



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
July 2022 Newsletter

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Sunday School for all ages meets throughout the summer. There are some schedule changes, so check out the church calendar. Adults gather in the sanctuary with Gary Revere while children/youth ages 4 through 12th grade meet in Rm 6 of the Family Center.

Summer Sunday School Schedule for July

Date	Enduring Faith Theme / Bible Text	Volunteer
July 3	Preaching & Perils / Acts 20:1-12	Cindy Franz
July 10	Paul's Prison Protection / Acts 23:12-24	Will & Emily Lansmon
July 17	All Overboard / Acts 27:9-44	Marilyn Pack
July 24	To A New Generation / 2 Timothy 1, 3:14-17	Bethany Espinoza
July 31	The Last Call / Revelation 22:6-21	Will & Emily Lansmon

(Lesson plans for each week are available in the church office)

THE TREE OF LIFE VBS

SUNDAY, JULY 24 - THURSDAY, JULY 28 5:30pm – 8:00pm

It is JULY and that means it is time for VBS here at Faith Lutheran. Each year, we open our doors to community children and their families to spread the Good News! Get registered, sign up to serve, bring food, or help decorate: **We Need YOU!**

Our first volunteer meeting was a huge success, and we are ready to get things finalized for the big week! There are many opportunities to serve. Sign-up sheets are on the board in the narthex, or reach out to serve in the following areas:

- ✓ Ola Faye and Donna will organize decorations
- ✓ Sarah Osterloh and Diana Synatzske will design our crafts
- ✓ Diane Revere will serve as our Bible Story Leader
- ✓ Game and Bible Challenge are up for grabs, with fun activities planned
- ✓ Group Leaders, usually our awesome youth 😊, needed for each group



Each night, ministries of our church will provide and serve food for our guest. Lisa Stroebel will be helping ensure we have plenty of fruit, veggies and snacks to get through the week. Cindy Ramming will be serving as our photographer, and communication guru. Be on the lookout for specifics the week of **The Tree of Life**. Come be part of the fun and fellowship!

Please consider being part of this year's Vacation Bible School. We could use you in the kitchen serving smiles and good food, sharing Jesus' truths during rotations, or leading the kids through rotations in learning about Jesus: We need YOU!

SAVE THE DATE! GET REGISTERED! SPREAD THE WORD!!

Mission of the Month

Faith Comes by Hearing

This month, Faith will, once again, partner with Faith Comes by Hearing as our Mission of the Month. Many of you know Faith Comes by Hearing through their Military BibleStick program, "Hope for Our Heroes". But Faith Comes By Hearing does much more. Today, Faith Comes by Hearing has Bible recordings in 1457 languages spoken by 6.1 billion people. And their goal for 2033 is even larger... to partner with like-minded ministries to record Scripture in every language of the world that needs it and make these recordings freely available by every means possible. Why audio you might ask? Because 70% of the world's population live and learn in oral cultures and 50% of the world's population cannot read well enough to understand Scripture. Of the 7,100+ languages spoken around the world, an estimated 4,000+ still need Audio Scriptures.

Special giving envelopes will be available in the narthex for donations to Faith Comes by Hearing. Or, you can go online to Faith's website and donate through the 'Give' portal and look for Mission of the Month. At the end of July, a portion of Faith's monthly tithe will also go to help support Faith Comes by Hearing. Look for more information on the Mission of the Month bulletin board.

Excerpted: Faith Comes by Hearing Newsletter, Winter 2022

Stewardship Report Through May 2022

Cary Strohmeyer, Chair

As we begin to look towards preparing the 2023 Church Budget, the Board of Stewardship would like to provide an update on the 2022 budget thus far.

Although expenses have been held to just **\$331** over budget, income is **\$9,568 below** budget, at \$107,907. This leaves us with a deficit in Net Ordinary Income of **\$9,687**. If this trend continues, we will end 2022 approximately **\$26,000** in the red for the year.

The good news is that it would only take a 9% increase in congregational giving to erase this deficit. As of May 31, we have \$303,522 in checking; however, \$189,705 is encumbered which leaves \$113,817 to cover expenditures.

Investment cash remains steady at almost \$80,000. The remaining balance on the Faith Family Center now is down to \$110,548.

From the Faith School Director

Faith School is loving summer! We kept busy in June with Science and Technology themed lessons, including some neat arts and crafts. We enjoyed playing on the playground and playing games on Faith Field.

This summer, Faith School's weekly themes are STEM based with focus on the five senses: taste, smell, touch, hearing, and sight. July we are working on Engineering and Art.

At the end of the month, we will host a messy art day. The children will wear a white t-shirt and go home with their artwork all over their shirt!
How fun is that?!

Blessings, Lauren Johnson

Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

In June, John Linne and Kristen (Dupre) Smith hosted Barefoot Buddies Volleyball camp for some very special kids in Faith's family center. Please see the pictures below and see how much fun the kids had!



AWESOME!





Stephen Ministry

We are all influenced by different sufferings. How can I judge another? Leave it to God the unravelling of the puzzles of life. Leave it to God the teaching of understanding. Bring each heart to God, its Maker, and leave it with Him. Secure in the certainty that all that is wrong He can set right.

Our appreciation is extended to Marlene and Burl Peiser, who completed Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. This was a big investment in time and money.

We have moved the books that you may borrow to Room 6. We encourage to borrow them, just ask any Stephen Minister. The following topics are available: Alzheimers, Cancer, Grief and Loss, Hope, Spiritual and Personal Growth, and Suffering and Evil. We have added a new book: **Hope Beyond an Empty Cradle** -Hallie Scott (marriage & family therapist) Gently walks with readers through a journey of healing (after stillbirth, miscarriage and child loss) offering guidance, insight, comfort & hope.

We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

Caring and serving you in Christ,
Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team

Thank You

Dear Members of Faith,

We would like to thank you for the gift card, cards and prayers in our time of need. They were very much appreciated.

*Rosanne & Dennis Keilers
and our family*

Special Called Voters' Assembly Sunday, July 10

**To discuss / vote on Pastor Auger's
request for a peaceful release from his
Divine Call at Faith Lutheran.**

Worship Schedule:

**8:45am Sunday School for All Ages
10:00am Combined Worship
Voters' Assembly to follow worship.**

Colors of the Church Year

A Series: Part 1 of 3

Do you know why we use colors in our worship services? Do you know why those colors change? Some of us know the answers to these questions. Many of us do not know those “whys”. In my childhood, my mom changed paraments and hung banners. That taught me some of the “whys”. But I’ve forgotten more than I remember; perhaps you’re like me in that regard. Also, traditions in a Lutheran congregation in West Texas in the 1960’s are different than the traditions we have here at Faith Lutheran Stephenville in the 2020’s. I need a refresher in those “why we do what we do”. Perhaps you also need a refresher; or perhaps you have never been told about those “whys”. I invite you to join me over the next several months as I look into various “why we do what we do in our worship services”.

In this first article, we start with the subject of colors in our sanctuary. Colors in the paraments on the altar, the stoles worn by the pastor, and in some of our banners are used to “convey the mood or tenor of a season of the Church Year” (The Altar Guild Manual: Lutheran Service Book Edition). Liturgical colors are like music and light in our worship services; they enhance our senses and can increase our understanding. But since the colors do not speak audibly to us, we need to be taught what purpose they have in each season of the Church Year (“The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons” by Rev. Douglas K. Escue, available at www.lcms.org/worship/church_year/.) The following summary of our liturgical colors comes from the above two cited resources.

This first part of our look at colors will consider the colors for the Day of Pentecost, which we recently celebrated, and the Season of Pentecost, which we are currently in.

Red is the color for the Day of Pentecost and for festivals such as Reformation, ordination of a new pastor, dedication of a church, and anniversary of a congregation. Red is the color of power. It reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church on the Day of Pentecost and on those being ordained and on our congregations at special events in their lives. And that power is revealed in the spilled blood of the martyrs who died defending the Faith.

Green is the color for the season of the Church, those many days after Trinity Sunday until the beginning of another Advent season. It is also the color for the last portion of Epiphany when we focus on “Christ’s revelation to the Gentiles along with . . . extending Christ’s kingdom through missions”. Green symbolizes growth – personal growth in faith as well as the Church’s growth through spreading the Gospel world-wide.

When you gather for worship on Sunday mornings, use the time before our service starts to become aware of the colors in our sanctuary. Let those colors speak to you about the focus of the current season of the Church Calendar. Let the music and light of the colors help prepare your heart, soul, and mind to worship our Lord and Savior.

Submitted by Arnold Ramming, Music Director



Although LWML did not have an official business meeting in June, we were very “busy.”

New officers were installed on June 12th in the 8:00am service.

They are Marlene Peiser-President; Sue Angerhofer-VP of Communications; Rachel Moravec-Secretary/Treasurer; Lynann Simpson-Christian Life Chairman; Rosanne Keilers-Hospitality Chairman; and Leslie Halgarth-Nursery Roll Coordinator. We will meet in August to plan programs for the coming year.

The highlight of the month was attending the Texas District Convention in Houston from June 16th to June 18th. Lynann Simpson (delegate) and Marlene Peiser enjoyed being together for worship. Bible study and business with almost 500 fellow Lutherans and sisters in Christ. We were blessed to hear how our mites have funded so many mission projects throughout the District this past biennium. A new mission grant budget of over \$215,000 was passed to fund eleven new mission grants during the next two years. Keep those coins and dollars coming in! Although mite box Sunday is usually the third Sunday of the month, you can contribute to the mite box anytime.

Enjoy some fun pictures from the Convention.

Blessings to all,
Marlene Peiser, President



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23).



The Bulletin Board

July Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Paula Hymer	4th Lynann Simpson
2nd Trudy Carlson	5th Lynann Simpson
3rd Sue Angerhofer	



Serving in July
Rosanne Keilers

Altar Flowers for July

07/03 Truss Family
07/10 Angerhofer Family
07/17 Tate Family
07/24 Small Family
07/31 Cameron Family



(To donate flowers, sign up on the chart
by the church kitchen)

July Anniversaries

07/09 Justin & Kris Nehring
07/11 Larry & Sue Angerhofer
Charles & Linda Fulton
07/15 Dorwin & Jo Ann Schulze
07/16 Keith & Martha Fredrickson

July Brunch Schedule

(provide a snack item, serve & clean up)

07/03 Quade	Revere	A. Ramming
07/10 No Brunch; Alternate Schedule		
07/17 Nehring	Stroebel	Harpole
07/24 Espinoza	Seider	Keilers
07/31 No Brunch; Alternate Schedule		

Portals of Prayer

Printed copies of the new *Portals of Prayer* are available on the table and piano in the narthex.

Digital subscriptions are available for mobile devices and desktop computers through CPH at <https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>.

Portals of Prayer is also available through Apple's App Store and on Google Play.

Faith Lutheran's Elders

Everett Seider, Head Elder
Will Lansmon
John Quade
Ronnie Tate
Terry West

5th Sunday Worship July 31

JOIN us for Sunday School at 9:00am followed by a combined worship at 10:15am. Afterwards, please stay for a potluck lunch and fellowship in the family center. A meal sign-up is posted on the church bulletin board in the narthex.

FREE Notary Public Service

Cindy Stafford – (254) 592-6630



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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
(closed 12:30-1:30pm for lunch)
Friday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

From the Office – If you are not receiving weekly updates, Scripture readings and other church-related information, please contact Lisa Stroebel at 968-2710, to be added to the church contact list.
Thank you.

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule, except where noted: 8:00am First Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15am Brunch 9:45am Sunday School for All Ages 10:45am Second Service w/ Holy Communion Faith School Chapel: Wednesdays at 10:00am					1 *Lindsay Hatfield MOW~Small	2 *John Young
July 10 Worship Schedule: 8:45am Sunday School for All Ages 10:00am Combined Worship Service 11:15am Special Called Voters' Assmby					5th Sunday Worship Schedule 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Combined Worship 11:30am Potluck Lunch~FFC	
3 *Emma Irick *Addy Spellmeier	4 Independence Day Church & School Closed  	5 *Sue Angerhofer *Glennetta Young 6:30pm Board of Stewardship~Room 6	6 *Emma Bouquet *Leola Bouquet *Victor Bouquet *Kristen Riola	7 *Duane Sparkman 5:45 Faith School Staff Training~Sanctuary	8 *Stephanie Sims MOW~Pack	9 9:00am FFC Occupied~Bouquet Attending NYG~Houston
10 *Reta Beyer 12:00pm Board of Trustees' Meeting 4:45pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtng~Rm 6	11 5:30pm Faith School Board Meeting~Rm 9 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng 6:30pm Board of Elders' Mtng~Lbry	12	13 5:30pm Faith Field Occupied	14	15 MOW~Sparkman	16
NYG ~ Houston						
17 *Cooper Vandenberg	18 *Karsyn Kimbrough 6:00 Church Council Meeting~Narthex 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng	19 *Larry Fick *Nelda Moore	20 5:30pm Faith Field Occupied	21 5:45 Faith School Staff Training~Sanctuary	22 MOW~Stafford	23 *Keira Barksdale
24 *Isabelle Laurent *Everett Seider 4:45pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtng~Rm 6	25	26 *Ola Faye Howard	27	28	29 MOW~Simpson	30
VBS ~ Tree of Life ~ 5:30pm to 8:00pm						
31 5 th Sunday Schedule *Carie Wright	Happy 4 th of July! <i>"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12</i>					