



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

TRINITY TIDBITS

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



If Only We Had Reversed Eyesight...

Horace looked out the window as he spoke to his neighbor on the phone. "I can't believe she is cheating on Jack!" Horace said quite roughly. "I can see that she left the house across the street around 4:30 and she'll probably get back around 4 in the morning. Who would do such a thing to the person they've been married to for over 40 years? Why, Jack is such a kind, loving man!"

That conversation went on for about two more hours about Horace's neighbors who lived right across the street from him. He jumped to conclusions in harsh judgments without knowing any facts. The truth of the situation was that Jack and his wife got into some financial problems due to a bad investment. So, in order to help out, Jack's wife got a job waitressing at the all-night café in town. There was no cheating and the sin being committed in this situation was Horace himself with his quick and condemning judgments.

Don't we love to point the judging finger at others. Don't we like to pick out their sins from other people. Many times, we do it subconsciously so that others will look and condemn someone else for their sin instead of condemning us.

So, now we are in the middle of this penitential season of Lent. Oh, how easy it is to point out others' faults. And, oh, how hard it is to truly see ourselves. If only God would have placed an extra pair of eyes inside of us to honestly see the evil, we produce. This time of year, and every day of our lives, should be a time of repentance. Our focus should not be upon how good we are doing. Our focus should not be upon how bad and awful our neighbor is. Instead, as the writer to the Hebrews reminds us, to focus upon Jesus. He is the author and perfecter of our faith.

If we only had reversed eyesight to truly see ourselves, then we would see what God sees. We would see the sick, rotting soul that lurks within us. The one that makes up all the selfish and senseless acts we can muster. Yet still in that mindset of honestly seeing inward, with the eyes of faith we gaze upon the compassion and grace of God in Jesus.

Jesus tells Nicodemus and us that He did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. As we live our lives, we are reminded of His mercy and love that covers all our sins. He went to the cross to die our death so that as He is risen from the dead, we also rise to newness of life! May God continue to bless you all.

Pastor Ken

hello
March

2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday

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979-885-2211

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Mark Romano
Tracy Schiller
Ronnie Schmidt
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Church Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 24th
immediately following church.
All children are welcome to
join us at 11:15 am.



It's Your Birthday!

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

3/02 Deanna Cash
3/02 Joyce Meyer
3/03 Mary Buechmann
3/03 Jacie Kainer
3/03 Carolyn Rash
3/04 Jolie Kainer
3/06 Kasey Picard
3/07 Stacey Picard
3/09 Gabriella Munoz
3/11 Rhonda Browne

3/14 BRYNN BLUME
3/14 Suzanne Bozeman
3/16 Ellie Anderson
3/16 Sylvia Forester
3/19 Brittany Carter
3/22 Susie Hartmann
3/24 Marie Herridge
3/24 Felicia Munoz
3/26 Howard Bear
3/26 Brandon Blume

3/26 Loyce Orsak
3/27 Johnny Griffin
3/27 Faye Hintz
3/28 Charles Havemann
3/29 Joanie Griffin
3/29 ALIVIA RAMON
3/30 Phoebe Browne
3/30 CASE CARTER
3/30 Nichol Fullen
3/31 Savannah Munoz

Happy Anniversary

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."
(1 Thessalonians 3:12)

3/12/2016 Hannah and Matthew Mueller
3/14/1993 Patrick and Tara Johnston
3/17/2012 Rich and Farrah Drury

3/18/1999 Joel and Katy Grigar
3/24/2007 Christopher and Valerie Bryant



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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS January 8, 2024

Amount of Deposit \$ \$830.00

Please take time and call

1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.



Order Your Easter Lillies Now for 2024!

Honor a loved one or their memory and provide beautiful adornment for our sanctuary during the Easter services. Each lily is \$15.00 (payment in advance).

Make Checks Payable To:
Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild
Only 24 Easter Lillies Will Be Sold!

Contact Mary Buechmann to check if Easter Lilies are sold out! Please give money to Mary Buechmann and contact her with any questions at 281-728-0973.



EASTER CROSSES - The

Youth are selling Easter Crosses after church beginning in March 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!!!!



INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY



Easter egg candy donations are needed no later than March 17th. A decorated box is in the Narthex to drop off your candy donations.



TRINITY'S EASTER EGG HUNT!

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, March 24th immediately following church. All children are welcome to join us for an Easter egg hunt at 11:15 am.

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HELPING ONE ANOTHER (HOA)

We are in need of volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to Silver Lake Retirement Community and one other home in that neighborhood. It would be on Tuesday mornings and takes only about 30 minutes to complete the route. If you are interested in helping, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504. She is currently doing this route but would like to find another person to share it with. Please consider this.

Circle of Friends

COME JOIN US

FOR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS with lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, March 6th 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.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets every Wednesday from 10-11 am. Please meet me in the glass room by the church office.



Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission



TLWM meets every second Tuesday of the month at the new time of 2:00 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday March 12th at 2:00 pm.

Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission

The ladies of Pattison and Sealy LWML invite you to the 2024 Mid-Coast Zone Spring Rally! Theme: "Created in Christ Jesus to do Good Works" – Eph 2:10

Date: Saturday, March 16

Place: Christ Lutheran Church, 35912 Royal Road in Pattison

Time: 10:00-2:15

- The rally will include devotions, guest speakers including a Texas District Young Women's Representative, and Mike and Marti Rathje of Orphan Grain Train Ministry.
 - Lunch will be provided!
 - Items will be collected for the Orphan Grain Train hygiene kits. Suggested ingathering items needed include bath towels, washcloths, bars of soap (original wrapper), plastic soap boxes, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, tissues (travel package size), nail clippers.
 - Questions? Contact Trine Hultstrand at 281-451-5156
- Please RSVP to Cindy Boster (Mid-Coast Zone President) via phone or text at 918-399-3305 by March 1, 2024.



THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

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 13th 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!



Fellowship Sundays!

Right before Sunday School at 8:30 am we have a little social time with donuts, kolaches and coffee. Then at 9:00 am we attend Sunday School for all ages, Preschoolers, Children, Jr. High, High School, and Adults! If you have not been, please come and join us! See you at 8:30 am on Sundays!



2024-2025

Fall

Registration Begins



REGISTER NOW

Please spread the news about this great deal for Fall Registration!

Fall Pre-registration for 2024-2025 school year begins March 1st and ends March 31st. Pre-registration is open for the preschool families that are currently in the program as of now, AND to new students from the community that are not enrolled.

The non-refundable pre-registration fee for Trinity Lutheran Preschool is \$125.00 for students new to the school and \$100.00 for students currently enrolled.

For the month of March ONLY, fall registration will be at a reduced price for both the families enrolled now and for the community. Once April 1st arrives registration will revert to the regular price of \$150.00 for students new to the school.

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 the packet with the registration fee before Sunday, March 31st.



MARCH TUITION IS DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH BEFORE SPRING BREAK!



Preschool is closed Friday, March 8th which is before spring break and Monday, March 18th after spring break. Preschool will be closed Friday, March 29th for Good Friday.



Drop Off! We are asking all parents to please, please drop off your child and leave so the teacher can begin their class. The longer you stay delays the classes routine and consistency. Between you and the teacher, consistency is one of the most important routines in a child's life.



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.



The Bible stories for the month of March are:

March 4th– March 8th

Lazarus Lives Again Pg. 418

A Gift for Jesus Pg. 423

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

The True King Pg. 427

March 11th– March 15th

Spring Break

March 18th – March 22nd

A Poor Widow's Gift Pg. 433

Chapel with Pastor Bersche

Washing the Disciples' Feet Pg. 437

The Last Supper Pg. 442

March 25th –March 29th

Jesus Is Arrested and Crucified Pg. 446

Jesus is Risen! Pg. 453

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: "He is Risen". (Mark 16:6). The children will learn The Ninth 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.



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:

March 4th– March 8th

Guadalupe Gomez

March 11th– March 15th

Spring Break

March 18th – March 22nd

Colt Shupak

March 25th –March 29th

Melanie Solis

March 31st – April 5th

Ryker Spivey

Please hand your pictures to your child's teacher the Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Dr. Seuss! On Friday, March 1st Mrs. Beth Franke, a retired librarian, and a church member will come to read a few of Dr. Seuss' books to the children. The preschoolers love it when she wears her Dr. Seuss' hat while reading.



Easter Story! On Thursday, March 28th, Mrs. Franke will come and read The Easter Story to the preschoolers. Not only is she a librarian, but she is also a wife to a retired Pastor, Pastor Gilbert Franke.



Kid's Dentistry! February was dental and hygiene month, and we learned the importance of taking care of our teeth. Kid's Dentistry could not come in February, someone will be here on Tuesday, March 5th at 10:15 am to talk to the preschoolers about healthy teeth.



Planting Day! When the children return to school after spring break the preschoolers will begin planting seeds. One of the best ways to learn about plants is to plant a seed and watch it grow.



Good and Sad Choices! Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool on Thursday, March 21st and talk to the preschoolers 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.



Wear Orange Day! On Friday, March 22nd the children can wear orange to reinforce the color for the month.



Six Filled Plastic Eggs! Each child will need to bring six plastic filled eggs to preschool. Please fill each egg with individually wrapped candy inside. You may bring the eggs before we go on Spring Break or by Friday, March 22nd. The children will have a small Easter egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same number of eggs to go home.



Easter Party! The preschool Easter party is on Wednesday, March 27th, 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.



Thank You! I would like to say a special thank you to the preschool families who

participated in singing in church. 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 you.

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power." (1 Corinthians 6:14)

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 12, 2024

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by John Vrabec. Janice Wied presented the devotion.

Council members present:

- John Vrabec – President
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Nikki Vrabec – Board of Education Chairman
- Joann Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- George Wied – Trustee Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Preschool - Pam Epperly

Absent:

- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Pastor Bersche
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on January 8, 2024, were presented for review and approval. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Janice Wied seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- No old business.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- January Report - As of January 31, 2024, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$15,933.15. The Building Fund balance

was \$34,750.47 and the Designated Fund balance was \$86,927.50. The Total of All Funds was \$137,611.12. The total contributions for January were \$18,207.50 and total expenses for January were \$23,351.92. The total contributions for the year 2024 were \$18,207.50 while the total expenses for the year were \$23,351.92.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special donations for the month included:
 - \$150.00 for Media
 - \$1,000.00 for the Building Fund in the form of a memorial

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- Purchased the Concordia Digital Organist for one year for \$300.00.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- Nothing to report.

Pastor Bersche (report given by John Vrabec)

- Official Acts:
 - Margaret Jatzlau passed away January 18 and her funeral was January 24.
- Bible Classes:
 - Sunday Mornings are currently studying Matthew 15.
 - Wednesday Mornings continue their study of “The Chosen”. They are currently on episode 6 Jesus Heals.
 - The confirmation Seminar in January was on the “Office of the Keys”.

Nikki Vrabec - Board of Education Chairman

- Vacation Bible School materials have been ordered.
- Valerie Bryant has volunteered to assist with all youth group activities at Trinity.
- The youth will be selling Lenten Crosses.
- There was discussion on allowing the Impact Sealy Youth Organization to use the gym for a youth activity on March 22 & 23. Ruth Szymanski made a motion to allow them to use the gym. Nikki Vrabec seconded the motion. All church council members approved, and the motion passed. There will be someone from Trinity at the event both days to chaperone. They will be using the gym on the night of March 22 and during the day on March 23.

Joann Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Sunday Morning Fellowship and Bible Study is growing.
- The Dixon's are donating a rolling cart for Sunday mornings to help with setup and

cleanup. Anyone is welcome to use the cart at other times.

- The Little Pantry is open again to help people in need in the Sealy area. The sign on the food cabinet outside says Wednesday's 10 am - noon food is given out. Donations from church members can be placed on the cart in the Narthex near the side door by the media stand.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman

- Small repairs continue around the church including toilets in the gym lady's room.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool - Pam Epperly

- Preschool has gained new students. Two in January and one in February.
- Ana Oviedo resigned from her teaching position.

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

New Business

- No new business.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and Joann Dixon will have the devotion.

John Vrabec - President
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

