



TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church
March 2025 Stonewall, Texas

The True Servant –

As I begin to think about the season of Lent, my eyes are drawn to the crosses on my office wall. How is it that I could need a servant to die for me and do that which I cannot do for myself? It's a humbling thought process. In our culture today we like to think we can roll up our sleeves, get to work, and get the job done. That is true in a lot of ways, but when it comes to our own salvation, as Martin Luther said, "We are beggars this is most certainly true." We are beggars waiting not just for the scraps from the master table, but waiting for the crumbs that the servants sweep up while cleaning.

A servant is brought in to do the tasks a Master is above doing or doesn't want to do. Why is it then that our Heavenly Father, sent His Son, to do that which a servant should do? Why was Jesus, true God true Man, sent to be a servant, and how can we follow His example.

As we journey through this Lenten season, I invite you to join in our devotional "Servant of the Lord" written by Lutheran Hour Ministries. Printed versions are available at church or upon request or you can also access them www.lhm.org/lent or on their devotional app.

Ash Wednesday, starts our Lenten journey off with the same reminder true to each of us from Genesis 3:19 "from dust you are to dust you will return." We will be reminded of our sinful condition and at the same time the price Jesus paid to redeem us. Lent is not just a time of repentance, but a time to hear the truth about who we are and the amazing grace poured out on us so that we can live in our unique and special callings.

Join us on Wednesday, March 5th for a Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. The following Wednesdays of Lent we will gather for worship at 6:30 p.m. lasting 30-40 minutes.

Joining you in the Journey,

Pastor Ryan

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 from 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

Celebrating Our Young Scientists! We are thrilled to announce the winners of the recent Elementary Regional Science Fair
4th grade: Reese Handley, Grace Lackey, Emily Surma, Marie Weinheimer. 5th grade: Tristin Behrends.

Confirmation at Trinity

In person class time with pastor this month are from noon– 1:30pm on
March 2nd & 30th



Family Bowling Day

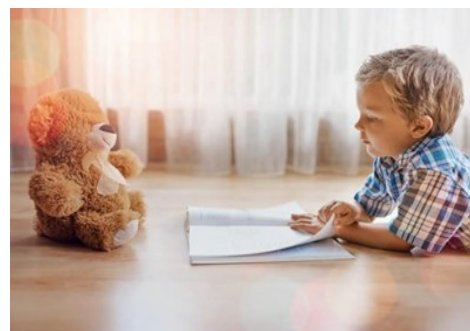
A Striking Success!
We had an incredible time at our Family Bowling Day! 10 families and over 20 kids, BB's Bowling Alley was filled with laughter, joy and plenty of friendly competition. It

was a wonderful sight to see our event grow with more families and friends, bonding together and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you for joining us and bringing your energy and enthusiasm. We can't wait to plan our next gathering. Stay tuned for more fun and activities in the future!



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.

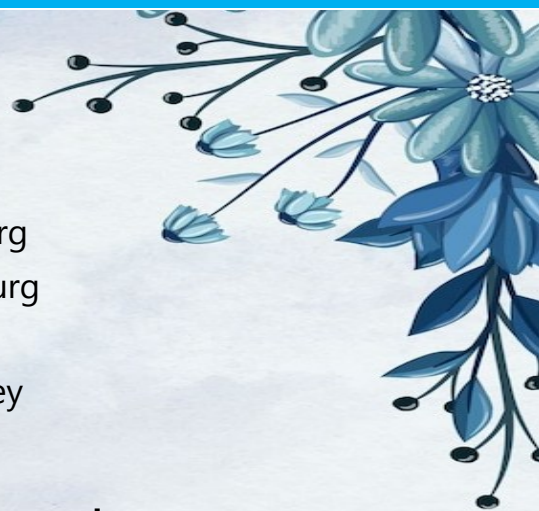


Trinity's Services are streamed each Sunday, so that people who cannot attend in person can participate with us. You can also view past services. No Facebook account needed to watch the live stream. When following the link, if you do not have an account, just skip the instructions for signing in. When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

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.



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



HARVEST
WORKERS

In the Potter's Hands

This past month I had the privilege of hosting our fifth Harvest Workers Retreat. Ranging in age from 20-something to 70-something, a total of 24 ministry students, faculty, staff, and spouses came together from across Texas and around the country for three days of rest, instruction, worship, prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. While each retreat has been a delight in its own way, this year's retreat was extra special for me personally. I came away from this retreat overwhelmed with gratitude to God for the immense blessing it was—not only for me, but for so many of our students as well.

As I reflected on this fantastic weekend, I wondered what made this retreat so special. What was it that caused my heart to rejoice and feel so full of joy and thanksgiving? As I reflected, the lyrics of the song "Change My Heart, O God" by Eddie Espinosa flooded my mind: *Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you; You are the potter; I am the clay; Mold me and make me; This is what I pray; Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true; Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.*

This beautiful song of repentance is born out of the words of Isaiah 64:8, *Yet Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we all are the work of your hands.* In this verse, we are reminded of the truth about our formation: that God desires to continue to mold, shape, and refine us throughout our lives. As long as we have breath in our lungs, God is not done with us!

What made this year's retreat remarkable was how the participants seemed to be so incredibly humble, moldable, malleable, and teachable. God prepared the hearts and minds of those who gathered in his Spirit to receive all that he intended to give. It reminded me of the importance of our posture before the Lord: What kind of clay are we? Are we dry, hardened, and set in our ways? Or are we moist, malleable, and eager to be shaped in the hands of the master potter?

So, I give thanks to God anew for the blessings of Harvest Workers students across our association of churches: women and men of every age and stage who are eager to learn and grow, to continue to be molded and shaped by our Lord in order to serve him in different and new ways as he leads and calls. And through these students, the Lord reminds me personally that he also continues to call me (and you, too) to learn, grow, and be formed by him.

This year as we enter the season of Lent, I pray that each of us can offer ourselves in a spirit of humility before our Lord. I invite you to adopt the prayer of the song "Change My Heart, O God", repenting with an eagerness to be formed in the Potter's hands.

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.

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Volunteers NEEDED

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

volunteersignup.org/AQKPM

Please consider signing up to help with worship. If you need assistance with the online sign up please contact the church office @

stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com or by phone at 830-644-2479

We are in need of ushers, greeters, readers, fellowship hosts & 9 am computer operators

Worship Assistants for March are: 9 am - Marsha Wagner & 10:30 am - David Lindig

Altar Guild – Jeanenne Maenius & Marsha Wagner

Volunteers are needed are for our 9 am & 10:30 am services on Sundays.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th with a soup supper before our service. All Lent services will begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays until holy week in April.



March Flowers

3/2 Karen Petermann - To the Glory of God

3/9 Judy Wickson - For son, Casey & grandson, Eric's Birthdays

3/16 Betty Martin - In memory of Jean Pankratz Mohr

3/23 & 3/30 [OPEN](#)



Birthdays

Anniversaries

3-1	Kevin Meyer	3-12	Devan Behrends	3-21	Jacob Wagner	3-12	14 yrs	Greg and Jessica Surma
3-1	Jim Nielsen	3-13	Cody Pruett	3-23	Amanda Hahne	3-24	38 yrs	Tony and Betty Martin
3-3	Calvin Hartmann	3-13	Timothy Wagner	3-28	Katelyn Eames			
3-3	Edward Meier	3-15	Rodney Eckert	3-28	Kristen Restani			
3-6	Kindra Simms	3-16	Mary Lindig					
3-9	Tasha Ottmers	3-18	Leland Ottmers					

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion 9 am contemporary worship/ RLC small group 10:30 am traditional Worship/ RLC small group 12-1:30pm Confirmation	3 5:30pm praise rehearsal	4 10am Happy Quilters	5 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Ash Wed Service 7 pm choir	6	7 Office closed	8
9 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional worship Council meeting following worship	10 5:30pm praise rehearsal	11 10am Happy Quilters	12 9:30am women's Bible study 6:30pm Lent Service 7 pm choir	13 9 am Stitch & Tie Quilting	14 Office closed	15
16 Communion 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional worship	17	18 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	19 6:30pm Lent Service 7 pm choir	20	21 Office closed 2pm '42'	22
23 9 am contemporary worship children's church 10:30 am traditional Worship 12-3:30pm 1st communion class	24 5:30pm praise rehearsal	25 10am Happy Quilters	26 6:30pm Lent Service 7 pm choir	27 9 am TLC Quilters	28 Office closed	29 Hokanson Family Celebration - fellowship hall rental
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