



TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of Trinity Lutheran Church

May 2025 Stonewall, Texas

What's NEXT?

Following the resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and others for over forty days (Acts 1:3). During that time, the disciples, unsure of what to do next, followed Peter's suggestion and went fishing (John 21), as it was the job they knew how to do. Their fishing was unproductive until Jesus appeared and said cast your net to the other side. Their net was overfilled with fish, that they couldn't even pull it in. He then reminded them, and specifically Peter, that there is more yet to do.

In life, there are many times we do the same thing as the disciples did. When unsure of what to do next, we return to a job, activity, or pattern we lived in before the big event. We become hesitant to take the next step. We as a church, are perhaps at the same exact point. We have witnessed God working in our midst, with our two worship services, increased attendance, growing children and youth ministries, strong giving, an excellent second community outreach with our Eggstravaganza, and blessed Easter worship services. So the question to answer together is, What's Next? What's Next for Trinity and our ministry? The month of May gives us the prime opportunity to take the Next Step. With the Fish Fry on May 4th, Mother's Day on May 11th, Confirmation on May 18th, and Graduation Recognition on May 25th, who can we invite from our connections and community to come experience God's Love with us? Let's listen to Jesus and cast our nets to the other side and become Fishers of Men! (Mark 1:17) We have such a blessing here at Trinity, and I pray that you will join in serving, sharing, and reaching out with the Love of Christ!

Together in His Calling,

Pastor Ryan



Starting in June, Children's Church will be held on Sundays when there isn't communion in the service. On communion Sundays, we encourage families to stay together and enjoy this special time!

Here are the summer dates for Children's Church:

June: 8th, 22nd, & 29th

July: 13th & 27th

August: 10th, 24th, & 31st

THANK YOU!

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

To God be the
Glory!

**WAS SO AMAZING!
THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED REACH
OUR COMMUNITY!**



WE CONTINUE TO PRAY ...

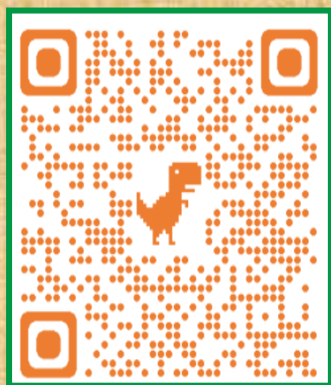
That God will let His message dwell in the lives of the 200 kids who attended,
That our Community knows that our church is here for them,
That all who volunteered, donated, and served know God is using them,
That families will bring their kids to our Vacation Bible School





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>

4270 Ranch Road 1 Stonewall TX
(830) 644-2479

Annual Fish Fry

Sunday, May 4, 2025

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. or until sold out!

Trinity Lutheran Church

4270 RR 1, Stonewall, TX, 78671

830-644-2479 stonewalltrinitylutheran.com



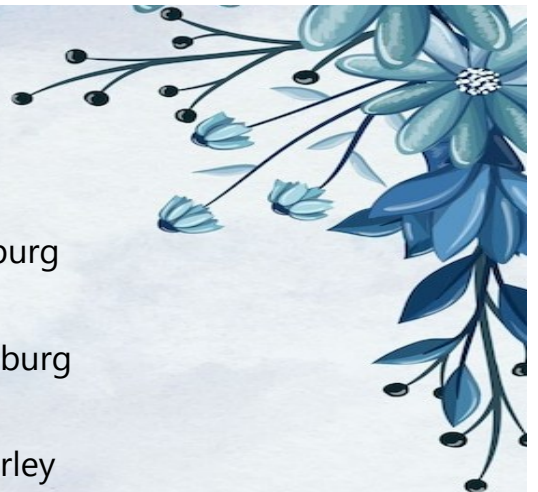
**Fried fish with all the
fix in's
(plate by freewill
offering)
Dine-in or drive
through**

**Door Prizes &
Auction!
Gun Raffle!**

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.

Trinity 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
Janice Hartmann, 781 Chester Rd., Johnson City
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



Who's in Your Boat?

At the end of July, many of us will travel to Victoria, Texas for our Annual Gathering. This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat" and is based on 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 story reminds us that we face tumultuous "storms" as we seek to navigate the journey of faith. This is true for individual followers of Jesus the same as it is for our congregations. And the storms that we face are scary, dangerous, and threaten to sink us. Over the next couple of months, we will unpack this story as we discover the hope that we find in Jesus through this timeless passage of scripture.

The first lesson for us to take note of is this: Who is in the boat? Were the disciples facing this perilous situation all by themselves? No. Jesus was in the boat with them the entire time!

One of our great temptations as we encounter difficulties in life is to believe that it all comes down to us... that we have got to "do something" about it! This is true whether facing an individual crisis or a congregation is facing a crisis that threatens the whole church. Either way, the temptation is to think that we need to find the strength and fortitude within ourselves to overcome the challenge all on our own. We often hope that it will simply all work out if we try our best and do what we can. And when we recognize that the threat exceeds our abilities to overcome it, we all too often live with the fear, worry and anxiety of the impending doom over which we have no control.

In other words, we forget that Jesus is in our boat! We overlook the fact that the one who does have the power and control is right there beside us and is in the storm with us. We are not alone, nor are we left to our own devices to weather the storms of life.

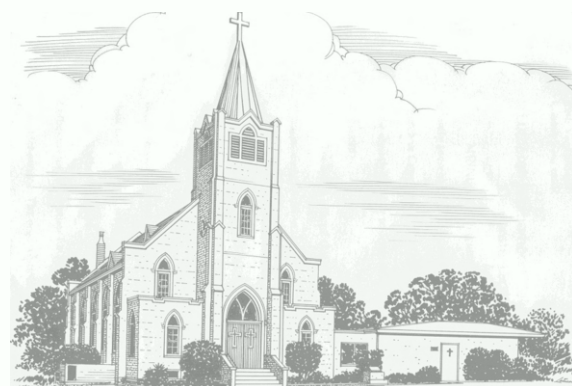
If you are facing a personal challenge that has got you overwhelmed or afraid or if your church is facing storms that threaten the congregation and its future, remember that you are not alone. First, we are all in the same boat! We share the journey of faith together. We are knit together as the Body of Christ to come alongside and encourage one another as we face similar storms in our lives. But most importantly, we remember that Jesus is with us, too. And that makes all the difference in the midst of the storm!

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.

BLESSING BOWL 2025

January - Lutheran World Relief	\$2539.57
February - Hill Country Needs Council	\$1135.93
March - Ministerial Alliance	\$964.00
March - Special offering for Crabapple Fire	\$7040.00
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

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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 May: 9 am - Jeanenne Maenius & 10:30 am - Karen Petermann
Altar Guild – Joni Biesenbach & Ruth Mayer



May Flowers

5/4 open

5/11 Mother's Day

5/18 Confirmation Sunday

5/25 Nolan & Tasha Ottmers - For 30th Anniversary



Anniversaries

1-May 48 yrs Don & Velna Jackson

15-May 15 yrs Trey & Hannah Priour

19-May 7 yrs Kyle & Amanda Hahne

25-May 34 yrs Jerry & Joni Biesenbach

25-May 30 yrs Nolan & Tasha Ottmers

25-May 18 yrs Timothy & Lydia Wagner

29-May 26 yrs Myron & Mary Uecker

Birthdays

2-May	Tinley Priour	9-May	Laurie Park	16-May	Debra Dittmar	21-May	Michael Jordan
6-May	Janice Hartmann	10-May	Charlie Clark	16-May	Nancy Jordan	28-May	James Deike
6-May	Teresa Mazur	10-May	Maddison Mullins	19-May	Mark Bell	29-May	Porter Van Winkle
7-May	Howard Fisher	14-May	Kohl Clark	20-May	John Harold Dittmar	30-May	Blake Schanhals
7-May	Emma Priour	15-May	Rodney Eckert	21-May	Josie Eckert		

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Office closed	3 Set up for fish fry
4 Communion 9 am Contemporary Worship Children's church 10:30 am Traditional Worship Fish Fry following service	5	6 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	7 9:30am Women's Bible Study NO choir	8 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	9 Office closed	10
11 Mother's Day 9 am Contemporary Worship children's church 10:30 am Traditional Worship	12	13 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	14 NO choir	15	16 Office closed 2 pm '42'	17
18 Communion Confirmation Sunday 9 am Contemporary Worship children's church 10:30 am Traditional Worship Council meeting following	19	20 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	21 6:00 pm choir rehearsal	22 9am TLC Quilting	23 Office closed	24
25 Graduation Recognition 9 am Contemporary Worship children's church 10:30 am Traditional Worship	26	27 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	28 6:00 pm choir rehearsal	29 9am TLC Quilting	30 Office closed	31

Budget Recap (As of March 31st - 1st Quarter)

Annual Budget \$340,300

Year to Date

Income

\$97,671.42

28.70%

Expense

\$62,611.67

18.40%

Council meeting highlights

- Holy week events - 6 first communion students during Maundy-Thursday service, Good Friday, Sunrise service, breakfast, egg hunt, decorating the cross, and Easter worship
- Eggstravaganza event for the community will have a Christian entertainer and eggs dropped from a helicopter
- Property committee is organizing a team to go over the grounds and propose church repair needs
- Discussion will continue on trailer removal & cemetery guideline adjustments