



TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church
November 2024 Stonewall, Texas

ThankFULness

The month of November always stirs within us a thankful spirit. Thankful for the blessings of God in Family, Friends, Faith, and often so much more. Throughout the years this thankfulness has expanded from the day of Thanksgiving into the whole month of November. Some people choose to find one thing to be thankful for each day of November. Is that something that you could do? My guess is while thinking of 30 things off the top of your head may be hard, once you get rolling and look at one thing each and every day, you will be surprised by how your thankfulness overflows day to day.

We as a congregation have much to be thankful for! His work amongst us is bountiful in growth in our relationship with Him, our relationship we each other, and our growing relationship in the community to share God's Love. During the month of November, I encourage each of us to look within at the blessing that God is sowing in our lives, and then decide what we can give joyfully and generously to the work of God here in our church and community. On November 10, we will offer the opportunity for our members to bring forward their heartfelt commitment for the year to come.

On the next page is a form to prayerfully consider as a family your **Joyful Response** for God's use in the future.

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In Christ's Service with you,

Pastor Ryan



Joyful Response

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On November 10, 2024 our congregation will have the opportunity to bring their Joyful Response to God as our commitment to His future ministry through Trinity. As a family prayerfully consider how your offerings can flow as part of your faith life throughout the upcoming year. Then during worship you will have an opportunity to present this Joyful Response form at the foot of the cross. This form is between you and God, and it will not be opened or looked at.

As the _____ family / person, we give thanks to God for His many blessings and offer our commitment for the upcoming ministry year.

- We commit to giving our offering ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Annually
- We commit to joyfully offer \$ _____ or _____ % to God for His use to further grow us and His Kingdom here in our church, community, and beyond.

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Confirmation at Trinity

Beginning the first Sunday in November our middle school - 9th grade students will be starting instructional time with pastor Ryan. If you have a student in 6th – 9th grade and are interested in having them attend classes please contact the church office for more information @ stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com or 830-644-2479. Classes thru 2024 are on Sundays from noon– 1:30pm: November 3rd & December 8th with more times in 2025.

TLC MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

Windcrest: Josephine Schaeferkoeter Rm 451
Connie Dittmar, 1400 Hilltop Rd. Kerrville TX 78028
Gary & Greta Frantzen, 181 Frantzen Ln, F'bg
Mike & Elsie Kuykendall, 408 Redbird Ln, F'bg
Mary Lindig, PO Box 186, Hye 78636
Doris Schaeferkoeter 501 FM 3237, Rm 404, Wimberley
LaVerne Zoeller, 1352 CR 350 Concan, TX 78838

**If you know of members who are in need of a visit from pastor,
please contact the church office at 830-644-2479 to set up a visit.**





November Flowers

- 11/3 Michael Klepac & Audrey Lamb
 11/10 Betty Martin - For November Birthdays
 11/17 John & Marsha Wagner - For 32nd Anniversary
 11/24 Gary & Ruth Mayer - For 59th Anniversary

Average Attendance 2024

Jan	Feb	Mar ⁽⁵⁾	April
84	93	108	103
May	June ⁽⁵⁾	July	Aug
83	90	92	88
Sept ⁽⁵⁾	Oct	Nov	Dec ⁽⁵⁾
109	107		



Children's Church -

We will continue to offer an exciting time for our children, (ages 3 – 5th Grade), every Sunday morning from 9:20 -10:10 am. Children in our 9:00 am service will be invited to leave after the children's message and participate in children's church. We invite those children whose families are attending our 10:30 am service to come early and join in. During this year, we will be exploring the Bible stories represented in our church's beautiful stained glass windows. We will have an exciting time of learning, interacting, and exploring God's Story.

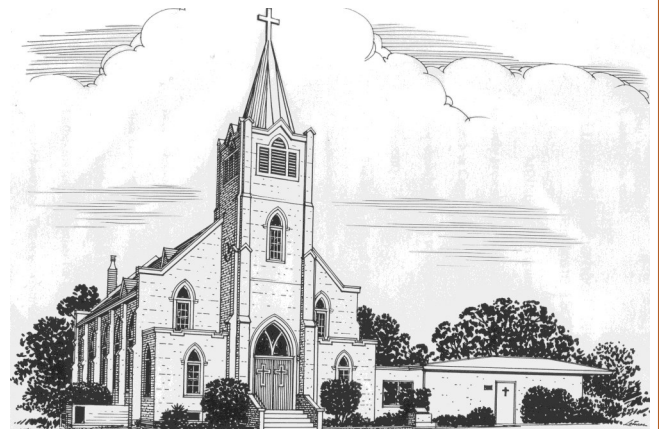


Trinity's Services are streamed each Sunday, so that people who cannot attend in person can participate with us. You can also view past services. No Facebook account needed to watch the live stream. When following the link, if you do not have an account, just skip the instructions for signing in. When 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.

Secure online option for those who want to give their offering in this manner. Available through the website:

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





Lord, Teach Us to Pray Guest Author, John Waak

Weeks of worry brought a woman to the surgery waiting room. Nagging symptoms in her husband's body grew to the point that not even manly denial could dismiss the

feeling that something was not right. His wife, with womanly strength, bore the torch of hope -a hope that said, *"You're going to the doctor!"* He went. The prognosis was serious but hopeful, but surgery was required to understand what was truly going on. So, there we sat, she and I. We chatted about meaningless things, and then in words that were few, she talked about her worst-case fears. I am sure that somewhere in there we prayed. Then the Doctor came out. As compassionately as he could, and with words that plainly explained what he found, he shared that the situation was terminal and fast-acting. She was stunned into silence until at last, realizing that she needed to say something, quietly uttered a one-word expletive. In that word I clearly heard something that came from the depth of her soul. It wasn't offensive, but honest; not dirty, but pure; not profane, but prayer. It was the most authentic prayer I have ever heard next to Jesus praying, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" The ancient teachers of Christian faith have taught us that two situations teach us to pray authentically, that is, from the heart. One is the experience of being awed at the magnificence of something astoundingly beautiful. The individual experiences a kind of emptying, and rises in heart-felt worship for that which one has now experienced. And when experienced, the experience longs to be shared. The other situation is in great suffering. Here, too, there is an emptying, but in anguish. The mind fails for words, but the heart speaks its own prayer in a language known and heard by the Spirit of truth. Here too. where there is an emptying there is a great filling, a filling of grace. The woman above uttered a one-word prayer. She was filled with a grace that bore her husband's suffering and eventual death. She was, by grace, the incarnation of God's love, and was herself healed by her faith. So there you have it. Emptying and filling, dying and rising. One is in the presence of overwhelming beauty, the other in the presence of overwhelming suffering. Yet both result in worship and the experience of the Love that surpasses all understanding. Both are sacred. Both are missional. Both situations demand that you be present to that which is right there before you. Both demand that you pay the price. Both result in divine love flowing like a torrential river for your neighbor. Are you willing to rejoice for the love God has for your neighbor? Are you strong enough to be weak in tears and steadfast in compassion? Do you really want the Lord to teach you to pray? You may find He is teaching you to love. You may find He is teaching you to live. You will certainly find that you are not the object of your prayer, but its fulfillment, by grace, to His glory, as it was for the disciples of old.

John Waak is recently retired from Martin Luther, Giddings, a member of the LCMC Texas District Council, and instructor of the Old Testament, and Spiritual Formation, in Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). © 2024 Bryce J. Formwalt, All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with permission. November 2024

BLESSING BOWL 2024

January - Missionaries

February - Hill Country Needs Council \$1483.83

March - Lutheran World Relief \$1234.00

April - Johnson City Food Bank \$1088.00

May - Good Samaritan Center \$1135.88

June - Stonewall Food Pantry \$1378.98

July - Young Life: F'burg & Johnson City \$1229.55

August - Golden Hub: Meals on Wheels \$1011.41

September - Stonewall Elementary Partnership \$901.00

Special Offering - LWR Hurricane Helene \$1421.00

October - Samaritan's Purse

November - Stonewall Chamber Food/Toy Drive

December - MOM Center

Anniversaries

Nov 21	32 yrs	John and Marsha Wagner	Nov 27	59 yrs	Gary and Ruth Mayer
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Birthdays

11-1	Jimmy Duecker	11-19	Ashley Schumann	11-26	Hannah Priour
11-4	Mason Wilson	11-19	Johnny Wade	11-27	Greta Frantzen
11-7	Don Jackson	11-21	Lenora Eckert	11-27	Jonathan Wade
11-8	Keith Lindig	11-21	Mark Mazur	11-27	Diana Wolfshohl
11-10	Wilburn Meier	11-23	Jeanenne Maenius	11-28	Mike Kuykendall
11-12	Chandler VanWinkle	11-25	Betty Martin	11-29	Denise Eckert
11-16	Sharon Schumann	11-25	Ruby Wiesner	11-29	David Lindig



All Saints Day Remembrance—November 3rd

We remember those Trinity members who have passed away
since our last All Saints Day



Jean Mohr

Elsa Jordan

Karl Hartmann

November bulletins are sponsored by
Liz Lindig
Happy Birthday - David Lindig



Again this year you may purchase poinsettias to decorate our worship services and help celebrate the birth of Christ. These flowers may be given in honor or in memory of someone, or as a gift of thanksgiving to God. Please use the form below

POINSETTIAS

Potted flowers may be purchased to help celebrate the birth of Christ. The plants are \$10.00 each. Reserve your plant by December 15th to be added in the bulletin for Christmas Eve.

NAME: _____

Please attach payment; make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. You may place this in the offering plate or send or take it to the church office.

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN INSERT:

In honor of _____ In memory of _____

Or To the Glory of God Given by _____

Here is a picture of the quilts being donated in the panhandle, with David and Liz delivering them. This is at Celebration Family Church in Fritch Texas.



Volunteers for November

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Tech/Computer</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
11/3	Sharon Schumann	Greg Surma	Marie Weinheimer	Cody Pruett	Jessica Surma
11/10	Rusty Maenius	Trey Priour	John Wagner		Cherity Hardison
11/17	Jessica Surma	Greg Surma	Diana Wolfshohl		Cherity Hardison
11/24	Sonja Hartmann	Calvin Hartmann	John Wagner		Marsha Wagner

Altar Guild – Jeanenne Maenius & Marsha Wagner

Fellowship Host Between Services

11/3	Michael Klepac
11/10	Trey Priour
11/17	Rhonda Mullins
11/24	

10:30 am Traditional Worship


	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
11/3	Dale & Anne Sultemeier	Jayson Randolph	Judy Wickson	
11/10	Hayes Pitts	Mike Park	Mike Park	Mindy Eckert
11/17	Jayson Randolph	Judy Wickson	Mary F Meier	
11/24	Mark Schumann	Jimmy & Emily Duecker	Debi Schumann	Marsha Wagner

November 2024

Daylight Savings Time Ends 11-3

Set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office closed	2
3 Communion 9 am worship children's church 10:30 am worship 12-1:30pm Confirmation	4	5 5:30pm praise rehearsal	6 9:30am women's Bible study 6:30 pm choir	7 8am Woman Pray 8am Community Men's Study	8 Office closed	9
10 9 am worship children's church 10:30 am worship Council meeting after service	11	12 5:30pm praise rehearsal	13 6:30 pm choir	14 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study 9am Stitch & Tie	15 Office closed 2pm '42'	16
17 Communion 9 am worship children's church 10:30 am worship Memorial commit- tee meeting after service	18	19 5:30pm praise rehearsal	20 6:30 pm choir	21 8am Women Pray 8am Comm Men's Study	22 Office closed	23
24 9 am worship children's church 10:30 am worship 7pm Johnson City Community Thanksgiving Service @ Baptist Church	25	26 5:30pm praise rehearsal	27 6:30 pm choir	28 Office Closed 	29 Office closed	30