



TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of [Trinity Lutheran Church](#)
June 2025 Stonewall, Texas

Life Together

When the early church was gathering together to live out the call of Christ, they focused on just a few things. As recorded in Acts 2:42-47. They devoted themselves to the Apostles Teaching (God's Word), Fellowship (Worship and in homes), Breaking of Bread (Lord's Supper), Prayer and sharing as each other had need (Mission). These focuses were used by God to grow their relationship to Him and to each other.

As we continue to grow as one church with two services here at Trinity it is good for us to focus on these same things. May we look at our calling to live "Life Together" as a church family and as witnesses to our family, friends and community. We will continue to look at these focuses during our time in worship, come join us as we explore God's way for us.

Also, just a reminder that Trinity has an online church directory! We would love for you to connect and update your information. This directory has three options to utilize to connect and care for each other. You may view the directory on your computer! Via a secure website at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

Smart phone / tablet app - get the free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices.



Getting started ... You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let the church office know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete your personalize and secure log-in. You will receive a verification email from instant church directory to confirm. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. You will also be able to edit, upload pictures and set the information you want shared.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

In Christ's Service with you,

Pastor Ryan



STONEWALL TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
VBS
JULY 15-18

Children going into PreK-5th fall of 2025, register as participants.
Youth going into 6th-12th fall of 2025, register as volunteers.



REGISTRATION
OPEN!

<https://vbsmate.com/students/stlc/30404>

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Starting in June, Children's Church will be held on non-communion Sundays through the summer. (2nd, 4th, & if there is a 5th Sunday) On communion Sundays, we encourage families to come and worship as a family.

June: 8th, 22nd, & 29th

July: 13th & 27th

August: 10th, 24th, & 31st

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.

TRINITY MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING OR HOMEBOUND

Windcrest: Josephine Schaeferkoeter Rm 451

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Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Has Jesus Fallen Asleep?

As we look forward to our Texas District Annual Gathering in Victoria at the end of July, we continue to look at the story of Jesus calming the seas in Mark 4:35-41. In this story, Jesus' disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great windstorm arose and began swamping the boat. Fear struck the disciples, but Jesus was sleeping through it all. The disciples woke Jesus up: *"Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?"* Jesus then got up, rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat." We all face challenging "storms" both as individual followers of Jesus as well as communities of disciples gathered into our local congregations. In this series of *Mission Moment* articles, we are unpacking this Bible story as we discover the hope we have in Jesus through every time of trouble. Last month we focused on our first lesson, that Jesus was in the boat with the disciples the entire time! At no point were they alone in their situation. But that raises an important second question: Has Jesus fallen asleep? Let this be our wake-up call (pun intended). Our second lesson to learn from this story: Keep Jesus awake!

I think it is great that scriptures record moments like this. It reminds us that Jesus was fully human: Jesus would get hungry and so he ate. He would get tired and so he slept. But I also love it as a metaphor for the state of our relationship with Jesus. Have we left Jesus alone and disengaged with him? Has our faith become sleepy and are we taking Jesus' presence for granted? Have we forgotten about him? Do we have an attitude perhaps like the first disciples: "We got this... after all we are fishermen and are the experts!" And as the storm raged around them, Jesus was right there. But because the disciples left Jesus to drift off to sleep, it was almost as if he wasn't.

One of our common mistakes in the life of faith is to not activate Jesus. While Jesus is right there, so often we drift off to do our own things in life and leave Jesus be. We neglect reading the Bible or spending time in prayer or listening for him to speak. We approach our lives as if we are the experts and are in control and only call on Jesus in a panic when all seems to go wrong. We cry out "Don't you care!" Of course, Jesus cares. But the Lord also wants our faith to be active and engaged, not sleepy and withdrawn.

Living as a disciple is seldom easy. And ministry as a congregation is full of new challenges. And we remember that we are All in the Same Boat! And Jesus is with us... but have we left him to fall asleep? As we seek to weather all the storms of life, I pray that we remember to keep Jesus awake. And as we live more deeply into an intimate walk with Jesus, we will not ever doubt the Lord's care for us in perilous situations.

*Our Annual Gathering is July 25-26 in Victoria, Texas.
Register online: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering*

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.

Volunteers

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

Worship Assistants for June: 9 am - Joni Biesenbach & 10:30 am - Karen Petermann
Altar Guild – Gail Nielsen & Doris Kramer



Anniversaries

6-3	30 yrs	Dale & Anne Sultemeier	6-18	9 yrs	Blake & Manon Schanhals
6-8	2 yrs	Nathan & Adrienne Meyer	6-20	5 yrs	Jarod & Chandler VanWinkle
6-9	41 yrs	Russell & Jeanenne Maenius	6-26	43 yrs	Jim & Gail Nielsen
6-9	18 yrs	Gregory & Kindra Simms	6-26	32 yrs	Mark & Debi Schumann
6-14	39 yrs	David & Rhonda Mullins	6-28	50 yrs	Kenneth & Diana Wolfshohl
6-16	43 yrs	William & Dawn Sekel	6-29	29 yrs	Steven & Kelley Beach

Birthdays

6-1	Ian Eckert	6-10	Keely Schumann	6-21	Levi Deike	6-26	Doris Schaeferkoeter
6-6	Tifanie Meyer	6-11	Karen Jenschke	6-22	Myron Uecker	6-28	Christopher Mazur
6-6	Robert Peterson	6-11	Lydia Wagner	6-23	Nolan Ottmers	6-29	Mike Park
6-8	Kurt Harris	6-14	Hayes Pitts	6-23	Jayson Randolph	6-30	Tristin Behrends
6-8	Mary Frances Meier	6-15	Luther Schumann	6-25	Trey Priour	6-30	Allison Lindig
6-10	Terri Parsons	6-18	Cherity Hardison	6-26	Merle Harris	6-30	John Wagner

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional	2	3 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	4	5	6 Office closed	7 Deike Reunion Fellowship Hall rental
8 9 am Contemporary Children's church 10:30 am Traditional Council meeting following	9	10 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	11	12 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	13 Office closed	14
15 Father's Day Communion 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional	16	17 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	18	19	20 Office closed 2 pm '42'	21 Fellowship Hall rental 10 am Peach Jamboree parade
22 9 am Contemporary children's church 10:30 am Traditional	23	24 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	25	26 9am TLC Quilting	27 Office closed	28
29 9 am Contemporary children's church 10:30 am Traditional 1 pm VBS training	30					



June Flowers

- 6/1 Dale & Anne Sultemeier - For 30th Anniversary
- 6/8 Meier Family - For Mary F Meier's 90th Birthday

Open dates: 6/15, 6/22, & 6/29 to sign up for these dates:

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