



TRINITY TIDINGS

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

Together We Believe ...

What is it you believe? How do you express the foundation on which you stand? Every week, our congregation joins many throughout the world in stating our faith by saying the Apostles Creed. We make a statement that "Together We Believe ...". What does it mean that you and I, along with numerous Christians, share these tenets of our faith together?

During June, July, and the beginning of August, we are going to dive deeper into the tenets of our faith and examine their fit for our daily living. Each week, our worship service, sermons, and small group studies will explore another part of the Apostles Creed. Come join us as we dig deeper ...

THE
APOSTLES'
CREED
Together we Believe
2025 Summer Sermon Series



It's Time for our Jungle Journey VBS

In just a few weeks, Trinity will be transformed into an incredible adventure for kids throughout our area. July 15-18th you will hear amazing sounds, see sightings of wild animals, witness many explorers journeying through the tropics, right here at Trinity! All of these things will point to one thing! That, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* -Hebrews 13:8

If you have not signed up your child, grandchild, or friends, please do so now! Check-in begins each day at 8:45 a.m., and pickup is 1 p.m. Friday afternoon and evening will be a family fun-filled time from 2-7 p.m. with a special presentation at 5:30 pm, followed by a BBQ for the whole family!

New Member Class -

Trinity will be offering a New Member Session for people interested in learning more about our church family. On **Sunday, August 24th**, **following the second service around 11:45 am**. Together we will discuss: "Who we are as a church family, what our Core beliefs are, and how we can live our faith together today." We will meet in the Education Hall or Fellowship Hall, depending on group size. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Trinity, and then if you desire to take steps to join our church family. Lunch will be provided, please RSVP with number so we make sure we have enough for all. To sign up please call the church office, sign up before or after church, or email at stonewalltlcoffice@gmail.com

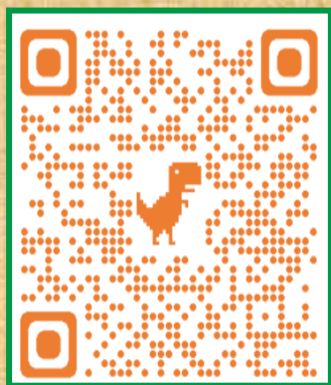
Thank You Kathi!

Kathi Jones has let Trinity know that she will be moving in a new direction soon. She will be heading to be near her family and help them out. We want to thank Kathi for sharing her gifts with us and bringing praises to God through the Organ, Piano, and leading our choir. Please be sure to thank her over the next month when you see her. While she will be ending her time as our Music Director, she may be around every once in a while to fill in as our organist.



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



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Children's Church will continue to 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. July: 13th & 27th; August: 10th, 24th, & 31st

Saturday, July 12th starting at 9:00 am - Decorating for VBS

Vacation Bible School is approaching, and help is needed to transform the church into a fun jungle adventure! From wild animal props to swinging vines and enough construction paper to build a small village, the vision is set, but your help is essential to bring it to life. No decorating experience is required. Seriously, if you can hold scissors safely, you're qualified! The willingness to help is the most important qualification.

Sunday, July 20th, after the second service - Your help with undecorating the Church is appreciated! We need to carefully remove all VBS decorations, sort, and store reusable items.

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
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, 4701 Ratcliffe Dr., Kyle 78640
LaVerne Zoeller, 1352 CR 350 Concan, TX 78838





Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Faith Over Fear

I am so excited for our Texas District Gathering July 25-26 in Victoria! This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat" based on the story of Jesus calming the sea 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.

In life and ministry, we all face challenging "storms" both as disciples of Jesus and as communities of faith. In this *Mission Moment* series, we have been leaning into the hope we have in Jesus in times of trouble. First, we remembered that we are not alone: Jesus was in the boat with the disciples the entire time the storm raged and he is with us in our storms as well. Last month I pondered whether we had grown complacent and left Jesus alone to fall asleep. Hopefully it does not take a 9-1-1 emergency for us to call on Jesus and wake him up! Instead, we should seek a relationship with Jesus through the regular reading of scripture, prayer, worship, and service.

In this final article, we recall Jesus' actions and words once the disciples woke him in Mark 4:39-40: *"He got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Silence! Be still!' The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then he said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?'"* Here Jesus connects faith and fear: When you have faith in Jesus, you have nothing to fear. Our Lord says to his followers: Trust me; Count on me; I am with you; I am ultimately in control; I will shelter and protect you; Have faith over fear.

Many people confuse this to mean that God won't ever let bad things happen to good people, but that simply isn't true. Bad things do happen all the time as the result of living in a sinful and broken world. What this really means is that in the midst of the bad things... in the suffering and hardship... when the world seems to be spinning out of control: God is with us, to help us, to strengthen us, to give us hope and see us through the storm.

Jesus calls on his followers to have faith and be at peace; to trust and not be afraid. In John 6:33, Jesus tells his disciples: *"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."* When God is in control, he is working for our good and his glory, even through the hard things of life. As Paul writes in Romans 8:28: *"We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*

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	\$1095
May - Good Samaritan Center	\$888
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	

A black and white line drawing of a church building with a prominent steeple topped with a cross. The church has multiple windows and a gabled roof. In the background, there are stylized clouds and a few trees. The drawing is positioned in the bottom right corner of the page.

Attendance 2025

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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 July: 9 am - Jessica Surma & 10:30 am - Linda Uecker

Altar Guild – Jeanenne Maenius & Marsha Wagner



Birthdays

July 4	Kelley Beach	July 17	Sadie Hardison
July 5	Sydney Sultemeier	July 17	Chris Lindig
July 8	Sheila Edwards	July 17	Dayton Schumann
July 11	Dale Sultemeier	July 21	Marie Weinheimer
July 13	Brooklyne Clark	July 26	Dawn Sekel
July 13	Kay Pitts	July 26	Toni VanWinkle
		July 27	Nolan Ottmers




Anniversaries

7-8	25 yrs	Nick & Noel Clark	July 26	24 yrs	John & Mary Lindig
7-14	18 yrs	Mike & Elsie Kuykendall	July 30	42 yrs	Carl & Pam Bonn
7-19	39 yrs	Jimmy & Emily Duecker	July 30	9 yrs	Louis & Mindy Eckert



July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10am Happy Quilters	2	3	4  Office closed	5
6 Communion 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional	7 5:30pm praise rehearsal	8 10am Happy Quilters 5:30pm praise rehearsal	9	10 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	11 Office closed	12 9am VBS decorating
13 9 am Contemporary Children's church 10:30 am Traditional Council meeting following	14 5:30pm praise rehearsal	15 VBS 9-1pm 10am Happy Quilters	16 VBS 9-1pm	17 VBS 9-1pm	18 VBS family event 2-7 pm	19
20 Communion 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional VBS Cleanup following 10:30 am service	21 5:30pm praise rehearsal	22 10am Happy Quilters	23	24 9am TLC Quilting	25 LCMC District Gathering Office closed	26 LCMC District Gathering
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July Flowers

7/6 [open](#)

7/13 Carter & Claire Blenden

7/20 [open](#)

7/27 Gary & Ruth Mayer

To sign up for these dates:

volunteersignup.org/AQKPM

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS for June meeting:

Part-time tech position approved to help build and run the 9:00 am service.

Council approved support for the Mission Hebrews 10:24 project in San Antonio.

Fire Relief Funds to be distributed to Stonewall, Llano & Willow City volunteer fire departments.

Council evaluating church property repair options and costs.

Council approved burial plot contract form based on prices approved at a prior congregational meeting.