



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

**March
2025**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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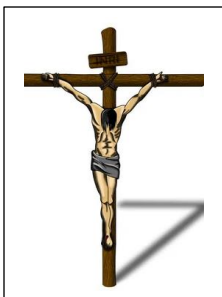
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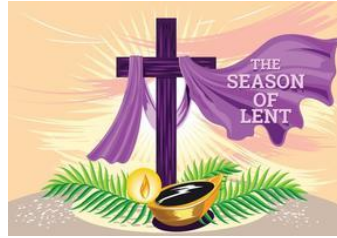
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TRINITY TIDBITS

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



We Focus on Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) marks the beginning of the penitential season. And that's it- Lent is the penitential season, or in other words, our focus isn't upon our goodness but upon our badness and Jesus' forgiveness through His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Too often, we focus only on ourselves. Sadly, it happens even during Lent especially with the question, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Notice the question- what are YOU giving up for Lent? The focus is on you and not on Jesus. Only when our focus is on Jesus then one can give something up for Lent but it must be in that order. Yet even then, the danger involved is still in our focus.

This Lent we focus on our Savior. Jesus, the Son of God who gave up all to take upon Himself our sins. His focus is on us and not Himself. He died on the cross not to gain glory for Himself but to gain forgiveness for us. He always and fully focuses on us, so let us focus on Him.

May we also along with the saints of old declare: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!"

Peace to you in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ken

Morning Worship for Lent

March 5- Our Savior – Covers Sin

March 12- Our Savior – Conquers Evil

March 19- Our Savior- Our New Beginning

March 26- Our Savior- Our Substitute

April 2- Our Savior- The Ladder

April 9- Our Savior- The Good



**March 9th
Spring Ahead
1 Hour
Ready for
Church on
Sunday**

"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
3/09 Joanne Dixon
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

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

"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)

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.

Prayers for Nursing Home and Shut Ins

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

Joyce Meyer, Colonial Living, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 7747

Ellie Niemann, Colonia Living, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474

THANK YOU

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each of you who gave towards the Trinity Lutheran Preschool Scholarship Fund. Thank you again for your generosity and support to the preschool program. The donations \$1,383 is almost enough for one child \$1,575 to attend with a half scholarship.

God's Blessings, Maggie Kent

Circle of Friends

Please join us on Wednesday, March 12th for Circle of Friends Luncheon. All ages are welcome to join us for lots of fun. Thank you to all that have attended in the past and brought delicious desserts.

Thanks again, Mary and Johanna Buechmann



LENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

March 5, 2025, Ash Wednesday

Worship opportunity will be at
11:00 am or 7 pm.

10:00 am Sunday Lent Services

11:00 am Wednesday Lent Services

First Sunday in Lent March 9	Second Wednesday in Lent March 12
Second Sunday in Lent March 16	Third Wednesday in Lent March 19
Third Sunday in Lent March 23	Fourth Wednesday in Lent March 26
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30	Fifth Wednesday in Lent April 2
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6	Sixth Wednesday in Lent April 9



CAMP LONE STAR.....Summer is

quickly approaching! Has
your child ever
experienced the fun of
Camp Lone Star in La
Grange? They have

programs for children of all ages! Registration has begun and the camp is filling up quickly. If you are interested, the Church has funds available to help with the registration fees. Contact any Church Council member for details and check out the website at www.camplonestar.org for more information. But don't wait too long....time is of the essence!

Thrivent Choice

February 8, 2024

Amount of Deposit
\$902.00. 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!

You can purchase your Easter Lilies beginning Sunday, March 16th. 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.



SEALY CHRISTIAN PANTRY PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at

Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be received-no charge. Proceeds will benefit the Sealy Christian Pantry and those in need. Entertainment will be provided.



EGGS - We are needing donations for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. We need individually wrapped candy, plastic eggs, prefilled easter eggs, or people can donate cash to me, and I can go buy what we need. Thanks, Nikki



COME AND JOIN US WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOOD DRIVE is MARCH 16TH from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm in the GYM (Sign up Online!)



Go to giveblood.org and search for mobile drives, the date 3/16/2025 and sponsor code: 1881. Thank you to everyone who came out and gave blood. We were able to save twenty-four lives. Your blood helps save infants, children and adults and the recipients are so grateful! The next **FREE** item from the blood center will be a GCRBC (Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center) Tumbler!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS - We are also looking for volunteers for VBS coming in May. We need crew members to help with decorating, snacks, crafts, or games. Signup sheets will be going up in the narthex. Thanks, Nikki

TLWM/LWML will now meet every other month on the first Thursday at 2 o'clock! Our next meeting will be March 6th! The future meetings will be in May, July, September, and November.

Spring Rally will be March 29th in Wallis. Join us for worship, fellowship, fun, and lunch. Contact Trine Hultstrand to register for the rally and carpooling.

LADIES AID

We had a wonderful meeting with Ladies Aid on February 6th and then we had a delicious luncheon at Brookwood.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 3rd at 10:30. Then check out the new Sealy Pantry and to lunch!

The Ladies Aid Annual Bake Sale is coming Friday, May 9th at Bill's Grocery Store. More details are coming soon.



2025-2026

Fall

Registration Begins



REGISTER NOW

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

Fall Pre-registration for 2025-2026 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 \$95.00 for students new to the school and \$85.00 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 \$125.00 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.

Tuition Due **MARCH TUITION IS DUE BY THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH BEFORE SPRING BREAK!**

Preschool is closed Friday, March 7th which is before spring break and Monday, March 17th after spring break.

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 it 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 as 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 3rd– March 7th Jaxson Reibenstein	March 24th –March 28th Hazel Cryan
March 10th– March 14th Spring Break	March 31st – April 4th Melanie Solis
March 17th – March 21st Lucia Sanchez	

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



Dr. Seuss! Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

On Monday, March 3rd 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.



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 Wednesday, March 26th 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 21st the children can wear orange to reinforce the color for the month.



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 blessings to all who are involved to make this preschool what it is. May God continue to bless you.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each of you who gave towards the Trinity Lutheran Preschool Scholarship Fund. Thank you again for your generosity and support in the preschool program. The donations of \$1,383 is almost enough for one child \$1,575 to attend with a half scholarship.

"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 10, 2025

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

Council members present:

- John Vrabec – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:

- Elder Chairman
- Preschool

The Minutes from the meeting held on January 13, 2025, were presented. Terry Hankins made a motion to accept the minutes. Nikki Vrablec 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, 2025, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$45,240.44. The Building Fund balance was \$42,608.86 and the Designated Fund balance was \$99,191.85. The Total of All Funds was \$180,722.74. The total contributions for January were \$26,399.22 and total expenses for January were \$24,162.76. The total contributions for the year 2025 were \$26,399.22 while the total expenses for the year were \$24,162.76.
- After discussion regarding the Texas District Extension Fund Account, Nikki Vrablec made a motion to close the account and move the \$244.23 to the General Fund. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$183.20 donated to HVAC.
 - \$10.00 donated for Preschool.

Elders -

- No report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Still visiting shut-ins.
- Official Acts:

- Gloria Havemann passed away on Wednesday, January 15. Funeral was held on Friday, January 24.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- The Board of Ed will be collecting individually wrapped candy and eggs (filled or unfilled) and/or cash donations for the Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on Sunday, April 13 after church.
- VBS is scheduled for May 27 - 29 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering and look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Thank you to Pastor Franke for keeping up with and fixing Trinity's website.

Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman

- Checking all A/C units to make sure things are in working order for warmer months ahead.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool -

- No report.

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

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and John Vrablec will have the devotion.

John Vrablec - President
Kimberly Kornegay - Secretary