



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son



# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## Washed Clean into His Resurrection!

It happened to me a decade ago. I was driving my pickup truck (the same white Ford F-150 that I still drive today). Now since I served a rural congregation in Wilbarger County, Texas I drove down many, many gravel/sand filled roads. As a matter of fact, to get better access to our garage at that parsonage, a short drive down one of those dusty roads was the best way to get into the driveway and garage.

Needless to say, my bright, white truck most of the time dawned the color of a dusty tan to brown color. I never washed it, after all because most of my visits were down those dusty roads, I saw that it wasn't worth my time. So, my truck always was far from its original white color.

Now, the easiest way to keep it maintained and to keep it under the dealership warranty, I always took it into the local Ford house. (Actually, that place no longer is in that location.) One day when it needed an oil change and its tires rotated, I ventured into town to get the job done. What I didn't realize was that a guy I knew had started working in the Service Department of that Ford place. He was dating a lady of my congregation. He was working one of the service desks, receiving keys and setting up appointments.

I dropped off my vehicle and did some business in town. A little while later, I went back to get my truck, since the guy had called me to say that it was ready. I got there, paid for the service and received my keys. He told me it was parked in the side parking lot, so that's where I went. I walked through the parking lot several times and I couldn't find it. (Now looking back at it, I should have pressed my key fob.)

I walked back to the Service Desk and asked where my truck was parked. He said, "I personally parked it in the side parking lot." I told him that I was just there and it wasn't where he said it was." Then he told me, "Oh, by the way, I had it washed and detailed." Sure enough, I had walked right by it several times. I was looking for a brownish pickup truck but it was a shiny, bright white!

What a change! We also have been washed in the waters of Jesus' death and resurrection. Baptized into Him, He washes our sins away and we are clean. St. John reminds us in his Revelation:

I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them **white** in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:14

In the Resurrected and Living Christ Jesus,  
Pastor Ken



Blessing on the baptism of Chadwick Allistar Oyebisi Hintz, officiated by Pastor Ken Bersche at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy on Sunday, March 26, 2023. May God bless you and your family, guide, protect and shower his love and blessings on Chadwick. Parents are Chad and Bunmi Hintz, grandmother is Faye Hintz. The witnesses are Paul Cleveland and Abosede Paulette Aibinuomo.

# 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

4/02	AVERY FULLEN	4/17	Lorena Mueller	4/23	ISABEAU NIEMANN
4/02	John Fullen	4/18	Marlene Leiber	4/23	COURTLYNN SHUPAK
4/02	Tracy Schiller	4/18	Carrie Steinbach	4/25	Kayla Romano
4/02	Rachel Wolf	4/19	Eric Bryant	4/26	Geraldine Barrett
4/03	Jennifer Smith	4/19	Donald Munoz	4/26	Carol Jean Hauschild
4/13	CAYDEN KOPECKY	4/20	Denise Kopecky	4/26	Jerry Leiber
4/14	Amanda Matus	4/22	Antoinette Romano	4/28	ELLEN HILSON
4/15	Rose Einkauf	4/22	HANISH THOMPSON	4/29	Chad Hintz
4/15	Brent Foltz	4/23	AVERY GRIGAR	4/30	Kimberly Hobratschk
4/17	Sarah Emshoff				

## ♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

04/02/1967	Larry & Barbara Koy	04/19/1988	Donald and Felicia Munoz
04/14/1962	Bob and Ruth Witte	04/25/1998	Joe and Jennifer Smith
04/18/2009	Jason and Karina Carr	04/28/2018	Erik and Rachel Hilson



### 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

*Sneak on over to Sunday School and join the fun!*



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.

**Easter Breakfast Joins Us For Easter Breakfast**  
**9 am - 10 am, After the 8 am Worship & Before the 10 am Worship on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Thank You For Your Donation & Helping Make A Difference*

To Trinity Lutheran Church,  
 We at the Sealy Christian Pantry are very appreciative of your recent generous donation. Our mission is to demonstrate Christian love by providing food to people who need it. Thank you for helping us accomplish our mission.

Sealy Christian Pantry

On behalf of the Sealy Ministerial Alliance, I want to express my gratitude for your donation. These were tears of joy when we paid a senior citizens utility bill last week! Through your donation you have truly made a difference and for this we are grateful!

*God Bless You All, Dottie Kutra, Case Worker*

Thank You

**THANK YOU!**

Little Free Pantry

The Little Free Pantry is important to this special mother and her daughter. This is why we have the Little Pantry!

Thank you for the food. I am a single mother with a daughter who has autism. Thank you!

**Semi Annual  
Congregational  
Meeting**

**The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am worship service. This meeting will be to add another board member to the preschool to make a quorum.

He Is Risen!

**Easter Crosses!** The Youth are selling Easter Crosses after church for \$10.00 for the next few Sundays. These signs are a great way to show your neighbors your beliefs in the Lenten and Easter seasons!!!!

Easter  
Egg  
Hunt

**EASTER EGG HUNT!** Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt is on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately following church. All children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt at 11:15 am.

# Holy Week



**PALM SUNDAY**, April 2

10:00 a.m. Worship with the Lord's Supper



11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt



**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



8:00 am **EASTER EARLY WORSHIP**  
with Holy Communion

*Children may bring flowers to be placed upon the cross.*



9:00 am **EASTER BREAKFAST**



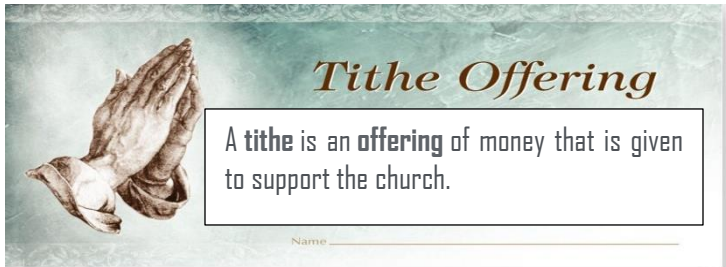
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**Children may bring flowers to be placed upon the cross for the early and late Easter service.**

# 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.



We are happy to offer an easy way to make your offerings to the Church. We can now set up an automatic draft from your checking account into the Church's checking account. All you need to do is complete a one-time form and the set-up is done through the Church's Internet Banking System. You choose the amount, the frequency of your offering (weekly, monthly, annually, etc.) and it will take place as a recurring transfer until you notify us of any changes, or if you wish to discontinue the transaction. Once your banking information is entered, the form will be filed away in a secure location. No one else will be able to view your information. Your account number is hidden from view in the report that is generated for the Stewardship committee. It really is safer than using a paper check, and since this is set up via ACH (Automated Clearing House) as a consumer transaction, you, as the consumer, have up to 60 days to file a dispute, if necessary.

We have been testing this since January, without any issues. There is no charge to you or to the Church, and you will still continue to receive credit for your offerings for tax purposes. If you are interested in this, please contact Ruth Szymanski (979-885-9504) with any questions. She has the form that needs to be completed and will be glad to help you.



## ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please contact the church office for more information or if you are interested in joining.



**SAVE THE DATE!!** Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm. Registration will be open soon for all children

entering Kindergarten thru entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Come join us for a Food Truck Party to learn about how God gives us our daily bread. Please contact Patricia Rother at (832) 520-9700 if you have any questions or if you would like to help as a volunteer. Thank you from the Christian Growth Board.



**STAMPS!** Thank you to all who collected and saved cancelled postage stamps instead of discarding them. Five Xerox boxes of postage stamps were delivered to Austin, Texas by our LWML Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Jonathon Meyer. Please continue to save cancelled postage stamps and bring them to the church office. We no longer must trim the stamps!

*Aletha Jeske*



## THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

*Please Join Us*

Next Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, April 12<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!



## HUNGER!

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



## Project for TLWM

### Collecting Diapers all year long!

(Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission) will be the LCMS "March Behind the Cross." Let's

overload the Diaper Bank for the Sealy Pregnancy Center every Sunday, bringing a baby item to place in the marked box in the narthex. Thanks, and God's blessings!



**Trinity Lutheran Women in Missions (TLW in M)** meets second Tuesday of month, 6:00 P.M.. All ladies are invited to come visit and/or join

our Mission group!

Thanks to all who have brought diapers and other baby needs! We will continue this project until Dec. 31! Other Mission Projects----with Mite Box funding in the TX District include Scholarships for Seminarians in St. Louis and Fort Wayne. The ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN where people's needs of food and clothing are met in Houston and the Tables of Los Fresnos Mission Outreach, Los Fresnos are supplied daily. We are hoping that Cyndy Boster, newly elected president of our Mid-Coast LWML Zone will have time to visit and share more info about the Orphan-Grain Train. Also, PastorKen has terrific Bible topics!!! Come hear!!!!

Please note in the Narthex, copies of the Braille Workers have sent us or those of us who need a bit of help with our sight, can take a copy for easier to read materials. If you have a neighbor friend, please take a copy and share God's Word! Great, interesting reading for "dim eyes"!!!! Praise our Lord for Lutheran Braille Workers!

The LWML Quarterlies also are available in Trinity's Narthex, please help yourself to a copy of interest reading as to how LWML groups across the USA did in celebration of our 80 years--a collection of OLD SHOES -----WOW, to think what all you can do with old, worn-out shoes?????

God's blessings to you every day, if you have questions, or need help, please ask Beth Franke, 361-343-1659 or Aletha Jeske. 979-627-9161.



### Bike Safety with Retired

#### Trooper Gary Pflughaupt! Retired

Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will talk to the children about Bike Safety on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am. He stresses to the children about the importance of wearing a helmet, watching out for people, and being aware of parked cars and knowing driveways can be dangerous while riding a bike. Teaching safety is important here at Trinity.



### Water Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt!

When the weather turns warm, everyone wants to be in or around the water. Hanging out at the pool or the beach on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. Between having fun and checking out the lifeguards, most people don't think much about water safety — but they should. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death.

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to talk to the children about water safety tips. Splashing, wading, and paddling means a great day in the water. Playing at the beach, at a water park, by a lake, or in a pool can be a real treat on a hot day. Swimming is a lot of fun, but Mr. Gary will tell us how to stay safe in the water.



### Park and Picnic! Springtime is here with great spring weather. With the beautiful sunshine the four-year-old class is looking

forward to enjoying a park and picnic at Lions Park on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We ask the parents to bring their child a sack lunch with a drink. The children will decorate a special bag for their lunches as a great reminder to the parents not to forget.

A permission form must be signed to attend the park and picnic. We also need at least (4) or more parent volunteers to help chaperone, have close eye supervision and help transport the children across the street to the park and back to the preschool. If rain occurs, we will have a sack lunch day, play games, and have their lunch in the gym.

Parents that are helping with the park and picnic please be here by 9:30 a.m. Remember that each child is a precious gift from God and must be supervised. Please do not gather and visit each other to make sure you are always in view of the children.



**Picnic on the Playground!** The two and three- year-old classes will have their special picnic on the playground while the four-year old class have theirs at Lions Park. We ask the parents to bring their child a sack lunch with a drink. The children will decorate a special bag for their lunches as a great reminder to the parents not to forget.



**Family of the Week!** We enjoy family of the week sharing families with everyone at preschool and church. Families of the Week for the month of April are:

<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup></b> Samuel Taylor	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup></b> Jack Williamson
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup></b> Savannah Thourot	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ariana Velazquez</b>

The families will hand the pictures to their teacher the Friday before their child is family of the week.



**Wear Black Day!** On Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> we would like the preschoolers to wear the color BLACK to reinforce the color for the month.



**Crazy Sock Day!** On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the children will have fun wearing funny socks for Silly Sock Day! The children come to preschool with shoes on. Children that come in with sandals without any socks, please bring a pair of socks for them. Shoes are a must when going outside to play.



**Themes!** The themes for the month of April are Spring, Farm and Sea Animals. This month the preschoolers will learn the color black, the shape diamond and the letters B, V, E, W, and K for the ones that are ready to continue.

The Bible stories for the month of April are:

<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup></b> "Jesus is Risen" Chapel with Pastor Bersche	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup></b> "A Net for of Fish" Chapel with Pastor Bersche
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup></b> Chapel with Pastor Bersche "Jesus Returns"	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup></b> "The Holy Spirit Comes" "The First Church" Chapel with Pastor Bersche "The Lame Man"

The children continue to learn the Ten Commandments and Lord's Prayer and know that Jesus loves them.



**Easter Party!** The preschool Easter party is on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The children will have chicken nuggets for their party. A sign-up list for the parents to bring refreshments and help with games is located on the glass window as you walk your child into the preschool. We are so grateful to everyone that brings food items and helps with games.



**Six Plastic Eggs!** Each child will need to bring six plastic filled eggs to preschool. Please fill each egg with individually wrapped candy inside. The children will have a small Easter egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have the room moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same number of eggs to go home.

*Preschool Closed Friday and Monday*

*April 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> for Easter!*

*Teacher Appreciation Week*

*May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>!*



**Pre-K Graduation!** **SAVE THE DATE!** The four-year-old class will have a cap and gown ceremony on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. worship service with a reception after the service.

**"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Romans 6:4**

***In Christ, Ms. Maggie***





CHURCH  
COUNCIL



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 20, 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
- 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 February 13, 2023 were presented for review and approval. Barry Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes. Noah Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- As of February 28, 2023, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$21,971.03. The Building Fund balance was \$27,803.92 and the Designated Fund balance was \$82,519.00. The Total of All Funds was \$130,104.15. The total contributions for February were \$21,426.00 and total expenses for February were \$21,971.03. The total contributions for the year 2023 were \$43,691.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$39,586.95.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- The Congregation Survey on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services took place in February. There were 28 votes to keep the schedule we have now and 38 votes for 2 services on Christmas Eve. Elders will be looking back at the Christmas schedule for the past 10 years and will hope to make a final decision by June 2023.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Shut-in calls and hospital visits continue.
- Education
  - Sunday Morning Bible Class continues the study of the Gospel of Matthew, currently on Chapter 5 (The Beatitudes).
  - Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues Revelation, currently on chapter 16
  - Five youth will be confirmed on May 17. Confirmands will be presenting a personal essay on a topic of Christian doctrine.
  - Wednesday Morning Worship theme is “The Objects of Jesus’ Passion” according to Matthew.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- VBS plans continue. The dates are May 30 - June 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This year’s theme is “Food Truck Party; On a roll with God”.
- In May, the Sunday School classes will be studying lessons which go along with this year’s VBS theme.
- This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2 (Palm Sunday) after church.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Easter Sunday Breakfast will be held April 9 from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman (presented by Janice Wied)

- The locks on some of the outside doors to the church are being checked and will be fixed.
- The elevator is working well. More oil will be ordered and kept on hand for future use.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool – Maggie Kent

- Fall registration began March 1, 2023 with early registration ending on March 31, 2023. Early registration prices are \$125 for the community and \$100 for families enrolled currently. Starting April 1, the registration fee will go back to the original price of \$150.
- New desks are being ordered for each classroom. The money is coming from the “How Much Do You Love Your Preschool” fundraiser.

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

- Ruth Szymanski presented the details regarding the new automated offering system. George Wied made the motion to accept the automated system. Barry Wolf seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed. Please see Ruth Szymanski for forms and/or questions.

There being no further business, Barry Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Wied seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and Pastor Bersche closed with prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. and George Wied will have the devotion.

**Terry Hankins, President**  
**Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary**

## The Easter Story for Very Young Children

**Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus.**

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. While He lived on earth, Jesus did many wonderful things. He made sick people well. He showed them how to be kind to each other and love one another. He taught God’s truth to everyone He met, and He forgave the bad things people did to Him and each other. But the best thing Jesus ever did was die on the cross to save us from our sins. All His friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed He was God’s Son. But other people hated Jesus. They didn’t like to hear the truth He shared because they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt Jesus and make Him go away.

After Jesus ate supper with His disciples one evening, He went into the garden to pray. The men who didn’t like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him. The soldiers hurt Jesus and sent Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed Him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus’s disciples were very sad that they could not see Jesus anymore.

On the third day after His death, some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

His friends were scared and sad because they didn’t know what had happened to Jesus’s body. But then an angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! And He never died again. He is still alive today!

