



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

January 2025

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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979-627-7846

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979-885-7003

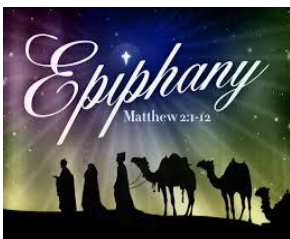
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TRINITY TIDBITS

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



The WORD Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us

On the second Sunday in December, our youth presented to us the Christmas story under the theme of John 1:14- The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!

How great it was to see the youth present this message. As a matter of fact, I thought that if it wasn't for the youth that Sunday, the service would have been a complete disaster and failure. After all, I forgot a few items in the service and it seemed like things weren't going right. Regardless, the message was a clear concise show of God's love for us by sending His Son to become one of us. Yes, we were created by God but we sinned. It was God who took the initiative and saved us through Jesus.

I appreciate all the youth who helped with the service. Possibly next year we could have more of them involved, since plans for this service are already being made.

Even as we turn the calendar to another year, we still remember that God became human. He lived for us. He died for us. He rose again for us that because of Him we have eternal life. Let us continue to celebrate that life through the new year and the years to follow.

In Christ,
Pastor Ken



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S!

“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)

1/02 Debbie Ashorn	1/08 Royce Sebesta	1/18 Lisa H. Barrett	1/27 Shari Cleveland
1/03 Kyle Johnston	1/09 Meagan Castro	1/19 Rachel Hilson	1/29 Dani Bersche
1/03 David Kainer	1/11 Lila Meyer	1/19 RYLEY MCELROY	1/29 Al Konesheck
1/06 Aletha Jeske	1/12 Johnny Busse	1/19 Preston Villalovoz	1/29 Stephanie Meyer
1/06 Kimberly Kornegay	1/14 John Schier	1/23 Brian Nedd	1/29 Nickolas Pavelka
1/07 ISAAC BRYANT	1/15 Cadie Neu	1/24 BOWEN BLUME	1/29 Marty Schiller
1/07 Bunmi Hintz	1/15 Theresa Terrell	1/25 Doug Browne	1/30 Bradley Bozeman Jr.
1/08 Melody Anderson	1/16 Stephanie Darrow	1/25 Wayne Grigar	1/30 Beverly Ekarius
			1/31 Alice Franklin

1/02/1993 George & Janice Wied
1/04/1992 Jerry & Julie Ebers
1/11/1997 Ronnie and April Schmidt
1/15/1956 Royce and Viola Sebesta

Happy Anniversary



1/22/1993 Beverly and Kenny Fritsch
1/27/2007 Milton and Chris Beckendorff
1/31/2015 Brandi and Aaron Pizana

"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 Belle, 1401 Eagle Lake Rd. Sealy, TX 77474



Thank You for Gracing and Beautifying the Altar
Poinsettias Gracing the Altar are Given in Dedication by Various
Members in Honor and Memory of a Loved One.
Poinsettias given in memory or honor of a loved one may be taken
home on Monday, December 30th. Altar Guild thanks you for your
purchase of the poinsettias to give the church extra beauty during the
Christmas season.
From The Altar Guild

CHURCH PLANNING MEETING

The Church Planning Meeting is set for Monday January 13th at 6:00 pm. All committees and groups or representatives from all boards and auxiliary organizations that need to be in the church calendar (January 2025 thru June 2025) should attend.

Church Officers & Leaders

Congratulations to our new 2025 Church Officers who were installed Sunday, December 29, 2024. Here is a list of all the Officers:

- John Vrabec** – President
- Terry Hankins** – Vice President
- David Novosad** – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay** – Secretary
- Nikki Vrabec** – Board of Christian Growth
- Janice Wied** – Stewardship Chairman
- George Wied** – Trustee Chairman
- Barry Wolf** – Elder Chairman
- Ruth Szymanski** – Treasurer
- Joanne Dixon** – Congregational Fellowship Outreach



Please contact Mary Buechmann at 979-885-2730 if you would like to be a new Greeter in 2025.

Greeters welcome those attending church once every three months in the narthex. Please let Mary know if interested. God's blessings, Mary Buechmann.



Circle of Friends meets the first Wednesday of the month at 12:15 pm for lunch and fellowship. Circle of Friends will not meet in January. Please join us on Wednesday, February 5th for our Valentine's lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet coming in January with more information. 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. We can't wait to see everyone again in February.

Thanks again, Mary and Johanna Buechmann



Personal Care Kits and School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF were delivered November 2nd to Epiphany Lutheran Church in Houston for the gathering of quilts and kits to be shipped to New Windsor, Maryland. There were 36 Personal Care Kits, and 50 School Kits made and delivered to Epiphany. It is much appreciated by the school and personal care supplies donated by the congregational members to make this project successful. Thank you to Pastor Bersche for praying and blessing the kits. The kits are shipped to those in need abroad and in the USA. Please continue donating supplies when more information becomes available.

Thank you and God's blessings, Mary and Johanna Buechmann

Thrivent Choice December 10, 2024
Amount of Deposit \$66.00. 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, January 8th 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 your help!



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



HURRY! SIGN UP!
(Mark Your Calendar)
JANUARY BLOOD

DRIVE is from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm on January 19, 2025, in the GYM. Sign up now! Contact Maggie Kent (979) 885-2211 and she will be happy to sign you up for the drive. (secmaggie@tlcsealy.org) Sign up Online! Go to giveblood.org and search for mobile drives, the date 1/5/2025 and sponsor code: 1881.



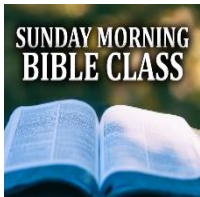
CHURCH MAILBOX CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Members and Guests, please check your slots for Christmas cards! This is located as you enter the front double glass doors on the right. After Sunday, January 19th, the cards will be recycled.



Fellowship Sunday And Sunday School!

Let's start off the New Year by attending Sunday School! Let's fill these classrooms with all ages! 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!



SUNDAY MORNINGS! Come join us for Sunday Morning Bible Class! Enjoy some coffee, donuts and fellowship before the class begins.



The theme for the month of January is Community Helpers, such as doctors, firemen, policemen, veterinarians and many more. The children will

play roles in their classrooms and learn the importance of these careers and how people serve and help the community.

The purpose for this month's theme, community helpers, is to teach children to name the person and the job community helpers do and how the jobs help others. God gives us many caring people who are helpful in the world.

The preschoolers will learn a new nursery rhyme, Pat-A-Cake Bakers Man and Do You Know the Muffin Man. When children hear nursery rhymes, they hear the sounds, vowels and consonants make. They learn how to put these sounds together to make words. They also practice pitch, volume, and voice inflection, as well as the rhythm of language.

The letters for the month for the classes that are ready to move on are P, L, U, G, and H.

The shape and color for the classes will be learning SQUARE and YELLOW.

The Bible Stories for the month are:

<p>Jan. 7 – Jan. 10 Chapel with Pastor Bersche An Angry King. Pg. 291</p> <p>Jan. 13 – Jan. 17 Jesus is Lost Pg. 296 Chapel with Pastor Bersche John Baptizes Jesus Pg. 303 Jesus Chooses His Disciples Pg. 308</p> <p>Jan. 20 – Jan. 24 Chapel with Pastor Bersche Jesus' First Miracle Pg. 314 Jesus Teaches on a Mountain Pg. 318</p> <p>Jan. 27 – Jan. 31 The Lord's Prayer Pg. 323 Chapel with Pastor Bersche A Captain's Faith Pg. 324 A Hole in the Roof Pg. 328</p>

The Bible Verse for the month is:

"Trust in the Lord and do Good" Psalm 37:3.

Children will continue learning the Ten Commandments.



National Sticker Day!

National Sticker Day is Saturday, January 13th! We will celebrate National Sticker Day on Friday, January 10th. Stickers are so much fun. Please have your child bring a package of cute, funny, solid, or animal stickers to school on Friday the 10th for a perfect day to go crazy!



Wear Yellow Day!

On Wednesday, January 15th the children may wear yellow to reinforce the color for the month.



At Home Safety!

Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt will come to the preschool to talk to the children about Safety at Home. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn what to do if someone comes to the front door. Do I answer the door or what do I do? Mr. Gary will also talk to the children about telephones, guns, matches, electricity, household products and helmet safety.

Some of us have swimming pools, so he will talk to the children about pool safety, floods, streams, creeks, and other water safety issues. He will talk to the children about storms, lightning, and tornadoes and what we need to do about critters such as raccoons, good snakes, bad snakes, spiders, bees and much more.

All this will take place on Thursday, January 16th at 10:15 am. Maybe your child will come home and teach you a little about safety at home!



Camouflage Day! On Friday, January 24th, the preschoolers can come dressed in camouflage pants, tops, hats etc. This can be any color of camouflage and if you do not have camouflage, just wear the colors of camouflage.

Camouflage also means to hide, just like Jesus hid in the tomb for three days before he joined God. But even though we are blended, God still wants us to stand out. So don't forget Camouflage Day!



Dress As a Community Helper! On Wednesday, January 29th we would like the children to come to school as one of their favorite

community helpers! During the entire month we will be learning about our community and how our community helpers provide the necessities for us to live a better life.

Who knows what these little preschoolers will be like when they grow up? But what an opportunity to have them dress and act out a role who they think is an important part of their lives and the encouragement to grow and become one.



Crazy Hat Day! On Friday January 31st,

the children are having a Crazy Hat Day! This is a fun day for the children, and they are so cute and adorable! I love it when the parents help their children get very creative on any silly day. So, decorate a hat and make it silly!



Family of the Week!

Family of the week is a program we have that gives an opportunity to share their family with everyone. Each week a family will be chosen as Family of the Week.

Your child should bring five to 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 January are:

Jan. 7 – Jan. 10 Emma Hahn	Jan. 20 – Jan. 24 Jaylee Konesheck
Jan. 13 – Jan. 17 Kamdynn Harrington	Jan. 27 – Jan. 31 Brynn Konesheck

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



Reminder! The preschool will be closed on Monday January 20th for the Public School Holiday of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



JANUARY TUITION IS DUE NOW!

*“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32
In Christ, Ms. Maggie*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 9, 2024

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

Council members present:

- John Vrablec – President
- Terry Hankins – Vice President
- Pastor Ken Bersche
- Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman
- Nikki Vrablec – Board of Education Chairman
- George Wied – Trustee Chairman
- Jason Carr - Future Trustee Chairman
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary

Absent:

- Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer
- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman
- Preschool - Karina Carr

The Minutes from the meeting held on November 11, 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:

- No old business.

Chairmen Reports:

Ruth Szymanski – Treasurer

- November Report - As of November 30, 2024, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$26,042.08. The Building Fund balance was \$42,099.29 and the Designated Fund balance was \$101,406.45. The Total of All Funds was \$169,547.82. The total contributions for November were \$26,626.00 and total

expenses for November were \$26,928.02. The total contributions for the year 2024 were \$260,222.47 while the total expenses for the year were \$256,559.57.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$183.20 donated for HVAC.
 - \$1,020.00 donated for Missions.
 - \$1,000.00 donated for Preschool

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- No report.
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Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Still visiting shut-ins.
- Official Acts:
 - James Howard Bear passed away on Friday, November 29. Funeral was held on Thursday, December 5.
 - Dawn Paben Holmes (non-member) the daughter of Fred and Ruth Paben passed away on November 3. Funeral is scheduled at Trinity for Saturday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.
 - Neal Dixon passed away on Wednesday, December 4. Funeral is scheduled for Thursday, December 12.

- Bible Classes:
 - Sunday Mornings - Matthew 25
 - Wednesday Mornings - 1 John 3
 - Confirmation is in the middle of the Apostle's Creed (3rd article discussion in January)
 - Adult Information Class is Sunday after worship in December

- Christmas Worship will be December 24 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

- Needing Lay Delegate from Trinity for the Texas District Convention at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Nassau Bay on June 5-7, 2025.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- The Sunday School Christmas Program was a success.

Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- Christmas Caroling will be December 18 at 4:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

George Wied – Trustee Chairman

- All is good.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Nothing to report.

Preschool -

- No report.

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

New Business

- No new business.

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, January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. and Nikki Vrablec will have the devotion.

John Vrablec - President
Kimberly Kornegay - Secretary