



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

TRINITY TIDBITS

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



Thanksgiving in the Midst of Criticism

1 Chronicles chapter fourteen records how King David defeated the Philistines that threatened the people of Israel. But as we all know, the Philistines still remained an issue for David and the people he served and ruled. This chapter ends with the attitude that many had toward King David: And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

It is in the next chapter that David builds a house for himself and then pitches a tent for the ark of the covenant. You know, that important box that held manna, Aaron's rod, and the covenant itself. David is then described as joyfully and in a worship style, bringing the ark of the covenant into the city of Jerusalem. Now one would only think that David would be admired by everyone for the defeat of their enemy but this was not the case.

At the end of 1 Chronicles 15, there is a note about how Michal, the daughter of the former king, Saul, felt about King David. "And as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David dancing and celebrating, and she despised him in her heart."

If that were us, we would probably not be in the best of moods, knowing that someone out there despised us. That is not the attitude David had however. Instead, the next chapter teaches us a lesson on giving thanks because that's exactly what King David did. He didn't try to appease Michal's affection. No, he praised and thanked God for His goodness to him.

All too often, we tend to do the opposite. We want recognition and to be liked by everyone. But we forget that is unrealistic. Instead of finding the approval of everyone, David understood where his strength came from. It came from God and not from his people or even his critics. So, David then gives thanks, even under the circumstance of criticism: (1 Chronicles 16:8-13)

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of Israel his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

***In Christ,
Pastor Ken***

November 2024

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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THANKSGIVING EVE
SERVICE WITH
COMMUNION

Wednesday, November 27th

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)



11/03 Ruth Witte	11/08 ADDYSON DEMBOWSKI	11/12 Dale Toellner	11/23 Johnnie Sodolak
11/04 Gavin Thompson	11/08 Barbara Koy	11/15 Chris Bryant	11/23 Hannah Mueller
11/05 Michael Ashorn	11/09 Larry Koy	11/16 EMMA FULLEN	11/24 Susie Busse
11/05 Andrew Schmidt	11/09 Cody Barrett	11/19 Samantha Bersche	11/24 KINSLEE CARR
11/05 Cody Shupak	11/11 JAKOBE DRURY	11/20 Dorothy Coody	11/26 Zachary Orsak
11/05 Joe Smith	11/11 Pam Epperly	11/20 Mark Niemann	11/27 Kristen Cash
11/06 Fay Alexander	11/11 Margaret Jatzlau	11/21 Michael Hulstrand	11/27 Krystal Cash
11/07 BRYNN KONESHECK	11/11 Clayton Sneed	11/21 Rhonda Pavelka	11/28 Gaylan Christiansen



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)

11/01/2008 Casey & Stacey Picard
 11/09/2019 Chad & Bunmi Hintz
 11/12/2010 Dale & Susie Toellner
 11/15/1997 Clifton & Krisha Langton
 11/16/1963 David & Carol Jean



11/19/2005 Michael & Trine Hulstrand
 11/23/1968 R. D. & Vera Schmidt
 11/25/1995 Steven & Bitsy Cobb
 11/27/1965 Pat & Mary Buechmann



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

COME JOIN US FOR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS LUNCHEON on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 12:15 pm. Please call Mary Buechmann if you have any questions at 979-885-2730 or 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!

FALL BACK!



November 3rd ends daylight savings time at 2 am. Please set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed to be ready for Sunday morning to attend church.

THANKSGIVING & HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00 pm. Let's focus on giving thanks to God for all that he has done, and to focus on the meaning of the holiday.

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

**Wednesday, November 27th
Church Office Closed at Noon**

**Wednesday, November 27th
7:00 pm**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship
With Holy Communion**

**Thursday & Friday
November 28th & 29th
Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving**



The Sealy Christian Food Pantry is continuing to collect food items to feed the children during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays while out of school.

Suggestions from the Sealy Christian Food Pantry are peanut butter, jelly, small individual cereal breakfast packs, pop tarts, Chef Boyardee microwavable little meals, ramen noodles, mac and cheese microwave cups, containers of readymade jello, puddings, peaches, fruit cups, apple sauce, boxes of small individual chips, little Debbie muffins, little Debbie snacks or whatever children will eat.

You can place your items in the wheelbarrow that is located as you walk through the double glass doors. *Thank you in advance for helping feed children in our community!*

God's Blessings, Ms. Maggie



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

Orphan Grain Train Box

The Orphan Grain Train Box is back in the glass hallway between the narthex and gym! Consider donating personal hygiene items such as bath towels, washcloths, bars of soap in original wrapper, plastic soap boxes, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, combs, travel package size tissues, and nail clippers.



***The Officer's
Installation will take
place on Sunday, December 29th.***



October 10, 2024
Amount of Deposit \$388.00.
Please take time and call

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



THE BLESSING BOX PROJECT

Next Blessing Box Project is Wednesday, November 13th at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski 979-885-9504. This project is growing, and we can use you!



I would like to thank the parents along with their children and families for attending the Annual Preschool Open House. I really enjoyed mingling with everyone. Parents, I am glad you took time out to have the opportunity to speak with teachers about your child's progress, needs, and abilities. I love it when the preschoolers get to show their parents around their school and classrooms, informing them of

activities, projects, and assignments they have completed.

Everyone enjoyed the punch and cookies after visiting the classrooms. I thank God each day for Trinity Lutheran Preschool and for having families that are loving, caring and supportive.

I feel incredibly lucky to have great preschool teachers. They each have a gift for teaching young children. These teachers are wonderful, hardworking, and dedicated. If anyone deserves praise, it is our preschool staff. They are the best things that happened to me. I can't help but feel super grateful and blessed this school year to have you as preschool teachers, so thank you!



Themes! The themes for the month of November are:

Transportation...Children love to learn about how to get from here to there.

Thanksgiving...We give thanks wholeheartedly for what the Lord does.

Five Senses: God gave us eyes to see, ears to hear, a nose to smell, hands to touch, a tongue to taste.

Feast and Friendship: As we grow up, we learn how to make friends, how to keep friends, and how to be good friends.

The children who are ready will learn green, the shape OVAL, and the letter sounds T, C, O, R and N. The Bible verse for the month is: "Thanks be to God" (1Corinthians 15:57).

The children work on the Ten Commandments during Chapel and this month they will learn the Fourth Commandment "Honor your mother and father". They will learn the meaning of the commandment that we should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve them, and obey them, love and cherish them.

The Bible stories for the month are:

Week of Nov. 4th - Nov. 8th

November 4th - No School

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Israel's First King" pg. 164

"A Good Heart" pg. 168

"David and Goliath" pg. 173

"Best Friends" pg. 181

Week of Nov. 11th - Nov. 15th

"King David" pg. 186

"The Lord is my Shepherd" pg. 190

Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

The Wise King pg. 194

"God Watches Over Elijah" pg.201

"Elijah Helps a Widow" pg. 206

Nov. 18th - Nov. 22nd

"Fire From Heaven" pg. 209

"Chariots of Fire" pg. 216

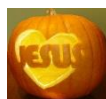
Pastor Bersche's Children's Message

"Elisha's Room" pg. 226

Naaman is Healed" pg. 230

Nov. 25th - Nov. 29th

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Week



Pumpkin Carving! Since we are through

with the pumpkins from the party, we will do pumpkin carving. Children will learn the story of the Pumpkin Gospel. As we are carving the pumpkin we tell the preschoolers that all of us are like pumpkins and God is the gardener. The preschoolers will learn how we have yucky sin inside of us. As we are cleaning out all the yucky, gooey, stuff inside the pumpkin is letting the preschoolers know that Jesus wants to clean out our sins that we have in our hearts.

Once the pumpkin is clean with a new face, now we can place a light in the pumpkin to make it shine. God gives us His light to shine through us. Preschoolers learn that God clean out our sin by believing that Jesus, God's Son died to pay the price for our sins. He turns us into new creations that shine for Him. And when others ask about our light, you can tell them the story of the Pumpkin Gospel to clean their hearts so they can shine.



Wear Green Day! Since we are learning green for the month, we would like the children to wear something GREEN to preschool on Friday, November 8th. Children can wear green clothes, socks, shoes, hair bows, neckties or whatever you can think of to reinforce green.



Friendsgiving Day! Friendsgiving is our preschoolers and teachers gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving. We are learning about Feast and Friendship and would like the preschoolers to have Friendsgiving Day among

themselves. This will be a small Thanksgiving Celebration of giving thanks to each other.

Look for a note that will be sent home to help purchase some of the items needed for Friendsgiving Day. We would like to have all the items be here on Friday, November 15th. On Wednesday, November 20th the preschoolers will mix the items brought in for their Friendsgiving Day Celebration and enjoy their friendship meal.



Sack Lunch Day! The children will have Sack Lunch Day on Friday, November 22nd outside on the preschool playground. Look for a decorated lunch sack from your child to use in bringing their lunch! This will be a Fun Friday for the preschoolers before Thanksgiving Holidays!



Family of the Week! Family of the week is a program that aids children in being able to share their family with everyone at preschool and church. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

Your child is asked to bring about five to ten pictures of their family to be placed on the preschool bulletin board in the hallway. 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 November are:

Nov. 4th - Nov. 8th

Waylon Coronis

Nov. 11th - Nov. 15th

Izzy Davis

Nov. 18th - Nov. 22nd

Wren Daly

Nov. 25th - Nov. 29th

Thanksgiving Holidays-No Family

Please bring pictures on Friday before your child is Family of the Week!



Fantasy of Lights! This year's Fantasy of Lights parade will be Saturday, December 7th at 7 pm. The theme for the Sealy Fantasy of Lights is: "Cowboy Christmas".

Spencer and Areille Pitcock will help again this year with the use of their truck and trailer.

The teachers will send out a 101 reminder of what supplies will be needed to complete the float.

Decorating the float will be the Monday right after the Thanksgiving holidays. This will be during preschool hours while your child is in preschool. Please, if you can help, let me know. I am looking for ideas on how the float can be decorated.

With a signed permission form, children can ride the float with one parent. If you want your child to ride but you are not able to ride, please have a responsible parent riding on the float to take your child with them when our float ends. If you are planning to ride there will be no siblings and no extra family members. The trailer is not big enough to accommodate extra people.



Reminder! No Preschool Monday November 6th and the week of Monday, November 25th - November 29th for Thanksgiving Holidays.

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES October 14, 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
- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Nikki Vrabec – Board of Education Chairman
- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- George Wied – Trustee Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:

- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Preschool - Karina Carr

The Minutes from the meeting held on September 9, 2024, were presented. George Wied made a motion to accept the minutes. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Short discussion regarding the Nominating Committee and the positions up for re-election. Positions up for re-election are Trustee Chairman, Usher Chairman, Secretary, and Elder Chairman. There are also a few Elder positions needing to be filled.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- September Report - As of September 30, 2024, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$29,945.51. The Building Fund balance was \$41,626.94 and the Designated Fund balance was \$99,345.05. The Total of All Funds was \$170,917.50. The total contributions for September were \$30,188.00 and total expenses for September were \$24,197.65. The total contributions for the year 2024 were \$215,821.47 while the total expenses for the year were \$207,844.72.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$183.20 donation for HVAC.
 - \$505.00 for Trinity Lutheran Preschool.
 - \$150.00 for Memorial Fund.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- No report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- No report.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- Still looking for Sunday School substitute teachers to help out periodically.

Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- October 27 - Potluck for Mission Festival Sunday.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman

- Ice machine and refrigerator are fixed.
- Shrubs have been trimmed and flower beds have been mulched.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool -

- No report.

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

New Business

- The small freezer in the kitchen went out. A new one has been purchased by a church member.

There being no further business, Terry Hankins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. George Wied seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned, and John Vrablec closed by leading everyone in the Lord’s Prayer.

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

*John Vrablec - President
Kimberly Kornegay - Secretary*



*From All of Us
Church Staff
And
Preschool Staff!*