



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
June 2021 Newsletter

From the Pastor ...

MARK MY WORDS

"Listen to what I am saying; pay attention to what I am telling you."

Isaiah 28:23 (GNT)

Do the words that I write make a difference? I often wonder if anyone reads my message in the monthly newsletter. This is not an invitation to my pity party. I am not feeling sorry for myself. I don't know the answer to the question. I am not alone. Many of my colleagues in ministry ask the same question. Do our words make a difference? We (pastors) are not alone. Many of you ask the same question every day. Do I have a voice? Is anyone listening to me? Does anything that I say make a hoot worth of difference ... in my life ... or the life of my spouse, children, family, friends, or colleagues in the workplace?

Unfortunately, human beings are not born as good listeners. Our communication with one another is too frequently grounded in self-interest. What's in it for me? Apart from the gift of God's words, we would be doomed to life alone and eternal death. We can imagine that God is asking the question. Is anyone listening? Is anyone paying attention to Me? God speaks as a Father who cares about His children. He knows that they have been born into a broken world. God calls us in love. He knows that His words are powerful. He proclaims the difference between life and death in His only Son, our Savior Jesus.

During the month of June, I invite you to listen to the voice of Jesus. Imagine Him speaking to you and saying – *"Mark my words."* Jesus doesn't waste words. He speaks concisely to the point. The Holy Spirit inspired the evangelist Mark to record some of the words that Jesus spoke to His disciples. Jesus taught important things about family, the kingdom of God, faith, and freedom.

God's grace makes it possible for us to become better listeners. If we will be open to the voice of Jesus, we can expect to grow in faith and love toward Him. We can be optimistic about our fellowship in Christ. June marks the beginning of our new Small Group Ministry. We are excited about the additional opportunity to mark the words of Jesus in the company of brothers and sisters in our faith family. We begin a new season of ministry together with our Voters' Assembly and the celebration of willing servants who share the ministry of the Gospel. We acknowledge that Jesus deserves our listening attention. May God's Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to *mark* His words.

Blessings always in the Savior!

Pastor Ed Auger

June Sermons

June 6 - "Mark My Words: **FAMILY**" Mark 3:35

June 13 - "Mark My Words: **KINGDOM**" Mark 4:32

June 20 - "Mark My Words: **FAITH**" Mark 4:40

June 27 - "Mark My Words: **FREEDOM**" Mark 5:34

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Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School
Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 A.M.

Children and Youth will not meet during the summer break. The new season of **Enduring Faith for Children and Youth begins after Rally Sunday, August 22.**

Please register your children for Vacation Bible School, July 25-29.

This year's adventure takes us into the Rainforest and Jesus Leads the Way!

~ ENDURING FAITH ~



**NURTURING
LIFE LONG DISCIPLES
OF JESUS**

Adults continue with a study of the Old Testament.

+ GOD LEADS HIS NATION +

June 6 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL – Voters' Assembly

June 13 – “The Palm-Tree Judge”

June 20 – “The Weakened Judge”

June 27 – “The Faith-Full Family”

Adults will study the Word with Pastor in the Sanctuary.

The Board for Christian Education strives to nurture, strengthen, and sustain the family of Faith through the study of the Word of God.



SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2021

July 25 -29

5:30pm – 8:00pm



All members are encouraged to sign up for the free online Peacemaking class offered by AoR! Go to:

www.aorhope.org/personal-peacemaking-top

June Mission of the Month:
MOST Ministries
(Mission Opportunities Short Term)

Who Is MOST Ministries?

Mission Opportunities Short Term is a Christian non-profit organization that connects, trains and sends short-term mission teams throughout the world, in response to requests from missionaries and church bodies. MOST Ministries provides for the physical and spiritual needs of more than 10,000 people each year by connecting Goers, Senders and Receivers. It is a commitment to the Great Commission that has compelled MOST Ministries to go far and near for the sake of the Gospel since 1989.

What Mission Opportunities Do We Offer?

MOST Ministries provides opportunities for people to be strategically and personally involved in mission work through 'Goer' and 'Sender' activities.

A 'Goer' is someone who joins a short-term mission team. With Christ as our example, each MOST Ministries team strives to address: the physical and spiritual needs of people.

A 'Sender' is someone who contributes their time, talent or treasure to help our mission team members go out to serve. Senders: make or purchase witnessing items to share the Gospel message – make or collect eyeglasses – collect or provide other mission supplies – provide prayer support – provide financial support – volunteer in the MOST Ministries office

What Do Mission Teams Do?

Teams minister to the physical and spiritual needs of people. Projects include: Agricultural Education, Clean Water Outreach, Construction, Dental Clinics, English Camp, Eyeglass Clinics, Health Education, Medical Clinics, Music and/or Sports Camp, ministries for Women, Men and Youth and more. Programs expand every year as new requests are received from the mission field. We carefully and prayerfully consider requests and offer those which will enhance the strategic plans of the mission field and expand local pastors' and missionaries' capacity to reach their goals.

For more information, go to www.mostministries.org

Excerpted from <http://www.mostministries.org>.

From the Quade Family...

We are taking Lyder to his final resting place on this earth on June 19, 2021 at 10:30am. Interment will be held at Wolf Valley, Brown County on Hwy 183. Thank you, Pastor Ed, for being with us on this journey. We will serve lunch at "the old home place" on Brown county road 441 it is just around the corner by TX standards. We would love to invite his faith family to join us for his last journey and welcome everyone to celebrate his life afterwards.

Just One Person

By Cindy Ramming for the AoR Task Force

As the Task Force continues to meet weekly to work through the AoR Recommendations and how we as a church may best accomplish them, I occasionally feel a bit overwhelmed. We are discussing issues such as our spiritual health as individuals and as a congregation, staff and volunteer job descriptions, lay training, small group Bible Studies, church governance and more. Such weighty and important issues! At times I feel inadequate. I ask myself, "Can I really make a difference?" Fortunately, I'm not working alone. (Thank you, Cherie, Gary, Terry & Pastor Don!) But I still wonder: Can one person do anything to bring about meaningful and positive change?

Then, the other day, someone I didn't know very well mentioned to me that several years ago I had said something during a Sunday morning Bible Study that really affected them, and that they remember to this day! I felt surprised, complimented, and (I admit) a little satisfied with myself to have had a positive impact on someone else, and I was completely unaware! But even as I adjusted my halo so that it might sparkle a bit more in the sunlight, the Lord brought to my mind other times when I said something unkind about someone, or was angry about something else and complained to whoever would listen....and my heart sank. Suddenly, I realized that those actions probably also had a lasting effect on others – and not a good one.

The truth is, just one person can and does have powerful influence on the people around them. We each choose whether we will speak words of life to those around us, or words which wound and discourage.

Everything we say, and everything we do, reflects to others either our own sinful nature or the loving nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one person who changed the whole world, because He was and is obedient to His Father in Heaven, even to death on a cross, to free us from our sins and welcome us into his own family for eternity. His work continues through each and every one of us as we share His love with others - one person at a time. Talk about positive change! Just one person.

Be the one.

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Romans 12:18

CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD MEMBER NOMINEE SLATE, 2021-2022

Election – June 6

All officers and board members. Only those in **bold** print will be voted on.

Officers:

President	Bethany Espinoza	2023
Vice President	Kris Nehring	2022
Secretary	Cindy Stafford	2022
Treasurer	Cheryl Hatton	2023
Financial Secretary	Rachel Moravec	2022
Financial Secretary/Assistant	Sheila Small	2023
At-Large Council Member	Dustin Riola	2023
At-Large Council Member	Cindy Franz	2022

Year term ends:

Board of Elders – 3 year Term

Everett Seider, Head	2023
Barry Harpole	2022
Will Lansmon	2024
Jeff Stroebe	2022
Ronnie Tate	2024

Year terms ends:

Board of Education – 2 year term

Diane Taylor-Revere	2022
Cherie Auger	2023
Leslie Hallgarth	2023
Emily Lansmon	2023
Diana Synatzske	2022
Marlene White	2023

Year terms ends:

Faith School Board – 2 year term

Donna Strohmeier	2023
Matt Hallgarth	2023
Sarah Osterloh	2022
Ann Soltau	2022
Hillary McBroom, Faith School Parent	2022 (Faith School Parents serve 1-yr term)

Year terms ends:

Board of Stewardship – 2 year term

Cary Strohmeier	2023
Kristen Riola	2022
Franklin Wood	2022
Matt Bouquet	2023

Year terms ends:

Board of Evangelism – 2 year term

Diana Wood	2023
Aria Dougherty	2023
Lindsay Hatfield	2022
Paula Hymer	2022
Rosanne Keilers	2022

Year terms ends:

Board of Trustees – 2 year term

Billy Gray	2022
Larry Angerhofer	2023
Troy Kimbrough	2022
Ricky Osterloh	2022
Burl Peiser	2023
John Quade	2023
Everett Seider	2023
Jeff Stroebe	2023
Lisa Stroebe	2023

Year term ends:



Stephen Ministry

Something to Think About

What kind of man or woman would receive the care of a Stephen Minister?

- A man like **Moses**

Who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.

- A man like **David**

Who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

- A woman like **Sarah**

Who faced a major change in life at an advanced age and needed someone to listen to both her joy and apprehension.

- A woman like **Naomi**

Who had lost her loved ones and needed someone to hear her sorrow and pain.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a listening ear, caring presence and Christ-centered support of a Stephen Minister, talk to Pastor Auger, Everett Seider or Sherre West.



On May 23, Faith welcomed new members:

(1st picture, l to r): Gail Prutow, Zach Prutow, Nik Rasmussen
(2nd picture, l to r): Nelda Moore; Aria & Callisto Dougherty; Jennifer, Lyric, Jaelynn & Ben Ahrens; *not pictured*: Isa Prutow





"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." **Matthew 11:28-29**

Rest, in the spiritual sense, is important for our mind, body and soul. Physical rest is good for renewal and focus. Our LWML officers can see the value in using our summer months to slow down and enjoy our rest in God's presence.

In May we helped with the celebration for our graduates by paying for the cake from Creative Confections on the buffet table. Thanks to Ola Faye, tables were ready for our graduates to set up their pictures and memorabilia for graduation recognition.

Also, we are grateful to all members and friends of Faith that supported our MITE Box in May with over \$121 for our monthly grant. Thank you for continuing to bless people in Texas, our country and around the globe by reaching out with your monetary gifts.

In our business meeting this month, we agreed to learn a new project in June from Cindy Ramming and encourage other ladies to work on this craft idea in July. Watch for more details.

Our last official monthly meeting for the 2020-2021 year was a fun Ladies Day Out, including a devotion and trip to enjoy the time together with lunch and shopping. Enjoy the pictures below.

Have a restful summer in His care,
Lynann Simpson, LWML President



Officer's Business Meeting

Ladies' Day Out - Hico



From the Faith School Director

Summer is here! We are all ready for warm weather and more time to spend outdoors! We have a lot of fun things planned this summer. We plan to “travel” around the world. We will visit many different countries and learn about their culture. If you have any information, pictures, clothing and/or food recipes from Ireland, China, Thailand, Africa, Ukraine, Mexico, Australia, Germany, England, or Greece, please let Faith School Office know. We would love to share personal experiences with the children.

Faith School has CPR/First Aid class June 5th in Room 6. If interested in attending, please let me know by June 4th.

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to our sponsors this year for graduation:

- JJ Construction and Remodeling LLC -- yard signs and backdrop
- JA Sports -- graduates' t-shirts
- Pinch of Sunshine -- cookies for the goodie bags

Also, I would like to say thank you to Ola Faye Howard and Sarah Osterloh.

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

Congratulations
to our Faith
School
graduating class
of 2021!

We are looking
forward to seeing
you continue to
learn and grow!





June Anniversaries

06/01 Duane & Vickie Sparkman
 06/16 Billy & Tisha Gray
 06/23 Lee & Erika Barlow
 06/26 Matt & Kendi Maruska
 06/28 Eric & Lynda Lowinski

Church Picnic

June 5 at 4 PM

Strohmeier's Home
 105 Tanglewood Lane

Check out the bulletin board
 for more information.



Bulletin Folders

06/06 Paula Hymer
 06/13 Trudy Carlson
 06/20 Open
 06/27 Lynann Simpson

June Brunch Schedule:

	<u>Snack</u>	<u>Snack</u>	<u>Snack</u>
6th	Stafford	Seider	Stroebe
13th	Revere	Harpole/Spellmeier	Small
20th	Simpson	Keilers	Moravec
27th	Quade	Moravec	Hatton

Altar Flowers

06/06 Ramming Siblings
 06/13 Open
 06/20 Osterloh Family
 06/27 Open



June Acolyte Schedule

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10.45am</u>
6th	Open	Gracie S.
13th	Charidee S.	Open
20th	Eli E.	Willow O.
27th	C.J. S.	Open

Meals on Wheels

06/04 Small
 06/11 Sparkman
 06/18 Pack
 06/25 Simpson

Elders:

Everett Seider,
 Head
 Barry Harpole
 Will Lansmon
 Jeff Stroebe
 Ronnie Tate



Marilyn Pack

Happy
 Father's Day
 June 23

Happy Summer!

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule: Reverend Ed Auger, Pastor 8:00am First Service w/ Holy Communion 9:15am Brunch 9:45am Adult Sunday School 10:45am Second Service w/ Holy Communion (Find worship services online at www.faithlutheranstephenville.com)		1 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6	2	3	4 MOW~Small 6:00pm Narthex Occupied~Auger Attending	5 *Cathy Knoll 10:00am Rooms 6 & 9 Occupied~Faith School Training 4:00 Church Picnic~Strohmeyer's Home (FFC Backup Location)
6 *Kristin (Dupre) Smith 9:45am Voters' Assembly~Sanctuary 2:00pm FFC Occupied~Osterloh Small Group	7 6:00pm Board of Education Mtng~Lbry 6:00pm Board of Evangelism~Pastor's Office	8	9	10 *Barrett Robinson *Barb Van Matre *Franklin Wood 5:45pm Faith School Training~Sanctuary	11 *Coby Vandenberg MOW~Sparkman	12 8:00am FFC Occupied~Knoll Attending
13 Installation of New Council Officers & Board Members *Troy Truss 6:00pm Board of Trustee Mtng.~Lbry 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision~ Rm 9	14 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 6 6:00pm LWML Business Meeting & Crafting~Narthex 6:30pm Board of Elder's Mtng~Lbry	15 2:00pm Faith School New Hire Orientation ~Library	16 *Jennifer Ahrens	17 5:45pm Faith School Training~Sanctuary	18 MOW~Pack	19 *Zane Osterloh
20 LWML Mite Box Sunday Father's Day Summer Begins	21 *Kylie Curtoys 6:00pm Church Council Mtng~Sanct.	22	23	24 *John Linne	25 *Will Lansmon *Vickie Sparkman MOW~Simpson	26
27 4:30pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision~ Rm 9	28	29 *Billy Gray	30	*Celebrating Birthday		