



Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where:

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

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Events at Trinity:

**Mondays in June: 1st, 15th, & 22nd—Harvest
Workers Bible Class** meets, 10am & 6pm

June 2—Stephen Ministry Barnabas Time, 5pm

**Thursdays, ON June 4th & 18th ONLY —Pastor's
Bible Study**, 11am, FH

June 7—Blessing of the Prayer Shawls at both
worship services

Final VBS set up: 10:15-11 AM & Noon-till complete



June 8-12—Vacation Bible School at Trinity
from 9am-Noon, all week!

June 14—VBS Sunday, *don't miss the video from
the week's activities shown at both services*

June 16—Joint Men's & Women's Groups will
meet TBA for fellowship, dinner, and Bible
Study, 6pm.

June 17—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm, FH
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6 pm, FH

June 21—Happy Father's Day!
**Please Return Baby Bottles for the
SHARE Center to church today!*

**Women of the Word (WOW) Father's Day
"Treats for the TOP DOG" Bake Sale**,
10:15-11 AM, fellowship hall

June 22—Harvest Workers Study, 10 am & 6 pm
Prayer Shawl Gathering, 11:30am, FH

June 23-30—Pastor out of the office

There are two top notch events coming soon, both worth attending.
Pastor Dave

The First Event



2026 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT **ANNUAL GATHERING & YOUTH GATHERING**

CALLED
BY HIS GRACE, FOR HIS PURPOSE
2 TIMOTHY 1:9

TICKETS
\$80 by June 30 | \$110 after
Youth - 50% OFF

Register online!
lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
• Ben Griffin
• Nathan Hoff
• Julie Smith

July 24-25, 2026
New Braunfels, TX

The Second Event



August 6-7, 2026
GlobalLeadership.org/Summit



Registration link:

<https://brushfire.com/globalleadershipnetwork/gls2026-online/609564?group=44389e98-9185-42ad-9d48-a9d084920b2c>

For members of Trinity, we have special rates. Contact me for our promo code.

This link is sharable with people in the area and will lead them to register at our viewing event at Trinity Lutheran, Blanco.

We will livestream this event in the Fellowship Hall for those registered.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Pictured left, on May 12, Ashley Finch presented the two Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarship Recipients, Sawyer Kersten and Caroline Seymour with their certificates. (Photo shared by Kathy Kersten)



Sawyer plans to attend Texas A&M, Kingsville and Caroline plans to attend Texas A&M, College Station this fall. *Pictured at right, Pastor David & Tanya attended BHS Graduation ceremonies and caught up with "just-graduated" Caroline. (Photo shared by Tara Seymour)*

COMING SOON! Youth Summer Camp—July 17-22, 2026

2026 Trinity Tribe T-Shirts FOR SALE

Trinity Tribe Youth will have T-shirts on pre-sale. \$20 for short sleeve \$25 for long sleeve fishing style. The theme is :BE THE BUFFALO: Charge the storm, and is based on the Bible verse 2 Timothy 4:17, which is printed on the back of the shirt.

Sale ends June 15th, contact Ashley Finch for more information. Funds raised by the Youth will benefit the Youth Camp Account, used for summer camping expenses.



Memorial in May:

In Memory of Doug Bledsoe for Youth Campers
By William Robert Thomas



SUMMER BREAK FOR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL began May 24th. Due to everyone's busy summer schedules, they will not meet on Sunday mornings again until August, when the new school year begins.

Serving on Altar Guild In June:

Many thanks to Sandy Switzer, Karen Wagner, Dianna Maddox, and Sally Anderson for serving the Lord and preparing His altar during the month of May. In June, the Altar Team scheduled to serve will be Connie Cox, Marcie Wagner, Pam Nabers, and Rosalind Ellis

Want to be more involved behind the scenes? 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 less than 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 Sharon Cox, at 210-385-2532.



WOW HOSTS BAKE SALE ON FATHER'S DAY

Trinity Women of the Word, (WOW) are hosting a special **“Treats for the TOP DOG” Sale** on Father’s Day, June 21st in the fellowship hall. Funds raised at the bake/goodie sale will be used for the 2027 Women’s Retreat.

Update on 2027 WOW Retreat: We have confirmed a Retreat Leader/Speaker, JAMIE RATLIFF, for the Retreat weekend, set for **April 23-25, 2027**. Please let us know your interest in attending the retreat in 2027, so that we know how big a home rental we will need.

Men’s & Women’s Groups Meet Monthly: 6 PM on the 3rd Tuesday

June 16th will be the next scheduled Men’s & Women’s Group meetings. Each group meets monthly at the home of a Host/Hostess or at the church fellowship hall for fellowship, a light supper, and devotions. All are welcome to join us! To find out more, contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer at 210-213-7615 (Women’s Group) or Roland Pfeiffer at 210-213-7614 (Men’s Group).

TRINITY TAKEAWAY MEALS ARE READY TO GO! If you or someone you know could use an easy to prepare meal or a stress-free mealtime for their household, please consider a “Trinity Takeaway!” The meals are frozen with the recipe included and are ready to be utilized! 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! Ladies that would like to help prepare another batch of meals, please contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer at Maryjopfeiffer@gmail.com or 210-213-7615 to add your name to the list of volunteers.

Fellowship at Trinity - EVERY SUNDAY Members and friends are

encouraged to come to the fellowship hall at either 10 AM or 11 AM to enjoy coffee, cookies or other treats and gather for fellowship! The 15 minutes of transition from worship to Sunday School and Sunday School to worship, is a time to connect with each other every Sunday morning.

A sign up sheet, on a clipboard, is in the fellowship hall kitchen 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.



**In May Trinity Received into Membership:
Milton Shaw and Steve & Carrie Armstrong.**

Below are their personal introductions shared with the congregation on the Sundays they were received.

Milton Shaw, MD

Briefly, I am 73 years old, married to Dr. Teresa Albright since 2020. After growing up in San Antonio, with my upbringing in the Episcopalian church, I became Lutheran in 1980, joining Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (LCMS) at that time. After doing my medical school and training in San Antonio, I moved with my late wife to Kerrville, TX, where we had a son, and were together 11 years before she unexpectedly passed. I lived for 30 years total in Kerrville and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church (LCMC) and subsequently at Hosanna Lutheran (LCMS) for several years.

I and my wonderful, current wife are both physicians with specialties in Geriatrics. She is mostly retired, doing occasional fill-in coverage for her company, while I'm still practicing on a regular basis, seeing patients in long-term care facilities. We decided to move to Blanco about 10 years ago, we have lived about 5 miles outside of Blanco for the past 10 years. As a hobby, we are beekeepers, managing about 35 hives on our property and other properties.

Besides my wife's 3 children and 2 grandchildren, I had my own son who unfortunately passed away unexpectedly in 2024, and we have one grandson from his marriage. My daughter-in-law and grandson live in Houston, and we get to see them regularly and FaceTime call frequently. I also have a daughter whom I "adopted" unofficially as a teenager, and we have 2 grandkids from that marriage.

In spite of the tragedies we have experienced, God really has blessed us, and we are grateful.

Steve & Carrie Armstrong

Steve is from Kansas and Carrie grew up in Central Texas. They met in Austin where Steve was a professional photographer (after he left the Air Force) and Carrie was an RN in Neonatal ICU. Married in 1984, they have 2 sons who are engineers, and 6 grandchildren, ages 3-24. One of their daughter-in-laws is from England. Their 4 year old grandson has Spinal Muscular Atrophy but is alive, active, and doing well thanks to a genetic treatment called Zolgensma.

Since moving to Blanco, everyone at Trinity has made us feel so welcome. Fellowship and service to others has always been a big part of our lives and we look forward to more of this as members of Trinity Lutheran.

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)

Trinity Lutheran Church Council of Ministries

Jerry Gass—President
Hal Switzer—Vice-President
Karen Steiger—Secretary
Keith Morgenroth—Treasurer
Sheri Riley—Financial Secretary
Sally Anderson—Evangelism

Travis Kersten—Worship
Karen Wagner—Fellowship
Norman Eubank—Property
Ashley Finch—Education/Youth
Wayne Gosnell—Stewardship

COUNCIL NOTES—from the April 15, 2026 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Council members present were Sally Anderson, Norman Eubank, Jerry Gass, Wayne Gosnell, Travis Kersten, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner. Pastor David gave a devotional based on the book The Heavenly Man by Liu Zhenying (Brother Yun), a Chinese Christian. He was one of the leaders of The House Church Movement in China, where they were/are greatly persecuted for their Christian faith. Pastor's reason for sharing details of Brother Yun's experiences was to encourage us to not let our blessing of ease in this country make us soft and unfaithful in our witnessing and calling to serve God. Be people of God's Blessings.

Sunday School time was discussed, and a few suggestions were made to improve this time between services. Additionally, Barb Geistfeld and Jan Gass had attended a SHARE group meeting and wanted the Council to approve TLC hosting this meeting in the Fall and spending \$100/\$150 to serve a light lunch to the group. Council members unanimously agreed to the suggestion.

A minor typing mistake was corrected in the Minutes of the March 11th Council meeting. The Action Items were discussed. Travis made a motion to accept the Minutes as modified, Hal seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through March 2026. Keith gave the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2026. Pastor David submitted his report. The Lenten devotion packets were well received. Pastor hopes to involve more people next year. The Lenten services were well attended, and the pre-service meals went well, also. Please refer to his report for other details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Youth and Education – In Ashley's absence, Karen W. reported that the Youth Pancake Breakfast was a huge success. The VBS registration filled up in 3 hours without any posting. The Feed Store will use TLC's back parking lot for their Crayfish Boil, so they are displaying information flyers showing TLC's schedule of events. On April 21st the Shops at The Old Mobley Motel are having a community event at which the Youth will have a table with flyers promoting their activities.

--Stewardship – No report was submitted.

--Evangelism – Sally has been working with Corey Myers on the outside sign. She submitted a packet showing a few options. Travis suggested that a committee of Corey, Sally, Norman, Wayne, and Pastor David bring a design suggestion of the sign to the Council for approval. Sally also addressed the logo we would adopt for use on clothing items. It should be something simple (easy to sew) and something to use consistently to help identify TLC. Pastor encouraged anyone attending other church services to bring ideas to him. Sally showed the visitor bag she had recently received at CBC.

--Fellowship – No report was submitted.

--Worship – Travis reported that Sheila had noticed that our sermons are not archived on Facebook, but she is pursuing the issue and hopes to have it resolved soon. Filming on our own is a possibility, but more research must be done if we want to do that.

--Property – Norman submitted his report. Mr. Appliance was contacted after the cooktop in the kitchen broke. Norman will make the repairs himself. The storage building was cleaned out, thanks to a lot of help. After a few power outages around campus, Blanco A/C, E&P was notified. A Federal Pacific Electric (FPE) Breaker Panel in the Hall Closet is needing to be replaced, and there are other issues with incoming power wiring that is not up to code. Norman presented 3 options and recommended the 2nd option... replacing the breaker panel and installing a whole building surge protector. The cost would require Congregational approval. It was decided to call an

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emergency congregational meeting asap. It was suggested to have a printed page to hand out before the meeting to explain the necessary action. Angie can form a phone tree to alert members of the emergency meeting on Sunday. Keith made a motion to have an emergency congregational meeting on Sunday, April 19th immediately following the early service to explain the need for the electrical updates, and to approve the cost of replacing the breaker panel and installing a surge protector. Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The Council members acknowledged that the Committee Reports were given and accepted.

Old Business

- Wayne reported that we received thank you letters from Ethnomedia and Luke Johnson. And we received a letter from Awakening Lives to World Missions acknowledging our recent gift.
- The Communion Assistants schedule was updated as follows: Jun 14 Sally Anderson (1st) Karen Wagner (2nd) Jun 28 Hal Switzer (1st) Ashley Finch (2nd)
- Pastor David did a summary & ministry-focused analysis of a report he handed out called "Trinity Blanco Know Your Community Analysis". Please refer to the handout for clear action steps.

New Business:

- The Benevolence giving in the 1st quarter of 2026 was discussed. It was decided to change some of the amounts to better reflect our priorities.
- A new copier lease proposal was presented after Pastor David & Angie did much research. They proposed staying with our current lessor, UBEO. Norman made a motion to stay with UBEO, Hal seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.
- The Blanco County Rotary is requesting the use of our Fellowship Hall this summer for their reading program. Travis made a motion to allow The Rotary to use our Fellowship Hall this summer, Wayne seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm 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

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Altar Flowers	Jim Clifton	VBS Sunday <i>(altar hidden from view)</i>	open	In Memory of Roy & Birdie Bruemmer
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
9 AM Worship Assistants	Cindy Hawkins	Cindy Hawkins	Jim Clifton	Jim Clifton
Greeters	Kevin & Cindy Hawkins	Blake & Manon Schanhals	Roy & Doris Phipps	Hal & Sandy Switzer
9 AM Lectors	Roland Pfeiffer	Keith Morgenroth	Ken McWilliams	Ron Bigler
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Sally Anderson (1 st) Karen Wagner (2 nd)	<i>No communion</i>	Hal Switzer (1 st) Ashley Finch (2 nd)
Altar Guild	Connie Cox, Marcie Wagner, Pam Nabers, Rosalind Ellis			



The Christian Men of Blanco (CMOB), Trinity's Men's Group, once again supported the CoAPT health fair in the Blanco High School cafeteria on April 30. Cooks and servers (l to r) were Ken, Sidney, Hal, Wayne, Norm, Pastor Dave, Roland, and Bob. Kevin and Jerry were there too but somehow missed the picture.

(Photo shared by Kathy Kersten)

Men's Group (CMOB) Serves at May Ecumenical Breakfast

Sidney, Steve, and Andrew (r to l) prepare sausage and eggs to accompany bacon, biscuits, and gravy served at the Blanco Ecumenical Men's Breakfast on May 9th, hosted here in Trinity's fellowship hall.

Some 80 men gathered at Trinity for the monthly get together that rotates between Blanco's churches. \$708 was collected and transferred to the Blanco Ecumenical Alliance to support local benevolences in the name of Christ.



SHARE Center's Baby Bottle Boomerang Ends Father's Day!



The SHARE Center, previously the Bulverde/Spring Branch Pregnancy Care Center, provided Trinity with baby bottles to fill with donations to further their mission to promote the sanctity of life and empower individuals to make Christ-centered choices regarding pregnancy and sexuality and to experience the healing presence and love of Jesus Christ.

Bottles are due back to church on Father's Day, June 21 and afterwards the SHARE Center will share the total collected from Trinity members and friends to support the center's mission.

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JUNE 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Sunday Services: 9 AM Traditional & 11:15 AM Contemporary with Sunday School at 10:15 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 5pm Stephen Ministry Barnabas Time, FH	3	4 11am Pastor's Bible Study, FH	5 <i>Church office closed</i> <i>Pastor's day off</i>	6
7 --Prayer Shawl Blessing at both worship services <i>Today Final VBS Set up!</i>	8 9am-Noon Vacation Bible School	9 9am-Noon VBS, here	10 9am-Noon VBS, here	11 9am-Noon VBS, here	12 9am-Noon VBS, here	13
14 Communion & VBS Sunday	15 Harvest Workers classes, 10am & 6pm	16 6pm Men's & Women's Groups meet TBA for food, fellowship, and devotions	17 Noon-2pm Ladies Game Day, FH 6pm Council of Ministries Meeting, FH	18	19 <i>Church office closed</i> <i>Pastor's day off</i> 10am-2pm Scrapbooking with Doris Perez	20
21 <u>Father's Day</u> WoW Bake Sale, 10- 11:15 AM in the FH	22 Harvest Workers classes, 10am & 6pm 11:30am Prayer Shawl Gathering, FH	23 Newsletter articles due TODAY!	24	25	26 <i>Church office closed,</i> <i>Pastor's day off</i>	27
28 Communion	29 Harvest Workers classes, 10am & 6pm	30				



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A Holy Calling

Ever think about what a calling is? Both Christians and non-Christians alike sometimes refer to their career, volunteer work, role, or purpose in their family or social group as a calling. One worldly formula is GIFTS + PASSION + VALUES = CALLING. But as followers of Jesus, how do we understand what it means to be called?

Our theme for the 2026 Texas District Gathering is CALLED, drawn from a single verse penned by the Apostle Paul in his final letter to Timothy, a young pastor whom he has mentored. In 2 Timothy 1:9, Paul writes: *“He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.”* In this single verse, Paul both proclaims the gospel while grounding for us what it means to be called.

Paul begins this verse by articulating that calling cannot be separated from the gospel. Paul writes, *“He has saved us and called us...”* Our call flows from God’s grace that we have received and not the other way around. No one is called because they have earned it, proved themselves, or have the right credentials. As Paul writes, *“not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace.”* How often do we look at our past mistakes, our lack of training or experience, or our fear of failure and conclude that God must be calling someone else? But God’s Word is clear: the call has nothing to do with our works, but rests solely on God’s own purpose and grace. God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people and equipping them as he sends them.

While God starts by calling ordinary people, Paul points out that the call itself is a *“holy calling.”* The word “holy” is often translated as “set apart; consecrated or dedicated to the Lord.” When God calls an ordinary person to Kingdom service, the call is not merely a career path or volunteer activity that matches their personality or brings them a sense of self-fulfillment. Understood biblically, God’s call is a sacred setting apart for Kingdom purposes. God calls people to all different kinds of mission and ministry, both in our ordinary, day-to-day life as well as out into new mission fields that will stretch our faith.

So, what does this mean for us? I believe that this is a reminder to pay close attention to what God is up to. Ask, “God, what are you up to in my life? How are you calling me to be set apart for particular Kingdom service?” And, this is also a call to pray for God to stir up in others as well. The church can and should be a place where we pray for, encourage, and equip one another to take the steps needed to faithfully respond to how God is calling us.

Friends, God is still calling people of faith into Kingdom service, just as he always has. May we help one another recognize and respond in faith to his holy calling according to his purpose and grace.

Our 2026 LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering is July 24-25 in New Braunfels, Register by June 30 for early-bird pricing at www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering.

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