

TRINITY TIDINGS

Monthly Newsletter of <u>Trinity Lutheran Church</u> September 2025 Stonewall, Texas

2 Corinthians 5:17 -

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

New in Christ, that's what we are as children of God. We have the great joy of knowing that Christ's Joy was made complete by erasing the old story of our separation from God and writing a new story for us as heirs to His love and forgiveness.

During the month of September there are lots of new things to participate in as children of God here at Trinity. Join us on Sunday, September 7th for our Rally Day kickoff events. We will begin the new education year with a special emphasis in "Jesus the Game Changer". On this Sunday, we will welcome New Members to Trinity and introduce new curriculum for Children, youth and adults. Then following worship, we will gather for a wonderful BBQ and festivities! We will also be sharing this wonderful meal with those in our community who are unable to make it with our plates of love, please read more within this Tidings. In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ryan



Congregational Meeting September 28th at 10:30 am

- Join us for one worship service on September 28th at 9 am.
- Consider & approve nominating committee report for 2026 new council members
- First reading and consideration of proposed constitution and bylaws revisions.
- * copies of proposed documents can be mailed. To request please call or email the church office.
- · Consider and approve proposed cemetery guidelines
- Property maintenance discussion

Council meeting highlights from August meeting

- One worship service on September 28th at 9 am followed by a congregational meeting.
- Council reviewed and approved the proposed Constitution and By-laws for ratification at the September 28th congregational meeting.
- Final Cemetery Rules distributed.
- Inner wall of "old Sunday school Building" has been removed for quilters.
- Trailer removal process continues.
- Nominating committee's work continues. Interested persons contact Linda Uecker or the church office.

<u>Trinity</u>'s **Services** are streamed each Sunday, so that people who cannot attend in person can participate with us. No Facebook account needed to watch the live stream. When you get to the <u>Facebook video page</u> scroll down and click on the video that has the word "<u>LIVE</u>" 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 501 FM 3237, Rm 404, Wimberley
LaVerne Zoeller, 1352 CR 350 Concan, TX 78838



God is at Work

I long to see God at work. I have faith that God is always at work, even when I don't see it. I trust it and believe it to be always and forever true. Yet I still long for and hope to see visible, irrefutable signs of God's activity. I love to give praise to God for the tangible experiences of God's grace and celebrate these stories that build faith.

I particularly love to see God's activity in and through the work that I am doing. While I realize that this may sound self-centered, I love affirmation that the ministry I am engaged in is helping in some way. I want to steward my life well for the Lord's purposes. I feel a bit like a kid turning to my parent and asking, "Am I doing it right?" I think we all long for this affirmation and sense of purpose. We get this when we see God at work in big ways and small.

One of my roles is to help plan and coordinate our District Gathering. Each year I pray for the Lord to use this event to bless the mission and ministry of our congregations and their leaders. I pray for greater Gospel impact in their local communities and beyond. I truly believe that as the faithful gather together, God shows up and amazing things begin to happen. And even though I believe it, I don't always get to see it or even hear about it.

This year I was blessed to receive the following from Jonathan Morrison of Trinity Lutheran Church in Haskell. Jonathan is a Harvest Workers student and began a pastoral internship with Trinity earlier this year. He writes:

During our first Pre-Gathering Seminar session on developing leaders with Christian Huntley, we were asked to pair up and pray for someone in our church who may be interested in ministry or growing into a leadership role. I paired up with my fellow HW Student, Kyle McGinnis. I explained to Kyle that I couldn't really think of anyone except for this kid I had met once, but he hadn't been back to church in over three months. I had been waiting for him to show up at church so I could get to know him and help any way I could. So Kyle and I prayed specifically for this young man to walk into church and that I would have the courage to approach him.

Since Haskell is so far from Victoria, I had not planned to make it back home in time for worship on Sunday. But after I left the Gathering on Saturday, I sensed that I needed to get home to be at church, even though I did not exactly know why. I found out why before worship on Sunday: As an answer to prayer, the young man we prayed for on Friday walked through the church door! I was so excited to talk to him and his mom. His mom told me that her son actually woke her up and asked to go to church that morning! God still answers our prayers!

Friends, God is so good! And God continues to work all around us in the world. Remember to pray for God to move and watch expectantly to see it. And like Jonathan, share the story of God's activity so that all may see and believe!

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 \$2012.96

July - Special Flood Relief \$9809

August - Golden Hub: Meals on Wheels

August - Young Life Johnson City & Fredericksburg

September - Hill Country School Partnership

October - Samaritan's Purse

November - Stonewall Chamber Toy & Food Drive

December - MOM Center



Attendance 2025												
	Jan	Jan 9 am	Jan 10:30	Feb	Feb 9 am	Feb 10:30 am	Mar ⁽⁵⁾	Mar ⁽⁵⁾ 9 am	Mar ⁽⁵⁾ 10:30 am	April	April 9 am	April 10:30 am
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Total	387	211	176	446	263	183	529	284	245	554	252	302
Avg	97	53	44	112	66	46	106	57	49	139	63	76
	May	May	May	June ⁽⁵⁾	June ⁽⁵⁾	June ⁽⁵⁾	July	July	July	Aug ⁽⁵⁾	Aug ⁽⁵⁾	Aug ⁽⁵⁾
		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am		9 am	10:30 am
Total	427	195	233	475	269	206	386	217	169			
Avg	107	49	59	95	54	42	97	55	43			
	Sept	Sept	Sept	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov ⁽⁵⁾	Nov ⁽⁵⁾	Nov ⁽⁵⁾	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

Please click this link or copy and put into your web browser to be directed to the signup: volunteersignup.org/AQKPM

Explanation of volunteer positions:

Greeter/ Usher - Assist the worship assistant with handing out bulletins; greeting people as they enter for worship; picking up red attendance books; passing offering plates; assisting with communion by holding the tray or ushering people upfront.

Usher - Assist the worship assistant with passing offering plates; assisting with communion by holding the tray or ushering people upfront.

Reader - Readings are provided early via email during the week before your Sunday to read, then its just walking up front to share the readings with the congregation

Tech/Computer - Follow written directions provided before service and able to click a mouse when needed to advance the slides that provide readings and music for our services.

Fellowship Host - Preparing coffee, setting out supplies, table & donuts for in between services.

Please ask questions if you are uncertain of where you can help.

John Harold & Debra Dittmar

<u>Worship Assistants</u> for September: 9 am - Elliot Jacoby & 10:30 am - Debi Schumann <u>Altar Guild</u> – Joni Biesenbach

Blessing Bowl - Hill Country School Partnership

Bírthdays							
Sept 3	Linda Uecker	Sept 18	Greg Surma				
Sept 4	Pamela Doering	Sept 19	Karen Petermann				
Sept 7	Lucille Thomas	Sept 20	Pam Meier				
Sept 10	Whailen Garcia	Sept 23	Doris Kramer				
Sept 11	Justin Weinheimer	Sept 24	Marlin Schumann				
Sept 11	Ace Eames	Sept 26	Katie Mullins				
Sept 14	Clayton Mesch	Sept 27	Logyn Schumann				
Sept 16	Kenneth Deike	Sept 28	Josephine Schaeferkoeter				
Sept 17	Connie Dittmar	Sept 29	Ryan Schumann				
Anniversaries							

Sept 12

10 yrs

Kurt & Merle Harris

Sept 26 66 yrs Hayes & Kay Pitts

43 yrs

Sept 4

September 2025									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
	1 5:30pm praise rehearsal	2 10am Happy Quilters	3	4	5 Office closed	6 Set up for Rally Day			
7 Rally Day New member welcome Communion 9 am Contemporary Children's Church 10:30 am Traditional BBQ following worship	5:30pm praise rehearsal	9 10am Happy Quilters	10	11 9am Stitch & Tie Quilting	12 Office closed	13			
14 9 am Contemporary Children's church 10:30 am Traditional Council meeting Following worship	5:30pm praise rehearsal	16 10am Happy Quilters	17	18	19 Office closed 2 pm - '42'	20 Fellowship Hall Rental - Wilke Family Reunion			
21 Communion 9 am Contemporary Children's Church 10:30 am Traditional	5:30pm praise rehearsal	23 10am Happy Quilters	24	25 9am TLC Quilting	26 Office closed	27 Fellowship Hall Rental - Hartmann Family Reunion			
28 9 am Contemporary Children's church 10:30 am Congregational Meeting 12-1:30 pm Confirmation	5:30pm praise rehearsal	30 10am Happy Quilters							

<u>Altar Guild</u> is looking for some more assistance. If you are willing to volunteer to help with getting communion and other worship needs ready for Sunday mornings, please contact the church office @ 830-644-2479 or contact an altar guild member.

September Flowers

7th Steve & Kelley Beach - In honor of 9/11 as we remember the victims & honor the heroes 14th & 21st open

28th Betty & Tony Martin - For Dawn's Birthday

Click on our link below to sign up to bring altar flowers:

volunteersignup.org/AQKPM

Confirmation 2025-2026

Classes will begin for our middle school - 9th grade students on September 28th from noon– 1:30 pm. Bring a lunch and a Bible. Contact pastor Ryan for more details.

Dates: 9/28, 10/5, 10/26, 11/2, 11/30, 12/7, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/29, 4/26

Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd