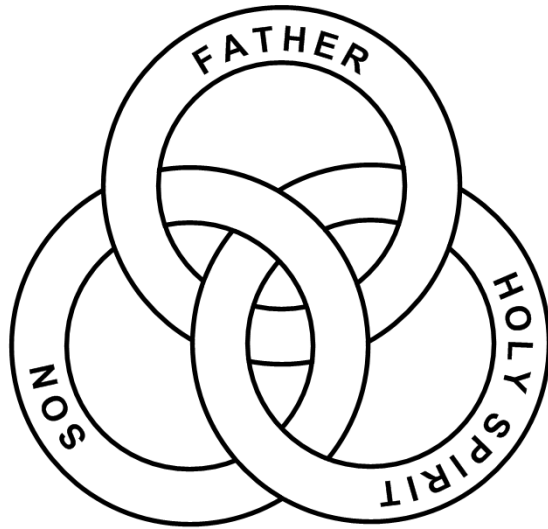




Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco, Texas

Where:

*"God is Seen,
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Lives are Changed"*

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October Events at Trinity:

Oct. 1 & All Thursdays in October: Pastor's Bible Study, 11:00am, fellowship hall

Oct. 4—Brunch at Trinity! 10:15-11:00 am

Plan to stay after 9 AM worship and come early for 11:15 AM worship to enjoy food, fellowship, and brunch! Women's Teams Ruth & Hannah will host the brunch in the fellowship hall

Baby Boy Dollahite Sprinkle during brunch

Oct. 4-7, LCMC National Gathering in Iowa

Oct. 5—Prayer Shawl Gathering, 10:30am, FH

Oct. 6—Barnabas Time for Stephen Ministers, 5pm

Oct. 7—SHARE Center Luncheon, Noon, FH

Oct. 10—Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, here 8 AM

Oct. 11 Fall Festival for Youth Campers!

Oct. 12—Church Office Closed for holiday

Oct. 14—Ladies Game Day, Noon-2pm, here
Council of Ministries Meeting, 6:00pm

Oct. 16—Scrapbooking & Crafts, 10am, FH
Rotary Meeting, 11am, FH

Oct. 19, & 26: Harvest Workers Study of the Reformation, 10a.m. & 6p.m., fellowship hall

Oct. 19—Lucky Leaf 4-H Club meeting here, 6pm

Oct. 18—Polka Worship at 9am service
Contemporary Worship at 11:15am

Oct. 20—Women's Group meets at 6pm at the home of Doris Perez
Men's Group meets at 6pm at Hal Switzer's

Oct. 24—Prayer Shawl Gathering, 10:30am, FH

Oct. 25—Reformation Sunday

An interesting thing happened to me in high school. During my junior year the high school elected a junior to serve the following year as the Editor in Chief of the yearbook. It came out of the blue, but somehow I was chosen for this important position.

There was a problem. I didn't have a clue what this work entailed. I was meant to participate in the work of the previous yearbook to gain experience. That did not pan out as intended. I was not invited to their meetings.

The fall of my senior year arrived and the work was before me. The staff sponsor of the yearbook helped me get the process off the ground. The best thing that I did was to ask some very gifted people in my class to become part of the team: photographers, artists, writers, layout designers and a treasurer. Individually we did our part and then brought together a finished product to be delivered to the printer.

People who had never done a project like this before brought together a yearbook that was innovative, artistic and a good representation of one year in the life of Kodaikanal International School. By myself I was overwhelmed. With gifted people around me doing their share of the work, the yearbook – called the “Eucy,” short for Eucalyptus –succeeded. (We had a lot of Eucalyptus trees growing in the area.)

As we come to another school year we can look around and see many accomplishments. Our efforts bore fruit and we are proud of and happy with the results.

I believe, however, that as with the yearbook that I worked on, we were surrounded by many people; gifted and dedicated people. They helped and encouraged us in many ways. They provided for us, they taught us, they mentored us, they worked along side of us, they picked up the slack.

As we look forward, it's a good reminder that the church needs people with a variety of gifts, in the church Council, on food teams, helping with worship, readings, etc. Church is not an arena for the few, but the many, with a variety of gifts, talents, time and energy. We need to be ready to ask people to join in the privilege of serving and leading, but a church also needs people who self-identify as those ready to step up to the plate.

And, the amazing thing is that as capable as God is, He calls us into partnership with Him. Let us celebrate with our Lord, the variety of people who make good things happen. That's one thing that makes church healthy.

May the Lord empower, gift and lead us into the work of the Kingdom. May we be ready to do our part as He gifts, guides and nudges us by offering opportunities.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Hearing Assistance during Worship

For use with cellphones linked to Bluetooth hearing aids or earbuds

1. Download the Audiofetch app to your cellphone.
(for iPhone go to App Store, for Android go to Google Play)
2. On Sundays, when you enter the sanctuary, take out your cellphone and go to Settings, then WiFi and select “**Audiofetch Express**”
3. Close settings
4. Open the Audiofetch App and use the bar to adjust volume as needed.



Women's Ministry News—

Sept. 30th Fall Pumpkin Sip and Something! Wednesday, September 30, 5- 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be creating Fall centerpieces. \$25 each for all materials furnished, or \$10 for foam pumpkin furnished and you can bring your own flowers, ribbon, etc. If you just want to come for fun, fellowship, and to help make them for a fund-raiser, no charge. Feel free to bring a friend. You can pay at the event.
(If you have fall supplies of flowers, greenery, ribbon, or other decorations you want to donate, it is appreciated!)

Oct. 4th Brunch at Trinity, hosted by the Ruth & Hannah Women's Service Teams from 10:15-11 AM in the fellowship hall. Stay after 9 AM service or come early for 11:15 AM worship for food and fellowship.

Oct 4th during brunch - It's a "Sprinkle" for Baby Boy Dollahite!

(a sprinkle is a mini shower for the basics and diapers) After three beautiful daughters Rance and Tayler will be blessed with a boy and those hand-me-downs just don't work the same. Pampers Swaddlers are preference, but they all work



Oct. 20th Women's Group Meeting: Doris Perez (210-857-5997) will host the women's group at her home.

We are scheduling for the rest of 2026 and beginning of 2027. Each month on the 3rd Tuesday, all Women are invited to meet at 6:00pm for fellowship, a light supper, and Bible Study at the home of a participant or in the church's fellowship hall. ...please consider hosting a Women's Group either at your home or the church's fellowship hall. Contact Mary Jo Pfeiffer (210-213-7615) if you are interested in co-hosting in the coming months.

Trinity's Altar Guild—

Thank you to Bonnie Triesch and Tara Seymour for their maintenance and preparation of the altar for communion and worship during the month of September!

Serving during the month of October, will be Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton, and Clara Gourley. If you are interested in serving Trinity as a member of the Altar Guild, please contact Sharon Cox at 210-385-2532.

Lucky Leaf 4-H Club of Blanco meets at 6pm at Trinity's fellowship hall for once a month Monday meetings*. (*Dates will be on the church calendar and are subject to change with scheduled school events.) In October, the 4-H Club will be meeting on **Monday, Oct. 19th**, at 6pm.

Harvest Workers study of the Reformation will also meet here on Mondays at 6pm and will share space here at church that night.

College Fair: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the St. Ferdinand Catholic Church Hall. Open to **PARENTS & STUDENTS** (grades 9-12) and school officials from Blanco, Johnson City, Canyon Lake, and Wimberley High Schools.



Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 6:30

Speak with representatives from UTSA, Texas Tech, Texas State, Texas Lutheran University, Service Academies, military recruiters, Vocational Schools, scholarship sponsors, and more...

If you belong to a local organization that sponsors a scholarship to students at any of the High Schools listed, please contact Kathie Estrada at kathleenestrada27@gmail.com or 210-373-7503 to participate. *Sponsored by the Blanco American Legion Post 352 and the Saint Ferdinand Men of Faith.*

News From Your Council of Ministries

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

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

Notes from the August 12, 2026 Council of Ministries Meeting

President Jerry Gass called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Council members present were Sally Anderson, Norman Eubank, Jerry Gass, Travis Kersten, Pastor David Mayer, Keith Morgenroth, Sheri Riley, Karen Steiger, Hal Switzer, and Karen Wagner. Guests present were Charles Riley, Rocky Chisham, Sidney Cox, and Barb Geistfeld. Barb presented several old Geistfeld beautifully framed documents that the family does not want to keep. She proposed that TLC might want to display them now or have them to display later. Sidney attended as a guest observer. Rocky represented Wayne Gosnell as a guest with no voting rights. Charles plans to step in as Treasurer for Keith Morgenroth. Refreshments were enjoyed because it was Keith's last Council meeting in person before he and his wife move to Indiana.

Pastor David's devotional was based on Romans 12:1,2. Present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. He challenged us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, which are the battlefields of truth. Jesus came to bring Truth (discerning wisdom) and Grace (God's love) to us. Pastor also shared thoughts given by several of the Global Leadership Summit speakers before he ended his devotional with a prayer.

There were no corrections to the Minutes of the July 8, 2026, Council meeting. The Action Items were discussed. Rebecca Hendricks has agreed to occasionally provide music for our 2nd worship service. Travis made a motion to accept the Minutes, Norman seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Sheri gave the Financial Report through July 2026. Keith gave the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2026. It was discussed setting up a Reserve Fund for emergency expenses without having to go before the Congregation for approval. i.e. when the A/C unit went out. It is IRS approved to do such a thing.

Pastor David submitted his report. He was able to give Dorothy Bauer, Karen Wagner's mother, Holy Communion before her passing. Ken McWilliams is working on name tags for the Congregation. Six baptisms have taken/will take place soon. Pastor reported on the Summer Youth Camp. Harvest Workers' course finishes up the Old Testament overview and will begin the History of the Reformation on Monday, September 14th. Exciting things are happening through the ministry of Pastor Bill Moberly (ALWM).

Travis made a motion to give Pastor Bill Moberly a one-time gift of \$5,000.00 in addition to the quarterly benevolence amount he already receives, to use as he sees fit. Sheri seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The money would be taken out of Miscellaneous Expense – Line Item 68000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

--Youth and Education – In Ashley's absence, Karen W reported that The Blessing of the Backpacks was held. 80 tags & 110 keychains were handed out at church and during 'Meet the Teachers'. Youth Sunday School will begin Sunday, August 16th...Sundae Sunday. Camp Sunday is also August 16th. A video will be shown of the Youth Summer Camp experience.

--Stewardship – In Wayne's absence, Rocky circulated 3 letters that were received this month... Community Resource Center, Ethnomedia, and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

--Evangelism – Sally submitted her report. The outside church sign is still a work in progress. She is working on the newcomer's packet and shared 2 items that could be included... a notepad and a car decal. Norman noticed that the newspaper ad omitted the word "Where..." from our motto.

Council agreed to again sponsor a banner for display at the football stadium to benefit the Blanco Booster Club with a donation of \$250.00. This money would be taken out of Youth Evangelism – Line Item 60003.

Sally gave Pastor David a polo shirt with Trinity's new logo as a sampling of what she can order for people who wish to represent the Congregation.

--Fellowship – Karen W continues to keep the pantry stocked.

--Worship – Travis reported that all areas are doing well. The Altar Guild is looking into repairing/replacing the stands that hold the poinsettia plants. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Sharon Cox. Norman suggested contacting Mike Blasi, if any woodworking is needed. The expenses incurred might be taken out of the Memorial Fund.

--Property – Norman submitted his report. The sanctuary painting has been completed. The Federal Pacific Electric breaker panel installation in the hall closet has been completed. And the narthex a/c & air handler system has been replaced. Norman is waiting for input from David Lowe at FBC as they are installing the Audio Fetch System for the hearing impaired. Spring-loaded hinges have been installed on the restroom doors in the narthex.

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

Old Business – The Communion Assistants schedule was updated as follows:

Oct 11 Sally Anderson (1st) Travis Kersten (2nd)
Oct 25, Reformation Wayne Gosnell (both)
Nov 1, All Saints Stan Steiger (9 AM)
Nov 8, Veterans' Jerry Gass (9 AM)
Nov 22 Charles Riley (9 AM)

The Church Council Retreat Part I will be held right after the late service on Sunday, September 13th. We would have a short lunchtime and meet for 2 or 3 hours afterwards.

New Business – Keith suggested that TLC open a new 9-month Accessible CD at TRB with the funds in the Endowment Fund so that better interest can be earned. He circulated a form showing the 4-step process that needs to be followed, including the required signatures. Travis Kersten made a motion to transfer TLC's current balance in a/c #...5275 at TRB to open a new 9-Month Accessible CD, then close a/c #...5275 at TRB, and allow Angie Daniels' online access to CD #***9367 and new 9 Month Accessible CD account. Hal Switzer seconded the motion, and the Church Council unanimously approved the motion.

Hal announced the Nomination Committee that is working to fill the expiring terms for Church Council Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Worship, and Property will consist of Brenda Moore, Jay Slaughter, and Hal Switzer. The candidates will be presented to the Congregation and the election will take place at the November 8th Congregational meeting. The Budget Committee to formulate next year's Budget will consist of Charles Riley, Bob Perez, Rocky Chisholm, Keith Morgenroth and Hal Switzer.

Hal suggested that we move the September Council meeting to the 3rd Wednesday instead of our regular 2nd Wednesday to give Keith more time to move and then be able to call in and join us for that meeting. Hal made a motion to move the September Council meeting to the 16th, Travis seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion.

Upcoming events include Aug 12th Camp Sunday, Rally Day for the Youth, and the Women's Quarterly meeting followed by 'Sip & Something'. Men's Group meets at Rocky Chisholm's house and Women's Group meets at the Fellowship Hall, both on Tuesday, Aug 18th at 6:00pm. 5th Sunday Potluck will be held on Sunday, Aug 30th.

Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith seconded the motion, and the Council members approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer.

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OCTOBER 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*

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25
Altar Flowers	<i>Doris Phipps in Memory & in Honor of Cancer Patients</i>	<i>David & JoAnne Hesskew in Honor of Brittany's 38th Birthday</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Mark Liesmann in Memory of Emil & Medora Beckmann</i>
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
Worship Assistant	Cindy Hawkins	Jim Clifton	Jim Clifton	Stan Steiger
Greeters	Paul & Brenda Moore	Ray & Sharon Wolbrecht	Marie Anna Lindeman & Sharon Cox	Travis & Kathy Kersten
Lector	Ron Bigler	Ken McWilliams	Ron Bigler	Arlene Hamlin
Communion Assistants	<i>No communion</i>	Sally Anderson, 1 st Travis Kersten, 2 nd	<i>No communion</i>	Wayne Gosnell, <i>both services</i>
Altar Guild		In October:	Sophie Johnson, Sandy Mann, Sheri Riley, Janice Culton, Clara Gourley	

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OCTOBER 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR--TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BLANCO

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	3
4 Brunch at Trinity from 10:15-11:00 AM "Sprinkle" for Baby Boy Dollahite, 10:15am <u>LCMC National Gathering</u>	5 <i>No Harvest Worker today</i> 10:30am Prayer Shawl Gathering <u>In Des Moines--</u>	6 5pm Barnabas Time <u>Iowa-----//</u>	7 Noon Share Center Liaison Luncheon, FH <u>-----//</u>	8 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	10 8am Men's Ecumenical Breakfast, here
11 Communion 1-4 PM Youth Host Fall Festival, here!	12 Church Office Closed for Columbus Day Holiday, No Harvest Workers today	13	14 Noon-2pm Game Day, here 6:00pm Council of Ministries meeting	15 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church office closed</i> 10am Scrapbooking & Crafts 11am Rotary Meeting	17
18 Polka Worship at 9 AM Contemporary service, 11:15 AM	19 Harvest Worker Courses, 10am & 6pm 6pm 4-H Meeting, FH	20 6pm Women's Group meets at Doris Perez 6pm Men's Group meets at Switzers	21	22 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	24 10:30am Prayer Shawl Gathering
25--Communion Reformation Sunday	26 Harvest Worker Courses, 10am & 6pm Lucky Leaf 4-H club meeting, 6pm	27	28	29 11am Pastor's Bible Study, fellowship hall	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Church office closed</i>	31



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



Double Honor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and faithful people in congregations across the country will be blessing their pastors with gifts and acts of thanksgiving and kindness. From greeting cards to gift cards and from free cups of coffee to all-expense paid vacations, these gestures communicate to pastors that they are loved and appreciated.

Paul writes in 1 Timothy 5:17-18, *The elders who are good leaders are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching...* "The worker is worthy of his wages." Double honor, understood biblically, refers to demonstrating respect in addition to providing ample compensation for pastors as their livelihood.

If you spend any significant time talking to a pastor about their work, you are likely to learn about the ways that ministry is a joy and what they love about their calling. But if you go a little deeper and the pastor speaks freely, you will also discover some of what is not so great and the weight of responsibility that many pastors carry.

Pastors report some of the highest rates of job-related stress. Just dealing with the pastoral care needs of a congregation can be a significant burden: visiting the sick and shut-ins, comforting those mourning, helping families and marriages in trouble, nurturing the faith of those struggling, dealing with crises that come at all hours. Never mind the fact that the pastor has a sermon, a Bible study, and a confirmation class to prepare; worship services that need planning; staff that needs guidance and supervision; committees or ministry teams that need input; and a disgruntled church member that demands attention and things to go their way! All the while the pastor wonders whether they are neglecting their own family's needs or their own self-care.

Shepherding a congregation is difficult work and faithful pastors often silently bear these burdens instead of burdening the people they are called to lead, love, and serve. So how might your congregation double honor your pastor not just in October, but all year long? Here are three practical steps you can take to care for your pastor.

First, speak well of your pastor. Do this both directly to your pastor as well as in conversations when they are not around. In 1 Thessalonians 5:13, Paul says to regard pastors very highly in love because of their work. A specific, heartfelt word of encouragement can be a way God uses you to help fill your pastor's tank. Be specific about how they have been a blessing and be sure to tell others, too, both in your church and in your community.

Second, guard your pastor's rest. When the pressures of ministry mount, the first thing to go for a pastor typically is their own sabbath rest. Protect their day off, encourage them to take their vacation time as well as to attend retreats and conferences that refresh their soul and renew their minds. Adopt a sabbatical policy to provide for extended leave (Contact me for a sample sabbatical policy). A rested, encouraged pastor is a gift to the whole church.

Third, provide for your pastor generously. The primary reason good pastors consider new calls is insufficient compensation. Fair and faithful compensation is biblical. And remember, there likely is another church searching for a pastor that's offering a much more generous compensation package. Reviewing your pastor's salary and benefits each year with honesty and generosity is the most concrete way a congregation shows double honor. When a church cares well for the one who labors among them as their spiritual leader, they free their pastor to serve fully in the ministry of the gospel.

Caring for our pastors is not a distraction from our mission; it is essential to it. Honored, well-supported pastors are leaders God is using to carry the mission of God forward in and through our congregations for this generation to the next. So this October, do more than sign your name to a card. Offer the shepherd God has given you the double honor that Scripture calls for.

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