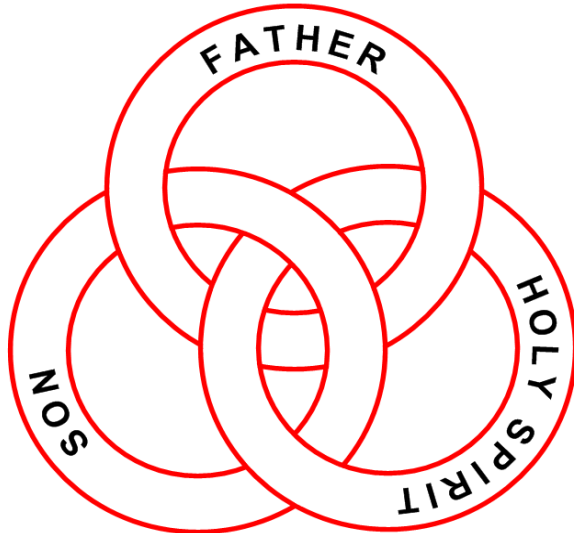


AUGUST 2026



Trinity Lutheran of Blanco

Where:

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

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Meals on Wheels delivery during August! Trinity is responsible for delivering meals to the homebound in our community this month. ****A week's worth of boxed meals are delivered each Tuesday.** See the sign up sheet posted in the narthex to sign up to deliver or to check the date you signed up!

Aug. 2—BRUNCH at Trinity! 10:15-11 AM in the fellowship hall hosted by the Men's Group

Mondays in August—Harvest Workers, 10 AM & 6 PM, fellowship hall

Aug. 4—Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, 5:00p.m. fellowship hall

Aug 6-7—Global Leadership Summit, 9am-4pm
Held in Trinity's fellowship hall
(No Bible Study with Pastor on 6th!)

Aug 9—Blessing of the Backpack's Sunday,
At both the 9 & 11:15 AM services
Baptism at 11:15 AM Worship Service
Hall Reserved, Noon for baptism reception

Aug 12—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6pm

Thursdays in August: 13th, 20th, & 27th only
Bible Study with Pastor, 11 AM, FH

Aug 16—CAMP SUNDAY! Learn more about the Summer Camping experience of our youth and sponsors at both services today
Sunday School Rally Day, 10:15 AM
Women's Quarterly Meeting & Lunch, Noon in the fellowship hall
Sip 'N Something Event in FH, 2pm

Aug 17-21—Secretary on Vacation this week!

Aug 18—Women's Group Meets, 6 PM, TBA
Men's Group Meets, 6 PM, TBA

Aug 21—Scrapbooking/Craft Gathering, 10am,
At Trinity's fellowship hall

Aug 30—5th Sunday Potluck Brunch, 10:15 AM
Bring your favorite breakfast or lunch food item to share at a brunch held between services from 10:15-11 AM

Bill Moberly and ALWM

We were privileged to have Pastor Bill Moberly here Sunday, July 26, preaching at both services and sharing during Sunday School classes, including high school and middle school students. Pastor Moberly was here three years ago and gave us an update on the different ministries that ALWM supports. It has grown and keeps growing. People are hungry for the gospel and for the love of God.

ALWM stands for Awakening Lives to World Mission. Listening to his presentations does awaken a person to realize that there is still a great deal of world mission that is left to be done. There are nine countries that Bill's work supports in Southeast Asia as well as Kenya and Belarus. We may not be called to go, but we can certainly help send.

There are three keys to this work that centers on the good news of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit: one, faithful workers that Bill works with in those countries, two, faithful supporters in the United States who pray for and finance the work, and three, Bill who champions the work, acting as a broker of gifts and ministries here and "over there." I'm so glad that we support this fruitful ministry. We have bulletin inserts that will give an overview and contact information so that you can get on Bill's mailing list. Let us keep Bill in our prayers so that he will be safe and able. He would like us to pray for someone who will respond to the call to come alongside of him and eventually lead the ministry. In the meantime we thank God for Bill's faithfulness.

Harvest Workers

September will begin a new year of study. This year's course will be on the history of the Reformation. It will be based on the Harvest Workers video based course by Pastor Perry Fruehling. If you haven't been involved with our Harvest Workers classes, it will be a great time to jump in. You will get the historical and theological reasons why the Reformation came about. I will be passing around a signup sheet on Sundays. We will keep the same Monday schedule of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM. You can attend either one or change which one you attend at your convenience as the content for each is the same.

Thursday Bible Study

Thursday, 11:00 AM, is our time for in depth Bible Study. We are currently finishing up the book of Hebrews in the New Testament. We will pick up another book or subject when we are finished. Keep in mind that you can join in any time. Each lesson is complete and does not require a person to have attended earlier. The more we are in the Word of God, whether in class or on our own, the more clearly we will understand God's heart and will for us. We will also be wise to the wiles of the enemy and not be deceived by false teaching. Most importantly, we will be encouraged to be about Kingdom work to the glory of God. Amen?

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Women's News and Happenings....

August 16th Women's Ministry Gathering—All Women are invited to the Women's luncheon and meeting in the fellowship hall at Noon. We will plan for future events and activities, including setting a date for an upcoming "Garage Sale" fundraiser in September or October. Join us!

ALSO on August 16th - Sip 'N Something Event at 2pm! A special guest will be helping us make decorative wreaths. Pre-registration will begin soon and a supply fee will be due August 1st. More information soon.

Women's Retreat set for April 22-25, 2027. The house has been reserved and we continue to host fundraisers to help with costs. Save the date and mark your calendar! More information to be announced.

For more information about these activities, reach out to Mary Jo Pfeiffer, (210) 213-7615

TLC of Blanco,

Thank you so much for your support in my journey as an Aggie. This church has been a constant, positive place in my life. Thank you so much for providing good examples and guidance in my walk with Christ.

Thank you, Caroline Seymour

*Caroline received a scholarship from Trinity to begin her studies
at Texas A&M University this fall.*

Altar Guild in August--Thank you to Marie Anna Lindeman, Sharon Cox, Karla Riley, and Connie Russell for their service to the altar and to Sunday worship during the month of July! During the month of August, Arlene Hamlin, Cindy Hawkins, and Melanie Laspia will prepare the altar for services. 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 during the year.

Trinity's Prayer List - Each Sunday the congregation offers prayers for those named in the bulletin supplement. Requests are made by calling or emailing names of those in need to the church office, or by listing names on the yellow contact cards on Sunday mornings.

In addition to these Sunday prayer petitions, a dedicated team of prayer warriors, each with a set of names from the list, continue to offer daily prayers. **What a blessing to be covered so completely in prayer!!**

If you added a name to the prayer list, please let us know about the status of your loved one or prayer concern. You may contact Pastor Mayer or Angie in the church office with any updates. (Call or text Pastor at 830-426-9146 or email: dtmayer75@yahoo.com or contact Angie at the church office 830-833-4771 or trinityblanco@gvtc.com)

Send a Card...Carolyn Milam, a former member and Stephen Minister at Trinity, is grieving the loss of her husband, Buzz, who passed away on July 27th after a long illness. If you'd like to offer your condolences, cards may be sent to: Carolyn Milam, 9130 Kostelnik Street, Needville, TX 77461.

Youth News for August

August 9th will again be our opportunity to offer "Blessing of the Backpacks"! All Students, Parents, Teachers and BHS Staff are invited to receive a backpack tag with scripture and special prayers for another school year.



Thank you Trinity!

August 16th:

- **CAMP SUNDAY at Both Services**, Trinity Tribe youth and sponsors will share their experiences at summer camp. *See photo above.*
- **BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL...for Rally Day!** Trinity's Youth Sunday School will kick off with Rally Day FUN! All ages of youth are encouraged to attend Trinity's Sunday School. We have a class for YOU!.

For more information about Trinity's Youth Program, contact Ashley Finch

AUGUST RESPONSIBILITIES

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

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Altar Flowers	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	David & JoAnne Hesskew	Laura Walla
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	David Hesskew David Barker Charles Riley
Worship Assistants	Cindy Hawkins	Cindy Hawkins	Jim Clifton	Jim Clifton	Jim Clifton
Greeters	Charles & Karla Riley	Wyatt & Ashley Finch	Jarrett & Alexis Pawelek	James & Debby Caudell	Trinity Youth
Lectors	Ron Bigler	Roland Pfeiffer	Arlene Hamlin	Keith Morgenroth	Ken McWilliams
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Jerry Gass (1 st) Travis Kersten (2 nd)	<i>No communion</i>	Sheri Riley (1 st) Karen Wagner (2 nd)	<i>No communion</i>

From Kim Barton, SHARE Center Director:

Thank you, Trinity Lutheran Church, for your generous donation to our ministries. You are truly a blessing, as our Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign has only raised about half of what it normally raises each year. We truly appreciate you allowing us this opportunity to ask for funds from your church families. I know God will continue to provide for us throughout the remainder of the year. And, Barb & Jan, thank you so much for all your efforts that helped make this possible!

As the liaisons between Trinity and the SHARE Center, we both want to add our sincerest *Thank You* to Kim's. We are so grateful to God for the loving, giving hearts here at Trinity. Barb Geistfeld and Jan Gass

Shared by Barb Geistfeld, Life Team Leader

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Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



A New Season of Learning

As we prepare to flip the calendar to August, there is no denying it's back-to-school time! Stores are showcasing all the school supplies front and center. Moms and Dads are taking their kids shopping for new clothes and shoes and backpacks and a never-ending list of things that every parent hopes will help their son or daughter learn and grow in the new school year. Soon churches will be blessing backpacks, praying for schools, and teachers, as the buses begin to roll. For many, the end of summer is a reminder of fresh starts and new learning.

What if this became a life-prompt for our discipleship journey? As I write this, we will soon be gathering in New Braunfels around the theme CALLED. Together we are exploring 2 Timothy 1:9 and are reminded that God saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not because of anything we have earned or accomplished, but according to his own purpose and grace. That is where the Christian life begins. Yet Paul does not leave Timothy, or us, there. In 2 Timothy 2:2 he instructs young Timothy what those who are called are to do next: *What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Notice the sequence Paul describes here: He taught Timothy. Timothy is then to entrust that same teaching to other faithful people. Then those faithful people are in turn to teach others. That is four generations of discipleship referenced in a single verse! This is how the gospel moves through history: from one disciple to another, passed down from one generation to the next. Every follower of Jesus is simultaneously a learner and a trainer: We never graduate from Jesus' discipleship training, always both learning from those who are ahead of us and teaching those who are coming after us. With that in mind, let me ask you two questions to ponder:

First, how is God calling you to keep on learning? Perhaps you join a small group or Bible study, or ask another believer to meet with and mentor you for a while. The One who called you longs to keep forming you by His grace and for His purpose. So how is God calling you to continue to grow and mature in your faith life in this new season?

Second, whom will you teach? You do not need a theology degree to be faithful to the call in 2 Timothy 2:2. You need only to faithfully pass on what you yourself have received. Teach a child, mentor a new believer, or open your home and your Bible to a neighbor. Invest in someone who will receive the Word of truth from you in the hope that in the same way one day they may invest in another.

This is the very heart of our shared mission as a District: to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships we seek to equip leaders, strengthen congregations, and inspire gospel mission. When we gather each year in July, it is never our finish line. Rather this is the starting line for a new season of learning and growth in faith. I pray that we may be hungry and eager learners and diligent, humble and faithful teachers, so that the good news we have received keeps on multiplying and being handed down from one generation to the next.

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. August 2026

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 8th Council of Ministries Meeting the Council approved the following organizations would receive benevolences totaling \$7,800.00, which is 10% of our offerings from April through June 2026. The organizations we regularly support each 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)

A special benevolence gift was also made to the Family of Tell Finch to help with expenses following his accident.

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AUGUST 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

Pastor David Mayer--Worship: 9 AM & 11:15 AM, (in person in the sanctuary or live-streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School: 10:15 AM in the fellowship hall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 BRUNCH today! 10:15-11 AM <i>No Sunday School today</i>	3 10AM & 6PM Harvest Workers Study	4 5pm Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, here	5	6 9am-4pm, Global Leadership Summit, here <i>No Pastor's Bible Study today</i>	7 9am-4pm, Global Leadership Summit, here	8
9 Communion <i>Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday!</i> Baptism at 11:15 Service Noon-2pm Hall reserved for baptism reception	10 10AM & 6PM Harvest Workers Study	11	12 Noon-2pm Ladies Game Day, here 6pm Council of Ministries meeting	13 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	14 <i>Church office closed, Pastor's day off</i>	15
16 Camp Sunday! 10:15 AM Sunday School Rally Day! Noon, Women's Meeting, FH 2pm Sip 'N Something, FH	17 <i>Secretary on vacation this week</i> 10AM & 6PM Harvest Workers Study	18 6pm Women's Group meets, TBA 6:30pm Men's Group meets, TBA	19	20 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	21 10am Scrapbooking Get-together, FH <i>Church office closed, Pastor's day off</i>	22
23— Communion 9 AM Worship 11:15 AM Worship	24 10AM & 6PM Harvest Workers Study	25 Newsletter articles due TODAY!	26	27 11am Pastor's Bible Study, here	28 <i>Church office closed, Pastor's day off</i>	29
30 10:15 AM Potluck BRUNCH Today! <i>No Sunday School today</i>	31					

Trinity Lutheran Church 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
Norman Eubank—Property
Ashley Finch—Education/Youth
Sally Anderson—Evangelism

COUNCIL NOTES—from the June 17, 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, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner.

Pastor David gave a devotional from the book Changing Us for Glory by David Gooding. He read Colossians 1:1-23. What is our inheritance in Christ? Worthiness! Even back in the days of King David... the enemy could not rob him of his worthiness in God's eyes. Know God's Word, so you know how to defend yourself for the sake of what Jesus has done for you...eternal life!

Jerry passed around a request for a short-term rental in TLC's neighborhood. No one saw a problem with the request since there are already several such rentals in the area.

The Minutes of the May 13th Council meeting were corrected as follows:

- 1) 1st paragraph...Ken McWilliams, attending as a guest, was encouraged to provide member input.
- 2) 5th paragraph...Our church secretary, Angie Daniels, is such a valuable staff member...
- 3) Last paragraph on 1st page... omit Dr. from Carrie Armstrong's name.

The Action Items were discussed. Sally is going to work with other estimates on the outside sign. Norman will pursue helping the hearing impaired enjoy the service more. Cymbre Wicker & Ken McWilliams were going to pursue having nametags made for all members. Travis made a motion to accept the corrected Minutes, Norman seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through May 2026. Keith gave the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2026.

Pastor David submitted his report. Several "friends of Trinity" have requested baptisms in the near future. Pastor has requested vacation time June 23 – July 1.

Youth and Education – Ashley reported that the Flag Football season has been cancelled because there was not enough interest. VBS was a huge success. Youth Camp will be held July 17-22. Camp Sunday will be August 16th. August 9th will be the 'Blessing of the Backpacks' Sunday. And August 16 will be Rally Sunday to start up the Youth Sunday School program for the new school year.

Stewardship – Wayne suggested TLC sponsor "an end of life" seminar this Fall presented by Lanie Brown. Pastor thought it would be nice to have other 'teaching' presentations periodically.

Evangelism – Sally has been working on the goodie bags for first time visitors. She will make a sample polo shirt for Pastor with the TLC logo, etc. to get Council comments before she proceeds with full orders.

Fellowship – Karen W has been busy restocking the pantry after VBS.

Worship – Travis reported all areas are doing well. Sheila will update TLC's website with pictures people submit concerning TLC activities, but none have been submitted so far.

Property – Norman submitted his report. A mailbox was installed outside the church office to fill the need while waiting for Blanco to have a Post Office again. (**Please note:** TLC mail will be forwarded from JC Post Office to

our physical address for 6 months). The church interior painting project will soon take place, and there is a need for help in moving things around to prepare. Keith suggested that this type of capital improvement be capitalized into Primary Property Building (as a Fixed Asset) as it is spent. Ashley made a motion to show this capital improvement as Keith suggested, Wayne seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

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

Old Business – Please refer to the Thank You Communications report that Wayne submitted. He read a more detailed account of the Ethnomedia story concerning a miraculous incident in a small Guatemalan village, to show the way God's Word can impact people when Gospel stories are shared in a native language.

The Communion Assistants schedule was updated as follows:

July 26 Norman Eubank (1st) Ashley Finch (2nd)

Aug 9 Jerry Gass (1st) Travis Kersten (2nd)

Aug 23 Sheri Riley (1st) Karen Wagner (2nd)

Oct 25, Reformation Wayne Gosnell, both

In reference to activities concerning "Know your Community", Pastor David suggested a 'local church/congregation affiliation' be included on the VBS registration form next year. This could be helpful when following up with families who might be interested in joining Trinity.

Jerry & Pastor David announced that the carillon was reinstalled and is working again.

New Business – Keith passed out a draft form entitled 'TLC-Blanco Payment Request' for Council members to review. This page would go in front of each invoice before a check is issued. In Angie's absence, issuing a check follows a process. This form is an attempt to standardize that process and to improve our audit trail for internal control purposes.

Travis made a motion to give \$5,000.00 to The Tell Finch Benefit account, and to announce to the congregation that an additional freewill offering will be taken through the end of July. Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. For the freewill offering, a check can be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church, with 'Tell Finch Benefit' on the memo line. This will enable a tax benefit but not affect TLC's benevolence factors or Contribution Income.

Hal reviewed a few security stories.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Hal seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.