



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

February  
2023

ASH Wednesday

**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



## United in Christ's Service

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth, the following words:

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus.... I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1:1-2 & 10)

Since St. Paul deals with division in the church at Corinth, one could easily today, replace the recipient's location of Paul's letter (Corinth) with the name of many different churches throughout the world, including ours: Trinity Lutheran Church in Sealy, Texas.

This statement may sound judgmental, but a person can get caught up into the area where they are serving. For instance, one who is involved deeply with a service in the church such as the Preschool can be quite defensive of that area of ministry. That is all good until that person gains the attitude of us against the rest of the church.

What I am trying to say is that many of our faithful members may be causing a division in the church while not even knowing they are. For example, when a financial issue comes about between the church and the preschool, we tend to take sides. We forget that the preschool is a great mission and service of our congregation. Instead, we take sides as if it is a matter of, "let the preschool pay for it, after all they use our building," or "it's the church's problem, therefore they should fit the bill."

Please remember, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that as we serve Jesus in this location, we do it with love. We serve always considering what is at risk by our subtle division. We serve, not thinking in terms of us and they but "we in Christ." Let us continue our ministry at Trinity as we have in the past, without any division and with the love of Jesus shining through the words and actions we portray.

St. Paul reminds us that "Christ is not divided." Neither should we ever believe that one ministry of the church is more important than another. Let us continue teaching little children the eternal message of God's love for all people through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His Son.

God's Love be with you all.

*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

2/01	Brooklyn Konesheck	2/08	Troy Tesch	2/21	AVERIE RAMON
2/01	Amber Shupak	2/09	Courtney Dziadek	2/22	Jerry Grunke
2/03	James Gilliam	2/11	Gage Grigar	2/23	Rich Drury
2/06	ISOLDE NIEMANN	2/11	Darrell Palm	2/25	Charles Able
2/06	Paige Nixon	2/12	Noah Hankins	2/27	Colby Nedd
2/07	Bob Witte	2/14	Dorothy Gerhart	2/28	Joyce Amthor
2/08	Audie Jackson	2/15	Shannon Einkauf	2/28	Charlie Arriaga
2/08	Sabrina Schiller	2/21	Haley Orsak		

## ♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

2/14/1989	Bill and Ann Reay	2/24/2007	Cy and Ashley Vojtek
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### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CONTINUES** - Please join us for furthering your Christian education. Come and find out more. See you Sunday at 9:00 am.

Join us each Sunday:

8:30 am Fellowship – Time to enjoy fellowship among each other while having coffee, donuts and kolaches before Sunday School and Bible Class.

9:00 am Sunday School for Young Children Through High School - Learn about God, the Bible, understanding sin and grace, teaching in a caring and age-appropriate way.

9:00 am Adult Bible Class – Learning the message of faith.

## 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.



Come join us for Circle of Friends with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, February 1st at 12:15 pm. Please call Mary Buechmann 979-885-2730 Cell 281-728-0973. Please sign up on the sign-up list in the narthex if you are planning to attend. By the way...desserts are always welcome!

## Lent Worship Opportunities for 2023

**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

**11:00 a.m. Worship with the Lord's Supper**  
– "Silver and Ointment"

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**6:00 pm Soup Supper by Altar Guild**

**7:00 p.m. Worship with the Lord's Supper**

**Second Wednesday in Lent, March 1**

**11:00 a.m. Worship – "Bread and Wine"**

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**Third Wednesday in Lent, March 8**

**11:00 a.m. Worship – "Clubs and Swords"**

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**Fourth Wednesday in Lent, March 15**

**11:00 a.m. Worship – "A Rooster and a Rope"**

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**Fifth Wednesday in Lent, March 22**

**11:00 a.m. Worship – "Water and Blood"**

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**Sixth Wednesday in Lent, March 29**

**11:00 a.m. Worship – "Thorns and the Cross"**

*Lite Lunch after Morning Worship*

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**

**7:00 p.m. Worship with the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday, April 7**

**7:00 p.m. Worship with the Lord's Supper**

**\*Please note all Wednesday Lent Worship Services are in the morning, except for Ash Wednesday, which will be morning and evening. The evening service on Ash Wednesday will include a soup supper. Holy Week Worship services are only in the evenings. The changes are due to the lack of attendance from the previous years.**



**OVER 60'S VALENTINE LUNCHEON – Members sixty years of age and over will have a Valentine Luncheon after church on Sunday, February 12th. The Youth of Trinity will serve.**

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Preschool thanks you for your patience as the classrooms have been remodeled and for the gym being an organized mess. On Sunday, February 12th the congregation is invited to walk through the classrooms to see all the changes.



### TIMES ARE GETTING TOUGHER FOR !

Thanks to each one of you who donates to the Trinity Little Free Pantry! Families of food insecurity are scary not knowing what to feed

their family or even if they live alone. If would like to assist by donating items to the Little Free Pantry, just place them in the container in the Narthex. Some suggested items are non-perishable food such as Ramon packaged dry soups, peanut butter, pasta, rice, dry beans, toiletries, water, boxed juice, ready to eat canned meats such as spam, Vienna sausages, tuna, salmon, soups, fruit cups, dried fruits, fruit bars, granola bars, stews, chili, feminine hygiene products, instant oatmeal, apple sauce, spam, tea bags, coffee...not pods or beans etc. Please consider donating if you can. We are a church that helps neighbors in need.

Thank you! Noah Hankins

### THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT



*Please Join Us*



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 Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, February 8<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!



## 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.



## Trinity Lutheran Ladies,

you are always welcome to attend the TLWM meeting here at Trinity! In February, we will be honored to have our newly elected President of the Mid-Coast Zone as one of our guests, who will give us bits of coming events like the Spring Rally, a special Retreat, and our other guest, Peggy Spitzenburger, Zone Secretary, will highlight our evening as well. Pastor Ken will lead us in our Bible Topic for Feb, which always is a terrific Bible work-out, and we thank him for this!!!! Other information is the June LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Mite Box news, "Diaper Bank" info. You are invited for this also Happy Valentine Day event! A huge 'thanks' to all men and women who helped fill the diaper boxes in the Narthex and gave us credit for the 80th Anniversary of LWML. Of course, we will continue this project for 2023!!!! 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. All women are invited!

*Thank you, Aletha Jeske*



## Fundraising

is the lifeline of every nonprofit organization. Fundraising helps the preschool provide financial support and helps supplement budgets. It helps fund special projects or programs that the school's regular budget may not cover. By working together, we can raise funds that can help ensure the preschool has the resources it needs to

thrive. For the month of February, you can donate your monetary gifts to show how much you love the preschool. Whether you donate \$5, \$10 or whatever you can to help us reach \$3000 or more. I would like to thank you in advance for your donation of "How Much You Love the Preschool Program.



## FUNDRAISER FOR OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM!



### How Much Do You Love Your Preschool

The Preschool will be accepting Love Donations during the month of February as a fundraiser. We invite you to donate any amount to help us fund our preschool and reach our goal of \$3000.00 or more. We are grateful for your support and thank you for being part of our family at Trinity Lutheran Preschool and our Community! In addition to tuition, school fundraisers keep our preschool going strong.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is known for its amazing reputation. Our staff is experienced, dedicated, creative, and flexible, have a sense of humor, passionate with a warm personality and have great communication skills.

This fundraiser is for the whole month of February to give you a chance to donate more than once. Take an envelope from the Giving Tree and express the love you have for Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

You can make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or for church members, you may make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church to have your donation recorded in offerings for year-end statement. I would like to say thank you in advance.



## Singing in Church!

We all know the wonderful feeling of watching our child/children perform for us. Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to make plans for all the preschoolers to join us for the 10:00 am worship service. The children will be in front of the church and sing some of the wonderful songs that they learned in chapel.



Valentine's Party! The preschool will have their Valentine's Party on

Wednesday, February 8th 9:30 am – 10:30 am.  
We will have an English muffin pizza party.



**Stranger Danger!** The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not going with someone you do not know, not taking anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money, or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright. And know how and when to call 911.



**Themes!** Themes for the month of February are Hygiene, Dental and Health. We all knew how important it was to wash our hands, and now even more important for children and everyone to learn the proper way of hand washing since Covid arrived. Children will know to wash their hands, back and front and in between their fingers for twenty seconds.

They will learn the proper nutrition and how exercise can keep you healthy. Teachers will talk to the children about health items such as soap, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that will keep you healthy.



The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

**Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**

“The Lost Son” P. 397  
Chapel with Pastor Bersche

“The Lord’s Prayer” P. 323

“A Captain’s Faith” P. 324

“Ten Lepers” P. 405

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 17<sup>th</sup>**

“Jesus and the Children” P. 409

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

“A Hole in the Roof” P. 328

“A Short Man” P. 413

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

“Jesus Calms the Storm” P. 334

“Lazarus Lives Again” P. 418

**Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

“A Gift for Jesus” P. 423

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

“Two Miracles” P. 340

“The True King” P. 427

The Bible Verse for the month is “Love One Another” (John 13:34).

The children will learn The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God, so we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any way dishonest way, but help him improve and protect his possessions and income.

Along with the Seventh Commandment the children will also learn The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

We will learn the color pink and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.



**Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program we have that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone. Families of the Week for the month of February are:

<b><u>Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> – Feb 10<sup>th</sup></u></b> Jesse Mock	<b><u>Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></u></b> Sadie Pitcock
<b><u>Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> – Feb 17<sup>th</sup></u></b> Christian Oviedo	<b><u>Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b> Vallerie Rodriguez



**Silly Hair Day!** On Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> the children will have a silly hair day. This is so much fun to see the different ways of children with their hair fixed silly.



**100 Days of Preschool!** On Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, in celebrating 100 days of preschool, the children can come to school dressed as an old person being a hundred years old. This is a fun way to celebrate the halfway point of the school year.



**Bring PINK Items!** On Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!



**Go Western Day!** Go Western Day will be Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>. The children can come to preschool dressed in

western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas, and belts. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. Let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!



**Bring a Postage Stamp!** Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child's teacher for the special Valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child's teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size and weight of the valentine project.

Children will learn a little about the postal system in their classrooms. The teachers will have a center for the children to make cards, write letters and pretend to be mail carriers, etc.

The children will place the valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postal carrier to take with them.



**Fall Registration!** Fall registration will begin Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for

the families that are enrolled in the program now! This is giving you first chance to enroll your child for the 2023-2024 school year at a reduced nonrefundable registration fee price of \$150.00 to \$125.00. Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in the preschool office.



Reminder that preschool is closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for President's Day and public school closed.

*"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 KJV*

**Happy Valentine's Day**

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2023

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by President Terry Hankins. Barry Wolf 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 – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Maggie Kent - Preschool
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:

- Casey Picard – Vice President

The Minutes from the meeting held on December 12, 2022 were presented for review and approval. Noah Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Ruth Szymanski said that the ACH Debit system has been set up and can now be used. The Council discussed the use of the system and Kimberly Kornegay made a motion to start accepting automatic debits for offering contributions. David Novosad seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed. Members wishing to set up automatic/direct offering contributions can pick up the ACH Debit form from the church office.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of December 31, 2022, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$19,005.08. The Building Fund balance was \$27,320.00 and the Designated Fund balance was

\$78,694.00. The Total of All Funds was \$125,019.08. The total contributions for December were \$24,017.00 and total expenses for December were \$22,558.52. The total contributions for the year 2022 were \$242,488.35 while the total expenses for the year were \$267,581.18.

**Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman**

- Contributions for the Audio/Media system are \$9,868.00 to date.
- Annual Contribution Statements are in everyone's mailboxes at the church.

**Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman**

- After discussion of Lent and Advent suppers and services, a motion was made and seconded to eliminate the evening suppers and services for 2023. The motion passed 7-0. Mid-day services will continue and there will also be an Ash Wednesday service for 2023.
- There was also discussion regarding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services for 2023. With Christmas Eve being on a Sunday, there was a recommendation to have two Christmas Eve services and no Christmas Day service. Elders decided to survey the congregation during the month of February.
- The Elder Contact List was reviewed and updated for 2023.

**Casey Picard – Vice President**

- No report.

**Pastor Bersche**

- Visits continue for shut-ins.
- Official Acts: Death – Shirley Svinky – Burial was held on December 2.

**Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman**

- January 29 – Youth Worship Service
- February 12 – Over 60's Valentine Luncheon

**Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman**

- No report.

**George Wied – Chairman**

- Friday, December 26th the new flooring was supposed to be installed in the first classroom by the elevator. However, the

elevator leaked oil all over the floor, so the floor installation crew cleaned up the oil for a cost of \$200.00. Contact has been made with Schindler Elevators to resolve the issue.

- An electric pole was replaced behind the church.
- Fire Tron zone areas need to be redrawn and color coded. Two trips were made by Fire Tron. One was for inspection and the other for incorrect fire zone areas.
- George Wied brought dirt and filled in holes in the parking lot behind the church.

**David Novosad – Usher Chairman**

- There are now 22 ushers which have been split into 5 groups of 4 with two substitutes.

**Preschool – Maggie Kent**

- The Preschool Board added a new board position which was filled by Pam Epperly.
- The Preschool bookkeeper, Sylvia Foerster, resigned and Emshoff Tax Service is not currently accepting new clients. Therefore, Jodine Meyer's name was brought to Council to fill the bookkeeping position. A motion was made and seconded to accept Jodine as bookkeeper for the preschool. All agreed and the motion passed.

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

**New Business**

- No new business.

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

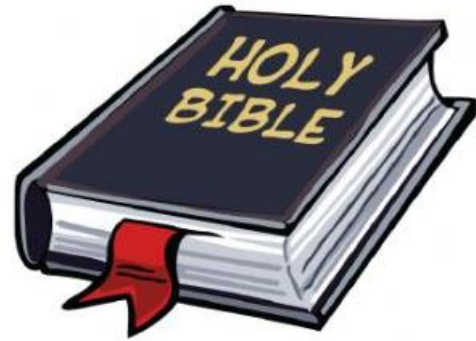
The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and Patricia Rother will have the devotion.

*Terry Hankins – President  
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Religious Studies

Topic: The Bible as a Collection of Books



Find the Bible books listed below in the puzzle.

### Bible Books

S O B A D I A H R H D G U N P  
S I C U L D U O Y J E Q S O S  
S L S H M L M H C P O E P E A  
G Y E E R A T S B Q T B R S L  
N V J U N O C N N S G Y O I M  
I G H S M E N O A U O D V O S  
K E A I E A G I A M O S E O E  
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B O R D D D R L H Q F C F N S

AMOS  
EXODUS  
JOEL  
OBADIAH  
ROMANS

CHRONICLES  
GENESIS  
KINGS  
PROVERBS  
SAMUEL

ECCLESIASTES  
JEREMIAH  
LAMENTATIONS  
PSALMS  
TIMOTHY

ESTHER  
JOB  
NUMBERS  
REVELATION