



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## Advent Adverbs

Advent!

The word is defined by the Cambridge Dictionary: the fact of an event happening, and invention being made, or a person arriving. As we celebrate this "Advent" season we are reminded that our observance includes all three. First, we await and look forward to the event of celebration of Christmas which was Christ's first coming to us. Second, the invention being made is simply that of our eternal salvation made by Christ's death and resurrection for us. And finally, the person which we look forward to coming is none other than the focus of our faith and worship, Jesus Christ.

Yet, how can we define more succinctly this idea we call "advent." Throughout this Advent Season we will look at the "Adverbs of Advent." Remember an adverb is a word that describes or gives more information about a verb, adjective, adverb, or phrase. In our case this year it is the verb, "advent" or coming.

Come and celebrate with the saints of God in Sealy at Trinity this Advent:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday, November 27         | Trustingly                 |
| Wednesday, November 30      | Prayerfully                |
| Sunday, December 4          | Expectantly                |
| Wednesday, December 7       | Fearfully                  |
| Sunday, December 11         | Royally (Youth Service)    |
| Wednesday, December 14      | Joyfully                   |
| Sunday, December 18         | Resolutely                 |
| Saturday, December 24       | Completely (Christmas Eve) |
| Sunday, December 25<br>Day) | Graciously (Christmas Day) |

In Christ,

*Pastor Ken*

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
 9:00 am Bible Study  
 Worship Services:  
 10:00 am Sunday  
 Church Phone:  
 979-885-2211  
 Preschool Phone  
 979-627-7846  
 Fax 979-885-7003  
 Website  
[www.tlcsealy.org](http://www.tlcsealy.org)  
 Pastor:  
 Kenneth Bersche  
[Pastorken@tlcsealy.org](mailto:Pastorken@tlcsealy.org)  
 979-885-2211  
 Maggie Kent, Office  
 Secretary  
 ELDERS:  
 Lowell Coody  
 Joel Grigar  
 Mark Romano  
 Doyle Kornegay  
 Tracy Schiller  
 Ronnie Schmidt  
 Stephen Stuessel  
 Barry Wolf



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

12/01 Charles Ekarius	12/14 Ruth Szymanski	12/25 Bill Blume
12/02 Adolph Leschper	12/15 Cy Vojtek	12/26 Clifton Langton
12/04 AVERY BOZEMAN	12/16 Linda Blume	12/27 Austin Keeton
12/04 Klarissa Smith	12/16 Brylie Nedd	12/28 Reed Langton
12/05 BRADLEY PICARD	12/16 Debora Waldrop	12/28 AUTUMN MARTINEZ
12/09 Bobby Barrett	12/16 Carol Wied	12/28 Kylie Wolf
12/09 Brooke Munoz	12/17 Laura Kutra	12/29 Clayton Fritsch
12/10 Garret Nedd	12/17 George Wied	12/30 Hilda Allison
12/11 Travis Pavelka	12/20 Amber Nedd	12/31 Lillie Foehner
12/12 Sherri Putt	12/22 Monica Kent	12/31 Barry Wolf
12/12 DAWSON VILLALOVOZ		



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

12/07/1963 Paul & Loyce Orsak	12/10/1988 Doug & Rhonda Browne
12/08/1973 Johnny & Susie Busse	12/12/2009 Gaylan & Deborah Christiansen
12/09/1972 Carl & Carol Wied	12/22/1973 David & Patsy Novosad

## 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

12/1/1973 Melinda Schiller	12/8/2013 Patricia Rother	12/24/1955 Dorthy Gerhart
12/3/2017 Tyler Ramon	12/8/1935 Lorrene Schiller	12/24/1939 Betty Remmert
12/4/2011 Cameron Vojtek	12/20/1953 Susie Busse	12/25/2014 Autumn Martinez
12/8/1935 Grace Holtkamp	12/20/1968 Mark Niemann	12/25/2014 Grant Martinez
		12/25/1955 Sherri Putt

## 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

12/1/1980 Trine Hultstrand	12/16/2007 Karleigh Wilkerson	12/20/1998 Bill Reay
12/8/2013 Patricia Rother	12/18/2011 Brett Carter	12/21/1955 Joyce Amthor
12/14/1997 Johnny Griffin	12/18/2011 Ashley Vojtek	12/21/1955 Dorthy Gerhart
12/16/2007 Phoebe Browne	12/20/1998 Ann Reay	12/26/1938 Allison Hildegard



### Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



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

Dorothy Hein, Veranda House, 526 Fifth Street Sealy, TX 77474

Carrie Steinbach, Home, 1252 Eagle Lake Rd. #12 Sealy, TX 77474

Joyce Meyer, Colonial Belle, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747

George Baade, Caydance Assisted Living, 4802 Kingsland Blvd, Katy, TX 77494

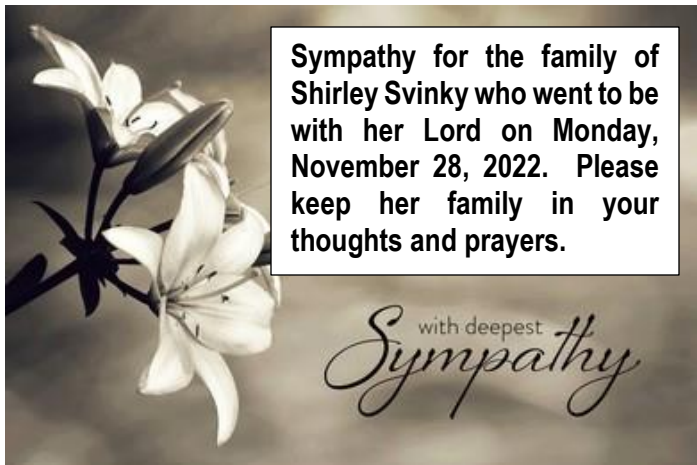


The Officer's Installation will take place on Sunday, December 18th.

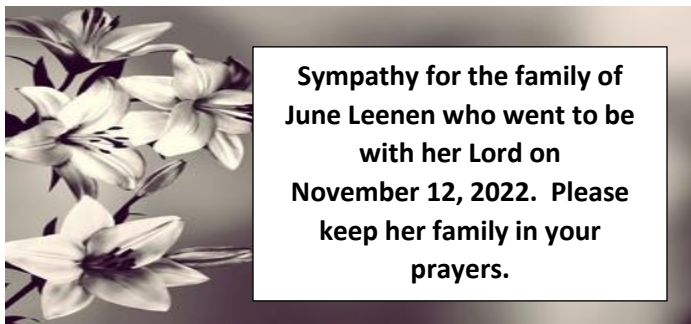
Sympathy for the family of Barbara Vohs who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Please keep her husband Bob, her church family, and the rest of her family in your prayers.



Sympathy for the family of Shirley Svinky who went to be with her Lord on Monday, November 28, 2022. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Sympathy for the family of June Leenen who went to be with her Lord on November 12, 2022. Please keep her family in your prayers.



## 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.

### Advent Schedule

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

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 CHURCH COUNCIL

7:00 pm Advent Evening Worship

### Advent Schedule

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup>

4:45 pm Meet in Gym

### Church Office

December 22, 2022, OFFICE CLOSURES @ 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 CLOSURES @ NOON

Friday, December 30, 2022 OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 2, 2023 OFFICE CLOSED



**THANK YOU** for all your donations to the Sealy Christian Pantry! The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are always extremely busy at the Pantry, and your donations will definitely help to continue this outreach for our community. God's Blessings to each of you!!



**ANGEL TREE ---**  
**Thank you, thank you, thank you!!**  
 All of the Angels have found a home! Once again, this congregation has pulled together to help with this program for the Sealy Pregnancy Resource Center.

# Ushers Needed

*Are you willing to serve?*

Please contact David Novosad (979-885-6028) if you would like to serve as an Usher.



Mary will be making a new schedule in January. She has a few blank spaces available if you would like to greet. Please contact her at 281-728-0973.



### 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 November 9, 2022, Amount of Deposit: \$974.00**

**For the year end contribution to the church, you can donate to the HVAC Unit and Media Equipment.**  
**Amount Collected This Year 2022**  
**HVAC Collected \$2,750.00**  
**Media Collect \$8,468.00**  
**We are continuing to collect.**  
**Thank You!**

## 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! There is a box in the narthex to place your items.



**TLWM** Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission meets every second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please come and join us and see what we are all about. Everyone is invited!



### NARTHEX MAILBOX CHRISTMAS CARDS!

For all members - if you wish to send a Christmas card to a member, you may place them in the appropriate slot in the mailboxes located as you enter the glass doors. Members, please check your slots every Sunday as they tend to get very full!



**HURRY! SIGN UP!** (Mark Your Calendar) **DECEMBER BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, **DECEMBER 18, 2022**, from 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) Sign up Online! Go to [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) and search for mobile drives, the date 12/18/22 and sponsor code: 1881.





## Fellowship Sunday And Sunday School!

Thank you, parents that are bringing their child/children to Sunday School! We have had a great turn out each Sunday. Right before Sunday School at 8:30 am we have a little social time with donuts, kolaches and coffee. Then at 9:00 am we attend Sunday School for all ages, Preschoolers, Children, Jr. High, High School, and Adults! If you have not been, please come and join us! See you at 8:30 am on Sundays!



### 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, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504. This project is growing, and we can use you!

## Little Free Pantry



Thanks to each one who donated 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*



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



### ADULT VOLLEYBALL - COME JOIN US EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH FOR ADULT VOLLEYBALL HERE AT TRINITY AT 6:30 PM



**Themes** The themes for the month of December are: The Birth of Christ and Giving to Others. The children will learn the story of Joseph, Mary and how Jesus

came to be in our lives. Children will learn how great it feels to give to others who are less fortunate. The children, parents, and congregational members can help in giving to the Christian Food Pantry.

Children will continue to learn the letters T, C, O, R, and N along with the shape STAR and color WHITE. The Bible Verse for the month is "A Savior is born; He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11). The Bible stories for the month are:

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

"Daniel and the Lions"

Chapel Time with Pastor Bersche

"Jonah and the Big Fish"

"An Angel Visits"

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

"Baby Jesus is Born"

Chapel Time with Pastor Bersche

"Shepherds Visit"

Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus"

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

"The Bright Star and Three Visitors"

Chapel Time with Pastor Bersche

"An Angry King"

Children are learning the first, second and third commandments:

First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

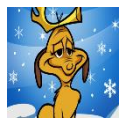
Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean? 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 Food Pantry and I would like to say thank you to everyone who donated money to help pay for food for the families in need at the pantry. Thank you for helping families have a blessed holiday season.



**Dress as a Grinch Character** – On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the children will read and watch the movie “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” Your child may dress as one of the characters from the movie.



**Wear White Day!** Since we are learning the color WHITE for the month, we would like the children to wear something WHITE to preschool on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Children can wear white clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce the color WHITE!



**CUTE Ugly Sweater Day** – The children can wear a CUTE UGLY SWEATER on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We can all get into the spirit of wearing a cute ugly sweater given to you by someone for Christmas or a sweater you are embarrassed to wear in public. You can also make your own cute ugly sweater to wear to preschool.



**Flashlight Day!** On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> the children may bring a flashlight to preschool labeled with their name. The teachers will have fun and exciting projects for the children to use their flashlights.



**Candy Cane Story** – The children will enjoy the story of the Candy Cane and watch a short video about it on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Celebrating Jesus’ Birthday** Mary Buechmann, a church member, will make a cake for the children to celebrate Jesus’ birthday on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The cake will be white with white frosting. We will all sing happy birthday to our Lord and Savior, Jesus.



**Christmas Party!** Each child in the classroom will draw names so we can have an ornament gift exchange among the children. The ornaments can be from .99 cents to \$3.00. This way the children can have fun exchanging their gifts but

the gift will go straight into their bags so they can open the gift at home.

All ornaments need to be wrapped from whom and to whom and brought to the preschool by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please do not forget to bring your ornament gift, as we do not want a sad child without a gift.

The preschool Christmas party will take place on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am – 10:30 am. The preschool party will be a mini corn dog party. Please check the party sign up list to see how you can help by purchasing food items needed for the party. Please sign up ahead of time to help with the games at the party. Only the parents that sign up to help with the party are the ones that may attend.



**Pajama Day/Polar Express!**

All children! Wear your pajamas and bring your pillow and blanket popped popcorn and a drink to preschool and enjoy the morning with the movie Polar Express on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>!



**Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program we have that aids a child 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 December are:

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

Margo Krampitz

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

Katherine Lapham

**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

Gabriel & Kristian Saucedo

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

*Merry Christmas*

Have a

Safe and Blessed

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Maggie

## To All Preschool and Sunday School Teachers

Thank you...for loving the child who doesn't fit in.

Thank you...for serving behind the scenes.

Thank you...for every craft you prepare.

Thank you...for every goldfish cracker served.

Thank you...for every take home paper you pass out.

Thank you...for welcoming new children with open arms.

Thank you...for speaking words of encouragement to parents.

Thank you...for showing up when you are tired.

Thank you...for planting seeds of the Gospel in the heart of preschoolers.

Thank you...for making the Bible come alive for the kids in your class.

Thank you...for smiling for the kids even when you've had a rough week.

Thank you...for being Jesus' arms of love reaching out to the kids.

Thank you...for really caring for the kids.

Thank you...for stepping in and being a role model for kids who don't have one.

Thank you...for praying big prayers for the kids in your small group.

Thank you...for leading kids into Jesus's presence through worship.

Thank you...for calming the separation anxiety a child is feeling.

Thank you...for the time you spend each week preparing your lesson.

Thank you...for getting down on the floor to play with 2-year-olds.

Thank you...for making church/preschool the best in a child's life.

Thank you...for speaking words of life and encouragement to the child who doesn't hear it anywhere else.

Thank you...for serving instead of sitting.

Thank you...for helping kids memorize God's Word.

Thank you...for investing in the next generation.

Thank you...for giving your life to what really matters.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Without you there would be no children's ministry.

*Posted in: Children's Ministry, Children's Ministry Volunteers*

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 14, 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
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- George Wied – Usher Chairman (Next year's chairman David Novosad was also in attendance.)

#### **Absent:**

- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Preschool

No minutes from October 10 council meeting as Secretary was absent.

**Old Business:** No old business.

#### **Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of October 31, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$20,828.54. The Building Fund balance was \$26,845.36 and the Designated Fund balance was \$75,999.00. The Total of All Funds was \$123,672.90. The total contributions for October were \$22,481.00. and total expenses for October were \$21,799.41. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$198,067.35 while the total expenses for the year were \$223,631.26.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Offering Envelopes for next year should be available for pickup December 1, 2022.
- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$8,068.00 to date.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- No report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Visits continue for shut ins.
- Funeral on October 21, 2022 for Mary Roselli (Aunt of Patricia Rother.)
- Official Acts: Transfer in – Jason and Karina Carr and their daughters Kaelee and Kinslee.
- Confirmation class continues with the study of the Apostles' Creed.
- Sunday Morning Bible Class has taken a three week break from "That Blank Page in the Middle" to watch and discuss the Luther Movie (produced in 2003). "That Blank Page in the Middle" will resume on November 27 discussing Intertestamental literature.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class continues the study on Revelations (currently on chapter six – the opening of the seals).

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- Preschool is donating classroom supplies to Sunday School.
- The Youth Christmas Program/Service will be December 11. Crowns are being ordered for the entire congregation.
- TLC Youth is reimbursing the church for the National Youth Gathering.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Christmas Caroling is scheduled for December 21.
- Mission Sunday was celebrated November 6 with a very good turnout.
- The Church Council will host the Advent Soup Supper on December 7. They will be serving sliders, chips, desserts, and soups.

Trustee Chairman –

- No report.

George Wied – Usher Chairman  
George Wied is helping prepare David Novosad to fill the Usher Chairman position starting in January.

- The Usher Committee/Board is looking for more help. If you are interested, please contact George Wied or David Novosad.

Preschool – Report given by Terry Hankins.

- The Preschool will reimburse the church for the kitchen faucets.
- A bid of \$61,000.00 was received to upgrade all classrooms during the Christmas break.
- Pam Epperly is now serving on the Preschool Board.

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

### **New Business**

- Ruth Szymanski thanked the Church Council for allowing Trinity to be a part of the Blessing Project and the Angel Tree Project.
- The council discussed the possibility of accepting electronic offering contributions. The service would be free through Citizens State Bank. The electronic service has been tested and reports could be generated for anyone needing the data.

There being no further business, Barry Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Wied seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and George Wied will have the devotion.

*Terry Hankins - President  
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary*

