



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son



# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## Real Salvation for Us in a Real World

It's been almost three decades when "reality tv" hit television sets throughout the world. These were shows that supposedly had no script. They were apparently "real" people in a real situation, yet sometimes one or even sometimes both of those were only imagined by the audience. We are not in a "reality tv" show. This is real life. There are no cameras. There are no directors. There is no time limit on when we can be on and then off. The world we live in is the same world God created. After all He also created us.

The same goes for our spiritual life as well. Sometimes I wonder if we live out our spiritual life as a show for others and quite possibly for God. Or sometimes we think that we aren't too terribly bad in the way we live our lives. Maybe this sin stuff is merely imagined by others who want to judge us. Let me reassure you: our sin is real! You know it; I know it; and especially God certainly knows it.

So, God, who is really gracious and merciful sends His Son into our real world. He lived a real, sinless life in our place. And He died in our place as a real sacrifice to take away our sins. We have a real Savior in Jesus. He was more than a historical character. He actually, really lived and died for us. And get this, He also really rose from the dead for us. We have a real Savior to take away our real sins.

This is our reality: we are completely sinful but Jesus who is completely good gives us eternal life in heaven. Yes, we know for certain that heaven is real as well.

As we reflect on our real sinfulness this Lenten season, let us also realize more fully that we have a real Savior in Jesus.

### Real Objects Reminding Us of Our Real Savior from Sin

February 22	Ointment and Silver
March 1	Bread and Wine
March 8	Clubs and Swords
March 15	A Rooster and a Rope
March 22	Water and Blood
March 29	Thorns and the Cross

May God continue to bless you all.

**Pastor Ken**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:00 am**

Sunday School  
For All Ages

**Worship Service**  
10:00 am Sunday

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# 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

3/02 Deanna Cash	3/14 BRYNN BLUME	3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/02 Joyce Meyer	3/14 Suzanne Bozeman	3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/03 Mary Buechmann	3/16 Ellie Anderson	3/27 Faye Hintz
3/03 JACIE KANIER	3/16 Sylvia Forester	3/28 Charles Havemann
3/03 Carolyn Rash	3/19 Brittany Carter	3/29 Joanie Griffin
3/04 JOLIE KAINER	3/22 Susie Hartmann	3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/06 KASEY PICARD	3/24 Marie Herridge	3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/07 Stacey Picard	3/24 Felicia Munoz	3/30 CASE CARTER
3/09 Gabriella Munoz	3/26 Howard Bear	3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/11 Rhonda Browne	3/26 Brandon Blume	3/31 Savannah Munoz

Let's rejoice



with

these couples as they celebrate the designated anniversaries.

3/05/2010 Ron and Susie Hartmann	3/17/2012 Rich and Farrah Drury
3/12/2016 Hannah and Matthew Mueller	3/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston	3/24/2007 Christopher and Valerie Bryant



## Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



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



Sympathy for the family of Dorothy Hein who went to be with her Lord on Friday, January 27, 2023. Please keep her family in your prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE



**HURRY! SIGN UP!** (Mark Your Calendar) **MARCH BLOOD DRIVE** will be March 12, 2023, from 10:30 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](mailto:secmaggie@tlcsealy.org)) Sign up Online! Go to [giveblood.org](http://giveblood.org) and search for mobile drives, the date 3/12/2023 and sponsor code: 1881.

## 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, March 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!

## 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, March 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 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.

## Lent Worship Continues for 2023

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 that 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.



**LWML NEWS** March 5: Mid-Coast Zone meet at St. John, Wharton. Bring saved used postage stamp collections for free pick-up.

March 14 Second Tuesday meeting at 6 p.m.--Glass Room. We are collecting diapers and or baby items for one of our Mission Projects. We thank you kindly for helping. Box is located in Narthex. Mite Box collections for Texas State -LWML (75%) and for National LWML (25%). National gathered 100% funding for ALL 28 MISSION PROJECTS. WE PRAISE AND THANK GOD for the generosity of members. Our Texas members have a few MITES to go. Available in the Narthex: Copies of Braille (or anyone who needs large print) of the LWML Quarterlies----wonderful, interesting reading of Mission places like Papua, New Guinea, Kenya, and Maine. Trinity ladies, you are welcome to attend our meetings!!!!

Aletha Jeske



**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 you would like to assist in 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



**REGISTER NOW**

**Fall Registration Begins**

Fall registration will be a little different for the 2023-2024 school year. March registration is open as a first come basis for the preschool families that are in the program as of now, and at the same time registration is open to the community. This is due to low enrollment in the last couple of years. Fall enrollment will be on a first come serve basis.

The difference between preschool families that are already enrolled and the ones that will enroll from the community is the cost of registration. The non-refundable registration fee for Trinity Lutheran Preschool is \$150.00.

For the month of March, fall registration will be at a reduced price for both the families enrolled now and for the community. Once April 1<sup>st</sup> arrives registration will be at the regular price of \$150.00.

For the community, instead of a non-registration fee of \$150.00 the cost will be a non-refundable fee of \$125.00. For the ones that are enrolled in the program as of now, the non-refundable registration fee is \$100.00.

Registration packets are ready for you to pick up in the preschool office. If you are planning to have your child attend Trinity, please come by the office and pick up a packet, fill out enrollment forms and return them with the registration fee before Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Tuition Due** MARCH TUITION IS DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> BEFORE SPRING BREAK!



Spring and Graduation Pictures will be Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> beginning promptly at 8:15 am.



**Be In SCHOOL Be On TIME**

We are asking all parents to please have their child in school on their assigned days and be on time. This is the most important time to interact with their friends

<b>March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>“Two Small Coins”</b> <b>Chapel with Pastor Bersche</b> <b>March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Chapel with Pastor Bersche</b> <b>“The Man at the Pool”</b> <b>March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>“Mary’s Gift”</b> <b>Chapel with Pastor Bersche</b> <b>“Make Way for the King”</b>
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before class begins. This can reduce the disruption when your child is crying and disturbs the rest of the class. It is nice when the children and teachers have a routine each day.



**Wear Orange Day!** On Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the children can wear orange to reinforce the color for the month.



**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. We ask that your child bring about 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 March are:

<b>March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Elias Sanders</b> <b>March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Spring Break</b>	<b>March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Colt Shupak</b> <b>March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup></b> <b>William Sodolak</b>
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Please hand your pictures to your child’s teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



**Themes!** The themes for the month of March are Spring, Garden and Growing. Children will enjoy this month having fun planting something special in the classroom. They will water, nurture, and watch the plant grow and realize that God creates everything for us to enjoy.

Children will have a special project of planting seeds. They will take their little

starter garden home and both child and parents can care for and transplant their little garden and watch it grow.

**Preschool Bible Lesson** The Bible stories for the month of March are:

The Children will continue to learn the letters for the month B, V, W, E and K. The shape and color for the month is CRESENT and ORANGE.

The Bible verse for the month is: “I will be with you always”. (Matthew 28:20). The children will learn The Nineth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house or get it in a way which only appears right but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

The children will learn The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, worker, or animals. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.



**Spring Break!** Preschool will not be in session beginning Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break. Preschool is closed Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> which is before spring break and Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> after spring break.



**Good and Sad Choices!** Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about good and sad choices. All of us make many, many choices each day. Each choice will result in something that will happen afterwards. If we "Stop" and "Think" before we act, we are much more likely to make better choices.



I would like to say a special thank you in advance to the preschool parents participating in letting their child sing. Thank you to Pastor Ken Bersche for spending time with the preschoolers every Wednesday teaching our children about

Jesus. Thank you to the congregational members who support the preschool. Thank you to my special preschool staff who are the ones that work side by side with these children teaching the love of Jesus. All praise and glory go to our Lord and Savior giving the blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. May God continue to bless.



**Picture Day!** Please mark your calendar for spring pictures for everyone and graduation pictures for the pre-kindergarten class on **MONDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**. Please be here as close to 8 am. Pictures will begin promptly at 8:15 am.



Beginning Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, preschool families are welcome to attend Trinity Lutheran Church morning worship with communion at 11 am with a lite meal afterwards OR you can come at 6:00 pm for a meal and worship with communion at 7 pm. Each Wednesday during Lent, Trinity will have an 11 am worship service and meal afterwards. If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Ken Bersche or myself Ms. Maggie.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."  
Ephesians 4:32  
In Christ, Ms. Maggie*



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 13, 2023**

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
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Rebecca Tipton - Preschool
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

**Absent:**

- George Wied – Trustee Chairman
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

The Minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2023 were presented for review and approval. Barry Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes. Patricia Rother seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer (presented by Terry Hankins)

- As of January 31, 2023, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$21,754.37. The Building Fund balance was \$27,522.97 and the Designated Fund balance was \$79,484.00. The Total of All Funds was \$128,761.34. The total contributions for January were \$22,265.00 and total expenses for January were \$17,615.92. The total contributions for the year 2023 were \$22,265.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$17,615.92.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Media and HVAC contributions are still coming in.
- There are still some 2022 contribution statements in the mailboxes which need to be picked up.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Elder meeting dates have been set for March through August.

- Confirmation Examination - Pastor Bersche will determine the method of examination (questioning or essay) for confirmands.
- A Congregation Survey on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services is taking place during the month of February.

**Casey Picard – Vice President**

- No report.

**Pastor Bersche**

- Official Acts
  - Death: Dorothy Hein passed away January 27 and funeral was February 4
  - Baptism: Addyson Leah Marie Dembowski on February 5
  - Adult Confirmation: Adam Michael Carrion Jr. on February 5th
- Education
  - Sunday Morning Bible Class started the Gospel of Matthew, currently on Chapter 3
  - Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues Revelation, currently on chapter 13.
  - Confirmation study for February is the Lord's Prayer

**Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman**

- The Over 60's Valentine Luncheon served 40-50 plates.
- Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School. The dates are May 30 - June 1.

**Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman**

- No report.

**George Wied – Trustee Chairman (presented by Janice Wied)**

- The fire alarm was going off again. Fire Tron came out, checked the system and fixed the malfunctioning warning light. Fire zone #6 (heater room upstairs) was causing the problem. Bill Blume and Johnny Busse came to help and now know how to stop the false alarms if necessary.

- Found the fluid needed for the elevator and it is now back in service.
- Several windows need to be caulked because they leak during heavy rain. George has caulk on hand and will get some help to get everything sealed up.
- The church had 2 toilet problems which George fixed.
- George would like to thank all those who help with the upkeep of the church and the grounds and is asking everyone to inform the church office if they see anything broken.

**David Novosad – Usher Chairman**

- No report.

**Preschool – Rebecca Tipton**

- New bylaws with an amendment to add another voter position was presented. Barry Wolf made a motion to accept the bylaws. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

There being no further reports, David Novosad made the motion to accept all reports presented. Casey Picard seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

**New Business**

- Pastor's Housing Allowance for 2023 – Noah Hankins made a motion to approve, and Tricia Rother seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion.

