



TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Frustration Averted

Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son



2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday

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Believe it or not, pastors do get frustrated! Yes, we're human and sinful (very sinful at that). I remember one of the times I was the most frustrated. It happened over a decade ago in my former parish in west Texas. A parishioner of mine after the fact was complaining that I didn't visit them in the hospital. They would have a very good reason for their complaint except for the fact that I NEVER KNEW THEY WERE IN THE HOSPITAL. The person never told me. They assumed that a loved one or close relative said something, but they didn't. I was in the dark and very frustrated.

You may not be aware of this but most of the time (and this is sad to say) the pastor is the last one to know. Everyone else knows the happenings of the church such as who is sick, in the hospital, needing assistance but they just assume that the pastor knows, which in most cases he doesn't.

That one time when I was really frustrated about the hospital visit, I had to vent out my frustrations to someone. So, I went to the former pastor of the parish who knew the congregation very well. He gave me really good advice. He said to me, "Ken, when I was the pastor of this church every now and then I'd step out the office door. Then I take the few steps outside the church door and stand by the bell tower. I would then look up to heaven and say, 'Lord, tell me who is sick and in the hospital this week?'" I had to laugh at his response to my complaint. Then I asked him, "Did God ever respond and tell you exactly who was in the hospital?" To that, he just shook his head.

So, if you as a follower of Christ and a parishioner of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sealy, Texas, then please let me know by calling the church office and telling us when and where you go into the hospital. That is if you want your pastor to visit you. (Don't forget there are numerous hospitals in the area.) Otherwise, I will not know. Or if I find out by other means, I might assume you don't want to be visited. I've also come across some folks who want complete privacy at the hospital, even from their pastor. Yet you could still inform me about your trip to the hospital and not tell me the location. That way I will continue to keep you in my personal prayers each day.

As always, I will continue to pray for all of you as I hope you also pray for me. Continue in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and remember, HE LOVES YOU even in times of frustration. We are saved by God's grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. It is in His forgiveness that we serve each other every day.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken



A parent confirmation meeting, please try to attend will take place Sunday, August 27th after church at 11:00 am. See you then.

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

8/04	CARSON BRYANT	8/12	Larry Remmert	8/16	Shea Orsak	8/22	Dean Jacobson
8/05	Melissa Niemann	8/12	Patsy Romano	8/17	Jason Carr	8/24	ZABEIN ALLEN
8/05	John Vrablec Jr.	8/13	Steven Cobb	8/17	CAMERON VOJTEK	8/23	Jason Kruzel
8/06	Robert Anderson	8/13	Lee Allen Palm	8/17	Karleigh Wilkerson	8/24	Blair Konescheck
8/06	Norma Pavelka	8/15	Ryanne Meyer	8/18	Patrick Johnston	8/27	Rob Emshoff
8/09	Krishna Langton	8/15	Carol Pless	8/18	Alton Kveton	8/27	Stephanie Koeppen
8/11	Tara Hobbs	8/15	James Schmidt	8/20	Mary Ann Thompson	8/29	Tara Johnston
8/11	Bill Reay	8/15	Jennifer Sullivan	8/21	Pat Buechmann	8/29	Marvin Pless
8/11	Cheryl Steinhauser						

♥ HAPPY ♥ ANNIVERSARY ♥

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

8/1/2015	John and Nicole Vrablec	8/13/1977	Robert and Suzanne Bozeman
8/2/1969	Charles and Bev Ekarius	8/24/1968	Pastor Gilbert and Beth Franke
8/7/2010	John and Nichol Fullen	8/30/1980	Charles and Barbara Havemann
8/11/1973	Johnny & Joan Griffin		



Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins



For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes 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

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.

George Baade Information!

Some of you have been asking about George Baade who passed away on Friday, June 30, 2023. Larry Klecka from Wallis contacted the church to let us know that George had passed away. Larry and his wife along with George and Nelda went to a lot of dances and enjoyed their company as friends.

Henry Baade and Laura Baade were cousins of George Baade. Both had a hard time finding out information about George along with George's friend Larry. Henry and Laura did not know that George passed until I called them.

Henry, which was not easy, finally got information about the stepdaughter, Joy Bencio, by certified letter. At this time Joy was stuck in Manilla in the Philippines for nine weeks due to the airport shut

down. Joy lives in New York and is Director of Nursing and has been in the U. S. for thirty years.

This is what Henry found out. George never really communicated to Nelda or Joy about his cousins.

After Nelda, George's wife passed, Joy wanted to make sure George was taken care of and placed him in Veranda House. George was on medication for his dementia but would not take his medication as directed and was getting worse. From Veranda House, Joy moved George to Caydance in Katy. Later, Joy moved George to Memory Care in Katy due to his condition. Joy made sure she came from New York every three months to visit and check on George. George was cremated and his remains are with Nelda in Manilla in the Philippines. Joy made sure George had the Lutheran Rite of Internment. If you have any questions, you may contact Henry Baade at (Home) 979-532-3397 or (Cell) 979-533-4842.

CHANGE OF PLAN!

**Ladies Aid Meeting
will meet Thursday,
August 10th instead of
Thursday, August 3rd.**

THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT



Next Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, August 9th 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!



Cadie Neu, Jacie Kainer, Avery Grigar & Jade Barton

These young women are part of the Greater Sealy All-Star Softball Team – Junior Division, who won the East Texas State Championship. Now they are heading to Kirkland Washington for the World Series.

PROVERBS 19:21:
“MANY ARE THE PLANS IN A
MAN’S HEART, BUT IT IS THE
LORD’S PURPOSE THAT
PREVAILS.”



Thank you, Alton Ehler and Jane Lebo!
Faye Hintz was so excited to see the flower bed by the sanctuary doors and at the corner street where we have the church sign looking beautiful! Thank you, Alton Ehler and Jane Lebo, for taking time in this heat to clean, trim and make the flower beds presentable. Both of you are blessings!



**PROJECT FOR LWML (Continuing)
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!



**LUTHERAN WITNESS
SUBSCRIPTION
RENEWALS END SUNDAY,
AUGUST 27TH.**

Please contact Ms. Maggie if you are interested in receiving or renewing the Lutheran Witness Subscription. You can request and pay the church to purchase the subscription for \$16.00. This includes the Texas Messenger. Forms are in the narthex. Fill out the form along with your subscription money of \$16.00 and place it in the offering plate and stewardship will give it to me or bring by the church office.



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

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. Or a onetime cost of \$1,575.00. Please contact the church or preschool office if you would like to help a child. Thank You, Ms. Maggie

**PASS
IT ON!**



Trinity Lutheran Preschool is not off to a good start. Even though we have new learning tools, toys, stems, practical life, math, science, language and new preschool furniture, shelves, cubbies, and new fantastic floors and cabinets, we need students! Please pray for the preschool program for the enrollment to increase.

Preschool Teachers for 2023-2024 are:

- Rachel Hilson – Two-Year-Old Class
- Shea Orsak – Younger Three-Year-Old Class
- Ana Oviedo – Older Three-Year-Old Class
- Kristi Flores – Older Four-Year-Old Class
- Robin Jacobson – Asst. Director

*My first day back to preschool is Monday, August 7th getting everything ready and prepared for the beginning of the school year.

*Teachers first day back is Monday, August 14th!

*Staff meeting to go over lesson plans is Wednesday, August 16th.

*Teacher Staff Conference is Thursday, August 17th.

*Preschool Meet the Teachers is Thursday, August 24th 6:00 pm-7:00pm.

*The first day of Preschool is Monday, August 28th.

I would like to say a thank you to everyone in advance for all your support and prayers for the preschool. Ms. Maggie



Sunday, September 10th!

For All Ages!

8:30 am

Fellowship

(Enjoy Coffee/Donuts Etc.)

9:00 am

Sunday School

10:00 am

Worship

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY





**TRINITY
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2023

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by Terry Hankins. Patricia Rother presented the devotion.

Council members present:

- Terry Hankins – President
- Casey Picard – Vice 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:

- Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on June 12, 2023, were presented for review and approval. Casey Picard 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

- June Report - As of June 30, 2023, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$8,682.76. The Building Fund balance was \$28,914.54 and the Designated Fund balance was \$87,029.50. The Total of All Funds was \$124,626.80. The total contributions for June were \$22,077.00 and total expenses for June were \$22,986.30. The total contributions for the year 2023 were \$128,364.00 while the

total expenses for the year were \$129,672.19.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- 2024 contribution envelopes have been ordered.
- Media/sound system donations received this month totaled \$200.00.
- HVAC donations received this month totaled \$250.00.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Services - Discussion of the survey taken in early 2023 and attendance data from 2012 - 2022 led to the following. A motion was made by Joel Grigar and seconded by Ronnie Schmidt to have two services on Christmas Eve and no Christmas Day service. Motion passed 5-0. The Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.
- There was discussion of returning Communion on fifth Sundays. There was no motion made so the Fifth Sunday Communion Service died for lack of a motion.
- Organist/Pianist - Janis Pless has stepped down as our organist/pianist. We are currently looking for someone to fill her position.

Casey Picard – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche

- Official Acts for May 2023:
 - June 9 Transfer in from Hope Lutheran, Friendswood: Sanjay and Rexanne Singh
 - June 12 Affirmation of Faith: Gloria Havemann
 - June 29 Death: George Baade
- Sunday Morning Bible Class on July 16 will begin the study of Matthew 9.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class will begin in September along with Confirmation.

Patricia Rother - Christian Growth Chairman

- Teachers have volunteered for the new year which will begin in September.

- There will be a “Youth All Nighter” on August 4 from 9:09 pm - 7:07 am.
- Sunday, July 30 is a Youth Service.
- We are working on some fundraising ideas for the National Youth Gathering which will be held in New Orleans, LA during the summer of 2025.

Noah Hankins – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Nothing to report.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman

- Working on acquiring a bid for tree trimming.
- Other minor repairs and maintenance continue.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Pam Epperly – Preschool

- Preschool registration is low. There are currently 24 students registered and there needs to be at least 40 to cover expenses and retain the teachers.
- Preschool is required to provide audit information to the Church Council. Casey Picard made a motion to contact the preschool to provide necessary audit information. 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. George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

New Business

- The 2024 Proposed Budget was distributed to Council members. Budgets are due and must be submitted at the September 11th Council Meeting.
- Several Church Council member terms will end in December. A nominating committee is being formed to find candidates for the positions needing to be replaced.

There being no further business, George Wied made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patricia Rother seconded the motion. Meeting was

adjourned and Pastor Bersche led the Lord’s Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. and Barry Wolf will have the devotion.

Terry Hankins - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary



Proud of all these girls!
Way to go to these four from our church!

Jade Barton
Avery Grigar
Jacie Kainer
Cadie Neu



Proud of these three!
Julissa Olvera
Kimberlee Aguirre
Jacie Kainer
went to Trinity Lutheran Preschool!