

Trinity Lutheran of Blanco

Where God is Seen

1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:19

Love is Felt

John 13:34-35

Lives are Changed

Romans 12:1-2

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March Events at Trinity:

Mondays in March—*Harvest Workers* Bible study led by Pastor, 10am & 6p.m.

Thursdays in March:

- Bible Study with Pastor, 10:45*am**, here (*time changed from 11am during Lent)
- The Chosen** series 2 episodes from seasons 1 & 2 are shared in the fellowship hall, from 7-9p.m.

Mar. 3—**Breakfast at Trinity**, hosted by Teams Hannah & Deborah from 8:30-9:15am, in the hall

Mar. 7—**Lenten Luncheon at St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church, Noon**

Mar. 11-15—**BISD Spring Break**

Mar. 13 **Lenten Supper, at 5pm** hosted by Team Ruth
Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service, 6:00p.m. in the sanctuary
Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Choir Practice, 6:30pm

Mar. 14—**Lenten Luncheon, Noon** at First Baptist Church

Mar. 17—**Confirmation Class, Noon-4:30pm, here**

Mar. 20—**Lenten Supper, at 5pm**, hosted by the Men's Group
Mid-week Lenten Worship Service, 6:00pm, sanctuary
Choir Practice, 6:30pm

Mar. 21—**Lenten Luncheon, Noon** at Blanco Methodist Church

Mar. 24—**Pancake Breakfast hosted by Trinity Tribe Youth, 8:30-9:15am**
Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30am

Mar. 28—**Maundy Thursday Worship, 6pm**
With Holy Communion and Stripping the altar
Choir Practice, 6:30pm

Mar. 29—**Good Friday Worship, 6pm**, sanctuary
8pm Good Friday Experience, courthouse square, Blanco

Mar. 31—**Easter Resurrection Sunday Worship at 9:30am**

Holy Week

March is a big month for us! **Palm Sunday** marks the beginning of Holy Week. **Maundy Thursday** reminds us of our Lord's Last Supper and the meal that declares God's love in the life and death of Jesus. **Good Friday** keeps testifying that there is no greater love than when someone gives his own life for others. Jesus held back nothing. He gave everything. The benefit is all ours. **Easter, or day of Resurrection**, points to the power of God, and that Jesus is who he said he is and that there is nothing that is more powerful than God.

Nothing is better than the purpose and love of God proved by raising Jesus from the dead. The simple truth is, when we tie into the life and death of Jesus, by trusting him to save us, we get all the benefits of the love of God.

Jesus is the good shepherd and he was willing to leave all the rest of the "sheep" who are safe to go after you and me, or that friend of ours who doesn't yet know the wonder of this kind of love. Jesus points to the love of the father who, though we keep throwing our life away in wasteful living like the prodigal son, waits and longs for us in love with open arms.

He will throw an amazing party when one lost person comes back and finds his or her identity God made us for: sons and daughters of God. He will not accept any "I'll make it up to you" on our part, but will lavish his affection on us in complete generosity. Jesus said that God is like a woman who loses one coin and then finds it and is so excited she tells all her neighbors - that's how excited God is when he "finds" us or when we allow ourselves to be found by Him in Jesus.

C. S. Lewis wrote, **"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."** Don't just get dressed up for an Easter service, come and let God dress you in a robe of His righteousness. It will warm your heart, change your life, and set your feet a dancing.

New Stephen Ministers Commissioning

We have three new Stephen Ministers who have been in training and will be commissioned on March 3rd during worship. They are Rocky Chisholm, Brenda Moore, and Christine Bushong.

Confirmation

The Sunday after Easter is Confirmation Sunday on April 7th. Come celebrate with our confirmands as they profess their faith. Determine to stand with them and their parents to encourage them to make following Jesus their way of life, for life.

Global Leadership Summit

The Global Leadership Summit is a world class leadership event that will be live-streamed to many locations around North America, including Trinity Lutheran. The next Summit will be on August 8 & 9th. It will be available for those who have registered.

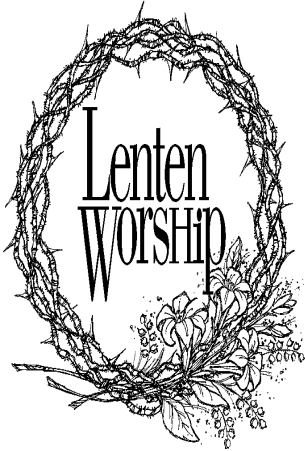
The good news is that Trinity Lutheran Church has purchased ten spots and have been given eight complimentary spots for students (college and down). The free registrations need to be filled before the summer for us to claim them. The Summit is organized by the Global Leadership Network which is Christian in commitment and focus. It brings leadership content that is fresh and actionable from a variety of experts. Each Summit has around twelve world class leaders in a variety of fields. It is up to the learner to apply their ideas to their own arenas of expertise. If you have influence, you are a leader who can learn and get better at leading.

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What I need from those interested is your name so I can register you to the spots we already have. First come, first served. We will first fill the registrations from within Trinity, and then can invite strategic partners from the community. The spots need to be filled! Questions? Ask. Or check out: <https://globalleadership.org/summit/>

Peace and joy in Christ,
Pastor Dave

**2024 Lenten Mid-Week Worship Sermon Series Theme:
"You Meant it for Evil, but God Meant it for Good"**



- Feb. 14, *Ash Wednesday, The Fall*
- Feb. 21, *the Story of Joseph*
- Feb. 28, *Paul in Prison, Philippians 1*
- Mar. 6, *Give us a King*
- Mar. 13, *Church Strife, Corinthians*
- Mar. 20, *Discipline, Hebrews 12*
- Mar. 28, *Maundy Thursday, James and John's Request—True Greatness*
- Mar. 29, *Good Friday, The Cross*

All Mid-Week Lenten Services are held at 6:00p.m.

Lenten Suppers Before Worship

During Lent, the Trinity Women's and Men's Groups offer light suppers before each Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service. The suppers, served at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall, are prepared and served by the Women's Service Teams and Men's Group in an alternating schedule.

Remaining Schedule for Hosting Lenten Suppers:

Mar. 6—Team Esther

Mar 13—Team Ruth

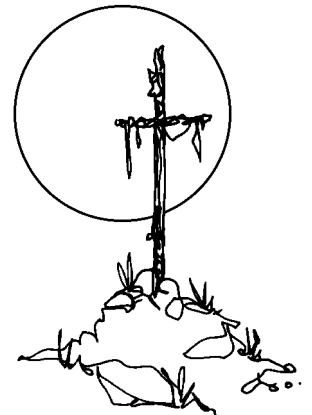
Mar. 20—Men's Group

**Blanco Community
Good Friday Experience
March 29 at dusk or 8pm**

WHAT IF...you could accompany me...while I suffer?

You are invited to experience what it would be like to go to the cross with Jesus.

Immediately following your local church's Good Friday services, you are invited to follow Jesus each step leading to his crucifixion. This will be an outdoor experience. Men and women from our local churches will re-enact the steps leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Please note that this experience may not be suitable for young children. The re-enactment is very life-like. Walking will be involved as we progress to each station around the entire courthouse lawn.



Gifts to the Memorial Fund in February

In Memory of Clifton Knoll to the Scholarship Fund

By Clifton Knoll Family

In Memory of Roy & Birdie Bruemmer

By Nelson & Carolyn Jonas

2024 Community Lenten Luncheon Schedule

- Feb. 22** Trinity Lutheran Church
- Feb. 29** St. Michael's Episcopal & New Hope Lutheran
- March 7** St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church
- March 14** First Baptist Church
- March 21** Blanco Methodist Church

Lunches are all held at the respective churches and begin at Noon

Freewill offerings received from the series of community luncheons are used by the Blanco Ministerial Alliance and their assistance to people in need in our community.

Holy Week Worship Schedule at Trinity Lutheran

March 24, Palm Sunday, Pancake Breakfast Served by Trinity Youth, 8:30-9:15am, followed by Palm Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, 9:30am

March 28, Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, at 6pm

March 29, Good Friday Worship at 6pm
Good Friday Experience, 8pm Blanco Courthouse Square

March 31, Easter Resurrection Sunday Worship with Holy Communion, at 9:30am



Every Sunday morning, immediately after Worship Services, the children of the church gather to offer their own praises to God.

A joyful sound is made!

Easter Sunday the Youth will share a song during the worship service...don't miss it!



Youth News & Activities

Sunday, March 24th will be our **Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast** served before church services from 8:30-9:15am in the fellowship hall. This annual pancake breakfast will be a youth fundraiser/service project for Trinity Tribe Youth Summer Camp.

FOR SALE—Trinity Youth are offering insulated cups featuring our logo for sale. Examples are on the table in the narthex. See Ashley Finch or a Trinity Tribe Youth to purchase the cups for \$10 suggested donation.

Coming in April—

April 7—Confirmation Sunday at Trinity! Six youth have been attending confirmation instruction with a family member and Pastor David. We will celebrate their accomplishments at a cake and punch reception that day after worship.

April 8—Eclipse Watch from Trinity's Parking Lot! For a \$20 donation to Trinity Youth, guests can park in our spacious north parking lot to observe the total solar eclipse.

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS—Active Trinity Lutheran Church students, either seniors in High School or those attending college are encouraged to apply for the Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship—you may request an application from the church office. Email your request to trinityblanco@gvtc.com, or call the church office at 830-833-4771. Copies are available to pick up from the Narthex on Sunday morning.

Youth host fundraisers to benefit the scholarship account during the year, but gifts can be made at any time. Gifts given in memory or honor of loved ones can be designated to the scholarship fund, or Sunday morning offerings can be given to scholarships by marking your check or envelope with “scholarship fund.”



ECUMENICAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

More than 100 Christian men from the wider Blanco area gathered at the Blanco Methodist Church on February 20th for food, fellowship, and inspiration. Troy LeBlanc, Methodist Youth and Family Pastor, delivered the message that featured his recent mission trip into the rugged mountains west of Guadalajara. After traveling by plane, bus, pickup, burro, and on foot, he and a small group arrived at the village and presented the gospel to folks who had never before heard it. Troy related two instances of miraculous healing that he witnessed while there. Praise the Lord! The next Ecumenical Christian Men's breakfast will be at 8 am, Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Ferdinand's Catholic Church in Blanco. *Submitted by Wayne Gosnell*



CHRISTIAN MEN IN BLANCO (CMOB)

Nineteen men met on February 20th at the home of Llano Baumgartner for the monthly gathering of the Christian Men of Blanco (CMOB), Trinity's Men's Group. Llano served axis

carne guisada and beans with all the trimmings while Pastor Dave led the group in a short devotion and prayer time.



The March Gathering will be at Hal Switzer's home in Cielo Springs at 6:30pm on Tuesday, March 19.



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Remembering What We Were Made For

Just like many of you, I recently attended an Ash Wednesday service to mark the beginning of another Lenten season. The message of Ash Wednesday is an important reminder of our identity: that we are mortal beings created out of dust who will return to dust at the end of our natural lives. Even though we realize that God will resurrect the dead in faith to eternal life with him and dust we will not remain, we cannot escape the present reality of the fleeting nature of our lives lived here on earth.

The Lenten season draws us into deep reflection as to who we are, whose we are, and what we were made for. As followers of Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that our identity is shaped not by our accomplishments, wealth, social status, talents, or even our personality. Our identity is shaped by God: our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier. We belong to He who made us, redeemed us, and guides us in our daily living. But what exactly were we made for?

As Lutheran Christians we are fond of what Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9: *“For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”* These verses shaped the Reformation and emphasize that good works can never save us. It is God’s grace that rescues us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. It cannot be earned; this ever will only be a free gift of God!

Yet we often miss the very next verse. Paul in Ephesians 2:10 continues: *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”* During these 40 days, I pray that we can remember again what we were created to do in this life we’ve been given to live on this earth. From the time that God breathed life into you until the time that your body returns to the earth, God has created and saved you for a purpose: to do good works!

So how is God calling you to steward your time, your gifts and abilities, your relationships, and your finances for the Kingdom? How is God calling you to return to the very basic life orientation of loving God and neighbor? A church member recently suggested that sometimes we forget that God is in charge; that He is Lord, and we are not. As we reflect this Lent on Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, the cross, and His sacrifice that saves us, may we also remember what we were made, and saved, for.

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News From Your Council of Ministries

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

Church Council Notes from January 17, 2024 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members present were Medora Beckmann, Norman Eubank, Ashley Finch, Jerry Gass, Travis Kersten, Paster David Mayer, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner. Pastor Dave took his devotional from Isaiah 32... “Behold a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice... an influence of good”. Let that be our call... to be people of good influence... to be noble.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of December 13th Council Meeting Minutes. The Action Items were discussed. Ashley Finch made a motion to accept the Minutes, Sheri Riley seconded the motion, and the Council members voted to approve the motion. Sheri gave the Financial Report through December 2023. Medora gave the Treasurer’s Report as of December 22, 2023.

Pastor Dave submitted his report. He is planning to have Confirmation Sunday on April 7th, which is the Sunday after Easter. Simon Haamer, an Estonian Lutheran pastor, would like to visit Trinity on Wednesday, February 28th. Travis made a motion to have an easy/light meal at 5:00pm before each Wednesday night Lenten service (6:00pm), and Karen Wagner seconded the motion. Council voted to approve the motion. Then perhaps Pastor Haamer could visit during the meal on Feb 28th. His visit would be announced ahead of time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS--

Youth and Education – Ashley reported that the Middle Group Sunday School class is ‘making a pizza’ as an object lesson about building family on a solid foundation. The Senior Group Sunday School will be starting a new program, with Sally Anderson and Karla Riley leading them. TLC is sponsoring 2 baseball teams this Spring. The Youth will sing on Easter Sunday, and their Pancake Breakfast will be on Palm Sunday (Mar 24th) this year. The Walking Prayer-a-Thon is scheduled for Sunday, April 14th. The youth Lenten project this year will be assembling “birthday cake kits” to distribute to families through The Good Samaritan Center. And the Youth are selling insulated drinking cups as a Fundraiser. Another Fundraiser will be renting spaces in the parking lot for the Total Solar Eclipse that is taking place on Monday, April 8th. Lawn chairs are welcome but will not be provided with space rental. Summer Camp planning is well underway. Lainie Parker will be the camp cook. Sally Anderson is working with Layla Ulrich on planning & producing the camp t-shirts. Pastor David & Ron Bigler will be leading the Camp, which will be held June 21-25 in Concan.

Stewardship – No report was submitted and no thank you’s were reported.

Evangelism – Karen W reported that even though Easter is on a 5th Sunday this year (Mar 31st) there will be no potluck dinner. June 30th will be the next 5th Sunday, and we will have a potluck dinner. Team Esther & Team Ruth will be serving Breakfast on Sunday, Feb 4th.

Worship – Travis has spoken to Leta, and choir practice will resume on Thursday evenings.

Property – Norman submitted two reports. One included general maintenance repairs & replacements. The other was a more detailed list of Capital Improvement type projects.

Sheri made a motion to accept the Committee reports, Travis seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Old Business – The Youth received a thank-you note from The Good Samaritan Center for their Food Race donations. The Communion Assistants schedule was updated through April 28th. A continuous Communion flow might be needed on Easter Sunday. It was noted that Spring Break for Blanco schools will be March 11-15. Hal reported that Briana’s Coffee Truck sign is small & is done in good taste.

Jerry reminded everyone to utilize the master calendar that Angie has displayed on her office wall. Post important dates/events/absences early.

New Business – Jerry discussed how the Sunday, January 21st Annual Congregational meeting would flow, including 2023 highlights. He encouraged all Council members to try to attend the meeting which would immediately follow the Worship service. The Benevolence spreadsheet was discussed. Norman made a motion to accept the benevolence factors and figures as shown, Travis seconded the motion, and Council members approved the motion. The Council also decided to send a check to Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), earmarked for Chris Osteguín at BHS. The monies to be taken from the Men’s Group budget.

Trinity will host one of the Thursday Lenten Luncheons, but the date has not been confirmed yet. TLC usually does a Salad Luncheon with a short service following the luncheon.

Hal reported that members of the Security Team had not yet received their membership cards from the Training session, which they need to have for important/urgent information attached. Hal also announced that Lacy Lukich has stepped down from the Security team, and he would like to replace her with Rocky Chisham.

Upcoming events include Monday Harvest Workers classes, Thursday Mom’s Bible Study, and the Genesis Bible Study. Thursday night is movie night. Confirmation class is on Saturday. Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm with everyone reciting The Lord’s Prayer.

MARCH 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.

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sun.	March 31 Easter
Altar Flowers	In Memory of Jerome & Vera Lisemann by Mark Liesmann	<i>Open</i>	In Honor of Our Sons, by the Gosnells & Switzers	In Memory of Kenneth Triesch by his Children	In Memory of Loved Ones by Charles & Karla Riley
Greeters	Roland & Mary Jo Pfeiffer	Bob & Sheri Riley	Travis & Kathy Kersten	Rocky Chisholm & Melanie Laspia	Trinity Tribe Youth
Acolytes	Briley Thomas	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lectors	Mary Jo Pfeiffer	Arlene Hamlin	Kathy Kersten	Roland Pfeiffer	Alexis Pawelek
Ushers	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley
Worship Assistant	Barb Geistfeld	Cindy Hawkins	Cindy Hawkins	Jim Geistfeld	Jim Geistfeld
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Hal Switzer	<i>No communion</i>	Sheri Riley	Jerry Gass Wayne Gosnell
Altar Guild	In March:	Marie Anna Lindeman, Sharon Cox, Karla Riley, Connie Russell			

Maundy Thursday Service on March 28:

Worship Assistant, Cindy Hawkins
Communion Assistant, Norman Eubank
Greeters, Mike & Sally Anderson

Good Friday Service on March 29:

Worship Assistant, Cindy Hawkins
Greeters, Jerry & Jan Gass

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MARCH 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer—Worship: 9:30 AM—Fellowship Time: 10:30AM—Sunday School: 11:00 AM

Services are also available livestreamed on Facebook

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9am Stephen Ministry
3 Breakfast at Trinity, 8:30-9:15am 9:30Worship and Stephen Ministers Comissioning	4 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	5 6pm Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, here	6 5pm Lenten Supper, here 6pm Lenten Worship, sanctuary 6:30pm Choir Practice	7 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall Noon, Lenten Lunch at Catholic Church	8	9
10—Communion SPRING FORWARD!	11 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	12	13 5pm Lenten Supper 6pm Lenten Worship, here 6:30pm, Council Meeting & Choir Practice	14 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall Noon Lenten Lunch at Baptist Church	15	16
17 Noon-4:30pm Confirmation Class, here	18 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	19 Newsletter articles due TODAY! 6:30pm Men's Group meets for fellowship, TBA	20 5pm Lenten Supper, here 6pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service 6:30 Choir Practice	21 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall Noon Lenten Lunch at Methodist Church	22	23
24—Communion Youth host Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-9:15am Palm Sunday Worship, 9:30am	25 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	26	27 5pm Lenten Supper, here 6pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service	28 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall 6pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 Choir Practice	29 6pm Good Friday Service	30
31—Resurrection Sunday Worship at 9:30am						

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