



# TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church  
January 2025 Stonewall, Texas

## **We'll leave the light on for You!**

This phrase became well-known as a slogan for Motel 6! While we do not hear it as often any longer, perhaps there is something we can borrow. Basically, "we'll leave the light on for you" is a way of saying, "You're welcome here and we want to make sure you're comfortable."



During the Advent and Christmas season, we used the mailing and invitations that said "Come Home for Christmas". We had many visitors that came during that time, but there may still be others that were still thinking about it. So, over the next few weeks and months let's share "We'll leave the light on for You!", Of course, the Light we are referring to is Christ! But may our family, friends and community know that He is here for them and we have a place for them!

*"The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. " John 1:9*

Happy New Year and may God Bless His work right here in 2025!

Pastor Ryan





# January Flowers

- 1/5
- 1/12 Rhonda & David Mullins -  
For January Birthdays
- 1/19 Shirley Weirich - In memory of  
Leroy Weirich, Francis & Fulcher Johnson
- 1/26

## Average Attendance 2024

Jan	Feb	Mar <sup>(5)</sup>	April
84	93	108	103
May	June <sup>(5)</sup>	July	Aug
83	90	92	88
Sept <sup>(5)</sup>	Oct	Nov	Dec <sup>(5)</sup>
109	107	101	108

### Confirmation at Trinity

Beginning in November our middle school - 9th grade students started instructional time with pastor Ryan. There is homework to do with families during each month, as well as in person class time with pastor at the church are on specific Sundays during the year and are from noon– 1:30pm.

#### 2025 dates:

January 5th & 26th

February 2nd & 23rd

March 2nd & 30th

April 6th & 27th

May 4th

Confirmation Sunday May 18 for our 9th graders

### **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.**



**Children's Church** - For children, (ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please note no children's church on January 5th.**

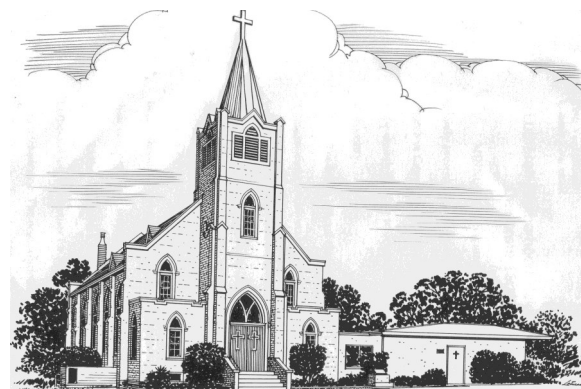


**Trinity's Services** are streamed each Sunday, so that people who cannot attend in person can participate with us. You can also view past services. No Facebook account needed to watch the live stream. When following the link, if you do not have an account, just skip the instructions for signing in.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

### **Congregational meeting**

Mark you calendars for Sunday, January 26th for our annual congregational meeting which will be held between our two services.





# Mission Moment



*Texas District*

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

**HARVEST**  
WORKERS

## A New Command

As Jesus gathered with his disciples for his last supper, he not only communed with them, but he also served them in a unique way. Before the meal began, he took off his outer robe, knelt down with a basin of water and a towel, and washed their feet. It was a stunning act of service by the King of kings and Lord of lords! Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

This familiar text is a reminder of what sets Jesus’ followers apart: a self-sacrificing love for one another. Jesus did not say “it would be really neat if you would be nice to one another.” He was not asking his followers to tolerate or put up with one another. He did not offer his example of humble service as a suggestion among a buffet of options. He clearly states this as a new command that is a mark of every single disciple of Jesus. Jesus makes the clear connection that this love will be noticed by the world and is key to sharing Jesus’ love and bearing witness to the Gospel to the world. So, this loving one another thing is *really* important for our mission in the world! But what does it mean to love one another? What does this look like in your local church and current ministry context? How do we relate to and connect with one another in ways that are loving, forgiving, serving, encouraging, and, in all ways, build up the body of Christ? As an association of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, I believe that it is essential to connect and relate to one another in ways that strengthen our mutual mission and ministry and lead to healthier churches in each of our communities.

For this reason, I would like you to join me and others from across our association as we take two days to dive deeper into this topic. Our Winter Retreats will gather in beautiful Concan, Texas next month around the theme of “One Another”. There are two identical retreats being offered, so choose the one that best fits in your schedule: Sunday evening, February 2 through Tuesday noon, February 4 or Wednesday evening, February 5 through Friday noon, February 7. Each retreat will feature two teaching tracks. LCMC’s Coordinator for Leadership and Pastoral Development Christian Huntley will be teaching the Leadership Track while Texas District Council member Barbara Hoover will be leading the Devotional Track.

The retreat is open to all and is an affordable opportunity to grow in your walk with God and develop your relational capacity to love others as Jesus loves us. If you register by January 11, the retreat registration costs \$120 and includes the program, food, and lodging. To learn more and register online, go to [www.lcmctexas.org/winter-retreat](http://www.lcmctexas.org/winter-retreat). Feel free to reach out with any questions as we are here to help: 512-942-7776 or [info@lcmctexas.org](mailto:info@lcmctexas.org).

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## 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	\$2599.00
November - Stonewall Chamber Food/Toy Drive	\$1592.06
December - MOM Center	

### *Birthdays*

Jan 2	Emilia Hahne	Jan 14	Kyle Hardison	Jan 28	Mindy Eckert
Jan 6	Liz Lindig	Jan 14	Donna Jackson	Jan 28	Eileen Ottmers
Jan 7	Emily Duecker	Jan 16	Erin Williams	Jan 29	Mary Louise Dittmar
Jan 10	Joni Biesenbach	Jan 18	Gary Frantzen	Jan 31	Vivian Wagner
Jan 10	Nathan Meyer	Jan 18	Vickie Ahrens		
Jan 10	Jessica Surma	Jan 21	Elsie Kuykendall		

### *Anniversaries*

Jan 5	34 yrs	Steven and Anissa Meier	Jan 6	John E & Holly Dittmar	Jan 18	67 yrs	Gary and Greta Frantzen
Jan 8	53 yrs	Leland and Eileen Ottmers	Jan 17	Nelson & Nancy Maenius	Jan 18	22 yrs	Dennis and Dana Smith

# Volunteers for January

## 9:00 am Contemporary Worship

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Tech/Computer</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
1/5	Dana & Megan Smith	Greg Surma	Emma Priour	_____	Jessica Surma
1/12	Marsha Wagner	John Wagner	John Wagner	_____	Jessica Surma
1/19	Mark Schumann	Greg Surma	Debi Schumann	Tasha Ottmers	Jessica Surma
1/26	Brandon Behrends	_____	Marie Weinheimer	Cody Pruett	Jessica Surma

Altar Guild – Ruth Mayer & Joni Biesenbach

	<u>Fellowship Host</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
1/5	Trey Priour	_____
1/12	Pam Meier	Rhonda & David Mullins - For January Birthdays
1/19	Rhonda Mullins	Shirley Weirich - In memory of Leroy Weirich, Francis & Fulcher Johnson
12/26	Pam Meier	_____

## 10:30 am Traditional Worship

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Worship Assistant</u>
1/5	_____	_____	_____	Mindy Eckert
1/12	Mike Park	_____	Mary F Meier	Mindy Eckert
1/19	Sheila Edwards	_____	Judy Wickson	Mindy Eckert
1/26	Sonja Hartmann	Howard Fisher	Melissa Fisher	Mindy Eckert


**Volunteer opportunities for Trinity Worship Volunteers Jan- Feb 2025 are now open!**

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet: [volunteersignup.org/AQKPM](https://volunteersignup.org/AQKPM)

If you need assistance with the online sign up, please contact the church office

@ [stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com) or by phone at 830-644-2479

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office closed  2 pm praise Rehearsal  No choir rehearsal	2 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study	3 Office closed	4
5 Communion 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional worship 12-1:30pm Confirmation	6	7 9am Hill Coun- try pastor meet- ing 10am Happy Quilters  5:30pm praise rehearsal	8 9:30am women's Bible study  6:00 pm choir rehearsal	9 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study 9am Stitch & Tie	10 Office closed	11
12 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional worship Council meeting following worship	13	14 10am Happy Quilters  5:30pm praise rehearsal	15  No choir rehearsal	16 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study	17 Office closed  2pm '42'	18
19 Communion 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional worship	20	21 10am Happy Quilters  5:30pm praise rehearsal	22  6:00 pm choir rehearsal	23 8am Women Pray 8am Community Men's Study 9 am TLC Quilters	24 Office closed	25
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