



Building His Body By  
Reflecting the Son

**February  
2025**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am**

Sunday School  
For All Ages

**Worship Service**  
10:00 am Sunday

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*Let February be a  
reminder to cherish  
the ones you love*

# TRINITY TIDBITS

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



## What Is Your Top Concern?

There's a story told about a rich stockbroker:

As the stockbroker gets out of his BMW, a car passing by clips his beamer, slamming into the car door, ripping it off from the body of the car. When the police arrive, the shocked stockbroker is upset and enraged.

"Do you see what that idiot did to my beautiful BMW?" he shouts at the officer. "Do you know how much this car costs?"

The officer calmly yet considerably responds, "Sir, do you realize that you're so concerned about your car that you haven't even noticed that your left arm was also completely ripped off."

The stockbroker takes a quick glance at where his arm once was and screams, "Where's my Rolex?"

We must always understand our priorities in life. For many its fortune and fame. For others it's the objects they own. Even others it's the occupation, position, or clout one holds. Yet notice in all these things, all of them will end sooner or later. It is imminent that possessions or even positions on this earth will fade and disappear.

It is the love of Jesus that should be our primary priority in life. Regardless of what may happen to us in life, we always have the love of Jesus which we can also share with others- to family, friends, and even complete strangers. During this time of winter when it can seem dark and dreary, let us let the light of Christ shine for others. Let us show the love of God through His Son Jesus to all those who see us.

God's Love In Jesus be with you all.

*Pastor Ken*

# HAPPY 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)

2/01	Brooklyn Konesheck	2/08	Troy Tesch	2/21	AVERIE RAMON
2/01	Amber Shupak	2/09	Courtney Dziadek	2/22	Jerry Grunke
2/03	James Gilliam	2/11	Gage Grigar	2/23	Rich Drury
2/06	ISOLDE NIEMANN	2/11	Darrell Palm	2/25	Charles Able
2/06	Paige Nixon	2/12	Noah Hankins	2/27	Colby Nedd
2/07	Bob Witte	2/14	Dorthy Gerhart	2/28	Joyce Amthor
2/08	Audie Jackson	2/15	Shannon Einkauf	2/28	Charlie Arriaga
2/08	Sabrina Schiller	2/21	Haley Orsak		

## Happy Anniversary

2/14/1989 Bill and Ann Reay



2/24/2007 Cy and Ashley Vojtek

"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."

**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



Please join us on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> for our Valentine's lunch. 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

### Thrivent Choice

**December 10, 2024**

Amount of Deposit \$133.00. Please take time and call 1-800-847-4836 and designate your funds to Trinity Lutheran General Fund.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

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

# BLOOD DRIVE



## THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm in the GYM (Sign up

Online! Go to [giveblood.org](http://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!

*God's Blessings,  
Ms. Maggie*



### FROM OUR BLOOD DONOR MANAGER

Good morning, Maggie,  
Thank you so very much for hosting another wonderful blood

drive this past Sunday. We saw 11 successful donors and with those who donated double, we will be able to save up to 42 LIVES!!!

That is absolutely wonderful, and I cannot thank you enough for continuing to help us save our neighbors in need!

The next blood drive is set for March 16th, it is exactly 8 weeks away from this past drive, so everyone who donated whole blood will be able to donate once again. I attached the list of those who donated, unfortunately, we did have 3 deferrals, and I can only assume that would be due to our machines not getting a good read from cold hands. I apologize for this as I know it is quite frustrating, and I hope everyone will come back to try to save their lives once again.

This the link for everyone to sign up for the next drive: <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/386813>

If you would like me to come out and speak to everyone before the next drive, I would be happy to do so, please let me know if there will be a good time. If not, it's okay, I'd love to meet again to catch up before the next one! Thank you again for all of your hard work and please have a wonderful day!

*Dawson Doelling, Account Manager  
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center*



The preschool budget committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> to consider our budget for the

2025-2026 school year. Our fiscal budget runs with the school months September 1st to August 31<sup>st</sup> not from January to December. There have been a lot of

questions about the Preschool budget and the amount of money that we have available. The money we have is still the Grant money that we were awarded. We have been careful with our spending to allow reserves to build so we will not have to worry should some catastrophic event happen again. The Preschool runs on the preface that our tuition should pay for teacher and staff salaries. In that regard, we use fund raiser monies for scholarships and items to help teachers do their jobs better. We also try to save money for emergencies and long-range goals. The playground equipment was a long-range goal that the preschool saved up for many years before they had over \$18,000.00 to purchase it. The shredded tire cost of \$10,000 to resurface our fall zone on the playground took us a while to save. The money in our checking account at this moment will have to see us through until the first tuition that comes in September of 2025. We pay salaries for 12 months of the year even when no tuition is coming in from May until September. We also have our regular monthly bills to cover as well as ordering supplies that will see us through the 2025-2026 school year.

Our goal for this year is to fill the seats in the classrooms. We want to see the love of the Lord and children's Christian education begin with Trinity Lutheran Preschool. With the economy being so bad for several years we have had many more people looking for scholarships. The Elders of the church graciously sponsor a child each year and so do the Preschool. We have had several private sponsors who have helped in the past when the need arose. Our fund raiser How Much Do You Love the Preschool is strictly going toward scholarships. We hope to double the available scholarships this year ( the parents pay half price ) and if we can, and offer even more if the funds come in. Students must qualify through a questionnaire, and they must attend all 5 days.


Trinity Lutheran Preschool appreciates the members of Trinity for supporting us in the good years and the lean. When we had to close for a year due to Covid and then start back up; You voted to support us through the process. We were so blessed that we didn't need to ask the church for money to get through. The Grant has helped us to remodel 5 of the classrooms and help with other projects in the church. We have been able to pay our bills and our teachers and staff. We pray that we will be sustained through many more years to offer the word of the Lord our Savior and a wonderful Christian based education to the children of this community.

**Scholarship Program** **Fundraising!** For the month of February, we are raising money for scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year. We would like to have more families attend Trinity if we can get a little help from you.


You can donate a monetary gift to help families that are struggling. Whether you donate \$5, \$10 or whatever you can to help us reach \$3000 for two children that can attend as half scholarships. The parents pay the other half. The cost of one child attending with half a scholarship is \$1,575.00. We would like to raise enough money each year for at least two or more scholarships to be added to the preschool budget.


We are grateful for the half scholarship support that our Church Elders give towards one child to attend from the community in sharing the love of Jesus. An envelope will be provided to express the love you have for Trinity Lutheran Preschool.

You can make the check out to Trinity Lutheran Preschool or for church members, you may make your check out to Trinity Lutheran Church and designate it to (Preschool Scholarship Program) to have your donation recorded in offerings for year-end statement. I would like to say thank you in advance to help a child know about Jesus.

 **Health Themes!** Themes for the month of February are Hygiene, Dental and Health. Preschoolers will learn the importance of keeping their body clean every day and include washing their hands after using the restroom. Along with the hygiene lessons they will learn the importance of brushing and flossing their teeth and covering their mouths and noses with a tissue when sneezing or coughing. Also washing hands after handling pets or other animals.

They will learn the proper nutrition and how exercise can keep you healthy. Teachers will talk to the children about health items such as soap, combs, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes and many more items that will keep you healthy.

 **Kid's Dentistry!** Since the themes for February are Dental, Health, and Hygiene, Kid's Dentistry is coming to the preschool on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. They will explain to the preschoolers the importance of keeping their teeth healthy and why we see a dentist. They will show them the correct way to brush and floss their teeth and the reason behind keeping your teeth healthy.

 **Bible Stories** The Bible Stories for the month of February are:

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
"Jesus Calms the Storm" Pg. 334  
Chapel with Pastor Bersche  
"Two Miracles" pg. 340


**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**  
"A Fishermen's Net" Pg. 351  
"Jesus Feeds Thousands" Pg. 357  
Chapel with Pastor Bersche  
Jesus Walks on Water" Pg. 364


**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Jesus Heals Blind Beggar" Pg. 371  
"Money in a Fish" Pg. 375

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
"The Good Samaritan" Pg. 379  
Chapel with Pastor Bersche  
"Mary and Martha" Pg. 385  
The Bible Verse for the month is:  
"Love One Another" (John 13:34).

The children will learn The Eighth Commandment:


You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way. We will learn pink and the shape HEART and the letters P, H, L, U, and G.


 **Bring PINK Items!** On Friday February 7<sup>th</sup>, please have your child bring PINK items to preschool to reinforce the color for the month!


 **Bring a Postage Stamp!** Each child will need to bring a postage stamp to their child's teacher for the special Valentine card to be mailed by the children to their parents. The preschool office will not sell stamps, so please be sure your child brings one stamp to school. You may want to check with your child's teacher to make sure one stamp will be enough, depending on the size and weight of the valentine project.

Children will learn a little about the postal system in their classrooms. The teachers will have a center for the children to make cards, write letters and pretend to be mail carriers, etc.

The children will place the Valentine cards in the church mailbox outside the door for the postal carrier to take with them.

 **Valentine's Party!** The preschool will have their Valentine's Party on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 10:30 am. We will have an English muffin pizza party. Please sign up on the list for food and games.

 **Silly Crazy Hair Day!** On Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> the children will have a silly hair day. This is so much fun to see the different ways of children with their hair fixed silly.

 **Stranger Danger!** The children are ready for Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt to come to preschool. He will be here on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am to talk to the children about Stranger Danger.

Mr. Gary will talk to the children about not going with someone you do not know, not taking anything from a stranger, especially candy, an animal, money, or a ride in a vehicle. Only talk to another person if your mom or dad or the person you are with says it is alright. And know how and when to call 911.



**Singing in Church!** The teachers and I would love your child to sing in church on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. These children have learned so many songs, fingerplays, Bible Stories and so much more during Chapel Time. Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to make plans for all the children to join at the 10:00 am worship service. The children will be in front of the church for you to watch and listen to some of the songs learned during Chapel.



**Family of the Week!** Family of the week is a program we have that aids child in being able to share their family with everyone.

Families of the Week for the month of February are:

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Deacon Kveton

**Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Feb 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dayna Perez

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Alora Phillip

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**

James Pitcock



**100 Days of Preschool!** The 100 Days of Preschool for Trinity lands on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>! In celebrating 100 days of preschool, the children can come to school dressed as an old person being a hundred years old. Watch us on Facebooks and see the cutest ways parents dress their kids for 100 Days of School!



**Go Western Day!** Go Western Day will be

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. The children may dress in western clothes to promote the Houston Rodeo!

The children can wear western jeans, western shirts, boots, hats, bandanas, and belts. Please NO GUNS! Spurs may be worn but will be taken away if they hurt another child. Let's see all the cowboys and cowgirls!



**Potty Training!** I want to remind the two-year-old parents that if your child goes into the three-year-old class this fall they must be fully 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!

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. For the ones that are not potty trained this would be a great time to start. Talk to your child's teacher and between the both of you working towards this goal your child will be ready for the three-year-old class next year.

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.

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Reminder that preschool is closed Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> the same as public school.



**FALL REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT THE SAME TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY AS FOR FAMILIES IN THE PROGRAM!**

Fall registration will begin Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and end on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> for the families that are enrolled in the program now and the community! This is giving you the first chance to enroll your child for the 2025-2026 school year at a reduced non-refundable registration fee price of \$85.00 instead of \$125.00.

Registration will be opened to the community for the 2025-2026 school year at the same time as for the families already enrolled in the program with a non-refundable registration fee price of \$95.00 instead of \$125.00. April 1, 2024, registration fee will be \$125.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Registration packets will be ready for you to pick up on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in the preschool office. This will be a first come first basis for enrollment. Please spread the word about fall registration for the 2025-2026 school year.

*In Christ, Ms. Maggie*

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES January 13, 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
- 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
- Preschool - Barbara Havemann

Absent:

- Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman
- Pastor Ken Bersche

The Minutes from the meeting held on December 9, 2024, 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

- December Report - As of December 31, 2024, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$36,135.22. The Building Fund balance was \$42,453.63 and the Designated Fund balance was \$101,418.65. The Total of All Funds was \$180,007.50. The total contributions for December were \$32,616.16 and total expenses for December were \$22,412.59. The total contributions for the year 2024 were \$292,838.63 while the total expenses for the year were \$278,972.16.
- There was discussion regarding donations for missions. Terry Hankins made a motion with a 2nd from David Novosad for the following donation distributions:

- \$1,000.00 to Ministerial Alliance
- \$1,000.00 to Sealy Christian Food Pantry
- \$1,000.00 to Samaritan's Purse
- \$1,000.00 to Camp Lone Star

All Council members approved, and the motion passed.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
  - \$183.20 donated to HVAC.
  - \$1,100.00 donated for Missions.

Barry Wolf – Elder Chairman

- The Elder's Duty List is being composed.
- Gaylen Christiansen is recommending a new computer for Maggie.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- No report.

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- VBS Theme for Summer 2025 will be "True North".
- New Sunday School Lesson Plans are in and will be available in classrooms.

Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

- No report.

Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman

- All is good.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- Usher schedules are being printed.

Preschool - Barbara Havemann

- Treasurer's report -
  - Checking Account balance - \$82,761.13
  - Savings Account balance - \$50,583.24.
- There was a nice Christmas Dinner for the teachers, staff and board members who attended.

- Some changes in the board's duties were discussed. Pam Epperly moved from Liaison to Treasurer and Barbara Havemann moved from Treasurer to Liaison.
- Fall registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in March. The following registration rates will apply.
  - \$85.00 pre-registration for those already enrolled.
  - \$95.00 pre-registration for new students.
  - \$125.00 registration after March.
  - Raising scholarship funds will be during the month of March.

There being no further reports, Ruth Szymanski made the motion to accept all reports presented. Janice Wied seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

New Business

- After the Council discussion, Nikki Vrablec made a motion to purchase furnishings for the library. Joanne Dixon seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.
- After the Council discussion, Nikki Vrablec made a motion to obtain pricing for a new computer for Shepherd's Staff & Stewardship. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.
- After the Council discussion, Nikki Vrablec made a motion to proceed with scheduling pictures for a church directory on March 6-8. Ruth Szymanski seconded the motion. All Council members agreed, and the motion passed.

There being no further business, Kimberly Kornegay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Hankins seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned, and the council members closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and Janice Wied will have the devotion.

*John Vrablec - President  
Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary*

