



### Events at Trinity:

**Sunday Worship Service, 9:30a.m.**

**Fellowship Time**, after worship services till 11:00a.m. in the fellowship hall

**Sunday School for Adults, 11:00a.m.-Noon**  
*Children's Sunday School out for the Summer!*

**June 4—Breakfast at Trinity! 8:30-9:15a.m.** hosted by the Hannah & Deborah Women's Service Teams in the fellowship hall before worship. All are welcome to attend!

**June 6—Barnabas Time, 6pm** for Trinity's Stephen Ministers, fellowship hall

**June 8—Secretary Out of the Office today**

**June 14—Council of Ministries Meeting, 6:00pm**

**June 18—Happy Father's Day!**  
*\*Please Return Baby Bottles for the SHARE Center to church today!*

**June 20—Men's Group** meets for fellowship, 6:30pm, TBA  
*\*Today is the deadline to place your t-shirt order for Trinity Tribe Youth Fundraiser*

**June 30-July 4—Youth and Sponsors attend Camp Eagle, Rock Springs**

## Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where:

*"God is Seen,  
Love is Felt,  
Lives are Changed"*

Ministers All People of Trinity  
Pastor Rev. David Mayer

Music Minister Leta Garcia  
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### Trinity Mission Statement:

Not having it all together, nor pretending to, our quest is to help in making mature, authentic disciples through teaching and preaching sound Biblical doctrine that will inform, inspire, equip, and connect God's people to God and to each other, and to evangelize with the Good News.

### **Trinity Tribe, Friends in Christ,**

We have begun our adventure together as people and pastor, brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ! Again, I thank you for the privilege of serving together. Tanya and I both enjoy very much all of the connections we are making in this great family of faith.

#### **Liturgy**

You have probably noticed the small tweaks that have been made in our liturgy. Some of them have been to help the flow. Such as, limiting the number of times we stand up and sit, stand up and sit. My commitment is keep our original service (9:30 AM) a good "Lutheran" liturgical service. What I will be looking for are examples of Lutheran liturgies that are being used in other Lutheran churches that we know. If you happen to visit one, please bring back a bulletin and any good ideas you see being used.

#### **Sunday Fellowship Time**

Council has tossed around the need to have an adequate time for fellowship. It's good for our faith family and it is very good for welcoming our visitors. We have decided to do this by moving Sunday School time to 11 AM. I know that we want to get people to the restaurants before the other churches, however, it is good for us to do church well. And, you are a great bunch to visit with!

#### **The Intentional Father**

I have been reading two books on being a father. One is by Paul Manwaring called "What Fathers Do" and the other is by Jon Tyson called The Intentional Father. I no longer have children in my home to be a father to, however, I can still work at being a better father to my kids and be a good influence for my grandkids.

What is clear about both books is that we fathers often are on our own when it comes to knowing how to be good fathers. Sometimes our work edges us out of the relationship. Well, there are all sorts of reasons. Our culture has taken out most rites of passage or training so that our kids, especially our boys, don't know what it takes to be a man or when he becomes one.

I would like to try a new thing. I would like to see if there is interest in the fathers we know, especially those who have kids at home, but also others, to get together and see how we can help each other. We only have a short time of raising our kids and then they are on their own. This is not intended to be a touchy, feely get together where we talk and do nothing. This is also for anyone in the community, member or not. Let me know if you are interested.

#### **Bible Study**

I would like to begin a Bible study for men (I can also begin one for a mixed group if needed). If you are interested in this, please let me know. Time and frequency to be determined.

#### **Harvest Workers**

Beginning in the fall I would like to invite a group to take my online Harvest Workers course on the New Testament. It is a survey, an overview, of the New Testament. There are 36 video presentations, most of them about a book of the New Testament. Students will do the prep work, including watching a video each week on their own. Then, once a week, we will gather as a group or cohort, and discuss that week's lesson. By the time we are through you will have had a fairly comprehensive overview of the New Testament and how to understand it. You will need a computer, a tablet or smartphone to access the course online. Let me know if you are interested.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Dave

**HAPPENING AT TRINITY:**

Baptism of Jon David Behrends  
April 30, 2023

(Pictured right) Pastor Mayer, Jon David, Davey, Reagan, Katy, and Grayson Behrends



(pictured left) May 7, 2023, Installation Service for Rev. David Mayer

(Pictured right) Blanco Penguins 6U baseball team coached by Ashley Finch.

The Little League Team is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church.



**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP TIME** begins after church services and continues until 11:00a.m. when Sunday School begins. Come to the fellowship hall to enjoy coffee, cookies or other treats and fellowship!



A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone wanting to sign up to bring homemade or purchased refreshments on a Sunday. We request hand-held treats such as donuts, donut holes, or cookies. For more information call the church office or speak with Karen Wagner.

## **Serving on Altar Guild In June:**

Many thanks to Jan Gass, Leta Garcia, Martha Gosnell and Christine Bushong for serving the Lord and preparing His altar during the month of May. In June, the Altar Team scheduled to serve will be Ashley Finch, Sandy Switzer, Sally Anderson and Karen Steiger.

Would you consider serving alongside 2 or 3 experienced ladies to set up the altar for worship one month (occasionally two) a year? With team members working together the set up takes an hour or so on a Saturday morning and thirty minutes after worship services end to tidy up. With 3 to 4 members on an altar team the preparation of the altar for worship and setting up for communion is much easier! If you are interested in serving Trinity as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Bonnie Triesch, at 210-705-2811.

## **Sunday School News** Sunday School begins at 11:00a.m. and ends at Noon.

**--Adult Class:** Sharon Wolbrecht leads an advanced study behind the partition. The class is open to all.

**--Bible 101:** The Bible 101 Class is for both experienced and beginning Bible scholars. All are welcome to gather with us in the fellowship hall.

***Sunday School for Children on Summer break! Watch for more information in August when children's Sunday School classes will resume.***

Plan to join us for Vacation Bible School, July 17<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **Gifts Given to the Memorial Fund in May**

### **In Memory of Roy Bruemmer**

Marie Anna Lindeman

Roy & Doris Phipps

Stan & Karen Steiger

Doug & Kathy Williams

DanLee & Carolyn Bindseil

Kenneth & Carolyn Moore

Albert & Becky Sierra

Medora Beckmann (*Building Fund*)

Laura Nieman

Harold & Frances Treiber (*Building Fund*)

Arlene Hamlin

Mike & Glenda Curtis

Jim & Barb Geistfeld

Gloria & Shelly Gass

Bob & Sheri Riley

Bobby & Judy Brewer

JoAnn Krauskopf

Jerry & Jan Gass

Sandra Mueller

Cicero Rust III

Mildred Bartels

Rodney & Helen Bruemmer

Virginia Hanz, Russell Hanz & Family, Bruce Hanz & Family, Colette Hay & Family

### **In Memory of Elizabeth Sublett**

By Jerry & Jan Gass

### **In Memory of Dorothy Clark**

By Arlene Hamlin



## **TEAM CHALLENGE: Baby Bottle Boomerang!**

Women's Ministry will once again challenge the ladies of Trinity to see which Service Team can return the most baby bottles for the SHARE Center. Pick up your baby bottle on a Sunday morning, add your change, checks, or any other donations for the center, and place the baby bottle into your team's bag in the narthex. *\*Please note that we are not counting your monetary donations, only the number of filled baby bottles. Please make all checks payable to the "SHARE Center" or they will have to be returned to the church.*

The Women's Service Teams are: Team Ruth – Team Hannah – Team Ester – Team Deborah! Check out the display in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall where a list of each team's members is attached to a bag. The winning team will be announced after Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**BREAKFAST AT TRINITY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>** – Teams Hannah & Deborah will serve breakfast the first Sunday of June in the fellowship hall from 8:30-9:15a.m. Come early to church and enjoy breakfast!

## **TRINITY TAKEAWAY MEALS ARE READY TO GO!**

Ten efficient and energetic ladies met on May 15 and prepared the first Trinity Takeaway meals: Sausage Gumbo with Rice and Chicken, Broccoli & Rice Casserole. If you know someone who could use an easy to prepare meal...or who needs a stress-free mealtime for their household, please contact a Trinity Lady or the church office.

The meals were frozen with the recipe included and are ready to be delivered! To pick up a meal, go to the annex kitchen next to the sanctuary, and follow the directions on the freezer. We want the meals to be used!



**Cooking on May 15<sup>th</sup>**: (L to R) Sophie Johnson, Clara Gourley, Marie Anna Lindeman, Karen Steiger, Tanya Mayer, Claudia Smith, Sheri Riley, Mary Jo Pfeiffer and Marcie Wagner and Sandy Mann (*not pictured*).

Ladies that would like to help prepare another batch of meals during an evening session within the next month, please contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer with dates you would be available. [Maryjopfeiffer@gmail.com](mailto:Maryjopfeiffer@gmail.com) or 210-213-7615



## Life Thoughts

**NEWS RELEASE-May 6, 2023:**

**Early Voting Shows *Life Wins* as San Antonio Voters Soundly Defeat Prop A, which Would Have Decriminalized Abortion**

San Antonio, TX -- Early voting results show *San Antonio voters soundly defeated Prop A, a ballot initiative to decriminalize abortion. Prop A required police and other staff to ignore state laws protecting unborn babies' lives and women's health, fertility, and safety from illegal and back-alley abortions in the City of San Antonio. Prop A also contained five other provisions, including banning arrests for theft up to \$750 and vandalism up to \$2,500. Among 98,260 votes cast early, Prop A lost 74.25% - 25.75%.*

Texas Alliance for Life Communications Director and former San Antonio resident Amy O'Donnell had this to say about Prop A's defeat:

"We are tremendously pleased to see that San Antonio voters have defeated Prop A so decisively. Prop A would have been tragic for unborn children and victims of trafficking who would have been left without the protection from abortion they deserve by San Antonio police. Prop A was bad news for San Antonio churches, pro-life pregnancy centers, and businesses that would become easy targets for theft and vandalism. Prop A would have put the family culture that makes the city so vibrantly alive and beautiful at risk.

We hope this defeat sends a strong message to those activists seeking to circumvent statewide laws that protect unborn babies from abortion. Gimmicks, like the bundling of the decriminalization of abortion with other measures, did not work in San Antonio. Texans won't stand for it, and our cities deserve better."

As gospel-motivated voices for ALL life, from fertilization to forever, we Lutheran Christians can never give up, never stop praying, and never stop being the hands and voices of Jesus to our neighbors who are hurting!

In Service to the Lord of Life,  
Barb Geistfeld, Trinity Life Team Leader

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS:**

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

**Referral Coordinator    Cindy Hawkins, 210-336-8758**  
**Training & Education    Sheila Mercer, 830-385-6049**  
**Publicity & Advertising    Claudia Smith, 830-388-0370**

**Attention Stephen Ministers**—Beginning Tuesday, June 6, Stephen Ministers will gather monthly for "Barnabas Time" at 6:00p.m. in the fellowship hall. We hope to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Cindy Hawkins.

**Trinity Lutheran Church Council of Ministries**

Jerry Gass—President	Travis Kersten—Worship
Hal Switzer—Vice-President	Karen Wagner—Evangelism
Karen Steiger—Secretary	Norman Eubank—Property
Medora Beckmann—Treasurer	Ashley Finch—Education/Youth
Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary	Sally Anderson —Stewardship

**COUNCIL NOTES—from the April 12, 2023 Meeting**

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Council members present were Sally Anderson, Medora Beckmann, Norman Eubank, Ashley Finch, Jerry Gass, Travis Kersten, Pastor David Mayer, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner. Jerry welcomed Pastor to his first official council meeting. He also complimented him on officiating at the Holy Week services. There were 162 people in attendance on Easter Sunday. Pastor David gave a devotional based on The Parable of the Talents taken from Matthew 25:14.... to consider not hiding our talents, but doing great things with what God has given us as an individual, as a council, and as a church body. He ended with a prayer.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the March 8, 2023, Council meeting. The Benevolent Support factors were calculated by Jerry for next quarter. The gifts & reception for the Welton's went very well. Travis made a motion to accept the Minutes, Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members accepted the motion.

Sheri gave the Financial Report for March 2023. Medora gave the Treasurer's Report as of March 24, 2023. Pastor submitted his report and expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome that he and Tanya have received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

--Youth & Education – Ashley announced that the Youth Scholarship applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Scholarship committee will meet in early May. VBS pre-registration was filled quickly, and it was decided to add another rotation (25 kids) to accommodate the waiting list. Flag Football registration opened April 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning our 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Game locations have not yet been determined. Ashley also announced that Summer Camp is completely full. The Walking Prayer-a-Thon was a great time & big success. No final tally yet. It was approved that the College Girls' online Bible Study that Alexis Pawelek hosts will be funded through the Adult Bible Study.

--Stewardship – Sally handed out a chart of thank-you notes & letters that she had received in the past month. She will compile an introduction letter to each organization represented, introducing herself to them & giving them helpful information.

--Evangelism – Karen W reminded everyone that April 30<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) will be our next Potluck dinner after the Worship Service. No Sunday School will be held. She announced that the Women's Group will be starting a new project of cooking & freezing meals to be handed out as needed. Mary Jo Pfeiffer will head the program and Thrivent has already provided a gift card to get the program started.

--Worship – Travis gave an oral report of all areas under his leadership. All is well. Job descriptions for the paid staff are needed since Pastor David is now onboard.

--Property – Norman handed out his report. He received a quote from BP Lighting including Assistive Listening & Podcast Systems. Pastor purchased a cheaper microphone that might alleviate the louder volume needed. It was decided to put the quote on hold for now. The outside Church sign will include as much information as possible yet keep some parts interchangeable as information changes are added/deleted.

Travis made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Hal seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Council members present.

**Old Business –**

--The Letter of Call extended to Pastor Mayer was shown. And Pastor's Letter of Pastoral Call was discussed. Travis suggested we include the Pastoral Call Letter in the Church Newsletter.

--The Communion Assistants schedule was completed through Pentecost, May 28<sup>th</sup>. To include more of the congregation, it was suggested that other congregation members – not limited to Council members – be involved in the Communion distribution procedure. This would be a group of properly trained individuals, who have a respect for the Sacrament.

The Church Directory pictures will be taken for the last time next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Begin thinking of updating the Membership List. The first step will involve contacting inactive people.

**New Business –**

--The new Benevolence factors were reviewed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Ashley suggested that we add Young Life for the next quarter pay out (July). The Installation Ceremony for Pastor was discussed. It was decided to have a Service on Sunday, May 7 at 3:00 in the afternoon...followed by light refreshments. Before the morning Service on May 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be served by The Women’s Group.

Upcoming events include the Men’s Group gathering at Roland Pfeiffer’s house on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck is on April 30<sup>th</sup>...no Sunday School...Karen S talk to Sharon.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Sheri seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm with everyone reciting The Lord’s Prayer.

**JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES**

\*\*Please use this handy section to keep track of monthly responsibilities organized by Sunday. Each Sunday there are many important opportunities to serve your church. Call the office for more information

	<b>June 4</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 18</b>	<b>June 25</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	The Cliftons
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBA	Briley Thomas	Creed Finch	Kacen Haas
<b>Usher Team</b>	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley
	Team 1	Team 1	Team 2, Richard Palmer	Team 2, Richard Palmer
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Clifton	Kevin & Cindy Hawkins	Bobby & Judy Brewer	Doris Phipps
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Jo Pfeiffer	Alexis Pawelek	Roland Pfeiffer	Kathy Kersten
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<i>No communion</i>	Jerry Gass	<i>No communion</i>	Ron Bigler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>In June:</b>	Ashley Finch, Sandy Switzer, Sally Anderson, Karen Steiger		



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**JUNE 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO**

Sunday Service begins at 9:30 AM, followed by Fellowship Time until 11AM, and Sunday School from 11:00AM-Noon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 <i>8:30-9:15am Breakfast at Trinity! Hosted by Hannah &amp; Deborah Teams</i>	5	6  6pm Barnabas Time for Trinity's Stephen Ministers, here	7	8  <i>Secretary out of the office today</i>	9	10
11 Communion	12	13	14  6pm Council of Ministries Meeting, here	15	16	17
18 <b>Happy Father's Day</b>  <i>Baby Bottle Fundraiser ends today—return your bottles asap!</i>	19  Newsletter articles due TODAY!	20  6:30pm Men's Group meets for fellowship, TBA	21	22	23	24
25 Communion	26	27	28	29	30  Youth & Sponsors depart for Camp Eagle today!	



## What exactly is Harvest Workers?

Four years ago, a group of pastors began dreaming about what it might look like to create an online ministry training program that was affordable, accessible, and effectively equipped those God was calling to greater ministry with a solid biblical and theological foundation while emphasizing practical mission and ministry instruction. After all, if we were ever going to plant and revitalize churches, we needed to invest in developing more mission-minded leaders. These conversations eventually led to the Texas District's most ambitious project to date: Harvest Workers!

The program we set out to develop was not intended to be a seminary. Instead, we envisioned a ministry training program for those for whom traditional seminary might not be affordable, accessible, or the best fit. Harvest Workers actually inverts the emphasis of most seminary programs: instead of emphasizing academic studies in Bible and theology while providing a basic introduction to practical ministry, Harvest Workers introduces students to biblical and theological studies while diving more deeply into a wide variety of practical courses in mission and ministry.

Since the program is online and on-demand, there are no semesters or pre-scheduled class times. Students access courses through a personal online classroom portal and meet with their faculty one-on-one for four video conference sessions. There are quizzes, papers, projects, and lots of reading as well as video lectures, as one might expect. This online, on-demand delivery is what makes the program especially unique, allowing students to work their studies into daily life.

Certificate students from the Texas District pay a subscription of \$165 a month for their tuition. We encourage congregations to partner with interested students by providing partial scholarships. St. John, Thrall has also established a scholarship fund in memory of Jon and Kathy Bielfeldt and contributions to this fund are welcomed from individuals or congregations. To make an online contribution, go to [www.harvestworkers.net/support-harvest-workers](http://www.harvestworkers.net/support-harvest-workers).

Harvest Workers is not the only answer to the church's need for pastors and ministry leaders, but it is an important part of our effort to better equip women and men for the Kingdom ministry to which God is calling them. Whether these students become contract pastors, church planters, youth or children's ministers, care ministers or just better equipped church members to serve in their own congregations and communities, I am excited to see the growth and development in each student.

We currently have 21 students enrolled in our certificate program and more than two dozen others have participated in taking individual courses as audit students or as a part of a church group. If you are interested in learning more about Harvest Workers, whether that is starting a group course at your church, auditing a class of interest, or becoming a full certificate student, I would invite you to check out our website at [www.harvestworkers.net](http://www.harvestworkers.net) and reach out to start a conversation about how Harvest Workers may help equip you and others in your church to answer God's call to greater Kingdom ministry.

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## **TRINITY TRIBE YOUTH T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER**

This summer Trinity Youth are selling t-shirts as a fundraiser! The youth picked the type of shirts, colors and these t-shirts are the really soft ones that are so popular!

The shirts are 52/48 Airlume combed and ring spun cotton/poly, retail fit, tear away label, side seamed, with shoulder taping. There are two shirts available each with the TLC Logo on the front left and a scripture art design on the center back.

“Take Time to Make Your Soul Happy” Matthew 11:28-30, Heather Orange with Navy imprint,  
and

“He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge.” Psalm 41:4, Heather Deep Teal with White imprint.

Costs are \$15 for youth sizes and \$20 for adult sizes. Deadline to place your order will be June 20<sup>th</sup>!  
For more information, contact Sally Anderson, Karla Riley, or the church office.