



# TRINITY TIDBITS

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

Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

MAY

2024

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am  
Sunday School  
For All Ages

Worship Service  
10:00 am Sunday

Church Phone  
979-885-2211

Preschool Phone  
979-627-7846

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979-885-7003

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[www.tlcsealy.org](http://www.tlcsealy.org)

Pastor  
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### ELDERS

Lowell Coody  
Joel Grigar  
Doyle Kornegay  
Mark Romano  
Tracy Schiller  
Ronnie Schmidt  
Stephen Stuessel  
Barry Wolf

## College Graduates

**Luke Thielemann**  
Sam Houston State University  
Bachelor of Science in  
Construction Management



**Lindsey Dziadek**  
Charles and Sue's School of  
Hair Design



**Courtney Dziadek**  
Sam Houston State University  
Psychology



**Krystal Cash**  
Sam Houston State University  
Criminal Justice



**Drake Grigar**  
Texas A&M University  
Ag Economics



**Dalton Plocek**  
Texas Tech University  
Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Business  
Administration Management  
Technology & Data Analytics



**Gretchen Plocek**  
Texas Tech University  
Bachelor of Science with  
Major in Biology  
Minor in Plant and Soil  
Science with Honors

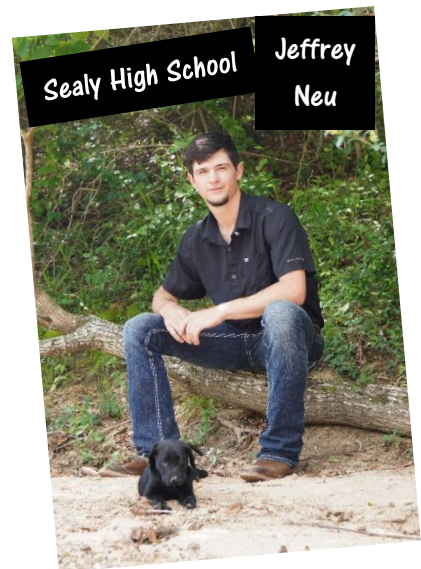
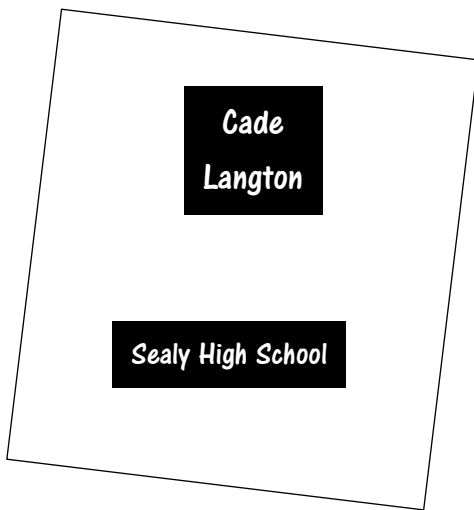
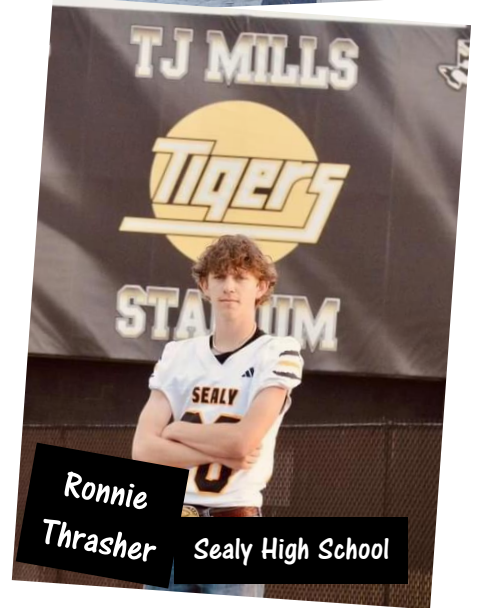
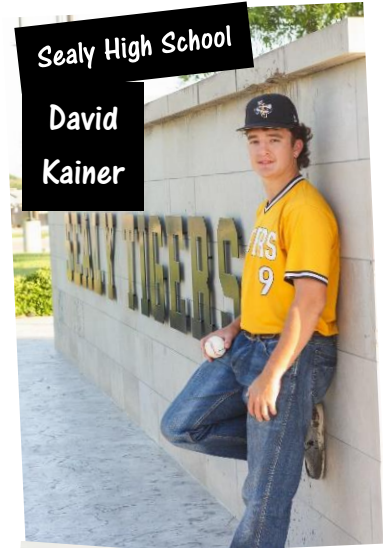
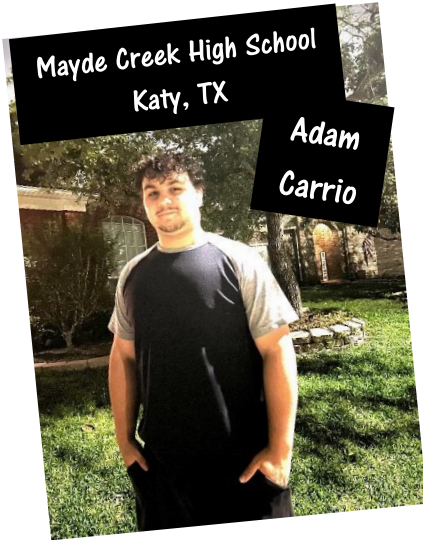


**Kellie Kainer**  
Walden University  
Doctorate...of Nursing  
Practice  
Kellie Kainer, DNP, RNC-NIC,  
C-ELBW, C-ONQS, NE-BC,  
CNML





HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



# 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)

5/01 James Sneed  
 5/03 BRADI WILLEVER  
 5/05 Samantha Geysens  
 5/05 Karen Naida  
 5/08 COLT SHUPAK  
 5/09 Robin Jacobson  
 5/10 David Hauschild  
 5/11 Brittany Foerster  
 5/11 CALEB KRUZEL  
 5/14 Sterling Schiller

5/15 Bonnie Reay  
 5/16 RYKER SPIVEY  
 5/17 Geraldine Stuessel  
 5/18 Scott Stuessel  
 5/19 Don Henry  
 5/20 Elgien Konesheck Sr.  
 6/24 BRYCE JALOWAY  
 5/24 Susie Toellner

5/25 Casey Picard  
 5/27 Viola Sebesta  
 5/28 Terry Hankins  
 5/29 Neil Johnston  
 5/29 Brody Schiller  
 5/30 Brittney Steinhauser  
 5/31 Bitsy Cobb  
 5/31 Lindsey Dziadek

## 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)

5/02/1992 Dean and Robin Jacobson  
 5/6/2016 Lowell and Andrea Coody  
 5/10/1969 Bill and Linda Blume

5/12/1979 Michael and Debra Ashorn  
 5/13/2000 Mark and Stephanie Koeppen  
 5/22/1993 Gerald and Lynlee Nixon



### 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.



Sympathy for the family of Loretta Dziadek who went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Please keep her family in your prayers.

*Thank You*

Altar Guild would like to thank everyone for your purchase of the Easter Lilies to beautify the sanctuary. Easter Lilies may be picked up after the 10 am worship service this morning or next week.  
 Thank you, Mary Buechmann



THANK YOU!

### Thankfulness!

Thank you for all the beautiful get-well cards, phone calls and kindness while being out with my broken arm. We have an amazing God!  
 God's Blessings, Aletha Jeske

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

April 8, 2024, Amount of Deposit \$2,758.00.  
 Please take time and call 1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.



## Circle of Friends

LAST  
CIRCLE OF

### FRIENDS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2024!

Come join us with lunch and fellowship is on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### LADIES AID BAKE SALE

Ladies Aid is having a bake sale on Friday, May 10th beginning at 8:00 am at Bill's Country Market. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods. During church hours or contact Antoinette Romano if you would like to bring your baked goods the day before and leave them in the kitchen.

# VBS

## Come Join the Fun

looking for oceans of fun?



Tues./Wed./Thurs.  
May 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>!  
6 pm – 8 pm

Don't Miss the  
Fun!  
Contact  
Nikki Vrabec

Go Online  
or  
Come by the Church Office  
to Pick Up a  
Registration Form

## 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!

### Trinity Lutheran Women in Mission CONTINUING PROJECT

TLWM meets every second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

TLWM would like to thank you for your generous donations to Orphan Grain Train! Collecting personal hygiene products is an ongoing project for Orphan Grain Train. TLWM invites you to continue donating items for the personal hygiene kits which Orphan Grain Train sends worldwide. Suggested items include bath towels, washcloths, bars of soap (original wrapper), plastic soap boxes, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, tissues (travel package size), nail clippers. Place your items in the train box located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the glass hallway.



### 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, May 15<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!

The Ladies Aid field trip to Fayetteville to see Trinity

## Ladies Aid



Lutheran's previous church buildings was a special day! Look in the gym for photographs from the trip! Ladies Aid is still collecting photos of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and events that took place in the old buildings. Be sure to join us on our next outing, or at a

regular meeting!



## Pre-K Graduation

Everyone is invited to the Pre-K Graduation that will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2024, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!



## Teacher Appreciation!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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!



## Cinco De Mayo Celebration-

Trinity Lutheran Preschool will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children will enjoy Nachos and make sombreros and maracas. This is a great multicultural lesson for the children.



## Wear Purple Day!

On Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.



## 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.


Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will be at the preschool on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will talk to the children about water safety tips.


Splashing, wading, and paddling — it must mean 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.



## Sunglasses Day!

On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>. We would like all the children to wear as many colors as they can to reinforce the colors learned throughout the year!

**Potty Training** **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.

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 thank you for volunteering with 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 the Preschool Board, Church Council, Our Church Congregation, Elders and Pastor Ken Bersche for all the support and guidance for the school.

*"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*



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2024

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

Council members present:  
John Vrabec – President  
Terry Hankins – Vice President  
George Wied – Trustee Chairman  
Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer  
Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman  
Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman  
Nikki Vrabec/Valerie Bryant – Board of Education Chairman  
Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman  
Pastor Ken Bersche  
David Novosad – Usher Chairman  
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:  
Preschool  
The Minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2024, were presented for review and approval. Barry Wolf made a motion to accept the minutes. David Novosad seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**  
• **Garden sign** - The wrought iron sign has been approved by Mike Barrow, the Planning Director of the City of Sealy.

**Chairmen Reports:**  
Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer  
• **March Report** - As of March 31, 2024, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$23,327.13. The Building Fund balance was \$35,464.25 and the Designated Fund balance was \$85,519.00. The Total of All Funds was \$144,310.38. The total contributions for March were \$28,200.25 and total expenses for March were



\$21,389.72. The total contributions for the year 2024 were \$68,772.80 while the total expenses for the year were \$66,932.12.

**Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman**

- Special donations for the month included:

\$650.00 for Media

\$200.00 for Garden Sign

\$150.00 for Gym Rentals

**Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman**

- Concordia Organist was used Easter Sunday at the 10:00 am service and everything worked well.

**Terry Hankins – Vice President**

- Nothing to report.

**Pastor Bersche –**

- Still visiting shut-ins.

- **Official Acts:**

- Baptism on March 17 of Stone James Barrett

- Baptism on March 31 of Bradi Wren Willever

- Patsy Novosad passed away March 19 and her funeral was March 26.

- Robert Anderson passed away March 24 and his funeral was April 2.

- Loretta Dziadek passed away March 27 and her funeral was April 7.

- **Bible Classes:**

- Sunday Mornings are currently studying Matthew 17.

- Wednesday Mornings continue their study of “The Chosen”.

- Confirmation Final Exam and Assignment are Wednesday April 10. Those confirming their faith are Carson Bryant, Case Carter, and Alivia Ramon.

**Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman**

- Vacation Bible School preparation is underway.

- 48 local youth participated in the event hosted by Impact Sealy Youth Organization at Trinity March 22 camp 23.

- Thank you to everyone who contributed eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and to those who

bought crosses from the youth during Lent.

**Joann Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman**

- The Easter Breakfast was a huge success with 80 in attendance.

- April 28 is the Graduation Potluck

- The Little Pantry is doing well. Contributions are always welcome.

**George Wied – Trustee Chairman**

- Thank you to Bill Blume and Johnnie Busse for keeping up with minor repairs.

**David Novosad – Usher Chairman**

- Everything is running smoothly.

**Preschool - Karina Carr**

- Nothing to report.

There being no further reports, Ruth Szymanski made the motion to accept all reports presented. Terry

Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

**New Business**

- A new video projector is needed for the gym. The current one is 30 plus years old and will no longer turn on. After a short discussion, Terry Hankins made a motion to get a bid on a new projector.

George Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

- Discussion began about a new pictorial directory.

- Discussion began about a digital church sign. George Wied made a motion to table until funds are available. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. and George Wied will have the devotion.

*John Vrablec - President  
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary*



# Graduation

## Word Search



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