



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

**May  
2025**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am**

Sunday School  
For All Ages

**Worship Service**

10:00 am Sunday

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# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## Not a Dead End

There lies a gravel country road that stretches out past the horizon. Close to the end of that road is a cemetery. In that cemetery lies large

tomb markers and some small ones. There is no fence around the graveyard just a tree here and there as the wild wind breezes through the green grass.

Every now and then, families show up to visit their deceased family members. It's a reminder that this location is a place for tears and sometimes a time for laughter. Occasionally, a person in the community passes away and they are then buried in the midst of all the other tombs in the cemetery.

The oddest sight about this cemetery is the road sign that the county put up. It stands next to the road with its diamond shape. It stands at the beginning of the cemetery along the road. One takes another look and they will see that the road continues on for a while. But there in black letters on a gold background are the two words:

DEAD

END

It is sad to say but many people would wish that this is their dead end but it is not. Regardless of who we are, life does not end after temporal death. Scripture reminds us of the great judgment. Jesus, the judge sits on His throne and separates people as a shepherd separates sheep from the goats. Those on His right are blessed and enter eternal life while the others, the goats, will go to eternal punishment.

The dead end doesn't exist especially for us in Christ Jesus. He died to take away our sins. His body without decay lay in the grave. On the third day He rose again and showed Himself to His disciples. He still shows Himself to us today in His Word, in Holy Baptism, and in His Supper. There He offers us His forgiveness and everlasting life.

There is No "Dead End"! Because He lives, we live also. And nothing can snatch us out of His loving, forgiving hands. God bless you and your family as we continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and our resurrection in Him.

In the Crucified and Living Christ,

Pastor Ken

# Happy Birthday!

5/01 James Sneed  
5/03 BRADI WILLEVER  
5/05 Samantha Geyssens (Guest)  
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 (Guest)  
5/17 Geraldine Stuessel  
5/18 Scott Stuessel  
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

VBS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

We are looking for volunteers for VBS 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



Altar Guild would like to thank everyone for your purchase of the Easter Lilies to beautify the sanctuary.

**Thank you from Altar Guild**



Thank you to all the children who carried Commadores (Palms) on Palm

Sunday Processional and the beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday morning to be placed on the cross. This is a tradition for many years by the Altar Guild.

*Thank you,  
Altar Guild*

### 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

### *Thrivent Choice*

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

March 8, 2025, Amount of Deposit \$939.00. Please take time and call 1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.





## LADIES AID BAKE SALE! WE NEED BAKERS TO HELP WITH OUR BAKE SALE!

Ladies Aid is having a bake sale on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Circle of Friends

Please join us on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> for the last Circle of Friends Luncheon, at 12:15 pm until we start up in September. 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*



## HONORING OUR CONFIRMANDS During the Church Service HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH A POTLUCK LUNCHEON



Please join us for the congregational Potluck meal on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> after the

worship service Recognizing and Honoring our Confirmed Students, and High School and College Graduates Potluck. Please come and attend the potluck with or without bringing a dish! We will have a table set up during the potluck if you would like to give them a card of congratulations.

**The Confirmands** are Bradley Picard, Isolde Niemann, and Ryley McElroy.

**High School Graduates** are Charlie Arriaga, Bradley Bozeman, Colby Nedd and Preston Villalovoz.

**College Graduates**-anyone graduating from college, please contact the church office to be recognized during the church service for the screen and potluck luncheon.



## The Sealy Christian Food Pantry

Is once again collecting plastic bags that can be used to bag canned items. If you would, please save your re-usable shopping bags and bring them to the church. There is a container next to the elevator to place them in. Thanks for helping with this!



## 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, June 11<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS NEW TOPIC STARTING, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>: THE NICENE CREED.

*Most Christians do NOT know the answers to these questions, do you?*

1. What is the technical and official name of the creed we confess on Holy Communion Sundays?
2. In what city was this creed finalized?
3. What was the reason for the production of this creed?
4. Does this issue still exist today?

*To find out the correct answers, participate in Adult Bible Class, beginning June 1!*

**TLW in M**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING DIAPERS FOR THE DIAPER BANK** for the Sealy Pregnancy Center. This is a need just like baby lotion, baby body wash, pacifiers, baby wipes, baby socks, etc.

**TLWM/LWML** meets every other month on the first Thursday at 2 o'clock! The future meetings will be in May, July, September, and November. Our next meeting will be May 1st!

## TLWM/LWML

"The Lutheran Women's Missionary League was established in 1942 as the official women's organization of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The first women who gathered under our name served God and others by mending clothes for seminarians, volunteering in hospitals, establishing schools, developing convalescent and retirement homes, assisting orphanages and residences for people with disabilities, and funding missions at home and abroad.

Today, as Lutheran Women in Mission, we honor that history and focus on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, serving their community at home and supporting missions around the world by funding grants.

Will you join us for the next chapter of the journey?

Membership is available to any woman who is a communicant member of the congregation in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod." (Brochure #LWML11916)



### Trinity Lutheran Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week!

**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** is Teacher Appreciation Week at Trinity Lutheran Preschool! You can show appreciation to the staff with little gifts with school supply

items, goodies, drinks, or a card with appreciation for all the hard work with the preschoolers. They deserve to know you care. Here are the teachers:

Hannah Reber - Two Year Old Teacher  
Arielle Pitcock - Three Year Old Teacher  
Kristi Flores - Four Year Old Teacher  
Robin Jacobson - Office Assistance  
Maggie Kent - Preschool Director  
Pastor Ken Bersche - Very Involved



### Teacher Appreciation Week!

Preschool Parents, I want to let you know that **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** is Teacher Appreciation Week. Recognize your child's teacher for the vital role she plays in shaping

teaching and preparing your child for the next class. These teachers have a special gift and talent in teaching and loving children. They work very hard to make sure your child is prepared for the next class at Trinity and Kindergarten. All of you are special parents with a caring heart. You are greatly appreciated! Thanks to all who make these teachers feel important, blessed, and loved.



Everyone is invited to the Pre-K Graduation that will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2025, during the 10:00 am worship service. The children will wear the preschool 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 Pre-K students to be prompt bringing their child to their classroom at 9:30 am. This will give us ample time to put 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 18<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!



### 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 Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Mr. Gary will talk to the children about water safety tips.

Splashing, wading, and paddling 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.



Cinco De Mayo Celebration- Trinity Lutheran Preschool will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The children will enjoy Nachos and make sombreros and maracas. This is a great multicultural lesson for children.



**Wear Purple Day!** On Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> the children may wear the color PURPLE to reinforce the color of the month.



**Sunglasses Day!** On Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the children may come to preschool wearing sunglasses! Hopefully the sun will be so bright we will 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 Wednesday, May 14<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 16<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!** I want to remind the two-year-old parents that all who are going into the three-year-old class 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.



I am looking for a two-year-old teacher to teach next school year. If you know of anyone, please contact me at 979-627-7846.



**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 14, 2025

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by John Vrablec. Nikki Vrablec presented the devotion.

### Council members present:

- John Vrablec – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman
- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Elder Chairman - James Gilliam

### Absent:

- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Preschool -

The Minutes from the meeting held on March 10, 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:

- Camp Lone Star Scholarships -
  - Ruth Szymanski made a motion to give \$400 to each of the 3 youth who applied and will be attending Camp Lone Star this summer. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.
- One Lay Delegate is needed to attend the Texas District Convention June 5-7 with Pastor Bersche.
  - John Vrablec volunteered to be the delegate.
- Pictorial Directory -
  - Still working to finalize all information for the Directory.

### Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- March Report - As of March 31, 2025, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$51,041.53. The Building Fund balance was \$43,216.85 and the Designated Fund balance was \$101,238.85. The Total of All Funds was \$189,178.82. The total contributions for March were \$32,750.00 and total expenses for March were \$24,001.20. The total contributions for the year 2025 were \$80,665.22 while the total expenses for the year were \$72,127.65.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
  - \$195.00 donated for HVAC
- Other contributions included:
  - \$560.00 - Ash Wednesday Service
  - \$1,502.00 - Lenten Services

Elders -

- No report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Still visiting shut-ins.
- Bible Classes:
  - Sunday Mornings (May) - Matthew 28
  - Sunday Mornings (June) - Nicene Creed
  - Wednesday Mornings - 1 John 4
  - Confirmation Class - Final Exam is scheduled for April 15 along with the assignment of final essays.
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Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated eggs, candy or money. There was a total of 1,154 eggs.
- 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

- The annual Easter Breakfast will be April 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman

- All is good.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool -

- Treasurer's report -
  - Checking Account balance - \$76,716.51
  - Savings Account balance - \$50,603.68.

There being no further reports, Nikki Vrablec made the motion to accept all reports presented. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

- John Vrablec made the motion to accept the appointment of James Gilliam as head elder. Nikki Vrablec seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Terry Hankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned, and Pastor Bersche led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and Joanne Dixon will have the devotion.

***John Vrablec - President***  
***Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary***

## **Funny Church Humor #39** **SHORT N SWEET**

**A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."**

**The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Several hands went up.**

**The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."**