



Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where:

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

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July Events at Trinity:

July 1—Summer Art Class, 9am-Noon, FH

Thursdays at Trinity:

--Pastor's Bible Study, 11am in the fellowship hall

July 5—BRUNCH at Trinity! 10:15-11 AM, FH
Hosted by Teams Deborah & Esther

Mondays at Trinity: July 6, 13, & 27

--Harvest Workers Bible Study, 10am & 6pm in the fellowship hall

July 7— Reading Rainbow, 9am-Noon, FH
Interagency Meeting, 2-4pm, FH
Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, 5pm, fellowship hall

July 8—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6pm

July 8-9—*Secretary out of the office*

July 17-22—Youth & Sponsors Attend Summer Camp!

July 21—Men's Group meets at Harvey Lindeman's home, 6pm
Women's Group, TBD, 6pm

July 24-25—LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering, St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Braunfels

Sunday worship schedule for Trinity:

9:00 AM – Traditional Worship
10:00 AM – Fellowship Time
10:15 AM – Sunday School in the fellowship hall
11:00 AM – Fellowship Time
11:15 AM – Contemporary Worship



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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.

Women's News for July!

PICK UP YOUR COPY of the Women's Ministry Yearbook for 2026, which lists varied ministries of the women's group, the Altar Guild schedule, Brunch & Potluck schedule, and includes the 4 service teams and their members' contact information. Copies are on the shelf in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall.

LADIES GAME DAY—Wednesday, July 8 from Noon-2pm, everyone is welcome to bring your lunch, snacks or refreshments and play games in the cool fellowship hall. For more information, call or text Barbara Eubank at 713-206-6518. The Game Day is set for the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY—Crocheters, knitters, and crafters are needed to create prayer shawls. These shawls were prayed over and dedicated at worship on June 7th, before being available to anyone in need of God's comfort and peace. Shawls have been gifted to cancer patients, those who've lost a loved one, or anyone in need of a reminder that God loves and cares for them. If you need directions for how to create a shawl, or know of someone that might benefit from one, please contact Brenda Moore at 512-550-2281, or the church office.

TRINITY TAKEAWAY MEALS are available for anyone needing a ready-to-go meal either for your family or for someone you know that could use a night off from cooking. Homemade and frozen, these ready to cook meals are located in the kitchen freezer next to the narthex. Directions for preparing are included with the meals. Please sign the list on the door when you take a meal. For more information Mary Jo Pfeiffer (210-213-7615.)

Service Project Report From MERCY CHEFS

In February of this year, Cymbre and Sherri Wicker and a friend volunteered for *Mercy Chefs* in Kerrville. This service group is still aiding the surrounding communities that were affected by the July 4th, 2025, flooding by providing boxed lunches. Sherri wrote a summary that we share here for those who might be interested in volunteering. ***First: if you are interested in going, please contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer at 210-213-7615.*** We hope to carpool with others from church to add to the fun! But that is not mandatory!

From Sherri: "You *do* sign up individually at their website: <https://mercychefs.com/texas-flood-2025/> on the "volunteer" page. It was an easy process and as soon as we got signed up, we received calendar updates via text and email. You are required to wear closed-toe shoes and pull back long hair or wear a cap. That information is available on the website.

It is one hour and fifteen minutes from Trinity, Blanco, to the workspace and kitchen **at 610 Methodist Encampment Drive, Kerrville TX**. When we arrived, we were greeted by Jen, the volunteer coordinator, given our shirts, and then changed and reported for duty which began promptly at 9 AM. We were given a variety of tasks: putting labels on boxes, adding whipped cream to the tops of key lime pies, and helping the chefs with panning each of the individual menu items. At approximately 10 AM, we were assigned places for boxing the meals. It was very organized, orderly, and clean.

After each task, we were instructed to clean up our area and wait for another task to be assigned. There was a strong push to get the first boxes out and then we could more leisurely finish those for the second delivery. All these boxes went to a drive-through site near Ingram. On this day we provided 799 boxes of Taco Pasta, Refried Beans with Cheese, Tortilla Chips with Salsa, and Key Lime Pie.

After we cleaned up the line from boxing, we were able to sit for 15 minutes and eat the boxed lunches that were provided. Afterwards, there was some prep for the next day like cutting romaine lettuce and washing and picking grapes off their stems. We finished early at approximately 12:40.

My personal impression is that *it is a tightly run ship*. They have their very specific processes in place and volunteers are to jump into **those** processes and do *that job specifically!* It was very clean and organized. There is some lifting, swiveling your body, and standing for four hours on your feet on concrete except for the short lunch break. If you have problems with your back, joints, etc., we suggest this is not the service project for you. **But**, because their mission to love others aligns with ours, you will know you have shown love and service to others as you drive your exhausted self back home!"

Men's Group Met in June!

Norm Eubank, hamburger griller extraordinaire, hosted Trinity's Men's group, the Christian Men of Blanco, at his home on June 16th.

Thirteen men met for the monthly gathering that rotates among the group on the third Tuesday of every month. All Trinity men are invited to come and enjoy the always excellent fellowship and usually good food.

July's gathering will be on the 21st at the home of Harvey Lindeman. Details TBD.



QUESTION: Is the church service hard to hear and understand? **The Church Council wants your input!**

The Church Council is looking for input from the congregation about their experiences at Sunday worship. For those in worship who are:

- Hard of hearing;
- Hearing impaired;
- Currently wear hearing aids; or
- Can't hear or understand spoken words during worship

Would you be interested in using some type of device (headphones, ear buds, iPhone streaming to hearing aids, etc...) to improve your hearing during worship?

Contact Norman Eubank at 713-204-5730 to let the council know how we can improve your Sunday worship experience at Trinity.

Altar Duty in July—

During the month of June, Connie Cox, Marcie Wagner, Pam Nabers, & Rosalind Ellis prepared the altar for Sunday worship. Thank you, ladies for your service to the Lord and Trinity Lutheran Church!

On duty during the month of July will be Marie Anna Lindeman, Sharon Cox, Karla Riley, & Connie Russell. If you are interested in serving Trinity as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Sharon Cox, at 210-385-2532. Trinity's Altar Guild has groups of 3-4 members who serve, in a rotating schedule, during the year.

****UPDATE ON ALTAR FLOWERS:**

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The cost for 2 altar flower arrangements from Blanco Floral, with delivery to the church, is \$105.00. If you would like to host altar flowers for a Sunday during the year, sign up on the Flower Chart, located in the hallway leading from the narthex to the fellowship hall.

You may choose to email the church office (trinityblanco@gvtc.com) the week before you've signed up, to let the church office know if you are bringing flowers, ordering them yourself, or if you'd like the church office to order flowers.

Floral arrangements can be homemade, purchased 6" potted mums, or flowering plants. For more information, contact an Altar Team member or Angie in the church office, 830-833-4771.

JULY RESPONSIBILITIES

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

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Altar Flowers	<i>OPEN</i>	Laura Walla	Clara Gourley	<i>OPEN</i>
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
Greeters	Rod & Janice Culton	Mike & Faye Cooley	Dianna Jones Maddox	Michael & Amy Mayo
Lectors	Mary Jo Pfeiffer	Arlene Hamlin	Keith Morgenroth	Ken McWilliams
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Keith Morgenroth (both)	<i>No communion</i>	Norman Eubank, (9am) Ashley Finch, (11:15am)
Worship Assistant	Barb Geistfeld	Barb Geistfeld	Stan Steiger	Stan Steiger
Altar Guild	In July:	Marie Anna Lindeman, Sharon Cox, Karla Riley, Connie Russell		

News From Your Council of Ministries

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

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

COUNCIL NOTES—from the May 13, 2026 Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. Council members present were Sally Anderson, Norman Eubank, Ashley Finch, Jerry Gass, Wayne Gosnell, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner. Ken McWilliams, attending as a guest, was encouraged to provide member input.

Pastor David gave a devotional using the book Doing Church as a Team by Wayne Cordeiro. Chapter 7 specifically addresses increasing ‘size’ by increasing the size “of the base” ...i.e. a core of willing servants. Be on the lookout for that core of willing servants within our own congregation (often gems in the rough).

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the April 15th Council meeting. The Action Items were discussed. Jerry mentioned that the Facebook online viewing issues were being addressed. The First Responders lunch is still in the planning stage. Quarterly Benevolence factors will remain as is unless TLC has another abundant quarter. Ashley made a motion to accept the Minutes, Keith seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through April 2026. Keith gave the Treasurer’s Report as of April 30, 2026. We have an all-time high balance in the Memorial Fund, and it was suggested that we buy something permanent with some of that money. Norman made a motion to go to the Memorial Fund Committee and ask them if they would spend some of the Memorial Fund money to fully fund the new outside church sign. Ashley seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Keith brought up an interesting point of discussion which resulted in solid actions. Our church secretary, Angie Daniels, is such a valuable staff member for TLC that in a lengthy unplanned absence our church would be unable to continue operations efficiently. The details of Angie’s knowledge over the last 20+ years would take 3 people to take on the same responsibilities. Keith reported that Angie is in the process of compiling a *job description*.

Pastor David submitted his report. He submitted three new membership candidates. Dr. Milton Shaw, Steve Armstrong, and Carrie Armstrong. Norman made a motion to accept all three as new members of our congregation, Ashley seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The status of the Life Groups was discussed. The Blanco Ministerial Alliance (BMA) met on April 30th. Since this group, together with the Good Samaritan Center, helps persons in need, Hal suggested cards be handed out with a contact phone number. On a Sunday morning perhaps the Sheriff’s Department could be the phone number, so worship is not disrupted at the Blanco Methodist Church since they are designated to provide the assistance. The Sheriff’s Department would be reimbursed by the BMA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

--Youth and Education – Ashley reported that the Scholarship Committee, consisting of Charles Riley, Connie Cox and Cymbre Wicker has awarded scholarships to Sawyer Kersten and Caroline Seymour. The last Sunday School before the summer break will be on Sunday, May 24th. May 24th will also be Senior Recognition Sunday. Flag Football will be held June 15-July 16. VBS workdays are May 30, June 1, and June 6-7. Currently 26 kids and 6 sponsors are confirmed to go to summer camp, which will be held July 17-22.

--Stewardship – Wayne will be gone next month, and Rocky Chisholm will be substituting for him. He had the pleasure of meeting the new BISD superintendent, Dr. Tanya Tate.

--Evangelism – Sally has reached out to Corey for a template of the sign design. She is working on the polo shirts with the church’s logo. TLC’s welcome bags are also being designed. VBS t-shirts are also in the making stage.

--Fellowship – Karen W. reported that the Women’s Retreat was a fabulous success. The 5th Sunday potluck will be Sunday, May 31 between the two services and the Women’s Gathering will also take place on May 31 at 12:15pm.

--Worship – In Travis’ absence, Jerry reported that everything is going well. The choir is planning to sing more often and live music for the 2nd service is welcome.

--Property-- Norman submitted his report. TWL inspected and cleaned the refrigeration equipment, which included replacing the filter. Blanco A/C, Electrical & Plumbing did their annual inspection and testing. We renewed the yearly maintenance contract with Shield. The capital project for the year will be to paint the interior of the sanctuary, the old kitchen, and the narthex.

The Council members acknowledged that the Committee Reports were given and accepted.

Old Business

– Wayne reported that Blanco Co. Child Protection and Family Advocacy Board, Ethnomedia, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Blanco Young Life, Lutherans for Life, and the Institute of Lutheran Theology sent nice thank you notes. Mercy Chef had sent a request to provide meals for military families. It was suggested to keep our donations more personally focused on specific needs/events.

-- The Communion Assistants schedule was updated as follows: July 12 Keith Morgenroth (both); and July 26 Norman Eubank (1st) & Ashley Finch (2nd)

-- The carillon repairs were completed for a cost of \$434.00, with Pastor David doing the work.

New Business

– Jerry announced that the PEC United Charities donation amount is \$675.00. It was suggested to use the money to fund the hearing-impaired equipment.

-- Council members have decided to move the date for June's Council meeting to June 17 because the normal date is during VBS week.

-- The Annual LCMC Gathering will be held Friday & Saturday, July 24-25, 2026 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels.

-- Pastor David reported that Cymbre Wicker and Ken McWilliams are going to research having individual nametags...magnets...to wear on Sundays and then have a place in the narthex where they can be hung when not in use.

Upcoming events include the Men's Group meeting on May 19th at Llano Baumgartner's house at 6:00pm. The Ladies Group meeting will be on the same day at the same time at Barb Geistfeld's house. The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th. The 5th Sunday Brunch will be May 31st between services and the Women's Quarterly Gathering will be May 31st at 12:15pm.

Sheri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Keith seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential too!)

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with the Pastor or Cindy Hawkins, our Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator. Trinity's Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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JULY 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer—Traditional Worship, 9 AM (in person in the sanctuary or livestreamed on Facebook);
 Sunday School at 10:15 AM in the fellowship hall; and Contemporary Worship, 11:15 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10am-Noon Summer Art Class, FH	2 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	3 Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off	4 Independence Day!
5 9 AM Traditional service 10:15 AM Sunday School BRUNCH TODAY! 11:15 AM Contemporary service	6 Harvest Workers Bible Study, 10am & 6pm here	7 9am-Noon Reading Rainbow, FH 2-4pm Interagency Meeting, FH 5pm Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, here	8 Secretary Out of the Office Noon Ladies Game Day, here 6pm Council of Ministries meeting	9 Secretary Out of the Office 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	10 Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off	11
12 Communion 9 AM Traditional service 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary service	13 Harvest Workers Bible Study, 10am & 6pm here	14	15	16 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	17 Church Office Closed Youth Campers & Sponsors depart---	18 -----
19 9 AM Traditional service 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary service -----	20 <i>No Harvest Workers Bible Study today</i> -----	21 6 PM Men's & Ladies Groups meet for fellowship- (Men at Harvey Lindeman's) Women TBA -----	22 Youth Campers & Sponsors return -----	23 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	24 Church Office Closed LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering	25 Annual Gathering continues
26—Communion 9 AM Traditional service 10:15 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Contemporary service	27 Harvest Workers Bible Study, 10am & 6pm here	28	29	30	31	



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



It's Gathering Time! #CALLED2026

Have you ever sensed God nudging you? Ever get the feeling that God had something more for you in this life? If so, you are in good company! Across Texas and around the world, God still calls ordinary people like you and me into his extraordinary Kingdom work. The key question for us is how do we recognize and respond to being called? This summer, we will be exploring this question together. On July 24-25, Lutherans from across Texas will gather in New Braunfels for our 17th Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering. I personally would like to invite you to join us.

Our theme this year is CALLED, based on 2 Timothy 1:9: *"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."* This grounds our understanding of what it means to be called: not because we have earned anything, but by God's own purpose and grace. The truth proclaimed here once again is that God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people to be equipped and commissioned for Kingdom mission and ministry.

To be clear, this Gathering is for everyone. This is not a pastors' conference; it is not a church assembly for voting delegates; nor is it only for church council members to attend. This Gathering is for you! This weekend is a divine invitation for you to join our church family reunion. Come and see, for it is good! Experience uplifting worship, faithful teaching, inspiring messages, and great food and fellowship. And through it all, we pray that each of us may be better equipped to discern how God is calling us.

This year we are blessed to welcome three dynamic keynote speakers. Ben Griffin is the CEO of LINC and lives in Dallas. Ben is a former church planter and pastor with a heart for equipping leaders for creative kingdom ministry. Nathan Hoff will also be joining us from Trinity Lutheran in San Pedro, California where he serves as pastor and leads an internship program that invests in the leadership development of young adults. And finally, we are also privileged to have our Service Coordinator for LCMC, Julie Smith, join us from St. Peter, Minnesota. All three speakers will challenge and help us grow in our understanding of what it means to live out our calling in Christ.

And this Gathering isn't just for adults. Our Youth Gathering and Lock-In for students grades 6 through 12 will take place right alongside the main Gathering. The Youth will also be studying the same verse from 2 Timothy and will have engaging teaching time with youth leaders and our keynote speakers. Students will get the chance to participate in a service project and will have tons of fun that's planned just for them!

Our mission is to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships, we are equipping leaders, strengthening congregations, and inspiring mission. Our Gathering each year exemplifies this focus as our church family comes together to encourage and love one another for the sake of mission. See you in New Braunfels!

Go to www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering for registration and more info. Register by June 30 for early-bird pricing: \$80 adults / \$40 youth. July 1 prices increase to \$110 adults / \$55 youth. Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org. © 2026 Bryce J. Formwalt, All Rights Reserved. Reprinted with permission. July 2026