Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ

October 2021 Newsletter

From the Pastor …

Reformation Righteousness

*For I am **not ashamed** of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."* **(Romans 1:16-17)**

Tragically, we are living in a time when it is not popular to believe in God or profess the Christian faith. Many contemporary voices have attempted to shame God's people for placing their trust in Him. We are encouraged by the words of the apostle, St. Paul, as he began his magnificent letter to the Romans celebrating the gift of righteousness before God. This righteousness comes to us by God's grace through faith in Jesus, His only Son, our Lord and Savior.

The Epistle to the Romans shined a bright light in the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther. After receiving his Doctor of Theology degree in 1512, Luther was named lecturer on the Bible at the University of Wittenberg. Luther began his work in the Bible in a place that had granted him considerable comfort and encouragement. Dr. Martin Luther offered a series of lectures on the Psalms that kept him occupied from 1513 to 1515. When Luther finished teaching on the Psalms, he took up the book of Romans. It is reasonable to conclude that Luther's shared study of Romans with university students sparked the fire within him that resulted in the posting of the 95 Theses and launched the Reformation movement. Luther was relieved to discover the pure Gospel of Jesus in the clear words inspired by the Holy Spirit. Salvation was the work of God. The works of man did not merit God's favor for eternal life. Humility and gratitude for the forgiveness of sins and life eternal compelled Luther to serve in the public ministry of the Gospel at the risk of losing his own life.

Reformation righteousness recalls God's perfect love. *"… while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8) We confess with our mouth that *"Jesus is Lord"* and believe in our hearts that *"God raised Him from the dead."* (Romans 10:9) Reformation righteousness calls us to *"… offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God …"* (Romans 12:1)

I invite you to join us for regular worship and the study of God's Word during the month of October. We are not ashamed to identify ourselves as members of the worldwide Body of Christ. God is faithful. He has blessed us to persevere in the true faith. The work of the Reformation proclamation of salvation by God's grace through faith alone continues through us to a lost and broken world.

Pastor Ed Auger

OCTOBER SERMONS

October 3 – "The Greatest Love" Mark 12:28-31
October 10 – "Our Treasure In Heaven" Mark 10:21-22
October 17 – "Mission Possible" Mark 10:27
October 24 – "Least Is Best" Mark 10:35-45
October 31 – "Set Free By The Son" John 8:36

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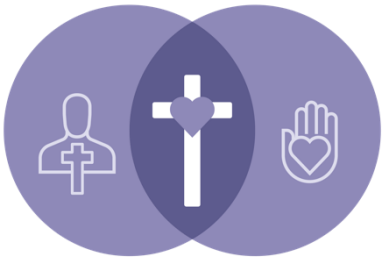
Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 A.M.

~ ENDURING FAITH ~
NURTURING LIFE LONG DISCIPLES OF JESUS



Join us for the study of the Old Testament as we
Know-Grow-Go-Show how *God Restores His People*!

October 3 – "Promising Prophet" ***God Calls Isaiah***
October 10 – "Enduring Exile" ***Israel Goes into Exile***
October 17 – "The Praying King" ***Hezekiah***
October 24 – "The Restoring King" ***King Josiah***
October 31 – "A Fiery Marvel" ***Three Men in the Fiery Furnace***

Early Childhood meets in FFC Kinder Room.
Elementary children meet in FFC Room 6.
Middle School and High School Youth meet in FFC Room 9.
Adult 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.

Lutheran Witness Magazine Subscriptions

It is time to renew subscriptions to the *Lutheran Witness* magazine for 2022. Subscription rates will continue at the same amount as 2021 -- $14.25. Subscriptions must be processed by October 18, so please contact Lisa as soon as possible to let her know your intentions. Payment is due by March, 2022 and can be made by placing your ear-marked check in the offering plate on Sunday or by dropping by the church office. Amounts given over the subscription rate will be used to 'gift' subscriptions to others in our congregation. Thank You.

SAVE THE DATE!

FAITH FEST

OCTOBER 16, 2021
4:30PM – 7:00 PM

Adults $10 Children $5
Kids under 3 eat free!

We need YOU!

How you can help with Faith Fest:

SELL TICKETS: Take an envelope containing 10 tickets; return money/extra tickets October 9.

HANG FLYERS: Put them up all over town!

SIGN UP TO HELP: We need volunteers to set-up, collect tickets at door, serve food, & clean up.

SIGN UP TO BRING FOOD: Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Dessert, or Rolls.

For more information, contact Cheryl Hatton
cheryl.hatton@crosstimbersortho.com

From the Faith School Director

September flew by! Faith School had lots of fun, but we are excited for the upcoming Fall season! With cooler weather, we are enjoying being outside for longer periods of time. The children play on their well-loved playground for as long as possible until time to go back to class.

The month of October will feature four themes: "Fire Safety", "United Nations", "Move to the Music", and "Fruit of the Spirit". The local fire department will make an appearance during fire safety week. The children will get a chance to see all the neat things the fire trucks can do, and how firefighters are there to help us! We will get the chance to enjoy a special dress-up time during Fruit of the Spirit week.

THANKS to Jeff Stroebel for providing us with prayer for our 'Remember and Honor' those who lost their live on 9/11. Also, thank you to those firefighters who were able to come say "hi" to our children.

We look forward to having an amazing Fall season at Faith School!

Blessings,
Lauren Johnson
Interim Director, Faith School

Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Mission of the Month:

Honduras FORO

Church planting ministry continues in Comayaguela, La Paz, and Choluteca in spite of the prolonged challenges and effects of the COVID-19 era. Hondurans have lived under strict vigilance and curfews. Travel within the country has been restricted. Faithful members of the mission congregations have ventured out at their own risk to offer valuable relief with the gift of basic food items to families in need. Relief funds have been provided by grants from FORO ministry partners. Much progress has been made on the construction of the parsonage and sanctuary for the mission in La Paz.

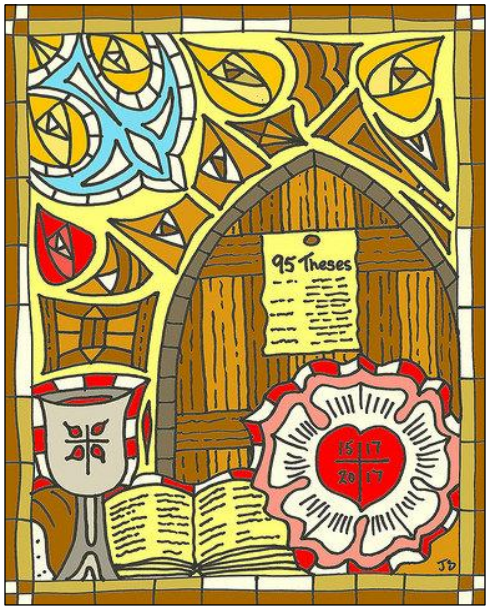
The government of Honduras has granted legal approval to the **Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Mission of Honduras**. The "Misión" now has permission to operate under its policies and procedures to further establish the Lutheran Word and Sacrament ministry presence in Honduras. The Honduras FORO has not been able to gather in Honduras due to international travel restrictions. The FORO is hopeful to be able to resume physical presence in Honduras in 2022.

Mission of the Month offerings from Faith Lutheran Church will help to support the ongoing work of the pastor and deacon serving the mission locations. Your support of our brothers and sisters in Honduras is greatly appreciated. ¡A Dios sea toda la gloria en Cristo Jesús!

FLY

Calling all 8th – 12th graders… FLY is meeting on Sunday, October 10, at 5:00pm in Room 9.

There will be food and fellowship along with fall activity planning & pre-registration for NYG in Houston in July 2022.



Reformation Day

October 31

It's Still All About Jesus

Stephen Ministry

Encourage One Another…

In 1 Thessalonians 5 Paul writes, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up… Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone." God has called us to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis. Think about how we can serve you. If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Ed or one of our Stephen Leaders: Everett Seider or Sherre West.

These books are available for you and/or someone you know. They are in Lisa's office above the sink.

Hope When Your Heart Breaks **– Michael W. Newman**
Browse the table of contents and find what speaks to you. As you read, may you discover what you need most in the midst of grief – hope.

Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel during Alzheimer's Disease **– Dr. Benjamin Mast**
This book draws on extensive medical knowledge, Scripture references and the experiences of patients and loved ones to explore the challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

The Promise of Hope: Coping When Life Caves In **– William Kinnaird**
A message of encouragement to those who are struggling with life's difficulties.

Cries of Faith, Songs of Hope: Prayers for the Times of Our Life **– John Gugel**
A collection of prayers addressing many different kinds of needs; each prayer is accompanied by a short story, a reflection, a Scripture passage, or hymn stanza to clarify its meaning.

Don't Forget

Pick up your new *Portals of Prayer*.
Need one mailed to your house?
Contact the church office.

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

Fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you. I Samuel 12:24, ESV

October means pumpkin spice and all things nice to many; for LWML, we also want to share how you can enjoy those fall activities all month as we serve God by serving others.

- Let's begin by giving thanks for the 109 Personal Care Kits our members of Faith helped provide (along with Thrivent) for LWR this year. **Thanks!**
- On October 3rd, we will celebrate LWML Sunday with special services, bulletins, a banner and MITE Box collection. There is MORE!!! Ladies, join us for lunch with a program and notecard craft. Babysitting will be available.
- LWML Texas District will host a free, one-day Spiritual Rest and Renewal Retreat on October 9th in Waco from 9:30-3:00. Carpooling available.
- October 16 is a "**two for one" day**. Begin early with our LWML Fall Rally from 10:30 to 3:00 at Ascension in Cleburne and, then, join **FAITHFEST FROM 4:30 TO 7:00.**
- October 23 (Yes, one Saturday morning a month) from 10:00-11:30am for Ladies' MONTHLY Bible Study on ***CHOSEN*** *-A Study of Esther*. Please sign up and indicate if you want us to order the book.

Please join us this month for any/or all of our activities as we "joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others." (LWML Mission Statement)

God bless you as you serve God with joy, serve God with all your heart, and serve God and others with your gifts and talents, as God commends us to do.
In Jesus Christ, Amen.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Personal Care Kits

The Bulletin Board

October Bulletin Folders

10/01 Paula Hymer	10/22 Lynann Simpson
10/08 Trudy Carlson	10/29 Lynann Simpson
10/15 Sue Angerhofer	

Altar Guild

Serving in October:

Diane Taylor-Revere

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Get Connected

Donate altar flowers; Join the brunch rotation; Serve as an usher; Volunteer to be a Greeter; Sing with the Choir; Connect with Altar Guild

Copies of the Church Constitution, Church Council Reports and Financial Reports are available in the church office.

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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.

Altar Flowers for October

10/03 LWML	10/24 Open
10/10 Simpson Family	10/31 Open
10/17 Open	

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

October Brunch Schedule

(provide a snack item, serve & clean up)

3rd	Nehring	Revere	Knoll
10th	Simpson	Moravec	Keilers
17th	Stroebel	Seider	Small
24th	Quade	Cameron	Harpole
31st	5th Sunday Schedule (no brunch)		

Faith Lutheran's Elders

Everett Seider, Head Elder
Barry Harpole
Will Lansmon
Jeff Stroebel
Ronnie Tate
(Elder care lists are posted on the bulletin board)

LCMS NEWS: It is possible to stay connected to the goings on within the Texas District of the LCMS. Check out the articles on the District's website at https://www.lcms.org/news. If you do not have internet access, you can stay connected through the *Lutheran Witness* magazine. The church office has three copies available to borrow.

Like us on facebook at FaithLutheranStephenville

Church Office Hours

The church office observes the following hours:

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

OCTOBER 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 Sunday School for All Ages 10:45am Second Service w/ Holy Communion (Find worship services online at www.faithlutheranstephenville.com)			**October 31st - 5th Sunday Worship Schedule** 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 Worship 12:00pm Potluck Lunch~FFC		1 *Tim Lewis *Emily Mundfrom MOW~Pack	2 *Tammy Cogburn
3 LWML Sunday w/ lunch & activity	4 *Ed Weber 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma~Narthex 5:30pm AllStars~Faith Field 6:00pm Board of Evnglsm~Pastor's Off. 6:00pm Board of Ed. Mtng ~Library	5 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation~Rm 9 6:30pm Board of Stewardship~Nrthx	6 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx 6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation~Lbry	7 *Dee Ann Nelson 5:45pm Faith School Nursery Mtng~Sanct. 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary	8 MOW~ Small 2:00pm Faith School New Hire Orientation~Lbry	9 LWML TX District Rest & Renewal Retreat~Waco
10 *John Franz 12:00pm Board of Trustee Mtng.~Narthex 4:45pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:00pm FLY Mtng~Rm 9 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision~Rm 6	11 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 5:30pm AllStar ~Faith Field 6:00pm LWML Busns. Meeting ~Rm 6 6:30pm Elder's Mtng~Lbry	12 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation~Lbry	13 *Marlene White-Peiser 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx 6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation~Lbry	14 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary	15 MOW~Stroebel 5:30pm Set up for Faith Fest	16 LWML Trinity Zone Fall Rally~Cleburne Faith Fest 4:30pm
17 *Temperance Espinoza	18 5:30pm AllStars~Faith Field 6:00pm Church Council Mtng~Sanct.	19 *Liz Smith 5:45pm Faith School Training~Sanctuary 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation~Rm 9	20 6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation~Lbry 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx	21 *Ralph Hymer, Jr. 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary	22 MOW~Stafford	23 *Sam Weber 10:00am LWML Bible Study ~Location TBD
24 4:45pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision~ Rm 6 31 Reformation Day 5th Sunday (See Above Schedule)	25 *Adam Garza 5:30pm AllStars~Faith Field	26 *Don Kirklen 6:30pm 1st Year Confirmation~Rm 9	27 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx 6:30pm 2nd Year Confirmation~Lbry	28 *Tate Maruska *Diane Taylor-Revere 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~ Sanctuary	29 *David Beyer *Diana Wood MOW~Simpson Faith School Fall Parties	30 *Diana Synatzske