



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## No Room for Being Religious or Even Superstitious

Summertime brings baseball to sports fans across the country along with the players' superstitions.

Mark Teixeira had the superstition of wearing two different socks every game. Matt Garza before every game that he was scheduled to pitch, always went to Popeye's Chicken. Moises Alou is known for urinating on his hands so that they would be "tougher". For night games, Wade Boggs would always take batting practice at 5:17 p.m. on the dot. Turk Wendell was known as one of the most superstitious pitchers. Most pitchers avoid stepping on the foul line when they run on or off the field. Turk would emphatically jump over the foul line by never touching dirt. Pitcher Don Robinson would never let anyone throw the ball to him when he started an inning. Instead, he would not catch it, wait for it to stop moving, then pick it up. Former Houston Astros hitter Craig Biggio would always have his helmet covered with pine tar. Whenever Joe DiMaggio would take his position at center field in the outfield, he always touched second base. An expensive superstition was held by Lenny Dykstra who would buy a new pair of batting gloves every time he got put out.

The list of baseball superstitions goes on and on. Compare that list with somethings we do as Christians. You must fold your hands, bow your head, and close your eyes to pray. One should fast before taking the Lord's Supper. We should always cross ourselves at the mention of the name of the Holy Trinity. The list of religious superstitions also continues on and on. (Although, some of them are beneficial as long as one understands the true nature of Christianity.)

As I have emphasized again and again, the Christian faith is not really a religion. It's not about doing things religiously. Following Jesus is all about one's relationship with Him. Even in the Old Testament worshiping idols was seen to be the same as committing adultery or cheating on God with someone or something else. Jesus teaches the same idea. After all, the reason for Jesus' death and resurrection is all about reforming our relationship with our heavenly Father. With His death and resurrection, God forgives us of our sins and rebuilds our relationship with Him.

So, how do we grow in this relationship? It is quite simple: read Your Bible; pray continually for others, and yourself; attend Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings; and participate in worship every Sunday. Within these things, God continues to give us His gifts to strengthen our faith and our relationship with Him.

***In Christ, Pastor Ken***



## 2023

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:00 am**

Sunday School  
For All Ages

**Worship Service**  
10:00 am Sunday

**Church Phone**  
979-885-2211

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979-627-7846

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979-885-7003

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### ELDERS

Lowell Cody  
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

6/02 Heather Bozeman	6/13 Austin Jacobson	6/25 Larry Alexander
6/02 Lauren Jackson	6/14 Brett Ebers	6/25 Robert Bozeman
6/02 Justin Szymanski	6/15 Karina Carr	6/25 Luke Thielemann
6/04 Lillian Villalovoz	6/16 Beverly Fritsch	6/26 Brandon Ebers
6/06 Donna Emshoff	6/20 Nicole Vrabec	6/27 Brenda Cash
6/10 Lowell Coody	6/21 Johanna Buechmann	6/28 Ann Reay
6/10 Jerry Ebers	6/21 Connor Smith	6/29 Stephen Stuessel
6/06 Paul Orsak	6/23 Sheri Dziadek	6/29 Kolby Wolf
6/10 Codi Konesheck		

## ♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

6/1/1958 Bobby & Geraldine Barrett (65 Years)	6/16/2001 Brian & Amber Nedd (22 Years)
6/3/1972 Clarence & Rose Einkauf (51 Years)	6/16/1957 Billy & Doris Schaffner (65 Years)
6/4/1994 John & Shirley Schier (29 Years)	6/17/1973 Jerry & Marlene Leiber (50 Years)
6/14/1969 Marvin & Carol Pless (54 Years)	6/18/1999 Terry & Noah Hankins (24 Years)
6/14/1975 Troy & Yvonne Tesch (48 Years)	6/25/2016 Cody & Amber Shupak (7 Years)
6/14/1997 Russell & Sheri Dziadek (26 Years)	



### 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

**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.



**Sympathy** for the family of Cynthia Sodolak who went to be with her Lord on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Please keep Johnnie and the rest of the family in your prayers.



**Sympathy** for the family of Pat Schmidt who went to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Please keep the family in your prayers.



**Sympathy** for the family of Kate Michalk, sister to Aletha Jeske, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Please keep Aletha and the rest of the family in your prayers.



**LADIES AID!** A big thank you to our wonderful congregation who brought and/or bought baked goods for the Ladies Aid Bake Sale - it was a great success! Our busy Ladies Aid group helps our church and our community in many ways including receptions after funerals, visiting nursing homes, giftbags for shut-ins, gifts for graduates, sending out cards. We donate to local non-profits like our church pantry, the Sealy Pantry, the Sealy Pregnancy Center and more.

**Thank you! Ladies Aid Group**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us and welcome our

new members to our family of faith with a potluck meal on Sunday June 25th. We would like the congregational members to bring sides of meat, veggies, casseroles, fruits, or desserts. New Members do not bring anything but you and your families. Please note...everyone please come to the luncheon even if you are not bringing a side. This is a great time to visit and enjoy us with our newest members.

**New Members** are Jason and wife Karina Carr and daughters Kaelee and Kinslee, Michael and wife Trine Hulstrand, Addyson Dembowski, Adam Carrion, Steven and wife Alice Franklin and confirmands Avery Bozeman, Jolie Kainer, Lila Meyer, Isabeau Niemann and Kasey Picard.

**Fellowship Committee**



**Pastor Bersche** will be on vacation the week of June 5 – June 11.



**Maggie Kent** will be on vacation the week of June 26 – July 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> church office is closed for Independence Day.



**LADIES AID MEETING** for the month of June will meet on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> instead of Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.



**COME JOIN US FOR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm. Please call

Mary Buechmann if you have any questions. 979-885-2730 Cell 281-728-0973. Please sign up in the narthex if you are planning to attend. By the way...desserts are always welcome!



## THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

Next Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, June 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!

## BLOOD DRIVE



**JULY BLOOD DRIVE** Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall. 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 mobile drives, the date 07/03/22 and sponsor code: 1881.



## PROJECT FOR LWML

**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!

## STEP UP FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN JUNE 21ST!

Trinity Lutheran Women in Missions: (LWML) For June! Thanks ALL for the diapers, knitted baby items, the bibs and all the diapers. The OPEN HOUSE tour was awesome last week. We will continue to keep up with the DIAPER BANK plus all other baby items. THANKS, and GOD'S CONTINUED BLESSINGS TO ALL!!!!

For the month of June, we will be doing the Lutherans for Life Walk on June 21 Wednesday at 5 pm - 8 p.m. The walk is called "STEP UP 4 LIFE", so we will walk the city park FOUR times. First, check in at the bench right out in front of the double glass doors and we'll give you a bottle of water, walk



across the street, and DO THE WALK!!!!!! An offering basket will be at the bench and 'thank you' for supporting Lutherans for Life, helping to serve God in keeping, saving, loving babies! This will be placed in the Sealy News inviting everyone to walk and Step Up 4 Life.



## 2023 LWML Convention

### Servant Events

The Servant Connections area at the LWML

Convention will be very busy when participants arrive ready to serve the Lord with gladness! (Psalm 100:2) A variety of mission minded events are planned from 9 am until 3 pm, Thursday, June 22, 2023. There will be countless things to do, make, assemble, write, and create, allowing opportunities to support many organizations. So many thankful recipients will be the beneficiaries of the efforts. God be praised for:

*Food kits and school backpacks assembled for Orphan Grain Train.*

*No-sew fleece pillows made, bookmarks colored, and cards of hope written for Phil's Friends.*

*Witness bracelets and puppets put together for MOST Ministries.*

*Braille books and calendars made for Lutheran Braille Workers.*

*Cards created and written for mission workers and for A Place of Refuge.*

Register for the convention now and join others in serving on Thursday, June 22, 2023, to "Celebrate the Lord of Nations" in Milwaukee.



I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Congregation,

Church Council, Elders, Preschool Board, Church Volunteers, Preschool Teachers, Parents and Pastor Bersche for coming together and taking time for the preschool program.

I was filled with joy seeing parents, their families and congregational members at the

Pre-K Graduation on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Watching these students recite The Ten Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and know their monthly Bible Verses is amazing. This is just a bit of what these children learn here at Trinity.

With our pre-kindergarten program our teachers are trained by the school district in what needs to be taught so they are prepared for kindergarten. These precious little gifts from God are to be valued and cared for in His name. As parents, you are our children's stewards during their earthly life.

Here at Trinity Lutheran Preschool, it's our responsibility to teach these little ones what is needed to prepare them for kindergarten and feel respect to God's Word so that they may know Him, live by His commands, and teach others about Him for generations to come.

We have managed to see the hand of God at work. I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. You revealed the true foundation of this church is kindness and love.

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



## Help Sponsor a Child to Attend Trinity Lutheran Preschool Program for 2023-2024

Sponsoring a child is a personal way to show God's love to a child in our community in need of financial support to attend preschool.

First, before a child is given a half scholarship they must qualify. We ask the families who are applying for the program to show proof of their yearly income tax. This information goes no further than the preschool board to assure the family's privacy.

Second, they must attend the five-day program.

Third, tuition is \$350.00 each month. If you sponsor a child, we are asking for \$175.00 per month from you and the other \$175.00 will be from the family.

Why is it important for a child to attend Trinity Lutheran Preschool?

We help children reach their full potential by laying the groundwork for everything else you do in school and life. This preschool has been known to make children succeed.

We have smaller classes which ensure a child will get personalized instruction and the one-on-one attention that is so important for their development.

We teach Bible stories and morals to give them a head start they need in general life. A child is never too young to hear about creation, about God's love, about Jesus and about the many wonderful stories the Bible holds. Every story helps us to get to know what God is like, what we are like, and the way God wants us to live.

We teach children how to learn from their mistakes. Teachers teach children how to learn from their mistakes by providing lots of space for them to play and explore independently, allowing them the chance to make new discoveries every day and confront new challenges.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is a great place for parents to connect with other families in the community and our church.

This preschool is one of those rare places where you can feel like part of a community while giving a child an incredible start in life.

Call the church office and let me know if you are interested in sponsoring a child for the school year. Preschool may be a luxury, but I think it is a necessity.

Thanks, Ms. Maggie



**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 8, 2023**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by George Wied in the absence of Terry Hankins. Janice Wied presented the devotion.

**Council members present:**

- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Pastor Bersche
- Patricia Rother – Christian Growth Chairman
- George Wied – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Preschool – Pam Epperly

**Absent:**

- Terry Hankins – President
- Casey Picard – Vice President
- Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2023, were presented for review and approval. Barry Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes. Janice Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- None

**Chairmen Reports:**

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- March Report - As of March 31, 2023, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$13,098.76. The Building Fund balance was \$27,968.79 and the Designated Fund balance was \$84,654.00. The Total of All Funds was \$125,721.55. The total contributions for March were \$16,754.00 and total expenses for March were \$21,981.01. The total contributions for the year 2023 were

\$60,445.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$61,567.96.

- April Report - As of April 30, 2023, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$15,887.43. The Building Fund balance was \$28,250.27 and the Designated Fund balance was \$84,944.50. The Total of All Funds was \$129,082.20. The total contributions for April were \$26,121.00 and total expenses for April were \$22,436.78. The total contributions for the year 2023 were \$86,566.00 while the total expenses for the year were \$84,004.74.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- The ACH (automated system for offering donations) is working well. Anyone wanting to enroll in the automated system may pick up a form from the church office.
- No media/sound system donations this month.
- Received another HVAC donation.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- No report.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts
  - Funeral on April 25 for Lawrence Jatzlau.
  - Wedding on April 28 for Scott Stuessel and Lisa Whitten
  - Confirmation on May 7 for Kasey Picard, Lila Meyer, Jolie Kainer, Avery Bozeman, and Isabeau Niemann
- Shut-ins remain the same, still visiting them at least once every two weeks.
- Sunday Morning Bible Class is currently studying Matthew 6 and Wednesday Morning Bible Class is on Revelation 20.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- 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

- Minor repairs continue.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool – Maggie Kent

- Preschool registration is still open.

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

### **New Business**

- None

There being no further business, Barry Wolf made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Novosad seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and Barry Wolf will have the devotion.

***Terry Hankins – President***  
***Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary***

