



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son



2023

TRINITY TIDBITS

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

The Season of Seasons



Regardless where you live, there are different seasons. Of course, it depends where you live that dictates the severity of each one. For instance, a winter in Minnesota is totally different than the winters in south Texas. Even in some places on the planet, temperature doesn't tell the season. Instead some locations have a wet season and a dry season. These seasons are all about the weather and yet there are still other seasons.

We get adjusted to also doing and watching things at certain times in the year. For instance, I really don't know what to think about the new professional football leagues (USFL and XFL) that play their season in the spring. I guess I'm old school in thinking in terms of seasons. That is the real reason why I just can't get attracted to anything outside of its season.

The preacher in the Old Testament tells us that there is a time for everything. A season for this and a season for that. So what about the seasons in the church? Too many times I hear people say about their neighbors, "I wish they would put away their Easter decorations because Easter Sunday was last week." Don't forget, Easter is more than one day out of the year. Easter is a season that lasts seven weeks. The last week of Easter concludes with our Lord's Ascension on Thursday and then the seventh Sunday of Easter, which this year will be May 21st.

However, Easter is more than a season also. Every Sunday is considered a "little Easter" because we celebrate Jesus' life that He gives to us. The resurrection of Jesus is so important to us as Christians that we always celebrate every Sunday with worship and praise to the living Jesus.

Then there's our Baptism which we should be mindful of every day. St. Paul reminds us that we have been buried with Christ into death so that as Jesus was raised to life by the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life. That means Easter is not just a day or a week or a season or even just on Sundays, but everyday!

Jesus lives so we also live. That life that we share with each other will also be demonstrated this month on May 7th with five of our youth confessing their faith and confirming their baptism into Jesus:

Jolie Kainer, Kasey Picard, Avery Bozeman, Lila Meyer, and Isabeau Niemann.

Peace to you in the Resurrected and Living Jesus,

Pastor Ken

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday

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ELDERS

Lowell Coody
Joel Grigar
Doyle Kornegay
Mark Romano
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

5/01 James Sneed	5/14 Cynthia Sodolak	5/25 Casey Picard
5/05 Karen Naida	5/15 Bonnie Reay	5/27 Viola Sebesta
5/08 COLT SHUPAK	5/17 Geraldine Stuessel	5/28 Terry Hankins
5/09 George Baade	5/18 Scott Stuessel	5/29 Neil Johnston
5/09 Robin Jacobson	5/19 Don Henry	5/29 Brody Schiller
5/10 David Hauschild	5/20 Elgien Konesheck Sr.	5/30 Brittney Steinhauser
5/11 Brittany Foerster	6/24 BRYCE JALOWAY	5/31 Bitsy Cobb
5/11 CALEB KRUZEL	5/24 Susie Toellner	5/31 Lindsey Dziadek
5/14 Sterling Schiller		



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

5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson	5/12/1979 Michael and Debra Ashorn
5/6/2016 Lowell and Andrea Coody	5/13/2000 Mark and Stephanie Koeppen
5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume	5/22/1993 Gerald and Lynlee Nixon



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



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 Randy Price who went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Please keep Brian and Kaila Garbs and the rest of the family in your prayers. He was a grandfather to one of our preschoolers.



Sympathy for the family of Lawrence Jatzlau who went to be with his Lord on Friday, April 21, 2023. Please keep his wife, Margaret, daughter and son-in-law Brenda and David Cash and their children Kristen, Krystal, Taylor and Deanna and the rest of the family in your prayers.

Thank You!

Altar Guild would like to thank everyone for your purchase of the Easter Lilies to beautify the sanctuary. Thanks, Mary Buechmann
Birth of Case Tucker Shupak

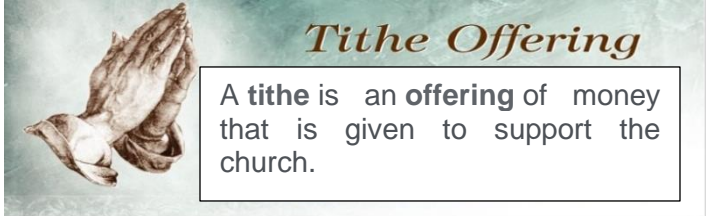
Case was born at Katy Memorial Herman at 7:45 pm



on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, weighing 8 lbs. and 7 ounces. His parents are Cody and Amber Shupak. His grandparents are Dean and Robin Jacobson and Uncle Austin Jacobson. Case's great grandparents are Jerry and the late Mary Grunke. Case was welcomed home by his big sister Courtlynn and big brother Colt. Thank you, Lord, for this new life, a precious gift from you.

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.



"A strong woman isn't the one who never fails, but the one who gets up after falling down." "I'm proud of you for not giving up when things got tough. That's what makes a strong mom." "The strongest mother is the

one who knows that her strength comes from loving unconditionally." simply-well-balanced.com



THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

Please Join Us Next Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, May 10th 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!



Vacation Bible School

will be held Tuesday, May 30th thru Thursday, June 1st from 6-8pm. Registration will be open soon for all children entering Kindergarten thru entering 5th 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.

Ladies Aid Group

The Ladies Aid Bake Sale is coming up at Bill's Grocery Store on May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods. Contact Antoinette Romano if you have any questions.

We made a delicious dessert and brought it to Colonial Belle Nursing Home on March 23rd. We were accompanied by our musical friend Don Allphin who played guitar and sang songs. We visited with residents including long-time member Joyce Meyer.

Welcome new member, Trine Hultstrand. We meet again on Thursday, June 1st at 10:30 in the church gym if you want to join us.



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, bring baby items to place in the marked box in the narthex. Thanks, and God's blessings!

Congratulations

High School and College Graduates



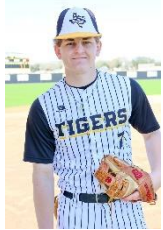
Deanna Cash
Sealy High School



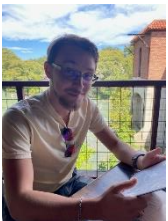
Tara Hobbs
Emma L.
Broady Academy



Neil Johnston
Bellville High School



Garret Nedd
Sealy High School



Nathan Romano
Texas A & M



FREE LITTLE PANTRY!

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



Everyone is invited to the Pre-K Graduation that will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2023, during the 10:00 am worship service. The children will wear the preschool's cap and gown that must be returned. The children will be able to keep their tassels as a gift. A gift bag with keepsakes will also be given to each Pre-K student to take home.

We would like the parents of the Pre-K students to be prompt bringing their child to their classroom at 9:30 am. This will give us ample time to put the caps and gowns on the children and for the parents to take pictures.

Most important, we would like all the parents to be out of the classrooms by 9:45 am so we can be ready for the ceremony.

Please come and take part in these children's lives and watch them graduate and move forward as they continue to learn and know that Jesus loves them. Remember to be here by 9:30 am on Sunday, May 21st for GRADUATION!

Here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, we plant the seed having a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit teaching these children to grow in God's love. We teach these children to become more like Jesus and walk in His footsteps and use the Ten Commandments for a path in life as a guide. It is this spiritual growth that becomes a birthmark of our faith!



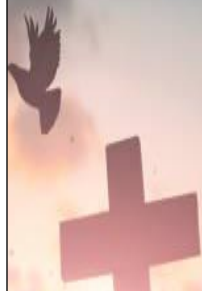
Cinco De Mayo Celebration- Trinity Lutheran Preschool will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Friday, May 5th. The children will enjoy

**Confirmation Sunday Is May 7th
Comfirmants To Be Recognized**

Are:

**Avery Bozeman Jolie Kainer
Lila Meyer Isabeau Niemann
Kasey Picard**

**A TABLE IS SET UP IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO GIVE THEM A CARD**



Nachos and make sombreros and maracas. This is a great multicultural lesson for the children.



Wear Purple Day! On Tuesday, May 10th the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.



Back Yard Picnic Bash! We will have a blast outside by having a Back Yard Picnic Bash! We know how much the children enjoy playing outside and bringing their lunches. All the children need to bring a sack lunch along with a drink on Friday, May 12th to enjoy the day outside with our Back Yard Picnic! Whether we have rain or not we will enjoy the day!



Sunglasses Day! On Tuesday, May 16th, the children may come to preschool wearing sunglasses! Hopefully the sun would be so bright we would have to wear sunglasses! Please label your child's sunglasses with their names. Hopefully we will have a beautiful sunny day to enjoy God's world through our sunglasses.



End of School Party! Preschool will have their end of school hot dog party on Friday, May 17th, 9:30 am-10:30 am. Please look for the sign-up list to help with games and refreshments!



Tie Dye Day The preschool will have a special day with all the colors God has created. Tie Dye Day is on Friday, May 19th. We would like all the children to wear as many colors as they can to reinforce the colors learned throughout the year!



Potty Training! I want to remind the two-year-old parents that all who are going into the three-year-old classes this fall must be potty trained. Please remember that if your child is not potty trained, they may not be in the three-year-old class. That means no pull ups! Each child must be in underwear or panties!

Please work with your child at home supervising them to take down their own bottoms and get themselves onto the toilet, wipe, flush and pull up their own bottoms. By working together, let's make this our goal for them to potty without assistance.

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. I appreciate all the parents supporting the teacher for potty training the children.

If your child has been sent home with a change of clothes from Trinity, please return it by the end of this school year.



A Special Thank You! To all the parents and congregational members, thank you for supporting the preschool this year.

Thank you for volunteering for parties and other functions needed throughout the year. Thank you for sending your child to learn about our Lord

and Savior, Jesus Christ. Your heart shows love by your participation! From the bottom of my heart and the teachers, THANK YOU!

I would like to say thank you to my Preschool Board, Church Council President, Terry Hankins, and Pastor Ken Bersche for all the support, taking time out for monthly meetings, all the prayers, and most of all giving their heart in the support of the preschool and the teachers. I appreciate everyone for all their hard work.



Teacher Appreciation! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th – May 12th. Preschool teachers have a special gift and talent in teaching and loving our children. Thanks to all who make these teachers feel important, blessed, and loved. Make this a great week for these special teachers who touch the heart of the children and all of us. Thanks for being there for all of us all year long. All of you are special parents with a caring heart. You are greatly appreciated!

"Listen to the advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." Proverbs 19:20-21



*From All of Us at Trinity Lutheran
Preschool
In Christ, Ms. Maggie*

Church COUNCIL TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2023

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

Absent:

- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on March 20, 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

- No report.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- There are still some 2023 offering envelopes; as well as 2022 year-end contribution statements needing to be picked up.
- No media/sound system donations this month.
- Received an HVAC donation.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- No report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Shut-in calls and hospital visits continue.
- Official Acts
 - March 5, 2023 – Baptism of Chadwick Allistar Oyebisi Hintz

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- The Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Thank you to all who donated eggs and/or candy.
- VBS plans continue. The dates are May 30 - June 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Posters and banners are hung, and online registration is up and running.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Easter Sunday Breakfast went well.
- A Graduation Potluck will be held April 23 after the worship service.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman (presented by Janice Wied)

- Firetron came and was able to resolve the problem with the fire alarm.
- All deficiencies have been resolved according to the Fire Marshall.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool – Maggie Kent

- No report.

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

New Business

- Night Depository Agreement with Citizens State Bank – Janice Wied, Ruth Szymanski, George Wied, and Terry Hankins signed the form and were given authorization to drop off and pick-up items related to Trinity Lutheran Church monetary deposits.
- Bags of outdated paperwork will be taken to Austin County State Bank's upcoming Shred Day.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and George Wied will have the devotion.

Terry Hankins, President
Kimberly Kornegay, Secretary

**Happy Blessed
May Celebrations!**

**High School and College
Graduation**

Confirmation

Birth of Case Tucker Shupak

Preschool Graduation

May Birthdays