



# Trinity Lutheran Church

*A Lutheran Congregation of Traditional Faith*

## Trinity Tidings

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3rd Qtr (July-September) 2019

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### Baptism

On Sunday, July 14th we celebrated the baptism of Jake Anthony Hartman into God's family. Jake is the son of Garrett and Valerie Hartman.

### *In Sympathy*

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Bobby Williams upon his recent death.*

*His family includes wife, Barbara Williams and daughter, Robin Blankenburg.*

*Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers*

## Thank You

*I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for my son Randy. He is doing well.*

*Thelma Newton*

## Game Day

Really good crowd at game day. We had over 30 people there. Good food and fellowship with different churches. It is a good thing.

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## Congratulations!

Exciting news for Britni and Brian Sandifer. They will be welcoming a new branch to their Family tree in March 2020

## VBS

The Vacation Bible School that was scheduled for August 12-14 has been cancelled. We will take this year off and schedule again for next year.

## Cowboy UP!



Brentley Sandifer and his horse Cowboy earned this jacket and belt buckle as awards for Waller County Little Britches. He is very proud.

## Memorials and Gifts

The following were Received since the last newsletter:

Gift at Game Day—Gloria Cox

In memory of Bobby Williams: Tommy and Peggy Albert



*Texas District*

# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth

## Church Revitalization: Getting Moving Again

As a District here in Texas, we believe that God is calling our association of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ to multiply disciples and churches. And to support our congregations in accomplishing this mission, the Texas District is committed to working in three strategic areas: church planting, church revitalization, and leadership development. In this edition of "Mission Moment" we explore the topic of church revitalization.

Virtually everyone agrees that church planting is a good idea, but it is also important to assist established congregations in their mission to make disciples. Long ago, the Texas District recognized the need to support congregations in need of revitalization. But when does a congregation need to be revitalized?

The root of the word is "vitality" which is a measure of health and the power to live and to grow. Some might describe their church as stuck in a rut. Others might note the loss of joy and enthusiasm that they once had. Still others might point to the lack of adult baptisms or that no new believers have been added to their number in quite some time. Most experts agree that a congregation that has plateaued or experienced decline in worship attendance as measured over a five-year period is in need of revitalization. At a very minimum, such congregations have lost momentum and need to get moving again in the direction God desires.

This process involves taking a long, hard look at the current circumstances of ministry with an open heart and an open mind and to begin to ask God to do a new thing as the congregation charts a new path into the future. I encourage congregations to surrender their church to God's Kingdom and submit Jesus' Lordship in a fresh way. Ask questions like: "If God were to start a church in our community to reach the people here who don't know Jesus, what would that church look like and what would it's people be doing?" And as God helps you to answer those questions, then ask yourselves, "What's stopping us from becoming *that* church?"

There is no doubt about it: revitalization is hard. But the longer a congregation holds onto its ineffective ways without seeking revitalization, the harder it will be to get the congregation moving again in the direction God desires. So what about your church? How's your church's vitality? What can you do to help lead your congregation to greater health and growth? The good news is you are not alone: Jesus is with you, and we're here too. If you'd like support in seeking revitalization, feel free to contact me anytime. It's never too late to get moving again.

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July 2019

# Layne Luetge (Grandson of Glynne and Robert Luetge)



Left: Layne winning 1st in the 7-9 Breakaway at the Waller County Little Britches.

Below: Layne winning 2nd in the 10 & Under Breakaway at the Chris Neal Future Stars Roping



Left: Joe Beavers Roping

Right: Layne winning Ricky Canton's 10 & Under Breakaway





*Texas District*

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## Training Workers for the Harvest

As a District here in Texas, we believe that God is calling us to multiply disciples and churches. To support our congregations in this mission, we are committed to church planting, church revitalization, and leadership development. In this "Mission Moment," we explore our work in the area of leadership development.

Healthy, disciple-making and multiplying churches need healthy and well-trained leaders. While every congregation is called to develop leaders, we believe that this is a vital area for our District to provide support. Therefore, we host our Annual Gathering and Pre-Gathering Seminars each Summer; regional Reboot | Retool | Refuel workshops in the Spring and Fall; and our Winter Leadership Retreat in Concan. We are grateful that these events help leaders with opportunities for education, inspiration, encouragement, and spiritual renewal.

Recently, we felt called to grow our engagement in the area of leadership development. Inspired by the ministry training program employed by our newest congregation, Bethel, Laredo, and the Latin American Lutheran Institute, we began dreaming about a ministry training program that would be online and on-demand to train and equip leaders for ministry. We are calling this program Workers for the Harvest.

In Matthew 9 we read that "Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.'"

God has given us a big dream for better equipping more workers for the harvest by creating a new on-ramp for leadership development. We aim to provide faithful and mission-minded training to equip students to answer God's call to greater Kingdom ministry as future ministry leaders, youth workers, evangelists, church planters or even contract pastors. And we need your help. First, we want to invite you to pray for this new ministry. Secondly, we'd like to ask you and your congregation to consider making a financial gift to help us launch this new program. And finally, prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you or someone you know to take the next step to answering God's call by enrolling in Workers for the Harvest. If you or your congregation would like to learn more, contact me. I look forward to sharing about this exciting new ministry.

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August 2019

## Stewards of Worship

EventDate	Usher1	Usher2	LayReader
04-Aug-19	Clement, Wanda	Luetge, Glynne	Sandifer, Britni
11-Aug-19	Becvar, Rhonda	Becvar, Keith	Kulhanek, Ann, E
18-Aug-19	Hoffart, Tracy, S	Senasac, Richard	Becvar, Rhonda
25-Aug-19	Hartman, Garrett	Paben, Tom	Fritz, Terry, A
01-Sep-19	Chelf, Marc	Wilson, Willie	Fritz, Richard, L
08-Sep-19	Becvar, Rhonda	Becvar, Keith	Luetge, Glynne
15-Sep-19	Dunn, Scott		Senasac, Richard
22-Sep-19	Fritz, Richard, L	Fritz, Terry, A	Kulhanek, Charles, V
29-Sep-19	Ewing, Beth	Wood, Linda, C	Ewing, Beth

EventDate	CommunionAsst1	CommunionAsst2	MoneyCounter1	MoneyCounter2
04-Aug-19	Blankenburg, Robin	Sandifer, Britni	Hoffart, Tracy, S	Paben, Dianne
11-Aug-19			Hoffart, Tracy, S	Paben, Dianne
18-Aug-19	Kulhanek, Charles, V	Senasac, Richard	Hoffart, Tracy, S	Paben, Dianne
25-Aug-19			Hoffart, Tracy, S	Paben, Tom
01-Sep-19	Hartman, Garrett	Paben, Tom	Dodd, Hilda, G	Nagy, Alma, N
08-Sep-19			Dodd, Hilda, G	Nagy, Alma, N
15-Sep-19	Nagy, Alma, N	Wood, Linda, C	Dodd, Hilda, G	Nagy, Alma, N
22-Sep-19			Dodd, Hilda, G	Nagy, Alma, N
29-Sep-19			Dodd, Hilda, G	Nagy, Alma, N

**AUG**  
**1**  
Thu  
2019

**Trinity Woman's Meeting**  
Aug 1 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Trinity Woman's Meeting**  
Aug 1 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**AUG**  
**4**  
Sun  
2019

**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Aug 4 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am

**Adult Sunday School**  
Aug 4 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

**Youth Sunday School**  
Aug 4 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

**AUG**  
**8**  
Thu  
2019

**Trinity Game Day @ Trinity Fellowship Hall**  
Aug 8 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**AUG**  
**11**  
Sun  
2019

**Worship Service**  
Aug 11 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am

**Adult Sunday School**  
Aug 11 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

**AUG**  
**18**  
Sun  
2019

**Worship with Holy Communion**  
Aug 18 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am

**AUG**  
**25**  
Sun  
2019

**Worship Service**  
Aug 25 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am

Birthday	Name
02-Jul	Hartman, Garrett
05-Jul	Dodd, Hilda, G
13-Jul	Byer, Mary
18-Jul	Becvar, Brian
20-Jul	Becvar, Keith

Birthday	Name
02-Aug	Fritz, Terry
03-Aug	Chernosky, Ora Nell
10-Aug	Chelf, Erin
17-Aug	Fritz, Richard
20-Aug	Hartman, Lee
22-Aug	Elledge, Dorothy
27-Aug	Dunn, Scott

Anniversary	Name
04-Aug	Bill and Harlene Johnson



SEP  
**1**  
Sun  
2019

- Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sep 1 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Adult Sunday School**  
Sep 1 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- Youth Sunday School**  
Sep 1 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

SEP  
**5**  
Thu  
2019

- Trinity Woman's Meeting**  
Sep 5 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- Trinity Woman's Meeting**  
Sep 5 @ 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

SEP  
**8**  
Sun  
2019

- Worship Service**  
Sep 8 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Adult Sunday School**  
Sep 8 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am
- Quarterly Brunch**  
Sep 8 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

SEP  
**12**  
Thu  
2019

- Trinity Game Day @ Trinity Fellowship Hall**  
Sep 12 @ 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

SEP  
**15**  
Sun  
2019

- Worship with Holy Communion**  
Sep 15 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am

SEP  
**22**  
Sun  
2019

- Worship Service**  
Sep 22 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Adult Sunday School**  
Sep 22 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

SEP  
**29**  
Sun  
2019

- 5th Sunday Worship Service**  
Sep 29 @ 9:15 am – 10:15 am
- Adult Sunday School**  
Sep 29 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Birthday	Name
04-Sep	Byer, Bill

Anniversary	Name
27-Sep	Robert & Glynne Luetge