



Building His Body By
Reflecting the Son

**April
2025**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School
For All Ages

Worship Service

10:00 am Sunday

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**TRINITY'S EASTER
EGG HUNT!**

Easter egg hunt will
be held on
Sunday, April 13th
immediately
after church.

TRINITY TIDBITS

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



“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

In the nineteenth century the Russian forces attempted to gain land in the eastern Mediterranean. This sparked the Crimean War of 1853-1856 when the United Kingdom, France, and Sardonian fought against the Russian expansion.

During this war, at the battle of Inkerman in 1854 a soldier was struck down. He was just able to crawl back to his tent. When his fellow soldiers found him, he was lying face down. His Bible was open before him and his hand was set inside the Bible along with his blood covering it. When his hand was lifted, the letters of the page were clear with the ever-living promise of John 11:

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

We may not be in an actual bloody battle or in a warlike situation such as this soldier, but those words should ever be set in our hearts forever. Jesus reminds us that He is our resurrection and our life. We have been baptized into His death and resurrection, so we also share in His eternal life.

We are in a constant spiritual battle with Satan, the world, and our sinful flesh. All of which want us to deny our faith in Him and rely upon sin and death. Even in this spiritual battle we should never forget where true life comes. Although death knocks at our door and one day that will be our future, God has a greater future in store for us. Jesus, God’s Son, gave His life as a ransom for us. We now celebrate Easter. We celebrate life because He lives, we live.

So, always never forget the words of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ:

“I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”

In the Living and Resurrected Jesus,
Pastor Ken

HOLY WEEK

April 17
7 pm Maundy Thursday
With Holy Communion

April 18
7 pm Good Friday
With Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday,
April 20th
EASTER

The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 am Early Worship/Holy Communion
9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Worship/Holy Communion

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)

4/02	AVERY FULLEN	4/17	Lorena Mueller	4/23	Isabeau Niemann
4/02	John Fullen	4/18	Marlene Leiber	4/23	COURTLYNN SHUPAK
4/02	Tracy Schiller	4/19	Eric Bryant	4/24	William Ford
4/02	Rachel Wolf	4/19	Donald Munoz	4/25	Kayla Romano
4/03	Jennifer Smith	4/21	VAUGHN NOVOSAD	4/26	Geraldine Barrett
4/13	CAYDEN KOPECKY	4/20	Denise Kopecky	4/26	Carol Jean Hauschild
4/14	Amanda Matus	4/22	Antoinette Romano	4/26	Jerry Leiber
4/14	Johnny Tingle	4/22	HANISH THOMPSON	4/26	Stephanie McElroy
4/15	Rose Einkauf	4/22	Avery Grigar	4/28	ELLEN HILSON
4/15	Brent Foltz			4/29	Chad Hintz
4/17	Sarah Emshoff				

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)

04/02/1967 Larry & Barbara Koy
04/14/1962 Bob and Ruth Witte
04/18/2009 Jason and Karina Carr



04/19/1988 Donald and Felicia Munoz
04/25/1998 Joe and Jennifer Smith

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!

Trinity Lutheran Church

Thank you for your contribution of \$1,000 to the Sealy Christian Pantry. The number of people seeking help from the Pantry is steadily increasing so your support is important. Your church is much appreciated.

Sealy Christian Pantry

VBS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are 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



Thank you to each one who donated eggs for our upcoming Easter egg hunt. Thank you for purchasing the individually wrapped candy,

plastic eggs, and prefilled easter eggs. The children will enjoy the Church Easter Egg Hunt thanks to you. *Thanks, Nikki*



Worship opportunities for Lent continue.

10:00 am Sunday Lent Services
11:00 am Wednesday Lent Services

Fifth Wednesday in Lent April 2	Sixth Wednesday in Lent April 9
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HOLY WEEK
Palm Sunday is April 13
7 pm Maundy Thursday is April 17
With Holy Communion

7 pm Good Friday is April 18 Holy Communion



8:00 am Early Worship/Holy Communion
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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.

Order Your Easter Lillies Now for 2024! LAST DAY TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, April 13th



You can purchase your Easter Lilies before or after the worship services. 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) and can be picked up after the 10:00 am service Easter morning. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild. Please do not place the money in the offering plate. Only 24 Easter Lilies will be sold. Please give money to Mary Buechmann or contact her at 281-728-0973 or 979-885-2730.

Circle of Friends



Please join us on Wednesday, April 2nd 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

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.



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!

TLWM/LWML

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.




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, April 9th at 1:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church gym. For more information, please call Ruth Szymanski at 979-885-9504.





Teacher Appreciation Week!


I want to let you know that Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th 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. I wanted to prepare you ahead of time to make Teacher Appreciation Week a great week for these special teachers who have touched the heart of your child by making them special. 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.

 **Crazy Silly Sock Day!** On Thursday, April 10th the children will have fun wearing funny socks for Crazy Silly Sock Day! The children must come to preschool with shoes on. Children that come in with sandals without any socks, please bring a pair of socks for them. Shoes are a must when going outside to play.

 **Six Filled Plastic Eggs!** Each child will need to bring six plastic eggs to preschool. Please fill each egg with individually wrapped candy inside. You may bring the eggs by Friday, April 11th. The children will have a small Easter Egg hunt outside with their homemade Easter baskets made by them. We will have moms go through the baskets to make sure each child will have the same number of eggs to go home.

 **Easter Story!** On Tuesday, April 15th, Mrs. Beth Franke will come and read The Easter Story to the preschoolers. Not only is she a retired librarian, but she is also the wife to a retired Pastor, Pastor Gilbert Franke. We are so grateful to have Beth as one of our congregational members who makes time to read to the preschoolers.

 **Easter Party!** The preschool Easter party is on Wednesday, April 16th, 9:30 am - 10:30 am. The children will have chicken nuggets for their party. A sign-up list for the parents to bring refreshments and help with games is located on the glass window as you walk your child into the preschool. We are so grateful to everyone who helps with food, preparing the food, and helps with games.

 **Wear Black Day!** On Thursday, April 17th we would like the preschoolers to wear the color BLACK to reinforce the color for the month.



Preschool Closed on Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st for Good Friday and Easter.



Bike Safety with Retired Trooper Gary Pflughaupt! Retired Trooper Gary

Pflughaupt will talk to the children about Bike Safety on Wednesday, April 23rd at 10:15 am. He stresses to the children about the importance of wearing a helmet, watching out for people, and being aware of parked cars and knowing driveways can be dangerous while riding a bike. Teaching safety is important here at Trinity.



Bike Safety Week is Tuesday, April 22nd-Friday, April 25th. We ask each child to

bring \$2 to send to St. Jude's Research Hospital to help families with their child with cancer. Marlo Thomas and many like her are actively involved in fundraising and awareness efforts for the hospital, it is important to note that she does not receive a salary or payment from St. Jude's. Instead, people like Marlo Thomas dedicate their time and efforts to support the hospital's mission of providing free medical care to children with cancer.



Earth Day will be recognized on Monday, April 28th. The preschoolers will make a special snack of dirt pudding cups with gummy worms to represent the earth.



Park and Picnic! Springtime is here with great spring weather. With the beautiful sunshine the four-year-old class is looking forward to enjoying a park and picnic at Lions Park on Wednesday, April 30th. We need parents to bring their child a sack lunch with a drink. The children will decorate a special bag for their lunches as a great reminder to the parents not to forget.

A permission form must be signed to attend the park and picnic. We also need at least (4) or more parent volunteers to help Chaperone, have close eye supervision and help transport the children across the street to the park and back to the preschool. If rain occurs, we will have a sack lunch day, play games, and have their lunch in the gym.

Parents that are helping with the park and picnic please be here by 9:30 a.m. Remember that each child is a precious gift from God. Please do not gather and visit each other, so your eyes are in the view of the children at all times.



Picnic on the Playground! The two and three-year-old classes will have their special picnic on the playground while the four-year-old class will have theirs at Lions Park. Please bring your child a sack lunch with a drink. Look for the decorated special bag to pack their lunch!



Family of the Week! We enjoy family of the week sharing families with everyone at

preschool and church. Families of the Week for the month of April are:

<p>April 7th-11th Ryker Spivey April 14th-18th Grant Williamson April 21st- 25th Amelia Ventura April 28th- May 2nd Eden Swansey</p>

The families will hand the pictures to their teacher the Friday before their child is the family of the week.

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.

Potty training is possible if the teacher and parents work together. I appreciate all the parents supporting the teacher for potty training the children.

If your child has been sent home with a change of clothes from Trinity, please return it by the end of this school year.

If you have bottoms like panties for girls or underwear for boys, socks, stretch shorts or pants and you are no longer in need of them, you can donate them to preschool.

Themes! The themes for the month of April are Spring and New Life, Farm, Sea Animals, Earth Day, and Bike Safety.

This month the preschoolers will learn the color black, the shape diamond and the letters B, V, E, W, and K for the ones that are ready to continue.

The Bible stories for the month of April are:

<p>April 7th – 11th "Washing the Disciples Feet" pg. 437 Chapel with Pastor Bersche "The Last Supper" pg. 442 "Jesus Arrested and Crucified pg. 446 April 14th-18th "Jesus is Risen" pg. 453 Chapel with Pastor Bersche Resurrection Eggs</p>	<p>April 21st- 25th "Jesus Returns" pg. 459 "A Net of Fish" pg. 462 "Jesus Goes to Heaven" Pg. 466 "The Holy Spirit Comes" Pg. 473 April 28th – May 2nd "The First Church" pg. 480 "The Lame Man" pg. 484 "A Changed Man" pg. 488 Chapel with Pastor Bersche "Earthquake in Heaven" "Jesus is Coming" pg. 504</p>
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The children continue to learn the Ten Commandments and Lord's Prayer and know that Jesus loves them.

Pre-K Graduation! SAVE THE DATE!
The Pre-K class will have a cap and gown ceremony on Sunday, May 18th at 10:00 am worship service with a reception after the service.
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."
~ John 3:16-17

In Christ, Ms. Maggie



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 10, 2025

The Trinity Lutheran Church Council meeting was called to order by John Vrablec. John 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
- David Novosad – Usher Chairman
- Kimberly Kornegay – Secretary
- Preschool - Karina Carr

Absent:

- Elder Chairman
- Joanne Dixon – Fellowship Outreach Chairman

The Minutes from the meeting held on February 10, 2025, were presented. David Novosad 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

- February Report - As of February 28, 2025, the cash balance in the General Fund was \$42,292.75. The Building Fund balance was \$42,960.16 and the

Designated Fund balance was \$100,046.85. The Total of All Funds was \$178,981.35. The total contributions for February were \$21,516.00 and total expenses for February were \$23,963.69. The total contributions for the year 2025 were \$47,915.22 while the total expenses for the year were \$48,126.45.

Janice Wied – Stewardship Chairman

- Special contributions for the month included:
 - \$195.00 donated for HVAC.
 - \$500.00 donated for Preschool Scholarships.
 - \$20.00 donated for Preschool.
 - \$75.00 for gym rental.

Elders -

- No report.

Terry Hankins – Vice President

- No report.

Pastor Bersche –

- Still visiting shut-ins.
- Official Acts:
 - Transfer In on 2/17/2025 - Barbara Hanvey
 - Baptism on 2/27/2025 - Bailey Wrey Willever

Bible Classes:

- Sunday Mornings - Matthew 27
- Wednesday Mornings - 1 John 4
- Confirmation Class - Lord's Prayer

Nikki Vrablec - Board of Education Chairman

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13 after church.
- Sunday School lessons have been ordered for Easter season.
- Youth Group members are selling Lenten Crosses for \$10.00.
- 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

- No report.

Jason Carr – Trustee Chairman

- HVAC repairs have been done in the Fellowship Building.

David Novosad – Usher Chairman

- No report.

Preschool - Karina Carr

- Treasurer's report -
 - Checking Account balance - \$76,716.51
 - Savings Account balance - \$50,603.68.
- The current budget and year to date expenses were presented.

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

- Camp Lone Star Scholarships -
 - The deadline for applications/requests for scholarships is April 1.
 - The purpose of the scholarships is to defray registration and camp fees for the youth of Trinity Lutheran.

There being no further business, Ruth Szymanski 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, April 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. and Nikki Vrablec will have the devotion.

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

