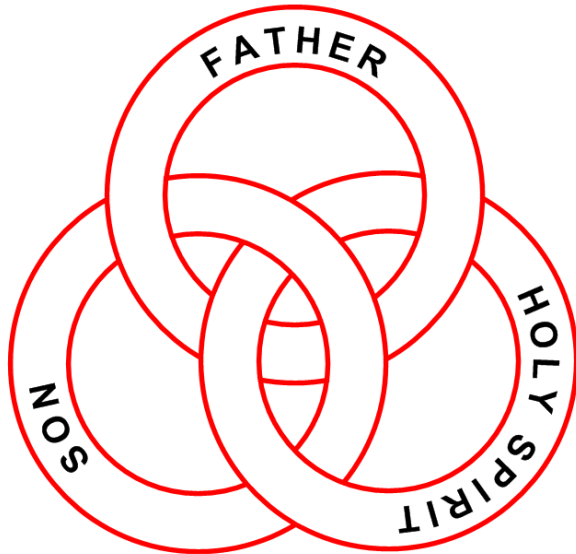
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AUGUST 2024

For Meals on Wheels delivery during August!
 Trinity is responsible for delivering meals to the homebound in our community during August. **A week's worth of boxed meals are delivered once a week on Tuesdays—so deliveries are limited to only one visit per week. Drivers are still needed to make the deliveries. See the sign up sheet posted in the narthex to sign up to deliver in August or to check the date you signed up!

Aug. 4—Breakfast at Trinity! 8:30-9:15a.m. in the fellowship hall hosted by the Esther & Ruth Women's Service Teams
Blessing of the Backpack's Sunday, 9:30 am worship!

Aug. 6—Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, 6:00p.m. fellowship hall

Aug 8-9—Global Leadership Summit, 8am-4pm
 Held in Trinity's fellowship hall

Thursdays in August—"Chosen" MOVIE NIGHT at Trinity's fellowship hall!, 7-9pm

Aug 14— BISD's First Day of Classes
Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6pm

Aug 18—Sundae Sunday School Kick-Off, 11am

Aug 20—Women's Group Meets, TBA 6:00pm
Men's Group Meets, TBA 6:30pm



Strategies For Mission and Faithful Discipleship

It is easy as church to get into a weekly routine. Go to worship, live the weekday life. Go to worship, live the weekday life. It really takes special effort and brainstorming to make sure that the routines we build as church are in tune with God's will, that they are bringing in the Kingdom of God, that we are growing in knowledge and faith, that we are connected and people are not falling through the cracks, and that we are truly being missional, thinking of those outside our congregation for the sake of their salvation and wellbeing.

Are we the proverbial frog in ever heating water that doesn't realize it has reached a critical stage of danger, or is our congregation intentional about being a people of God who are working clear strategies for mission and faithful in discipleship: making disciples as well as being disciples? Here are five things that I see as essential for being that kind of congregation.

Praying People

- Prayer shows what kind of relationship we have with God and what part we expect God to play in our activities, it is the heart and soul of a church that is alive
- Praying means that we truly believe that God is wiser, is more powerful and has better timing about important things in our life than we do, and that we depend on Him for all of that
- Prayer aligns us with the will of God and opens our lives for God to act
- Prayer keeps our hearts tender toward the One who is tender toward us and who wants us to be fruitful and productive for His glory
- My strategic goal as pastor here is to find ways that we incorporate regular, group prayer to cover what we do and hope to do here at Trinity; this is a group endeavor.

Worshipping Warriors

- Worship draws us to acknowledge God as Savior and Lord in our life
- Worship draws God's people together as a fellowship of faith
- Worship is the locker room and gym that prepares us to "play" the game of being God's people the rest of the week
- We are not warriors fighting people, but those who come against the devil and principalities and powers in dark places so that people are liberated through the goodness of God, the Blood of the Lamb of God, in the Name of Jesus
- My strategic goal as pastor is to encourage a meaningful and authentic experience of worship with excellence in message, liturgy and music; it also means that we are working toward a second worship service because we can't grow without it; because we can't reach the unreached more fully without it

Dedicated Disciples

- Disciples agree to follow Jesus; when we follow Jesus we learn by being His students. Do we have an ongoing plan to grow in knowledge and character?
- Disciples are intentionally willing to be made into the person useful to Jesus. Can we see the progress Jesus is making in transforming us?

- Disciples of Jesus are being trained to make disciples.
- What kind of training do we need for us to be comfortable and competent to do this?
- My strategic goal as pastor here is to have robust discipleship learning opportunities in the Bible and other skills we need to make disciples consistently

Lifegroup Groupies

- I know, that sounds corny. I couldn't find another way to express it
- Many of us are in natural lifegroups, groups of family and friends, or Bible study or ministry groups; however, many are not
- Lifegroups are known to bring relational health to people disconnected, keeping them from "falling through the cracks" out of loneliness or trials
- Lifegroups care for a small group of people and are the first line of "pastoral care," as well as a welcome fellowship into which the group can invite an unconnected person
- My strategic goal is to begin a ministry of lifegroups beginning with those who don't have a regular connection so that Sunday morning is not the only time people ever have a church connection

Missionaries in Mission

- When God called us, He called us to do something; we stepped out from our baptism available to God. What kind of kingdom mission, what godly life purpose has God prepared you for?
- What are intentional ways for Trinity, as individuals and as a congregation can go beyond ourselves into our community and beyond because we care for the soul destiny of every person and we want them to have the same benefits of salvation as we do in Jesus?
- What are intentional ways for us to help the helpless, encourage the discouraged, and, in essence, bring the Kingdom of God into their life?
- My strategic goal as pastor is to help us recognize and encourage what we are doing, and to find ways to be missionaries with the gospel and with caring ministries. If Trinity would cease to exist, would the community miss us for how we are a blessing to others?

Harvest Workers

We have finished the New Testament course and plan to take another Harvest Workers course, this time on the Old Testament, taught by Pastor John Waak. It will be a video-based overview of the Old Testament. We will have a new sign-up process to see who is interested.

Thursday Bible Study

We are currently studying 1 Peter. If anyone is interested, come join us on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Altar Guild in August-- Thank you to Jan Gass, Martha Gosnell and Christine Bushong for their service to the altar and to Sunday worship during the month of July! During the month of August, Ashley Finch, Sandy Switzer, Sally Anderson, and Karen Steiger will prepare the altar for services. If you are interested in

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serving Trinity as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Bonnie Triesch, at 210-705-2811. Trinity's Altar Guild has groups of 3-4 members who serve during the year.

Women's News and Happenings....

July 10 we had some Trinity ladies come together for fun and fellowship at **Game Day**. There was even more laughter in the Fellowship Hall than usual for this Game Day as we had guests which included some younger gamers. We had two tables of players which even included Pastor David for a short while!

The **Quarterly Gathering was held July 14**. More than 20 ladies attended, brought delicious food, and shared discussion and ideas. Sandy Switzer shared a short devotion about Christian women's praying. Beverly Tye and Pam Nabors read James 1:19, Exodus 2:23-24, and Psalm 66:19. We were reminded that God listens to our prayers.

We were encouraged to wear our Team t-shirts to church and the meeting. The bright colors added joy to both. If you need a t-shirt, please contact Barbara Eubank.

Sharon reminded us about the **September 20-22 Women's Retreat** and the new location. Total cost for the Retreat is \$175 per person, if you have not completed your payment, please get the money to Angie immediately. We did decide to use some of our existing funds for Retreat Scholarships as needed. Registration for the Retreat is closed—we are filled to capacity!

Discussion was held regarding making it as easy as possible for others to attend our Quarterly Meeting. Our October meeting will provide a babysitter and pizza for the kids so it's easier for young Moms to join us. This will be a great opportunity to bring your friends!

Pam Nabors shared information about HICO Rehab center and Young Life. Many of us didn't realize we have such an active Young Life in Blanco and Blanco County. We'll hear more about the upcoming banquet. We may find opportunities to support these organizations in additional ways. Young Life is included in Trinity's Benevolence giving.

Discussion of low attendance for showing The Chosen was attributed to summer and busy schedules. It was decided to keep the showings throughout the summer.

We concluded our July fellowship opportunities with our Tuesday night **Women's Group Bible Study on July 16** at the lovely Carriage Hills Ranch event center. July hostesses were Christine Bushong and Sharon Wolbrecht. After a delicious meal of gumbo followed by apple cobbler, Sharon shared a devotion for us regarding Logs...we all have those logs/planks in our own eyes while missing the speck in our brothers' and sisters'. Lots to think about!

Our thanks to Barbara Eubank for creating a Facebook Group for the Trinity Ladies: **Blanco Trinity Lutheran Women**. Formerly WOW (Women of the Word), the new name makes it easier for all to find and join! Look it up, join the Facebook Group, and receive and share news and information of events for our ladies.

Next Quarterly Meeting will be held in October. We'll have a Christmas Gathering/Party as well.

God is good—all ways and always
Blessings,
Mary Jo Pfeiffer

August Women's Ministry Dates to Remember:

August 4—Sunday Morning Breakfast hosted by the Esther & Ruth Women's Service Teams, 8:30-9:15a.m.

August 14—Game Day, Noon-2pm in the fellowship hall. Join us to enjoy games, fellowship and FUN!

Bring your lunch, beverage and/or snacks.

August 20—Women's Group meets for fellowship, dinner and Bible Study at 6:00pm, hosted in August by Sandy

Switzer and Beverly Tye at a location TBA.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming September Events including:

September 1—Breakfast at Trinity hosted by the Hannah & Deborah Women's Service Teams, 8:30-9:15a.m.

September 20-22—Women's Retreat

Youth News for August

"Blessing of the Backpacks," on August 4th! All Students, Parents, Teachers and BHS Staff are invited to receive a backpack tag with scripture and special prayers for another school year. Don't miss it!



BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL...Trinity's Sunday School will kick off on August 18th with "Sundae Sunday"—ice cream in the fellowship hall! All ages of youth are encouraged to attend Trinity's Sunday School. We have a class for YOU!.
For more information, contact Ashley Finch.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—OCT. 6 will be Spaghetti and BINGO hosted by the Trinity Tribe Youth Group in the fellowship hall. Dinner is \$10 with Bingo Games for \$2, \$5 and \$7, depending on prize level. Don't miss it!

Gifts Given to the Memorial Fund in July

In Memory of Bud Lawson
By the Lawson Family

In Memory of Don Morrison and Emil & Annie Moellenberg
By Charlene Moellenberg Morrison

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Group,

The Rotary Club of Blanco County would like to offer our sincere gratitude for your hole sponsorship at the 2024 annual Joe Garcia Memorial Golf Tournament.

The tournament is the major fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Blanco County. Thanks to sponsors like you, the money raised will be used throughout the year for such projects as scholarships for high school seniors, human trafficking awareness, library books and supplies for elementary students, drug and alcohol prevention, Project Graduation support, hygiene kits for local students as well as orphanages and students in Northern Mexico, and many other projects.

Rotary is an international organization whose mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The Blanco Club supports that mission through the above projects and community volunteering. "Service Above Self" is the Rotary Motto.

Thank you for your support of our community efforts.

Sincerely, The Rotary Club of Blanco County

Life Thoughts ----- **We Are Forged to Be Like Jesus**

Has the Lord placed you in a fiery forge lately? Do the circumstances in your life land on you like blows from a sledgehammer--rhythical and seemingly without end? Are you weary from following Jesus through rough times with no end in sight? I think we have all been there, and sometimes, it seems, we will always be there.

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The Merriam Webster dictionary defines the adjective “forged” as “*formed by pressing or hammering with or without heat—especially, made into a desired shape by heating and hammering.*” What a great analogy to the life of a Christian! Does not our Father in heaven heat us and hammer us throughout our entire life to shape us into the son or daughter that He has desired and planned for all along?

The Prophet Jeremiah said, “*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*” Jeremiah 29:11 It is not easy to see God’s plans when in the middle of the forge. It is sometimes impossible to feel His love in the blows of the hammer. But our future and our hope are assured in the blood of the Lamb. Our Jesus *is* our hope and future.

In John 16:33, Jesus said, “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Tribulation sounds a lot like “heat and hammer”, does it not?

The Apostle Paul spent his entire ministry being shipwrecked, beaten with rods, lashed, stoned, jailed, chained, falsely accused, and maligned. And in the end, he was martyred in Rome. Paul knew that God’s promise of a hope and a future were assured in the promises of Jesus.

While in Madagascar last October, we watched young men take a slab of iron, heat it to red-hot in a forge, and then pound the daylights out of it with sledgehammers. It was amazing to see a shovel head appear before our eyes. It took an incredible number of blows to shape it into the final desired shape. In fact, if you’ve ever watched a blacksmith or an iron worker, you know they heat the iron in the fire until it is red-hot, then pound it, heat it to red-hot again, pound it, heat it again, and so on until it is finally in its “desired shape”.

As we live out our lives to our last breath, let us continue to walk with Jesus. He is our calm in the middle of the storm. He is our cool rest in the middle of the red-hot, fiery forge. He knows our hammer blows and pains and sorrows, so He has said to each of us, in love, “*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*” Matthew 11:29

Barb Geistfeld, Life Team Leader

Thank You!!! The SHARE Center Baby Bottle Boomerang is finished for another year. We are *only two bottles short* of the 30 we distributed. You know who you are, so please bring them back *asap* and give them to Angie in the office or to Barb Geistfeld! ♡ Our life-affirming, generous souls here at Trinity gave gifts totaling \$1,144.25!! The moms, dads, and babies helped by the SHARE Center thank you! Barb Geistfeld, Life Team Leader

AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES

***Please use this handy section to keep track of monthly responsibilities organized by Sunday. Call the office for more information*

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Altar Flowers	Roland & Mary Jo Pfeiffer in Honor of their 52 nd Wedding Anniversary	open	David & JoAnne Hesskew in Honor of daughter Kaitlyn’s birthday on August 21	open
Usher Teams	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 Assistants	Jim Clifton	Barb Geistfeld	Barb Geistfeld	Cindy Hawkins
Greeters	Charles & Karla Riley	Wyatt & Ashley Finch	Amy Rust	James & Debby Caudell
Lectors	Keith Morgenroth	Ron Bigler	Arlene Hamlin	Mary Jo Pfeiffer
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Jerry Gass	<i>No communion</i>	Travis Kersten
Altar Guild	Ashley Finch, Sandy Switzer, Sally Anderson, and Karen Steiger			

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Recognize and Respond

Back in 2019, leaders here in the Texas District took a leap of faith in creating Harvest Workers, our online ministry training program. The biblical inspiration came from Matthew 9 where we read about Jesus' daily ministry: he was teaching and preaching, healing, casting out demons, forgiving sins, and calling disciples. Day after day we read about this ongoing ministry among the ordinary people he encountered wherever he went. One of these days as he went about his work, he paused and surveyed the crowd. As he looked out upon the world that he was dwelling in, I believe he saw all of the problems: the hurt, pain, brokenness, issues, division, anger, addictions, and everything else. Jesus saw all of it!

And upon surveying the world and seeing the problems, Jesus wasn't depressed, angry, or hopeless. Nor did Jesus shame or blame people. Instead, Jesus was moved with compassion and speaks these words: *"The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest."*

I don't know about you, but when I pause to look around at the world, it is easy to see just how messed up so many things are. And the truth is that life is hard and full of complex problems. In the face of the magnitude of these problems, it would be easy to think that all we can do is pray. And certainly we should! But I believe God is calling us to also recognize and respond: to be sent out as Harvest Workers. The very next thing Jesus does after he said to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers: He sends them out! The same people he just told to pray, his disciples, he sent out!

Are you a disciple of Jesus? Do you follow Jesus? Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If so... then Jesus is calling you and me and every other follower of Jesus to not only pray for Harvest Workers... but also to BE Harvest Workers. So it is time to lace up your work boots, y'all! We have work to do... work that will never save us, but that we were saved for as Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-10.

Day by day as we live our lives in this messy world may we be like Jesus and be moved with compassion and live out the Gospel and share Jesus' love. **#LoveWorks2024**

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Webster’s Definition of “*Benevolence*”...

1 : disposition to do good; 2a : an act of kindness; 2b : a generous gift

Every 3 months, Trinity Lutheran Church’s Council of Ministries distributes benevolence that is based on offerings received by the church. 10 percent of offerings received are gifted to organizations in our community and surrounding area.

At the July 10th Council of Ministries Meeting the Council approved the following organizations would receive benevolences totaling \$6,550.00, which is 10% of our offerings from April through June 2024. The organizations we supported this quarter include:

Blanco County Child Protection and Advocacy Board

Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT)

Blanco County Community Resource Center (CRC)

LCMC Texas District

Blanco Good Samaritan Center

LCMC National Organization

CASA of the Highland Lakes

Lutherans for Life

Ethnomedia, for the Deditos Program

Teen Challenge of Texas

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center

Young Life of Blanco

Hill Country Children’s Advocacy Center

Awakening Lives to World Missions (ALWM)

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AUGUST 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer--Worship: 9:30 AM, (in person in the sanctuary or live-streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School: 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7pm Movie Night at Trinity's fellowship hall	2	3
4 Breakfast at Trinity today! 8:30-9:15am Hosted by Esther & Ruth Teams Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday!	5	6 6pm Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, here	7	8 8am-4pm, Global Leadership Summit, here 7pm Movie Night at Trinity's fellowship hall	9 8am-4pm, Global Leadership Summit, here	10
11 Communion	12	13	14 <i>BISD School Year begins!</i> Noon-2pm Ladies Game Day, here 6pm Council of Ministries meeting	15 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here 7pm Movie Night at Trinity's fellowship hall	16	17
18 11am Sundaes Sunday School Kick-off!	19 Newsletter articles due TODAY!	20 6pm Women's Group meets for fellowship, TBA 6:30pm Men's Group meets for fellowship, TBA	21	22 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here 7pm Movie Night at Trinity's fellowship hall	23	24
25— Communion	26 Secretary on Vacation this week-----	27	28	29 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here 7pm Movie Night at Trinity's fellowship hall	30	31

Trinity Lutheran Church Council of Ministries

Jerry Gass—President
Hal Switzer—Vice-President
Karen Steiger—Secretary
Medora Beckmann—Treasurer
Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary

Travis Kersten—Worship
Karen Wagner—Evangelism
Norman Eubank—Property
Ashley Finch—Education/Youth
Sally Anderson—Stewardship

COUNCIL NOTES—from the June 12, 2024 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members in attendance were Norman Eubank, Ashley Finch, Jerry Gass, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner.

Pastor David shared a devotional based on Hebrews 11 and the beginning of Hebrews 12. "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see". The OT faithful are a 'cloud of witnesses' for us, so that we may 'run with perseverance the race the Lord has marked out for us'. "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith".

The minutes of the May 8th Council meeting were corrected with the Youth Summer Camp dates being changed to June 21-25. Ashley Finch made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended, Sheri Riley seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. Sheri gave the Financial Report through May 2024. Keith Morgenroth, stepping into the position of Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2024.

Pastor presented his report for June. He and Roland Pfeiffer hard-wired the Internet into an extender to get full speed service in the Fellowship Hall. The Texas District Annual Gathering will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Kerrville on July 26-27. Greg Finke will be the keynote speaker. Pastor announced plans for the formation of a strings band to provide country gospel music, perhaps during the offering, and/or on 5th Sunday worship services.

Committee Reports:

Youth and Education – Ashley reported that VBS was a huge success. 126 different VBS attendees and 75 helpers. 12 campers will be attending Youth Summer Camp. Lainie & Laurie Parker will be planning the menu and preparing the meals. Alexis & Jarrett Pawelek will be joining the team as additional sponsors. Pastor David, Jarrett, and Ashley will be teaching. And Alexis will work on worship music and some of the activities. 66 kids are registered for flag football...sponsored by Upward Sports. The games start Saturday, June 29, lasting from 9-11am.

Stewardship – No report was submitted. Jerry reported that Seymour's Garage is agreeable to hang a banner on their fence.

Evangelism – Karen W. has been busy restocking the kitchen following VBS. June 30th will be our 5th Sunday potluck at noon after the worship service.

Worship – No report was submitted. Pastor reported that there are several people interested in helping to form a contemporary worship service.

Property – Norman submitted a written report. The tree trimming project has been completed. Five pews need urgent repair. Norman reported that there is a Custodian Schedule & Work List on file in Angie's office in case the custodian is not available. The sanctuary carpet replacement project has been completed. Norman has received one quote on the parking lot lighting project.

Norman made a motion to accept the Committee reports. Hal seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Old Business – The Communion Assistants Schedule was updated

Electronic giving is still a pending project.

Council had decided to give financial support to Pastor Haamer and The Estonia Lutheran Church. The congregation had an opportunity to give personal contributions, and TLC would add an amount within its budgeted Miscellaneous Expense (#68000), staying within the 2% spending allowed without congregational approval. Sheri made a motion for Council to contribute \$7,275. to the \$2,725. contributed personally to be able to send a total of \$10,000. to Estonia Lutheran Church. Hal seconded the motion, and the Council approved the motion.

The Cross Wall in the Fellowship Hall now has a written policy to help clarify the purpose of displaying crosses. Hal made a motion to adopt a new Church Memorial Plaque policy concerning the cross wall donations, Ashley seconded the motion, and the Council approved the motion. **See below

The future necessity of having to move the pews was discussed. Pew movement should be minimal and done with care.

New Business – Trinity's Constitutional By-Laws need to be amended concerning the changing roles of Financial Secretary and Treasurer. It was decided to bring this before the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on the 2nd Sunday in November when elections take place. Keith made a motion to transfer By-Law B8.07C responsibility from Treasurer to Financial Secretary and By-Law B8.08F responsibility from Financial Secretary to Treasurer. Ashley seconded the motion, and the Council approved the motion. The Council positions expiring this year are President (Jerry), Secretary (Karen S), and Worship Chairmen (Travis). It was also decided to keep the Treasurer's (Keith) position as an appointed one.

Norman made a motion to elect Karen and Stan Steiger as Trinity's delegates to the Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering in Kerrville on July 26-27, and monetarily support them with related expenses. Sheri seconded the motion, and Council approved the motion. Trinity will also monetarily support Barb and Jim Geistfeld this year as they plan to attend the Gathering but are not officially representing Lutherans For Life.

Keith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Karen W seconded the motion, and Council approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco Cross Wall Donation Policy

Approved by Council June 12, 2024

Since 2006, Trinity Lutheran Church has accepted crosses to decorate the fellowship hall with a "Cross Wall". Crosses have been donated by former and current members and placed on the walls along with a brass plate designating the cross in Memory or in Honor of loved ones, or in honor of special occasions. Many compliments on the crosses have been shared by visitors and the community during events hosted at Trinity's hall.

In 2024, the Council of Ministries began to consider revising the Cross Wall policy for cross donations due to space limitations in the hall. In April 2024 the Council set the following criteria for crosses donated to Trinity:

1. Crosses are donated by current members in memory of past members of Trinity only. *To place a cross for a non-member or for an occasion other than in Memory of former members requires special permission to be granted by the Council of Ministries at a regular meeting.*
2. Cross designs must be approved by the Council before approval of the donation and before a brass plate is ordered.
3. Costs of plates would be paid by the church and would be of a uniform design, roughly 3.25 inches X 1 inch, black with gold border and gold lettering. The church office will place the order.
4. Memorial Crosses will be placed on the south wall only.
5. Those crosses placed prior to 2024 that do not meet the required criteria will be utilized at another location within the church or returned to family at their request.