



# TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church  
May 2024 Stonewall, Texas

## Investing into the Future ...

*Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when they are old they will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6*

What a joy it is to be focusing on the future of Trinity! Throughout the last couple of years, Trinity has been focused on the future of the mission of the Gospel right here in our midst. We have strived to show our church family and community that Trinity is a cornerstone for them, because of the Gospel of Christ!

One of those investments has been to the children of our area. Just within the last couple of months, we celebrate God working to reach the children and families of our community through the Easter Eggstravaganza and the proceeds of our Fish Fry this last weekend. We are in the midst of getting ready for our Summer Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, and the opportunity of camps.

Proverbs 22:6 shares a goal for us as a congregation for our children, but also a promise for all ages. The work of discipleship begins at birth and continues until we enter life eternal with our Savior. Our focus on the future is not just for the children and the future of the church but on each and every one of us. May we all look at the chance to grow in our relationship with Jesus, connecting to God in worship and study, and to one another in fellowship and serving! May we continue to invest in the future of God's growth in each and every one of us!

Growing with you,

Pastor Ryan



## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Discussion, motion, and adoption of the 2024 Blessing Bowl
- Church picnic is set for June 2nd– burgers & hotdogs will be served & have kids games
- Bids for new insurance company are being taken as our current provider is dropping all churches in Texas in June. John Wagner & Hayes Pitts have been consulting & will present the bids to the council.
- Wedding policy was discussed and suggestions were made to make some revisions. Council will revisit at a later date.
- Council job descriptions & positions will be looked into and a sub committee will be formed

## BLESSING BOWL LIST 2024

January - Missionaries  
February - Hill Country Needs Council \$1483.83  
March - Lutheran World Relief \$1234.00  
April - Johnson City Food Bank  
May - Good Samaritan Center  
June - Stonewall Food Pantry  
July - Young Life: Fredericksburg & Johnson City  
August - Golden Hub Meals on Wheels  
September - Stonewall Elementary Partnership  
October - Samaritan's Purse  
November - Stonewall Chamber Food & Toy Drive  
December - MOM Center

## Instant Church Email Distribution Changes:

We were just informed from instant church directory that they will no longer have an email function with their program, which is how we communicate with those in our directory. We are starting to look for a new solution and will let you know as soon as we know of the changes that we have to make.



# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## We Are Family

See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children—and we are!— 1John 3:1

I have recently been thinking about how rich the image of family is as a metaphor for the church. Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and “family” is a great word to describe who we are together and how we relate to one another. We have unity in a common confession of faith and a mission to make new disciples of Jesus in the world. Yet we also celebrate our freedom in Christ that leads to diverse expressions of worship and ministry as each family member lives out their faith differently as each is uniquely called and positioned in the Kingdom of God.

As family we connect, communicate, care for one another, forgive one another, share in each other's joys and sorrows, help one another in times of need, hold one another accountable, offer and receive advice and counsel and respect that each family member is ultimately responsible for themselves and their own decisions. Not only is this a good and helpful understanding for our association, but also for the individual members of a local congregation. The brothers and sisters of Christ gathered in a local church are called into a family relationship. When we are attentive to our church family and live into these relationships well, not only are we blessed by the relationship, but we bear witness to God's love to the world, too!

All too often the world sees Christians and the church as unkind, unwelcoming, judgmental, and primarily interested in controlling behaviors according to what the world sees as an antiquated moral code. Unfortunately, some of this reputation is warranted. We probably all are familiar with people and churches that reflect this reality. Yet God's desire for the church is to be the family of God and to lovingly relate to one another in ways that reflect the heart of Christ. If Christians do not love one another, forgive one another, enjoy one another or care for one another, then what does that say about us to the world?

God calls us to be family. We are united in our identity as children of God and co-heirs with Christ. In God's Spirit we are to love one another as Christ loves us, truly caring for one another. As you greet one another, meet with one another, worship and serve with one another, remember that we are family. It will change the way you see and relate to the people you attend church with. And the world will take notice, too. To quote an unbeliever's observation of the early church: “Behold! How they love one another.”

### TLC MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

**Waterside Home: Connie Dittmar, Kerrville**

**Windcrest: Josephine Schaeferkoeter Rm 451**

**Karl Hartmann 781 Chester Rd, Johnson City**

**Doris Schaeferkoeter 501 FM 3237, Rm 404, Wimberley**

**Mary Lindig, PO Box 186, Hye 78636**

**Gary & Greta Frantzen, 181 Frantzen Ln, F'bg**

**LaVerne Zoeller, 96 Frederick Rd #114 F'bg**

**Mike & Elsie Kuykendall, 408 Redbird Ln, F'bg**

**Elsa Jordan, PO Box 1170, Johnson City**

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### May Flowers

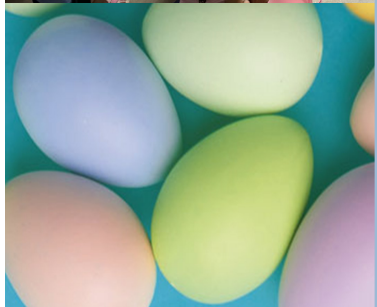
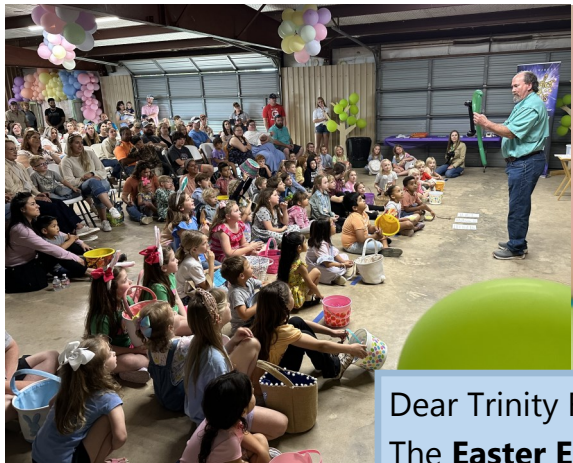
5/5 OPEN

5/12 Mark & Debi Schumann For Chad Jacoby birthday & Mother's Day

5/19 OPEN

5/26 Myron & Mary Uecker In honor of our 25th Anniversary





## Save the dates:

- ~ Graduate recognition May 19th during worship
- ~ Children's Church orientation following worship on May 19th- snacks & drinks
- ~ Children's Church this summer starting June 2nd– sign up to help!
- ~ Church Picnic and Welcome of New Members – June 2nd
- ~ Book Study during the summer
- ~ Peach Jamboree Parade and Float – June 22nd
- ~ Anchor Vacation Bible School – July 16-18 with a Family event on July 19th
- ~ Rally Day September 8th



**Trinity's Services** are streamed each week so that people who can't leave home can participate with us. You can also view past services. You do not need a Facebook account to watch the live stream. When following the link, if you do not have an account, just skip the instructions for signing in. When you get to the Facebook video page you should be able to scroll down and click on the video that has the word "**LIVE**" in red. Trinity has set up a **secure online option** for those who want to give their offering in this manner. Available through the website: [www.stonewalltrinitylutheran.com](http://www.stonewalltrinitylutheran.com) You can now set up a one-time or recurring gift to Trinity. We will ask those giving in this way, to cover the expense of the transaction fee of 1.2% for ACH and 3.2% for Credit Cards. All donations will be then kept in our database and included in the year-end giving statements.

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May bulletins are sponsored by Cynthia &amp; Johnny Wade In honor of our mothers</b>			1 9:30am Miriam Circle  6:30pm Choir	2 8am Women Pray 8am Men Study	3 Office closed	4
5 9a Sunday School 10:10a Worship/ Communion	6	7 10am Happy Quilters	8  6:30pm Choir	9 8am Women Pray 8am Men Study 9am Stitch & Tie	10 Office closed	11
12 9a Sunday School 10:10a Worship Council meeting	13	14 10am Happy Quilters	15  6:30pm Choir	16 8am W Pray 8am Men Study	17 Office closed 2pm "42"	18
19 9a S School 10:10a Worship/ Communion Grad recognition CC orientation	20	21 10am Happy Quilters	22  6:30pm Choir	23 8am Women Pray 8am Men Study	24 Office closed	25
26 9a Sunday School 10:10a Worship	27	28 10am Happy Quilters	29  6:30pm Choir	30 8am Women Pray 8am Men Study 9am TLC Quilters	31 Office closed	

<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Greeter</u>		<u>Reader</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u> – Ruth Mayer & Joni Biesenbach	
5/5	Mark & Jeanine Bell		Hannah Priour	Betty Martin		
5/12	John & Marsha Wagner		Joni Biesenbach	Gary Mayer		
5/19	Mike Park & Rusty Maenius		Sonja Hartmann	Linda Uecker		
5/26	Trey & Hannah Priour		Lydia Wagner	Lydia Wagner		
<u>Worship Assistants</u> – Tim Wagner & Laura Weinheimer				<u>Counters</u> – Doris Kramer & Ada Wilke		

## Anniversaries

5/1	Don & Velna Jackson	47 yrs	5/25	Tim & Lydia Wagner	17 yrs	5/29	Myron & Mary Uecker	25 yrs
5/15	Trey & Hannah Priour	14 yrs	5/25	Nolan Jr & Tasha Ottmers	22 yrs			
5/19	Kyle & Amanda Hahne	6 yrs	5/25	Jerry & Joni Biesenbach	33 yrs			

## Birthdays

5/2	Tinley Priour	5/15	Rodney Eckert	5/1	Rhonda Mullins	5/21	Melissa Fisher
5/6	Janice Hartmann	5/16	Debra Dittmar	5/5	Tim Schumann	5/26	Jim Nielsen
5/7	Howard Fisher	5/16	Nancy Jordan	5/17	Sherry Conlon	5/26	Hunter Schumann
5/7	Emma Priour	5/19	Mark Bell	5/17	Harvey Schumann	5/26	Emry Williams
5/9	Laurie Park	5/20	John Harold Dittmar	5/19	Mason Wilson	5/30	Whailen Garcia
5/10	Charlie Clark	5/21	Michael Jordan				
5/10	Maddison Mullins	5/21	Josie Eckert				
5/14	Kohl Clark	5/28	James Deike				

## Baptismal Birthdays