



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:

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

All Thursdays in March—Bible Study with Pastor,
10:45am, FH

Mar. 1—Brunch at Trinity, hosted by Men’s Group,
10:15-11 am, FH

Mar. 3—Stephen Ministry Barnabas Time, 5pm, FH

Mar. 4—Lenten Supper, at 5pm
Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service, 6 pm

Mar. 5—Lenten Luncheon, Noon at First Baptist,
hosted by St. Michael’s Episcopal

Mar. 7—Doug Bledsoe Memorial Service, 11 am at
First Baptist with reception at Trinity’s FH

Mar. 9—Prayer Shawl Gathering, 11:30am, FH

Mar. 10—Interagency Meeting, 2-4pm, FH

Mar. 11—Trinity Takeaways Cooking, TBA
Ladies Game Day, Noon, FH
Lenten Supper, at 5pm, FH
Mid-week Lenten Worship Service, 6pm
Church Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Mar. 12—Lenten Luncheon, Noon at First Baptist

Mar. 13—Sanctuary Reserved for rehearsal, 4pm
Mar. 14—Sanctuary Reserved for wedding, 11am

Mar. 17—Men’s Group Meets, TBA
Women’s Group Meets, FH

Mar. 18—Lenten Supper at 5 pm
Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service, 6pm

Mar. 19—Lenten Luncheon, HERE at Trinity, Noon

Mar. 23—Lucky Leaf 4-H Meeting, 6pm here

Mar. 25—Lenten Supper, at 5pm
Mid-week Lenten Worship Service, 6pm

Mar. 26—Lenten Luncheon, Noon at Blanco
Methodist Church

Mar. 29—Palm Sunday & Youth host Pancake
Brunch, 10:15-11 am, FH
(No Sunday School today!)

Come Join Us As Members! Membership is an intentional act of commitment and belonging to Trinity Lutheran Church. If you are interested in finding out more or want to join, please contact Pastor Dave (830-426-9146 or dtmayer75@yahoo.com)

LENTEN SCHEDULES

Sundays in Lent, “Power To Change”—

The theme for Sunday morning sermons during Lent is “The Power To Change.” We will look at how God brought and brings His power to change.

Feb 22, Nathaniel, **Come and See**

Mar 1, Nicodemus, **You’ve Got To Be Born Again**

Mar 8, Woman at the Well, **Living Lord, Not Time Bound Tradition**

Mar 15, Man Born Blind, **The Evidence is Evident**

Mar 22, Martha and Mary, **Trusting His Trustworthy Nature**

Mar 29, Thomas, **Doubt to Find, Not Doubt to Fight**

Apr 3, Renewing the Mind, **Battling For Truth In An Embattled Mind**

Apr 4, Renewal of the Spirit, **Growing Fruit like Jesus**

Wednesdays in Lent, “The Purpose Driven Life”

We will be going through the classic and powerful themes from Rick Warren’s book.

Mar 4 Formed For God’s Family

Mar 11 Created to Become Like Christ

Mar 18 Shaped For Serving God

Mar 25 Made For Mission

Mid-Week Worship at Trinity

All Lenten Suppers are held at 5 PM and Wednesday
Worship Services are held at 6 PM

Mar. 4, Lenten Supper, hosted by Team Hannah
Mid-Week Worship, 6 PM sanctuary

Mar. 11 Lenten Supper, hosted by Team Deborah
Mid-Week Worship, 6 PM sanctuary

Mar. 18, Lenten Supper, hosted by Team Esther
Mid-Week Worship, 6 PM sanctuary

Mar. 25, Lenten Supper, hosted by Men’s Group
Mid-Week Worship, 6 PM sanctuary

2026 Community Lenten Luncheon Schedule

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.

Feb 26	St. Ferdinand’s Catholic Church
March 5	St. Michael’s Episcopal Church at First Baptist Church
March 12	First Baptist Church
March 19	Trinity Lutheran Church
March 26	Blanco Methodist Church

LIFE GROUPS—We are in the process of organizing a small group ministry called “Life Groups.” It is about being connected; caring for each other in Christian community. You should be contacted in the near future to join a group, if you care to.

COPIES OF TRINITY’S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL are available to pick up from the narthex. The 40 days of Lenten devotions were written by the Pastor and members. If you would like a pdf copy, contact Pastor David.



The **Men's & Women's Groups** met together on February 17th for fellowship, food, and devotions. Both groups usually meet separately each month at either the church hall or at a host/hostess' home.

In March, the groups will meet on the third Tuesday, March 17th locations to be announced.

Picture provided by Roland Pfeiffer



A full house gathered in Blanco's Buggy Barn on February 14th for the monthly **Christian Men's Ecumenical Breakfast**. Inspirational music, provided by Bobby McClung on his acoustic guitar, was followed by former astronaut Tom Hendricks, who brought an inspiring message that was enjoyed by all.

This breakfast is held the second Saturday of every month at a floating church location in Blanco. All TLC men are encouraged to attend. To get on the direct notification list, contact Pastor Carlos Cloyd (Blanco Methodist) at 512-497-7355.

Picture provided by Wayne Gosnell



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A Lenten Invitation: Set Free to Witness

Each year in the season of Lent, Christians are invited to a familiar rhythm: slow down, reflect, repent, and return to the Lord. For many, Lent can feel like a somber season as it is often marked by fasting, self-examination, and reflection. Lent is all these things. But I also think that Lent can also be a critical season of preparation for our mission in the world.

As Christians begin their Lenten journeys around the world on Ash Wednesday, millions focus their attention on Psalm 51. Here King David pours out his heart before God in one of the most raw and honest prayers recorded in scripture. For context, David's sin with Bathsheba had just been exposed. Confronted with his failure, he does not hide from the truth, minimize what he has done, or make excuses. David simply comes before God broken, exposed, and seeks God's mercy and grace. And he prays, *"God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit. Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you."*

Notice the pattern: David first begins in honest confession, then pleads for God to cleanse and restore him. But notice where he ends up: *"Then I will teach the rebellious your ways, and sinners will return to you."* The journey from repentance leads David not inward and further into himself, but outward towards others who need God's grace and forgiveness, too. Repentance is not the destination; in it we find freedom to witness to others.

This is something we may understand but don't always do. We know and celebrate that confession and forgiveness are central to our life of faith and cherish the freedom that comes in honestly naming our sin and hearing again the promises of God's forgiveness spoken over us. But do we take the step that David takes and commit to telling others the Good News? When we stop pretending to have it all together and honestly acknowledge our own brokenness and need for grace, we become the kind of authentic and compelling witnesses to the Gospel that the world needs. Those who need Jesus aren't looking for perfect people to show them the way. Instead, the world needs real people who have found real hope in Christ Jesus to share the Good News.

In this Lenten season, embrace the invitation to repent in the spirit of David in Psalm 51. This is not an obligation to check off, but an opportunity to experience again God's mercy. May the Holy Spirit work in you to create a clean heart and may the joy of your salvation be restored not only to you, but also through you. Like David, may the joy of the Lord's salvation overflow out of you with a willing spirit that points others toward the God who forgives, restores, and renews. You are set free to witness.

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News From Your Council of Ministries

Jerry Gass—President
Hal Switzer—Vice-President
Karen Steiger—Secretary
Keith Morgenroth—Treasurer
Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary
Wayne Gosnell--Stewardship

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

Church Council Notes from January 14, 2026 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Council members present were Sally Anderson, Norman Eubank, Ashley Finch, Jerry Gass, Wayne Gosnell, Travis Kersten, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, and Hal Switzer. Pastor David's devotional was taken from Revelation 7, "a great multitude... from every nation, tribe, people, and language..." Pastor wanted to emphasize the importance of global missions as part of God's will to reach every nation, tribe..." May we as a council be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading in this matter.

Travis made a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected, Norman seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The Action Items of the previous meeting were briefly discussed. When Hal gives a Temple Talk about Security issues, the Media Director will go off-line with the worship service to keep details private.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through December 2025. Keith gave the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2025. Please refer to the 2025 Year End Financial Package he handed out for further details. The Lord continues to bless our finances.

Pastor David submitted his report. He thanked the Council for his Christmas bonus. He encouraged everyone to invite friends to become members of Trinity. Sally suggested having something in the Narthex for visitors to pick up, giving information on how to join our Congregation. Harvest Workers, Thursday morning Bible study, and one of the adult Bible classes are all studying Ecclesiastes...by Divine coincidence. An emphasis that centers around the theme that life not centered on God is purposeless and meaningless.

The BISD Luncheon was well received. It is a great way to be recognized by the adults who are investing in our kids and young people.

Pastor David will use Rick Warren's book The Purpose Driven Life as the theme for his Lenten sermons this year. He will be contacting Trinity members to write devotions/meditations that will be compiled in a booklet to be used during the 40 days of Lent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Youth and Education – Ashley reported that the boys had a last-minute retreat on December 26th to Andretti's. Travis made a motion that Trinity sponsor 1 baseball team (\$500.00) and 1 softball team (\$500.00), Norman seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The first Youth activity of the year will be a fishing contest on January 25th. The Girls' Retreat will be held Feb. 13-15 at the Lost Cypress Ranch in Kandalia. The theme will be "Protect Thy Heart". And the Boys' Retreat will be a camping trip to Guadalupe State Park when the weather warms up.

--Stewardship – Wayne had nothing to report.

--Evangelism – Sally gave an update on the progress of the outside sign. Johnson City Sign Shop will not be able to work with her, so she will explore other companies. Sally will also start working on a t-shirt design to be available for members of Trinity to purchase & wear in the community... possibly a more tailored polo shirt. She suggested Trinity provide 'Appreciation Lunches' for first responders. Council members decided to continue Trinity's weekly newspaper ads.

--Fellowship – In Karen W's absence, Ashley reported that she would be restocking Trinity's pantry when she returns home.

--Worship – Travis reported that Bonnie Triesch has requested men to disassemble the Christmas tree on Thursday afternoon after the decorations are taken down. And Bonnie will be stepping down as leader of the Altar Guild. She is looking for/praying for a replacement. All other areas that reported are doing well.

--Property – Norman handed out 2 reports. The 2026 Property Plan for TLC summarizes the Capital Improvements and the Routine Maintenance items with contact information. The second report shows the Maintenance activity for the current month. The new signage around campus looks very nice! Norman still has a few more signs he wants to put in place.

The Council members acknowledged that the committee reports were given and accepted.

Old Business:

--Wayne presented a list of Thank You letters, and some included an additional note about their organization. Please refer to the attached report. Wayne also read a thank you note from Leta Garcia concerning her Christmas bonus.

--The Communion Assistants schedule was updated

--Travis gave a very positive report on the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Everyone seemed pleased. Cymbre Wicker and Karen Wagner coordinated the food. Trinity, The Blanco County Rotary, and businesses contacted by Sally provided door prizes. 130 raffle tickets for the door prizes were handed out. And... Trinity Youth prepared goody bags for the teachers to take to their classrooms.

The Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 18th. The main purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation to approve the 2026 Budget. The Council members will be installed Sunday, February 1st.

New Business:

--Jerry reviewed the Benevolence Giving report. For the Year-End total, Trinity was \$2.00 short of donating \$50,000.00. Praise God! The factors for the first quarter of 2026 giving were presented. Keith made a motion to accept the Benevolence factors, Travis seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

--Pastor David distributed a handout from Thom S. Rainer's Five Signs Your Church is Doing Well encouraging Council members to read it after the meeting.

--Sally announced that there would be a Fundraiser on February 14th for the medical bills for the Grant Jones family.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm 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 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29 (Palm Sun)
Altar Flowers	In Memory of Jerome & Vera Liesmann by Mark Liesmann	In Honor & In Memory of their sons, by Switzers & Gosnells	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>
Greeters	Ronnie & Karen Wagner	Bob & Sheri Riley	Jerry & Jan Gass	Rocky Chisholm & Melanie Laspia	Trinity Tribe Youth
Lectors	Ron Bigler	Arlene Hamlin	Mary Jo Pfeiffer	Roland Pfeiffer	Keith Morgenroth
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	Jim Clifton	Cindy Hawkins	Barb Geistfeld	Barb Geistfeld	Stan Steiger
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Sally Anderson Ashley Finch	<i>No communion</i>	Keith Morgenroth (both)	Hal Switzer (both)
Altar Guild	In March:	Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton, Clara Gourley			

Thank You Communications

Report to Church Council, February 11, 2026

The following communications have been received in the past month from organizations to which Trinity gives benevolences.

Overseas Missions

- **Awakening Lives to World Missions.** Letter acknowledging our support in 2025 of \$800. Also highlighted their missions in Bangladesh, Belarus Cambodia, Kenya, Layos, Myanmar, Tanzania, Thailand, and Vietnam. Noted that they are supported by 99 individuals and 52 churches and agencies, one church body and three foundations. 92% of their budget goes to program and ministry with just 5% for admin and 3% for fundraising.
- **Ethnomedia.** Monthly newsletter focused on looking forward into 2026, staying focused, staying on task, and keep moving. Trinity supports their sub-ministry of *Deditos* in Guatemala.
- **Wycliffe Bible Translators.** Gift acknowledgment of our 2026 gift of \$510 for indigenous translators, Wilfrido and Anita Flores.

Domestic Support

- **St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kodiak, Alaska.** Letter acknowledging our \$5,000 gift to them in 2025. The letter also notes that their pastor has had to resign for health reasons. The letter notes that even with their troubles, in 2025 their congregation gave \$26,500 to organizations that support the work of Christ. This is an LCMC congregation.
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).** Letter acknowledging our 2025 gifts of \$1,200. The letter also highlights their small groups called *Huddles* and give some examples of their successes. In 2025, they count 52,473 people who made faith decisions through FCA.
- **Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center.** Letter acknowledging our 2025 gifts of \$2,030. It also notes that during 2025, 229 survivors received outreach services; they provided 4,416 safe nights of shelter; 3,202 Crisis Hotline calls were answered; 157 survivors found safety throughout emergency shelter; and they provided 8,426 hours of free counseling and advocacy.
- **Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center.** Letter acknowledging our latest gift of \$510. The letter also notes their services that, among other things, provide a safe, child friendly center; legally sound, forensic interviews; medical exams; counseling; and family advocacy services.
- **Blanco Good Samaritan Center.** Letter acknowledging our 2025 donations of \$7,530. The letter highlights the Center's food pantry where they supported over 300 families last year. They also provide *Panther Packs* to about 100 elementary school children to supplement their weekend meals when they're not at school. At Thanksgiving and Christmas, they provided 280 turkeys, 300 hams, and 50 hens for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. They also provide emergency aid and help needy families with school supplies.
- **Adult and Teen Challenge of Texas.** Letter acknowledging our 2025 gift of \$1,010. The letter also states that in 2025 they helped 564 men and women, families and teens to step into new life through Christ.
- **Young Life, Blanco.** A gift summary acknowledging our 2025 gifts totaling \$800.
- **Lutherans for Life.** Email and newsletter thanking us for our \$300 donation and outlining some of their current projects.
- **Anointed 2 Go Multi-Denominational Ministries.** Donation receipt from Pastor J West of Elkhorn, Nebraska acknowledging our 2025 contribution of \$2,386.

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MARCH 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer—Traditional Worship: 9 AM—Sunday School: 10:15AM—Contemporary Worship: 11:15 AM

9 AM Services are also livestreamed on Facebook

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Brunch at Trinity, 10:15-11 AM, hosted by Men's Group	2 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	3 5pm Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, here	4 5pm Lenten Supper 6pm Lenten Worship, here	5 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, FH Noon Lenten Lunch at First Baptist, hosted by Episcopal	6	7 11am Services for Doug Bledsoe at First Baptist, Blanco Reception to follow at Trinity's FH
8 — <i>Communion</i> <i>SPRING FORWARD!</i>	9 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p <u>11:30am Prayer</u> <u>Shawl gathering, FH</u>	10 2-4pm Blanco Co. Interagency Mtg, here FH	11 Takeaways Cooking, TBA Noon Ladies Game Day 5pm Lenten Supper, FH 6pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm, Council Meeting	12 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, FH Noon Lenten Lunch at First Baptist	13 <i>4 pm Sanctuary</i> <i>Reserved for</i> <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	14 <i>11 am Sanctuary</i> <i>reserved for Wedding</i>
15	16 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p	17 6pm Men's & Women's Groups meet for fellowship, TBA	18 5pm Lenten Supper 6pm Lenten Worship	19 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, FH Noon Trinity hosts Lenten Lunch, here	20	21
22 — <i>Communion</i>	23 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a & 6p 6pm 4-H Club Meeting, FH	24 Newsletter articles due TODAY!	25 5pm Lenten Supper, here 6pm Lenten Worship	26 10:45am Pastor's Bible Study, FH Noon, Lenten Lunch at Methodist Church	27	28
29 — <i>Communion</i> Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch served from 10:15- 11am, FH Hall reserved by A. Finch, Noon	30 Harvest Workers class, here, 10a, 6p	31				

Our Women's Ministry Group held a quarterly meeting Feb 1.

Our Guest Speaker, Pastor David, talked a little about the Life Groups we will start at Trinity and answered questions. For more info, refer to Pastor's article in the February Newsletter.

Cymbre Wicker gave a brief devotion on anxiety/worry/what ifs? She quoted passages from scripture that address anxious thoughts.

Upcoming Tuesday Women's Group meetings & hostesses:

March: Sally Anderson & Cindy Hawkins @Fellowship Hall

April: Cymbre Wicker & Holly Blasi @Wicker Ranch

Trinity Takeaways—Cooking will probably be the morning of the Ladies Game Day, March 11. Please watch Facebook for confirmation.

Community Lenten Lunch at Trinity will be March 19.

Mercy Chefs project—Sheri and Cymbre Wicker served there with their friend. Dates and details for us to serve to be determined. Ladies determined the opportunity is a bit strenuous—lots of standing. It was a rewarding experience and they would like to serve in this project again.

April 5th Trinity Easter Egg Hunt—ladies will stuff plastic eggs (have in Sunday school room) & hide before early service to hunt between or after services. Children encouraged to bring baskets. Perhaps we can stuff eggs on March 11 after cooking and/or during Game Day. We'll have some items to fill eggs. Please feel free to bring additional eggs or goodies. (Candy, stickers, small toys, etc.). Anyone who can't attend can pick up some eggs to fill at home.

Barb Geistfeld shared that the Celebration for Life for Jim will be Saturday, April 4 beginning at 10:30. Lunch will follow with all ladies' Teams helping.

Sip & Something, not scheduled yet because of Lent activities. Bulverde Engraving offers several craft projects to choose from & provides all materials for \$45 a person. Other possibilities were discussed for our activity.

Update: Barb Geistfeld reports plenty of bibs at this time. Barbara Eubank reports Team t-shirts have been ordered

Barbara Eubank and Mary Jo Pfeiffer

Youth Activities

--Sunday, March 29th will be the **Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch** served between church services from 10:15-11am in the fellowship hall. This annual pancake brunch will be a youth fundraiser/service project for Trinity Tribe Youth Summer Camp.

2026 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.

Gifts to the scholarship fund 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.”



Altar Guild Report—Thank you to Bonnie Trieisch, Tara and Caroline Seymour for their service setting up the altar for worship during the month of February! The Altar Team on duty for the month of March will be Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton, and Clara Gourley.

In February, Bonnie Triesch decided to step down from serving as President of Trinity’s Altar Guild after many years of dedicated service. Many thanks to Bonnie for her many years of service as president! Sharon Cox has agreed to serve as President with Bonnie continuing on her altar team and also serving as vice-president.

****Copies of the 2026-27 Altar Guild Service Schedule, which includes all team members and their phone numbers, are available to pick up on Sunday mornings at either the narthex kitchen or the Women’s bulletin board. You may also call the church office to request a copy by mail or email.**

Consider joining an existing Altar Team! Trinity’s Altar Guild has groups of 3-4 members who serve, in a rotating schedule, during the year. Most of our dedicated teams are made up of 4 ladies each, but extra help is always appreciated! Each team is responsible for one month at a time, serving for less than one hour together to set up for worship on a Saturday morning. As a new member of the Altar Guild, you will serve along with ladies that have been serving for years. For more information, talk to Sharon Cox or any Altar Guild member.

