



TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church
February 2025 Stonewall, Texas



Together as a church family, we are in the midst of a journey, a “40 day experience in the Words of Jesus”. If you have begun the journey I pray that it is going well. If you want to jump in, it’s

not too late. You can [click here](#) to download the guide or pick one up at church. This journey is about deepening our relationship with Christ and fully absorbing His Words into our daily walk with Him.

We also have the option to go deeper into this journey with our Red Letter Challenge Small Group Bible Studies - On Sunday's we will offer Small group Bible Study options that take place at the same times as our worship opportunities. These offerings will meet in the old Children's Sunday School Building, using the west entrance closest to the Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 a.m. the group will be facilitated by Gary Mayer, at 10:30 a.m. the group will be facilitated by Diana Wolfshohl. If you would like to host one for your family or friends in your home, please contact Pastor Ryan. You may also purchase the book that goes along with the journey at www.redletterchallenge.com or on Amazon.

My prayer for each of us, is that this time in Jesus’ Words will deepen our walk with Him as we prepare for our Lenten Journey beginning in March.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Ryan



February Flowers

- 2/2 Kelley & Steven Beach - In honor of my mom, Joan Bolinger
- 2/9 Cynthia Wade - In honor of Naomi Carter's Birthday
- 2/16 Pam Meier - For February Birthdays
- 2/23 Carter & Claire Blenden - In memory of our grandparents

Confirmation at Trinity

In person class time with pastor at the church are on specific Sundays during the year and are from noon– 1:30pm

February 2nd & 23rd

March 2nd & 30th

April 6th & 27th

May 4th

Confirmation Sunday May 18 for our
9th graders

TENDER LOVING CARE QUILTERS

The Tender Loving Care Quilters met thirteen times in 2024. A total of seventy-five quilts were sent to the Texas Panhandle in response to wildfires. A quilt was presented to a family in Johnson City after their home was destroyed by fire. Thirty-three quilts were donated for families in our Stonewall community for distribution December 20th.

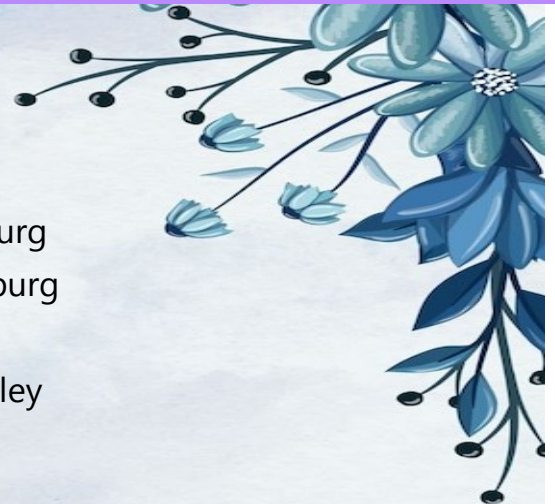
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First Communion –

Trinity will be offering a preparation class for those students in 4th Grade or who are 9/10 years old or above and a parent(s) on March 23, 2025. This class will be held noon - 3:30 p.m. We will offer the celebration of First Communion during our Maundy Thursday Service on April 17th at 6:30 p.m. To sign your student up for this class please contact the church office at 830-644-2479 or stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Ryan

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, Fredericksburg
Mike & Elsie Kuykendall, 408 Redbird Ln, Fredericksburg
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.



Children's Church - For 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.



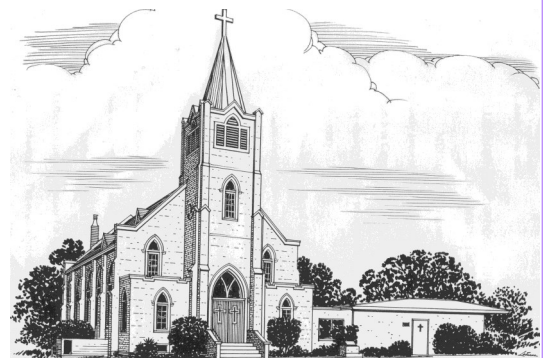
BOWLING
February 23 • 1:00 PM
Meet at
BB's Bowling Alley
758 S Washington St. Fredericksburg
Family Event! Bring a friend!
Kids bowl for FREE! \$10 per adult
Sign up in the narthex
OR
Contact Laura Weinheimer 512-971-9097

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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 giving statements.





Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



God's Extraordinary Work

In my days as a pastor of a congregation, one of my joys was planning sermon series during the different liturgical seasons of the church calendar. One year I stumbled upon the idea of doing a summer series called "Characters of the Bible." Each Sunday after Pentecost, we started walking through the Old Testament and studied the men and women of God that we read about in the Bible. For many adult congregation members, this was the first time these stories had been revisited since their childhood days when they were taught in Sunday School classes. Unfortunately, these stories are often not the topic of the regular preaching during Sunday morning sermons.

Through this sermon series, we began to focus on a theme that we find throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible: that God uses ordinary people like you and me to do his extraordinary work! Sometimes we remember the Sunday School stories of these Bible characters and imagine them as superheroes. As we stand in awe at what God does in and through their lives, sometimes it is easy for us to forget that the bible character themselves was a sinful human being just like us.

For some people, learning that the person God used in a mighty way as an instrument of his activity in the world is also an imperfect sinner can somehow be seen as a stain, as if it makes the story less powerful. Perhaps this is why the undesirable or scandalous parts of these stories are often glossed over. But I truly believe that the fact that God works through sinful men and women like you and me is by God's own design and demonstrates that the power is not of man, but of God. Because of this fact, it displays God's power even more! As Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:7, *Now we have this treasure in clay jars, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.* We who minister in Jesus' name are mere sinners: imperfect, broken vessels who are tasked with delivering the perfect and powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, no one should be overly impressed with the messenger and our hope ought not be placed in a pastor. When we place pastors or any church leader on a pedestal, we inevitably will be disappointed when we realize that they, too, sin and fall short. Pastors and all church leaders are called to lead not perfect lives, but to walk honestly and humbly, confessing their sin before God and one another and receiving the forgiveness of sins we all need.

The church is often attacked when the sin of a church leader is exposed... as if it somehow invalidates the many ways God worked through that person for Kingdom good. While it is true that the church is hurt whenever sin goes unconfessed or covered up, God continues to perfectly move, display power, proclaim the Word, and deliver grace and blessing in the sacraments of baptism and communion through the work of imperfect vessels in the church. Despite our sinfulness and brokenness, God still does extraordinary work through ordinary people like you and me.

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

BLESSING BOWL 2025

January - Lutheran World Relief

February - Hill Country Needs Council

March - Ministerial Alliance

April - Johnson City Food Pantry

May - Good Samaritan Center

June - Stonewall Food Pantry

July - Young Life: F'burg & Johnson City

August - Golden Hub: Meals on Wheels

September - Hill Country School Partnership

October - Samaritan's Purse

November - Stonewall Chamber Toy & Food Drive

December - MOM Center

Dear TLC,

On behalf of the Stonewall Chamber Food and Toy Drive, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for your donations to support our mission of spreading love, compassion, and hope. With your generous donations we have been able to make a significant impact in our community to those in need.

We handed out over 100 boxes of food items with ham, kitchen staples, toiletries, detergent, diapers and wipes, and Christmas treats like hot chocolate and cookies! Each family was offered 2 heaters. Over 350 children and elderly received wrapped presents with coats, warm clothing items, toys, and quilts made by our very own Tender Loving Care Quilting Group at Trinity. The families also received a card welcoming them to the services at Trinity, Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, and Stonewall Baptist Church. We invite you to join us in continuous prayers over these families and for them to hear the message of God's love and hope.

We are a community that believes in the power of unity and shared values. Your support in our mission strengthens our commitment to serve others and deepen our faith. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind and generous donations.

God bless,

Laura Weinheimer and Arin Smith

Volunteers for February 2025

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Tech/Computer</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
2/2	Steven Beach	_____	Dana Smith	Skye Rose	Mindy Eckert
2/9	_____	_____	Mindy Eckert	_____	Mindy Eckert
2/16	_____	_____	_____	Lisa Jacoby	Mindy Eckert
2/23	_____	_____	Emma Priour	_____	Mindy Eckert

Altar Guild – Doris Kramer & Gail Nielsen

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 830-644-2479 OR LOG ONTO [HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/AQKPM](https://volunteersignup.org/AQKPM) TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY BLANK SPOTS IN FEBRUARY

	<u>Fellowship Host</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
2/2	Trey Priour	Kelley & Steven Beach - In honor of my mom, Joan
2/9	_____	Cynthia Wade - In honor of Naomi Carter's Birthday
2/16	Pam Meier	Pam Meier - For February Birthdays
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10:30 am Traditional Worship

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
2/2	Mark Schumann	Debi Schumann	Ruth Mayer	Myron Uecker
2/9	Debi Schumann	_____	Gary Mayer	Myron Uecker
2/16	Mike Park	_____	Mike Park	Myron Uecker
2/23	_____	_____	_____	Myron Uecker

Volunteer opportunities for Trinity Worship Volunteers are now open!

Please copy this link and put into your web browser to be directed to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/AQKPM

If you need assistance with the online sign up or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office @ stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com or by phone at 830-644-2479

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion 9 am contemporary worship/ RLC study Children's church 10:30 am traditional worship/ RLC study 12-1:30pm Confirmation	3	4 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	5 9:30am women's Bible study 6 pm choir Rehearsal	6 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study	7 Office closed	8
9 9 am contemporary worship/ RLC study children's church 10:30 am traditional worship/ RLC study Council meeting Following	10	11 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	12 6 pm choir Rehearsal	13 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	14 Office closed	15
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23 9 am contemporary worship/ RLC study children's church 10:30 am traditional Worship/ RLC study 12-1:30pm Confirmation Family Bowling Event	24 5:30pm praise rehearsal	25 10am Happy Quilters	26 6 pm choir Rehearsal	27 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study 9 am TLC Quilters	28 Office closed	

Birthdays

2-3	Hayden Behrends	2-11	David Mullins	2-24	Tim Schumann
2-7	Christopher Stableford	2-13	Rhonda Mullins	2-26	Sydney Meyer
2-8	Anne Sultemeier	2-22	Emrie Jacoby	2-28	Deborah Ottmers
2-9	Debi Schumann	2-23	Sandra Deike		

Anniversaries

2-2	Cy & Katelyn Eames
2-26	Jim Fridley & Lorraine Zensen