ringing or assisting in moving equipment please contact Pam by email pgepperly@gmail.com or text her at 979-472-0450.

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June 8, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$249.00

THE CHOIR MINISTRY is looking for members to join the choir to sing on Sunday mornings when scheduled, usually the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Current members and **NEW** members are needed! The more people that participate, the more fun! Come and give it a try.

Choir

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT FUNDRAISER

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. 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 reached little over **\$6,200.00!**



Nomination Committee is being formed by the Church Council. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would be willing to serve the Lord in running for positions on Church Council: Head Elder, Secretary, Trustee, Usher Chairperson, and Fellowship Chairperson please contact the church office or a council member.

DO YOU HAVE THE HEART TO SERVE? Our beloved family of faith here at Trinity is needing able men and women to serve in several positions to further God's kingdom in our location. Please consider serving in one of the following service positions for our congregation:

ELDER CHAIRMAN: presides over the board of elders and oversees scheduling them for serving in worship. He also encourages the elders to continue keeping in contact with their care groups. (Must be male over 21 to serve)

ELDERS: is concerned with the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They make sure all things with the public worship of God are conducted properly. They also attempt to restore parishioners who are inactive and encourage those who are active. (Must be male over 21 to serve)

SECRETARY: keeps official minutes of all Congregational and Church Council meetings.

TRUSTEE CHAIRPERSON: attends to the upkeep of congregational properties.

USHER CHAIRPERSON: helps assist worshippers with any special needs, gathers the offerings, and turns off lights and locks doors after worship.

FELLOWSHIP CHAIRPERSON: strengthens the social fellowship between persons of the church by providing programs to meet the needs of others.



Open gym night is for Jr. High and High School Youth every last Sunday of each month at 6 pm.



Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball
Come join us every third Monday of the month for adult volleyball here at Trinity at 6:30 pm starting September 19th!



Circle of Friends

is Wednesday, September 7th at 12:15 pm.

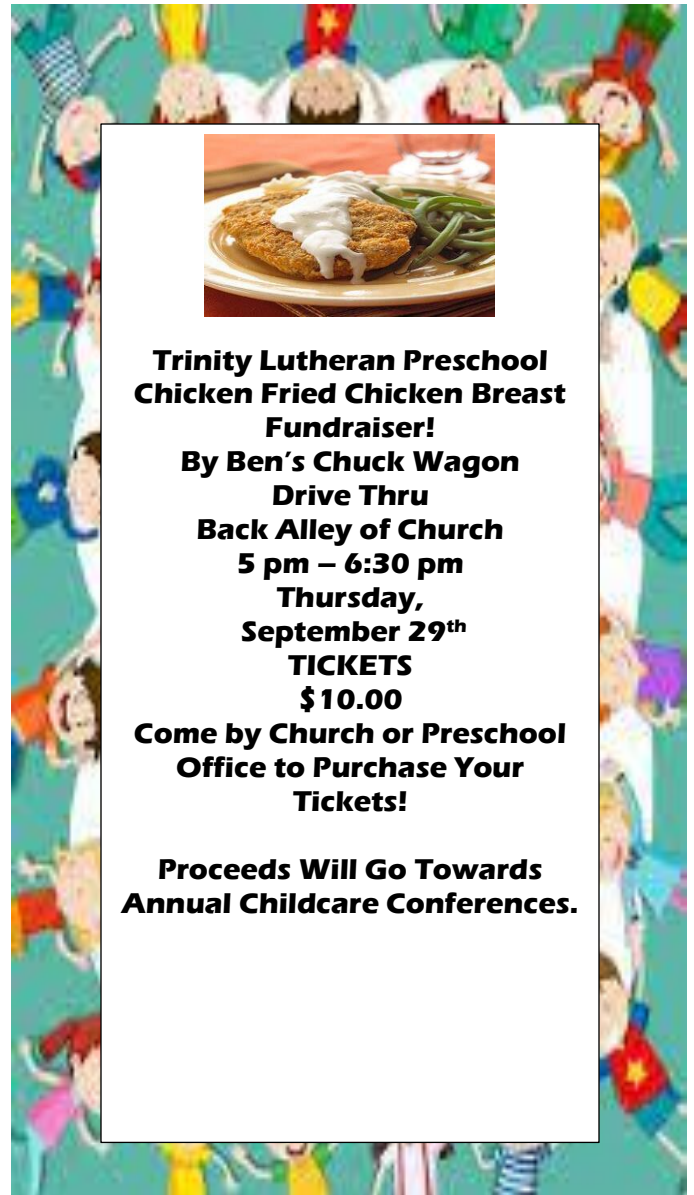
Come join us for lunch and fellowship.

Stay after for BINGO!

Please call Mary Buechmann if you have any questions.

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

By the way...desserts are always welcome!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool Chicken Fried Chicken Breast Fundraiser!

**By Ben's Chuck Wagon
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**Come by Church or Preschool
Office to Purchase Your
Tickets!**

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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



I would like to welcome our new teacher Ms. Rachel Hilson, first person on the left for the two-year-old class. Rachel is a church member here at Trinity Lutheran and she graduated Trinity Lutheran Preschool. We can call her an alumnus and now part of our family of preschool staff. After graduating High School, she moved away for a few years and now made her way back to Sealy. She has done an awesome job in setting up her classroom. One thing that appealed to me is that she loves science and nature which are my favorites. Her class is going to have a blast this year.

Second person on the left is Ms. Shea Orsak. She has been teaching the younger three-year-old class for six years. Shea is a church member here at Trinity Lutheran. Shea creates an encouraging atmosphere for the children. She has extraordinary levels of patience, enthusiasm, creativity, and, above all, a love for the children. Dedication to the children and parents are tremendously important to her. But the progress and well-being of each child in her classroom is her priority. She is a blessing.

The third teacher from the left is Kristi Flores. Kristi has been with this preschool for nineteen years. Kristi understands the development of children and knows that they learn at very different speeds. She is extremely patient with those who are having difficulty in learning and makes sure they receive more one-on-one help. Amazingly for the children that grasp learning at a faster speed, she makes challenges and moves a little faster for them. She has all the children well prepared for kindergarten. Kristi is the one who teachers can come to for advice since she has taught in the classroom for many years. She is my blessing.

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.

The fourth one from the left is me, Ms. Maggie. I have directed this program for twenty-six years. I am the one that keeps up with state licensing regulations to keep the preschool in compliance. I have taught all ages from infants to school agers. I am responsible for overseeing the program's facility to ensure that children have a safe and fun environment to learn and socialize with others. I have had my Child Development Associates since 1996.

I train the teachers the way the program teaches letters making silly words, which is the beginning of reading. I train them on how to use their folders which goes along with their learning scheduled calendar. These folders teach the children about go-togethers, opposites, sequencing, categorizing, matching etc. We learn our letters in a certain group for a reason and use pictures and objects in teaching the letter sounds. There are folders that we use to teach number recognition, touch count and many ways of learning their numbers and concept of how many.

What matters to me most are my talented preschool teachers. The teachers are the backbone to make sure all children, classrooms and themselves are following state licensing. They make sure their curriculum is based on the child's age and level of learning. You can say I am their mother, and they are my children. We take care of each other as family. I thank God each day for them!

The fifth person from the left is my assistant, Robin Jacobson. She is a church member here at Trinity Lutheran. Robin started with the two-year-old class and then ended up as assistant director. She has been with me for twenty-two years. Robin is very organized and keeps me straight in the office when I am overwhelmed. You may catch us arguing. The staff use to worry that we are mad at each other, but we deal with all the pro and cons of the program to make sure we are on top of everything. Robin is a go getter and likes things organized, neatness and clutter free. Her desk is nice and straight and mine is piled up. We have awesome teamwork working together in the office. I could not ask for a better person to work with in the office. She is my rock.

The teacher who is the last from the left is Ana Oviedo. This will be her second year teaching the older three-year-old class. Trinity Lutheran

Preschool is blessed to have her. She is sweet, loving, and caring. She is very involved with her church and church activities. Ana is a successful preschool teacher and can control a classroom while always keeping things educational and fun. She always has encouraging words and is very compassionate about her parents, children, and the entire staff. I am not sure if she knew what she was getting herself into, but she constantly blossoms each day as a preschool teacher. I am proud to have her on the preschool staff.

As preschool teachers we want our preschoolers to know and experience the incredible love of Christ Jesus, our Savior. God calls us to pass on our faith to the children so that they may walk with Jesus all the days of their lives. We play. We sing. We read. We model. We pray. Together with our preschoolers, we invite Jesus into our day-to-day routines. We show our children, the goodness of God's love through celebrating the blessings and trusting Him each day.

ROUTINE!



We all know how important A, B, C's and 1, 2, 3's are, and the most important lesson your child will learn is to know that Jesus loves them. Not only do we learn about Jesus, but we also teach and prepare your child for kindergarten. When preschoolers begin in the two-year-old class, followed by attending the three-year-old class, they are ready to learn for the four-year-old class, preparing for kindergarten.

The preschool doors will open at 8:00 am and will be closed at 8:15 am. Please arrive by 8:00 am and no later than 8:15 am since the teachers begin their class as soon as your child walks through the door. We all know the importance of starting a day off right!

Young children need structure and routines to feel secure in their preschool environment. By having a clear morning routine to start a day at preschool, children will know what to expect and feel safe at school. Put yourself in your child's position if the person you are depending on gets you to work late continually? It is not fun for your child to begin their day when you throw off their schedule and cause anxiety and unhappiness when you drop them off to preschool. Your child wants to be here when the other children arrive and enjoy their friendship. By allowing your child time to adjust to the classroom, friends, teacher, and environment will help them feel included and it will have a positive feeling for the rest of the

day. Teachers begin the morning with instructions as simple as placing their backpacks where they belong or name recognition that they will miss out on if they are late. There are many things happening early when these children arrive. *Teaching Begins!!*



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September Themes

Creation/Self/Bible/Friendship/
Manners/Nursery Rhymes

and Grandparents Day. The spiritual emphasis is to help children discover that the Bible tells us about God and His creation. The children will learn letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. Throughout the year we have a teaching calendar and children learn matching, go-together, sequencing, lotto's, letter sound matches, categorizing, picture sound matches and much more. Ongoing skills are practiced every day, such as listening, following directions, and manners.

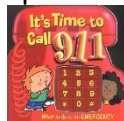
Learning centers allow the children to play cooperatively and investigate language, roles, materials, and relationships and encourages children to learn at their own pace with material that meet individual needs and level of development. While children learn through play, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, sharing and much more. In turn, this helps them develop the ability to concentrate.

The children will start off with the Bible stories during Chapel on how God created the world. Children will learn songs; finger plays and pledges and memorize Bible verses. Listen to your child and all the wonderful things they learn in the classroom, in Chapel and while playing.



Red/White/Blue Day! With all the natural disasters that are occurring, the children can wear Red/White and Blue on Friday,

September 9th. The colors RED/WHITE and BLUE will represent the 911 tragedy. We are going to focus on the fact that so many heroes came out of 9/11 to step up to do the right thing.



911 Safety! Retired State Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the center on Wednesday, September 14th at 10:15 am to talk to the children about the importance of safety. He will also talk to the children about the importance of seat belt safety and why car seats are very important.

It is important that children know what to do during an emergency, especially if an adult is not present. Children need to know how to dial 911, and conversely, they need to know that they should NOT dial 911 unless there is an emergency.

Retired Trooper Gary will talk to the children about the person on the other line of the 911 who is called a dispatcher and emergency responder. Depending on the call center, emergency dispatchers must follow certain protocols. Sometimes those involve asking very specific questions, and then giving commands.

He will talk to the children that it's ok to give information to the dispatcher and then follow their directions. It could be lifesaving! It's always important that children don't answer the door for just anyone. First responders will always announce themselves and it's important that they know and understand it is okay to open the door for first responders and begin treating the injured person. These are all very important lessons for all children to learn.



Wear RED Day! Since the children are learning red for the month, we will have a special color day. On Wednesday, September 15th, the children can come to preschool dressed in something RED to reinforce the color!



Back Yard Bash! On Friday, September 16th, all the preschoolers will have a BACK YARD BASH Day! Each child needs to bring a sack lunch with a drink to school and enjoy the day outside playing! This is a great way for all the children to get to know one another, have fun and create memories. Let's pray that we will have nice weather to enjoy. If not, we will have Trinity's beautiful gym for the children to enjoy their lunch.



Special Book Week! Beginning Monday September 19th - 23rd preschool will have Special Book Week! Another way we make

reading fun is to have your child bring some of their books from home (please label with name) a pillow, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal. The teacher will read some of the books and let the children share their books while relaxing with their items brought from home. Children can tell each other their story books and open a world of imagination.

Reading is very important in a young child's life. Encouraging reading is important and we try to make it fun! It gives them an opportunity to listen, explore, and imagine what triggers their brain to answer questions after a story is read. Let's get ready to read!



Bring Snacks for Your Child Each Day!
DO NOT BRING A DRINK!!!! We Will Serve Water



Please bring simple snacks in a plastic zipper snack bag each day for your child. Ideas are cheese nips, any kind of cereals. Sandwich crackers, pretzels, goldfish or whatever you think your child will eat. This is a snack and not a meal. The children have only a ten-minute snack time.



Action Plan or Emergency Response Plan Mandatory by the State is required by your doctor if your child is allergic to certain foods, asthmatic and or needs an EpiPen. The purpose of this Emergency Response Plan is to establish an organizational structure and procedures for response to major emergencies. It assigns the roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the plan during an emergency following the incident. If you have any questions, please come and talk to me.

Extra Clothing! Please send an extra set of clothes in a Ziploc bag labeled with your child's name. Top, bottom, underwear, socks, and old shoes in case they pee on their socks and shoes. it is very important that we have extra set of clothes in case of spills or accidents.



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.



What this entails that your child brings about seven to 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 September are:

September 18th - September 23rd

Mia Avila

September 26th - September 30th

Royce Beckendorff

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



A variety of Scholastic Book Club flyers are sent home with your child. These clubs serve as a convenient way for families to obtain quality books to enjoy at home. When books are purchased, your child's class receives bonus points that are used to acquire new books and educational supplies.

There is no obligation to participate in this program. Books can be ordered either by turning in the order form from the back of the club flyer or through the Scholastic Book Club website. When you order books using the paper order form, please make checks payable to Scholastic. Cash is not accepted. To pay by credit card, purchase your books using the club website (clubs.scholastic.com), entering the class activation code from your child's teacher to ensure that TLP receives your order. It takes one to two weeks after the order due date for the books to arrive.



Reinforcement! Parents, please help the teachers with the rules of the preschool at home. If your child comes home with a behavior report or the teacher lets you know about your child's day and there was inappropriate behavior, please reinforce and talk to your child about what happened at preschool. Please help him/her understand the circumstances of inappropriate and appropriate behavior.

The first two weeks of preschool are rules and manners. Ask your child what the rules are in the classroom, snack time, chapel, playground, and gym. When all of us are working together to reinforce the rules, this makes transition easier for your child and the teacher.

Drills! The preschool conducts monthly fire drills. This is not to frighten the children but to have them prepared in case of a fire. Other drills conducted every three months are severe



weather, reverse evacuation, shelter in place and lock down drills. If your child comes home and says we had a fire or disaster today, you will know why.



Emergency Preparedness Plan! Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool is required by state law and has an Emergency/Disaster

Plan to provide safe care for our children, should an emergency or disaster occur during the program day.

Relocation in case of a disaster will be the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church located at 525 5th Street in Sealy, which is in walking distance. A copy of this plan is always available for review. One copy is in each classroom. You may come by the preschool office or ask your child's teacher if you would like to review the plan. The plan **MUST** not leave the classroom. A Parent/Guardian from each family is asked to sign that they have knowledge and have reviewed the Disaster Preparedness Plan. When you sign the Parent Handbook Contract this is acknowledgment for the state that you are aware of our Disaster Plan.

I would like to thank all the parents in helping with the emergency plan by providing items needed that help defray the cost to the preschool program. The food not used will be donated to the Christian Food Pantry at the end of the year. This is another way to help the preschool and others in the community.



Attending the Whole Week! We encourage you to send your child five days a week. This is only a \$50 difference. Coming five

days a week is an opportunity in preparing your child to learn to share, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Children thrive when there is consistency in care between home and school.

We notice children who come one day, miss the next, and then come again, commonly find it much more difficult to adapt to the class routine than children who attend five-days a week. We encourage five days a week noticing the difference between the children whose attendance is consistent and those who come for two or three days a week. Children attending five days a week normally make much more progress academically and socially in comparison with those children who attend a few days a week.

This is a suggestion and I know that some are not able to have their children attend all five days. I

want you to know the difference between attending three days versus five days. Pray about this and if this is not the right decision for you, we understand.

Breakfast Policy

Please feed your child breakfast at home before preschool begins. Bringing breakfast to school interrupts the rest of the children. If your child does bring breakfast to school, please take him/her to the gym and sit down with your child and finish breakfast. You are responsible for your child to eat breakfast and bring them to the classroom. Your child must be brought to the classroom by you. Please do not let them come to the classroom by themselves.

Late Pick

Please be on time in picking up your child at NOON! A late fee of \$1.00 per minute will be added to your tuition. Please be on time!

TUITION

September tuition is due by the 7th of September. All tuition is due by the 5th of each month.

TUITION, FEES, AND FUNDING

Tuition is due in advance with no deductions for any absences, holidays, illness, or closures due to inclement weather, power outages, or other situations beyond Trinity Lutheran Preschool's control. If tuition is not paid on the day that it is due, a late fee will be added to the tuition for each day that it is late until it is paid in full. When a payment is delinquent for one week or more, care may be suspended until the balance is current and your child's space will not be reserved. Tuition is due regardless of a child's absence from the program for any reason and is required to hold a child's space. Our policy for tuition is as follows:

- All accounts are due on the 5th of the month.
- Statements come home with each child's monthly newsletter, generally sent home on the last week of the previous month.
- If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, then a late charge of \$5.00 will be added to that month's tuition. All fees must be paid by the first of the following month or your child cannot attend until all fees are paid in full. Late charge will not exceed \$50.00 each month.

- After the 10th of the month, you will be notified by a board member to decide for the balance due or dismissal of care.

Termination Because of the long-term benefits of participation in high-quality early childhood programs, our goal is not to suspend or expel a child from care. Instead, we attempt to collaborate with parents to bring the needed resources and strategies to a situation.

Our hope is that these efforts will result in suspensions and expulsions only being used where there are extraordinary circumstances or a determination of a serious safety threat. While we will make efforts to reduce or eliminate such circumstances and/or threats with the provision of reasonable modifications, we reserve the right to suspend or expel in any situation we deem necessary.

We can and will terminate our childcare arrangements immediately for any of the following reasons (but not solely limited to):

- Failure to comply with the contract
- Destructive or hurtful behavior of child that persists even with parent cooperation in stopping the behavior
- Non-Payment of childcare fees or late and/or recurring late payment of fees
- Failure to show up for 5 days in a row without any communication
- Failure to complete required forms
- Inability to meet the child's needs without additional staff
- Rude and disrespectful behavior towards provider or any employee
- If parents knowingly bring their child ill
- Conflict between parent / provider
- Extreme Behavior

PARTY GUIDELINES

We have five special parties a year, Harvest, Christmas, Valentine, Easter and End of School party and we ask parents to help with refreshments and supervision of games.

A sign-up list will be posted for parents to help with the activity centers and food items. This will be a first come first serve base. Parents that sign up for a particular party are the ones that can attend. We need parents help by setting up and supervising the activities centers. Supervised activity centers will be on 20-minute increments. Special food and game items will be on the list for parents to purchase and provide for the parties.

A kitchen crew will be needed to prepare the food, drinks and set up the children's tables ready for them to eat and have kitchen clean before leaving.

We ask all parents to help by setting up for the party, tearing down the activity centers, cleaning kitchen, wiping tables, sweeping, and taking out the trash.

Purpose of volunteers is to make sure children are safe, lower stress on everyone, work as a team and have fun with the preschoolers. Since we are a non-profit organization, we appreciate your help in donating items and your time for the parties.

CHAPEL SERVICES

SINGING IN CHURCH

A beautiful Sunday for the children to participate and sing in front of the congregation and their families. This is usually a Sunday in February or March. Everyone's heart fills with joy to hear these children perform. We ask that you set this Sunday aside for your family and watch your preschooler perform songs they learned in Chapel. The next day when the children return to preschool, they will get to watch themselves perform on the big screen in the gym.

Thank you for choosing Trinity Lutheran Preschool a private school teaching and preparing your child for the future!

*In Christ,
Ms. Maggie*



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES August 8, 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
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton & Maggie Kent - Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on July 18, 2022, were presented for review and approval. Janice Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Old Business: No old business

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of July 31, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$9,958.78. The Building Fund balance was \$26,200.01 and the Designated Fund balance was \$91,449.25. The Total of All Funds was \$127,608.04. The total contributions for July were \$22,563.00 and total expenses for July were \$26,421.62. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$135,999.21 while the total expenses for the year were \$158,022.05.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$6,300.00 to date.
- Trinity also received another donation for Heating/AC.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman – report given by Terry Hankins

- Still working on getting the website set up.
- A draft copy of the 2022-2023 budget will be sent to the Elders for approval at the September meeting.
- Re-election of officers – Several Elders are up for re-election this year. Barry Wolf is completing his second term as Head Elder. Lowell Coody, Joel Grigar, and Tracy Schiller are ending their term, but are

grandfathered into unlimited consecutive terms.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Continues to visit shut-ins
- September 18 we will begin a new series entitled “The Blank Page in the Middle.”
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study on Revelations.
- Confirmation Review Seminar is August 24 for 2nd year confirmation students.
- Confirmation Parents Meeting is August 28.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- The National Youth Gathering was a success. Thank you to everyone who helped and/or contributed to making this trip possible for our youth.
- Rally Sunday & Breakfast will be September 11 starting at 8:30. Sunday School/Adult Bible Class starts at 9:00. We are hoping everyone will be able to join us to kick-off the new school year.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- No report.

Trustee Chairman – No report.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool – Rebecca Tipton and Maggie Kent

- No report.

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

New Business

- The 2023 Budget was distributed for review and should be returned by September 5th.

There being no further business, George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. and Ruth Szymanski will have the devotion.

Terry Hankins, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary