



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Truly Grateful!

I've heard the story told numerous times in different settings but its meaning is still the same.

Simply put, we in our society today, really have no idea what gratitude is all about! Yeah, we all say we're thankful for what we have but those sometimes are just words we say at this time of year.

So here's the story...

A representative of an American tractor company went to the orient to look for a place to build a new plant to manufacture tractors and farm implements. As he looked from place to place he came across a scene he'd never scene before, nor he ever would see again. There was a young man pulling a plow and at the reins of the plow he saw the young man's son guiding and pushing the plow. The American took a picture of this unusual scene. He figured he'd show it to the folks back in Illinois to help them understand how badly they needed tractors there.

All across the countryside as he looked for a location for his company's plant, he would show the picture of the man and his son plowing the field like beasts of burden. Finally, he ran across a missionary. When the missionary saw the picture he said, "I know those people. They are members of our village church. Some time ago, we needed some money in order to build a mission church.

They were too poor to give any money, but they wanted to do something as a grateful response to what Christ has done for them. So they sold their oxen and they gave that money to the church as a thanksgiving offering. This man and his son, as they plow their field, are a testimony of their gratitude and new-found faith in Jesus Christ!"

What a truly grateful testimony this story is for us today. We many times only say we're thankful but lack in action to show our thanksgiving. We must remember that God did not spare His Son but gave Him as the sacrifice for our sins and the sins of the entire world. I pray for each of us to remember and understand how truly grateful we should be, not only by our words but also by our actions as well!

In the Sacrificial and Living Christ,
Pastor Ken

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults,

and with my song I give thanks to him. Psalm 28:6-7



2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Bible Study

Worship Services:
10:00 am Sunday

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Unto the least of these...

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35



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

11/03 Ruth Witte	11/09 Cody Barrett	11/21 Michael Hulstrand
11/04 Gavin Thompson	11/11 JAKOBE DRURY	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka
11/05 Michael Ashorn	11/11 Pam Epperly	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/05 Andrew Schmidt	11/11 Margaret Jatzlau	11/23 Hannah Mueller
11/05 Cody Shupak	11/11 Clayton Sneed	11/24 Susie Busse
11/05 Joe Smith	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/26 Zachary Orsak
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/15 Chris Bryant	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/07 BRYNN KONESHECK	11/16 EMMA FULLEN	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/08 ADDYSON DEMBOWSKI	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen
11/08 Barbara Koy	11/20 Dorothy Coody	
11/09 Larry Koy	11/20 Mark Neimann	



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

11/01/2008 Casey & Stacey Picard	11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner
11/04/1978 Lee & Kim Hobradsch	11/15/1997 Clifton & Krisha Langton
11/09/2019 Chad & Bunmi	11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean Hauschild
11/10/1990 Robert & Melody Anderson	11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann

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

11/1/2003 Taylor Cash	11/13/2016 BRYCE JALOWAY	11/22/1944 Larry Remmert
11/1/1950 Janice Wied	11/15/1983 Chris Bryant	11/24/2022 Andrew Schmidt
11/2/1980 Rachel Villalovoz	11/15/1997 Jenna Hein	11/26/1995 Shea Orsak
11/4/1934 Dorthy Sliva	11/15/1998 Nathan Romano	11/26/1949 Johnnie Sodolak
11/6/2011 Connor Smith	11/16/2001 Cory Barrett	11/29/1959 Suzanne Bozeman
11/9/1975 April Schmidt	11/18/1956 Ron Hartmann	11/30/1997 Samantha Bersche
11/10/1968 Pastor Bersche	11/18/1990 Gavin Thompson	11/30/1939 Carol Schucknecht
11/11/1984 Kari Furey	11/20/2010 Lauren Luther	

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

11/03/1991 Dean Jacobson	11/20/1977 Carol Schucknecht	11/23/2014 Courtney Dziadek
11/03/1991 Robin Jacobson	11/23/2014 Ellie Anderson	11/23/2014 Brody Schiller
11/10/1963 Marlene Leiber	11/23/2014 Kristen Cash	11/28/2008 Monica Knapp
11/14/2004 Bradley Kent	11/23/2014 Krystal Cash	11/29/1964 Joanie Griffin
11/14/2004 Maggie Kent	11/23/2014 Meagan Castro	



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



SYMPATHY for the family of Diane Henry who went to be with her Lord on Tuesday, September 19, 2022. Please keep her husband Don and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thank You!
 Thank You to all of you for a great Sunday (Pastor Appreciation Day). I can't thank you enough for your thoughts, prayers, and considerations. I appreciate all of you who attended the breakfast surprise, and it really was a surprise. I was still in my office going over Bible Class notes when I was informed that the larger than normal group of people in the gym were there for me. I am greatly blessed by each one of you. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve you as your Pastor. *In Christ, Pastor Ken*

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.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS
 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** October 7, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$100.00



Fellowship Sundays

Right before Sunday School for all ages that begin at 9:00 am, we have a little social time with donuts, kolaches and coffee. We would love for all the preschoolers, children, Jr. High, High School, and adults to join us at 8:30 am each Sunday.



YOUTH – ALL JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL COME JOIN US FOR OPEN GYM NIGHT

Volleyball Schedule Change for November



ADULT VOLLEYBALL – FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AND DUE TO THANKSGIVING, VOLLEYBALL IS MOVED FROM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 6:30 PM.



We are pleased to announce the 2022 Christmas concerts of the Houston Lutheran Chorale. The Chorale has joined together again and invites you enjoy our presentation of carols and festival songs. We are sure you will enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth as much as we enjoy singing for you.

Title: A Festival of Carols
 Date(s) & Locations:
 Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 7:30 PM Memorial Lutheran, Katy, 5810 Third Street, Katy
 Sunday, December 4, 2022, at 4:00 PM Trinity Lutheran – Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston.



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 **\$7,268.00!**

Circle of Friends

Come join us for Circle of Friends on November 2nd 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!

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE
Wednesday, November 23rd
 Church Office Closes at NOON
Wednesday, November 23rd 7:00 PM
 Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion
 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24th
Friday, November 25th

Advent Schedule

Wednesday, November 30th

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Advent Morning Worship

12:15 pm Circle of Friends CATERED MEAL

{Must Call Mary Buechmann to Order Your Catered

Plate...\$10.00. Deadline to Order Plates is Sunday, Nov. 27th}

6:00 pm Advent Meal by CHURCH COUNCIL

7:00 pm Advent Evening Worship

Advent Schedule

Wednesday, December 7th

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Advent Morning Worship

12:00 pm Advent Light Meal

6:00 pm Advent Meal by ALTAR GUILD

7:00 pm Advent Evening Worship

Advent Schedule

Wednesday, December 14th

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

9:30 am Quilt Guild

10:00 am Morning Bible Study

11:00 am Advent Morning Worship

12:00 pm Advent Light Meal

6:00 pm Advent Meal by YOUTH

7:00 pm Advent Evening Worship

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 21st

4:45 pm Meet in Gym

Church Office

December 22, 2022, OFFICE CLOSING @ NOON

December 23, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service/Holy Communion

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022,

10:00 am Christmas Day Service/Holy Communion

Church Office

Monday, December 26, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED

Church Office

Thursday, December 29, OFFICE CLOSING @ NOON

Friday, December 30, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 2, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED



On September 29, 2022,
 Preschool Chicken Fried
 Chicken Dinner made

833.33 thanks to all of you. This will be placed
 in the line item for teacher conferences. Thank
 you, Ms. Maggie



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
 November 9th at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran
 Church gym. For more information, please call
 Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.

Little Free Pantry



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



**CHANGE OF PLAN FOR CHURCH
 AND PRESCHOOL FOR SEALY
 CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY!**

The Pantry typically ask for donations of
 canned goods for the holiday boxes.
 Due to the increase in clients and supply chain
 issues, we are asking for financial support this
 year to help defray the costs of goods in the
 boxes. We ordered turkeys and hams (cost
 estimated at \$7500). Canned yams and
 cranberry sauce have been ordered as well from
 Walmart. Food insecurity is a terrible thing as we
 are now serving over 300 families weekly. If you
 are blessed to be a blessing, we would greatly
 appreciate your support. Just drop your donation
 in the jar in the narthex! Anything and everything
 are appreciated. We will collect through the
 holiday season. Any questions, text Sue at 713-
 314-7355.



Ways to Help People Facing Hunger in Your Community

1. Give money to your local food pantry.
2. Donate food to your local food pantry.
3. Hold a food drive.
4. Volunteer with your local food pantry.
5. Volunteer with Meals on Wheels.

You might be surprised to know that there are people living within our own community that struggle with poverty or hunger.



I would like to thank the parents along with their child/children and families for attending the Annual Preschool Open House. I

really enjoyed myself this year mingling with everyone. Personally, I think the bearded dragons, Spike and Freddie along with Scooter the ferret made a huge hit for open house. Everyone enjoyed punch and cookies after visiting the classrooms. I thank God each day for Trinity Lutheran Preschool for having families that are loving, caring and supportive.

I feel incredibly lucky to have great preschool teachers. They each have a gift for teaching young children. These teachers are blessings to our parents. Thank you for being a wonderful preschool teacher, hardworking and dedicated. If anyone deserves praises, it goes to the preschool staff. You are easily the best thing that has happened to me. I can't help but feel super grateful and blessed this school year to have you as preschool teachers, so thank you!



Gun Safety! Since Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt could not make the

October event on Wednesday, October 12th. He will be here at 10:15 am on Wednesday November 16th. Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Gun Safety. Mr. Gary, as the children call him, knows that a lot of children go hunting with their dads and grandpas and would like to keep the little ones safe. Mr. Gary

will also explain to the children the importance of what to do if you find a gun, for example, at a friend's house. What do you do with a gun? Mr. Gary will also talk about how to use play guns and not to point the guns at others. Let's see what the children can learn during Gun Safety!



Themes! The themes for the month of November are:

Transportation...Children love to learn about how to get from here to there.

Thanksgiving...We give thanks for what the Lord does wholeheartedly.

Five Senses: God gave us eyes to see, ears to hear, a nose to smell, hands to touch, a tongue to taste.

Feast and Friendship: As we grow up, we learn how to make friends, how to keep friends, and how to be a good friend.

The children who are ready will learn green, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will learn the Third Commandment "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it Holy". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it. The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of Oct. 31st - Nov. 4th

"Hannah's Prayer"

"A Voice In The Night"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Israel's First King"

"A Good Heart"

"David and Goliath"

"Best Friends"

Week of Nov. 7th - Nov. 11th

"King David"

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"The Wisdom King"

"God Watches Over Elijah"

"Elijah Helps a Widow"

Week of Nov. 14th - Nov 18th

"Fire From Heaven"

"Chariot of Fire"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Jars of Oil"

"Elisha's Room"

"Naaman is Healed"

Week of Nov. 21st - Nov. 25th

Thanksgiving Holidays

Preschool Closed

Week of Nov. 28th - Dec. 2nd

"Boy King Isiah"

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"The Brave Queen"



Wear Green Day! Since we are

learning green for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 11th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce green.



Sack Lunch Day! The children will have

Sack Lunch Day on Friday, November 18th outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use in bringing their lunch! This will be a Fun Friday for the preschoolers before Thanksgiving Holidays!



Family of the Week! Family of the week

is a program that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen to be Family of the Week.

Your child is asked to bring about five 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 November are:

Nov. 7th - Nov. 11th

Savannah Kircher

Nov. 14th - Nov. 18th

Jordan Kollman

Nov. 21st - Nov. 25th

Thanksgiving Week

Nov. 28th - Dec. 2nd

Jaylee Konesheck

Please bring your pictures Friday before your child is Family of the Week!

FANTASY OF LIGHTS **Fantasy of Lights!** This year's Fantasy of Lights parade will be December 3rd at 6 pm. The theme for the Sealy Fantasy of Lights is: "Frosty the Snowman".

Spencer and Areille Pitcock will help again this year with the use of their truck and trailer. We need to borrow about 15 bales of hay and a generator. The children may ride on the float but must be supervised by one parent.

Decorating the float will be the Monday right after the Thanksgiving holidays. This will be during preschool hours while your child is in preschool. Please if you can help, please let me know.

With a signed permission form, children can ride the float with one parent but no siblings. If you want your child to ride but you are not able to ride, please have a responsible parent riding on the float to take your child with them when the parade ends. If you are planning to ride there will be no siblings and no extra family members. The trailer is not big enough to accommodate extra people.

Please contact the preschool office if you can supply the items needed for the preschool float.

REMINDER **Reminder!** No Preschool Monday, November 21st - November 25th for Thanksgiving Holidays.

*"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4
In Christ, Ms. Maggie*

COUNCIL MINUTES

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2022**

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

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Casey Picard – Vice President

- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Rebecca Tipton & Sylvia Foerster - Preschool

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2022 were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Patricia Rother seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Old Business: The 2023 proposed budget will be available to members the next 2 Sundays prior to the October 31 Congregational Meeting.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of September 30, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$2,551.47. The Building Fund balance was \$26,552.55 and the Designated Fund balance was \$94,149.00. The Total of All Funds was \$123,253.02. The total contributions for September were \$18,276.14. and total expenses for September were \$22,315.67. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$175,586.35 while the total expenses for the year were \$201,831.85.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Offering Envelopes for next year should be available for pickup December 1, 2022.
- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$7,868.00 to date.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman – report given by Terry Hankins

- Mission Festival Sunday will be November 6, 2022 with Rev. Dale Leland officiating.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Visits continue for shut-ins.
- Confirmation class is currently on the topic of Holy Baptism and will begin the study of the Apostles' Creed during October and will continue through January.
- Sunday Morning Bible Class continues the study on the intertestamental period or the silent years.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class continues the study on Revelations with attentive attendance.
- Mission Festival is scheduled for November 6th with our guest speaker, Rev. Dale Leland.
- Youth Night continues the last Sunday of every month at the church with an average attendance of to 10 youth.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- More Sunday School materials are being ordered.
- Sunday School attendance has been really good since Rally Day.
- The new Sunday School rooms have been working out really well.
- We are working on ideas for the Youth Christmas Service.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- A potluck lunch has been scheduled for November 6th for Mission Festival Sunday.
- A special thank you goes out to Patricia Rother, Joann Dixon, and Dorothy Coody for going above and beyond to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday in October.

Trustee Chairman – Report given by Terry Hankins.

- An estimate for landscaping around the church was presented. Ruth Szymanski made a motion to table until next month. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.
- The organ is in need of 2 new amplifiers. The estimate to replace them is between \$1,500.00 and \$2,000.00. Casey Picard made a motion to accept repairs of up to \$2,500.00. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

George Wied – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool – Rebecca Tipton and Sylvia Foerster

- The hiring of Sylvia Forester was approved by Head Elder Barry Wolf.
- Preschool is acquiring bids from contractors for updates to the Preschool classrooms (flooring, paint, cabinets).
- There will be wage incentives for Preschool staff using the Grant money instead of raises this year.
- Consideration is being given to amending the by-laws to add an additional member to the Preschool Board to make it easier to have a quorum.
- Preschool requested to remove the accordion doors in two of the classrooms to replace the flooring. Ruth Szymanski made a motion to remove the accordion doors. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.
- Sylvia Foerster also presented an Income/Expense Report to the Council.

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

New Business

- Council discussed transferring certain Designated Funds to the General Fund. George Wied made a motion to transfer the funds. Patricia Rother seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion.

*Terry Hankins, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary*

A Little Fun!!

Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?

Because he had the drumsticks!

What sound does a turkey's phone make?

Wing Wing!

How Do you fix a broken pumpkin pie?

With a pumpkin patch!

What key has legs and can't open doors?

A tur-key!

Why did the turkey cross the road?

Because it was the chicken's day off!

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

The outside!

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving?

Lucky!

What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

Your nose!

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Gladys.

Gladys who?

Gladys Thanksgiving. Aren't you?

