

# TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church April 2025 Stonewall, Texas

As Spring reveals new life and growth all around us, so to does Holy Week and Easter, I pray that the passion our Savior carried to the cross that week, awakens new life for us through the empty tomb! This year we are also honored to host the second



annual Eggstravaganza for our community! On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm Trinity is hosting this event for the community at the Stonewall Chamber. The Eggstravaganza will be an exciting time for families to experience the news of Easter, a Christian entertainer, an easter egg hunt with over 5000 eggs, multiple give aways, and photos with the Easter bunny! Will you help us spread the word so that our community feels the blessings of Easter this year? In this newsletter, you will see more details, ways to volunteer and support, and join us in prayer that this springs new life and the Easter news in our community!

Pastor Ryan

#### Holy Week is coming!

We are quickly approaching the week in which we remember the Passion of Christ and his determination to change everything for you! During this week we will again look at Jesus' actions for us and how they still have power for us today.

**Palm Sunday** – Join us for worship this morning as we celebrate our Hosanna in the Highest, making his way into Jerusalem. We will have our contemporary service at 9 am with children's church and traditional service at 10:30 am.

**Maundy Thursday** – We will join around the table to celebrate a special family meal beyond measure. This evening service will begin at 6:30 pm. and include first communion for those who have received instruction. This service will end with the stripping of the Altar in preparation of Good Friday.

**Good Friday** – Jesus' last words are significant to us even today. As we gather together to remember why this day is called Good Friday, we will also hear our Saviors' Final Words. Service begins at 6:30 pm.

**Easter Sunday** – Let's come together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Invite your family, neighbors, and friends to join us for one of our worship services @ 6:30 am or 10 am, with breakfast, cross decoration, and egg hunt between services.

#### **EASTER LILIES**

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily plant to help decorate and celebrate the resurrection of Christ, please fill out this form. These flowers may be given in honor of, in memory of, or to the Glory of God. Please attach payment; make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church. Plants are \$10.00 each. You may place this form with your payment in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office.

(Please print information)

Information for the bulletin insert:

In honor of:\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ To the Glory of God

Given By:

#### **Confirmation at Trinity**

In person class time with pastor this month from noon– 1:30pm on April 6th & 27th

# **Annual Fish Fry**



Mark your calendars for our annual Fish Fry on Sunday, May 4, after the 10:30 am. service. This will be our big fundraiser for the year, and we would appreciate any donations for our auction and silent auction. Contact Tim Wagner or John Wagner for details.



**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.



#### Ways to serve around Easter:

**Church Clean-up day** – Come join the church in cleaning up the grounds on Saturday, April 5th starting at 9:30 am. If you have raking or yard tools, please bring them. We will also be working on the hallway/ breezeway between the old choir hall and the quilting building to get it ready for demolition.

**Easter Egg fillers** – If you picked up a bag of Easter Eggs to fill, please return them on or before April 13th.

**Eggstravaganza** – If you would like to assist in setup or running our community Easter event, please contact Laura Weinheimer or Jessica Surma.

**Easter Breakfast** – If you are interested in setting up, preparing, serving, or clean up, please contact Trey Priour.

**Easter flowers for Easter Cross -** Everyone is welcome to bring fresh-cut flowers and help decorate the Easter cross in the fellowship hall during our Easter breakfast.

**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: <a href="www.stonewalltrinitylutheran.com">www.stonewalltrinitylutheran.com</a> 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.



# Delivering the Goods

One of the gifts of our rich Lutheran theology is an emphasis on Word and Sacrament ministry: We believe that God's Word and Holy Sacraments are powerful and effective. Through proclaiming the Word, washing in the waters of baptism, and sharing the bread and wine of communion, we are delivering the Good News of God's grace and salvation. What a joy it is to be a vessel of God's grace and deliver the goods!

One of the challenges, however, is to do this not just for those inside our congregations, but to a lost, broken, and hurting world that is in desperate need of what we have to give. I want to highlight one example of a faithful congregation who found a creative way to deliver the goods to their community on Ash Wednesday.

Hebrews 10:24 Community Church (LCMC) gathers for worship every Sunday in a strip retail center in the Dellview neighborhood of San Antonio. From this small, rented facility, Pastor Chuck Knudson and the faithful people of the congregation follow the Spirit's lead to deliver the goods. They regularly seek to meaningfully connect disconnected people to the transformative power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This year for Ash Wednesday, they setup a pop-up tent in their parking lot and a sign by the street: "Ash Wednesday: Ashes – Prayer – Coffee; Curbside Today! 7 am – 5:30 pm."

Pastor Chuck was there throughout the day with various church members coming and going to assist as they could. Seminarian Blanca Betancourt provided ministry to Spanish speakers and all who came were blessed with the imposition of ashes and a reminder of God's abundant and unwavering grace. And people came!

It all began in the morning with a trickle of women, some coming with their children or grandchildren. After a while, the word got out about what this faithful congregation was up to, and cars began to line up. It turns out that all kinds of people were eager to receive the Word and blessing that Pastor Chuck and Hebrews 10:24 was freely and faithfully delivering. By the afternoon, men of every age were also coming, including several who pulled up in their work trucks. As the outreach came to a close in the evening, the congregation gathered for a worship service and was joined by one of the families they had just met that day.

This story out of San Antonio is a great reminder of the privilege we have of delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ to our communities. As your congregation approaches Holy Week and the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, I invite you to consider how God is calling you to deliver the goods... not just to the congregation gathered on Sunday mornings, but to the community where God has sent you with a mission: "Go make disciples!"

## **BLESSING BOWL 2025**

January - Lutheran World Relief

\$2539.57

February - Hill Country Needs Council

\$1135.93

March - Ministerial Alliance

March - Special offering for Crabapple Fire

April - Johnson City Food Pantry

May - Good Samaritan Center

June - Stonewall Food Pantry

July - Young Life: Fredericksburg & 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



Attendance 2025												
	Jan	Jan	Jan 10:30	Feb	Feb	Feb	Mar	Mar <sup>(5)</sup>	Mar <sup>(5)</sup>	April	April	April
		9 am	am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am
Total	387	211	176	446	263	183						
Avg	97	53	44	112	66	46						
	May	May	May	June	June <sup>(5)</sup>	June <sup>(5)</sup>	July	July	July	Aug <sup>(5)</sup>	Aug <sup>(5)</sup>	Aug <sup>(5)</sup>
		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am
Total												
Avg												
	Sept	Sept	Sept	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov <sup>(5)</sup>	Nov <sup>(5)</sup>	Nov <sup>(5)</sup>	Dec	Dec	Dec
		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am
Total												
Avg												

### **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 April: 9 am - David Lindig & 10:30 am - Tim Wagner Altar Guild – Mary F Meier & Kay Pitts



## **April Flowers**

4/6 Mark & Debi Schumann - Elliot, Chad, Hunter, Harvey's Birthdays

4/13 Palm Branches

4/20 Easter Lilies

4/27 David & Liz Lindig - For family Birthdays & our Anniversary



### Anniversaries

4/3	4 yrs	Jacob and Rachel Wagner	4/21	14 yrs	Barry and Pamela Doering
4/18	54 yrs	David and Liz Lindig	4/23	37 yrs	Mark and Jeanine Bell

### **Birthdays**

4/2	Karlette Lindig	4/7	Mavis Lindig	4/16	Carl Bonn	4/25	Rachel Wagner
4/4	Pam Bonn	4/9	Harvey Schumann	4/22	Barry Doering	4/26	Elliot Jacoby
4/5	Cathy Lindig	4/9	Hunter Schumann	4/22	Carol Knibbe	4/27	Kenneth Lindig
4/6	Tom Conlon	4/13	Allan Hardison	4/23	Dennis Smith	4/28	Craig Lindig

April 2025									
Sunday Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday		Saturday			
		1 10am Happy Quilters	2 9:30am women's Bible study 6:30pm Lent Service 7 pm choir Rehearsal	3	4 Office closed	5			
6 Communion 9 am Contemporary Worship Children's church 10 am Congregational mtg 10:30 am Traditional Worship 12-1:30pm Confirmation	5:30pm praise rehearsal	8 10am Happy Quilters	9 6:30pm Lent Service 7 pm choir Rehearsal	10 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	11 Office closed	12			
13 9 am Contemporary Worship children's church 10:30 am Traditional Worship Council meeting following	14 5:30pm praise rehearsal	15 10am Happy Quilters	16 6:30 pm choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday service with communion	18 6:30 pm Good Friday service	19 Eggstravagan- za 1pm @ stonewall chamber of commerce			
20 Easter Communion 6:30 am Sunrise Service children's church 8 am Breakfast 8:45 am Egg Hunt/ Decorate Cross 10 am Easter Worship	21	10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	6:30 pm choir Rehearsal	24 9am TLC Quilting	25 Office closed	26			
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# **Council meeting highlights**

Holy week events - Eggstravaganza planned for Saturday April 19th starting at 1 pm.

Easter services will be sunrise at 6:30 am & 10 am
Breakfast will be at 8am, egg hunt & cross decoration at 8:45 am

Council approved the addition of Laura Weinheimer as the Education

Director

Council approved recommending the continuing additional expansion of cemetery

Bid received for removal of trailer

Workday clean-up scheduled for April 5th at 9:30 am

### **Congregational meeting**

April 6th between services starting at 10 am