



# Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ  
September 2021 Newsletter

*From the Pastor ...*

## The Gift Of A Good Name

A **good name** is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.  
Proverbs 22:1

It is difficult to imagine anyone who would not regard the good name of the apostle Paul. We thank God for the wealth of his words inspired by the Holy Spirit recorded in his Epistles. Yet, Paul was first Saul. He gave approval to the death of Stephen and "... began to destroy the church." (Acts 8:1-3) By his own testimony Paul received the gift of a good name in his conversion to the saving faith on the road to Damascus. Paul described the work of God's mercy in his own life. That message has endured in the clear Word of God for twenty centuries. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The Rite for the celebration of Holy Baptism asks the parents – "*How is this child named?*" The pastor then proceeds with the words. "I baptize you in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen" Regardless of our age or circumstance in life, God gives us a good name in that moment by His grace. He calls us His children. (John 1:12-13) He declares His perfect love for us in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Savior and Redeemer. While each of us are unique and valuable in God's sight, we share the name of Jesus. We are God's Christian people!

God has called us to protect the good name of one another. In his explanation of the Eighth Commandment in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther wrote – "*We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.*" Unfortunately, we have not always been faithful in defense of the good name of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Yet, our shared Baptismal identity calls us in repentance to confession and absolution. We share the forgiveness of Christ, even as we share His name.

It is my blessing to serve the ministry of the Gospel under the banner of Faith Lutheran Church. I thank God that His grace, mercy, and peace overwhelm us through the work of our Lord and Savior. I do pray to honor the Lord with my service and contribute to the good name of our church in the community. I thank our heavenly Father for each of you. Your commitment and faithful service to the ministry of our church and school bears witness to the message of salvation. Your presence in worship, the study of His Word, and the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures affirm the good name of Jesus today and every day!

Blessings,  
Pastor Ed

### SEPTEMBER SERMONS

September 5 – "**Listening Well**" Mark 7:31-37

September 12 – "**Speaking Well**" Mark 9:14-29

September 19 – "**Prophetic Challenges**" Jeremiah 11:18-20

September 26 – "**The Right Kind of Disciples**" Mark 9:38-50

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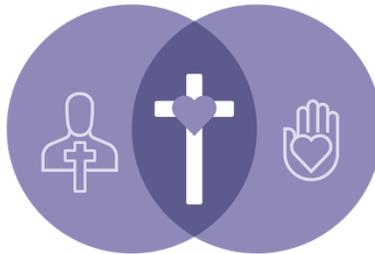
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# Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School

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!*

**September 5 – “Consuming Fire” *Elijah and the Prophets of Baal***

**September 12 – “A Whirlwind Ascent” *Elijah is Taken to Heaven***

**September 19 – “Healing Waters” *Naaman and Elisha***

**September 26 – “Unwilling Prophet” *Jonah***

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.

## Recognition of Service

**On August 29, during 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck, Magan Estill and Melissa Weber were honored for their dedicated service to our church and school.**

**Magan served as Executive Director of Faith School for over 10 years but volunteered for about 5 years prior to assuming the director’s role.**

**Melissa served as Treasurer for the congregation and school for 4 years in a role that has seen a tremendous growth in responsibilities.**

**We offer our sincere gratitude to these ladies of Faith!**



## From the Faith School Director

Faith School is on the right track for a successful year. Teachers are busy chasing children, singing, and creating lesson plans. Children are just as busy running, jumping, singing and learning. The month of September will feature four themes: "My Family Is Special", "Taking Care of Me", "All About Fall", and "Wonderful Weather".

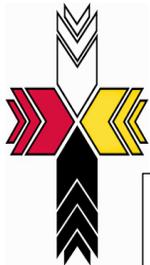
We would like to invite you to *Remember and Honor* all those who lost their lives on 9/11. We will meet on Friday, September 10, under the breezeway at 7:45AM for donuts and prayer.

A huge thanks to those who voted Faith School, Best of Erath County daycare/Pre-school for the second year in a row! With the love and support of the church, Faith School is a place to Believe, Belong and Be Loved!

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: Lutheran Indian Ministries

We anticipate gathering on the last day when we shall see "a great multitude that no one can count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the lamb." *Revelation 7:9*

Did you know that less than 5 percent of the more than 5 million Native American people in North America know that they are accepted by God and forgiven in Christ?

The mission of Lutheran Indian Ministries is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with Native American peoples, disciple Native leaders to share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters, and to address social sufferings in a way that values Native cultures.

During September, Faith Lutheran is partnering with Lutheran Indian Ministries as our Mission of the Month. Free-will offerings given this month will be added to the 4 percent of Faith's total monthly tithe and will go to provide financial assistance to the many ministry areas of Lutheran Indian Ministries.

For more information about the many ministries of Lutheran Indian Ministries, please go to their website [www.lutheranindianministries.org](http://www.lutheranindianministries.org).

Excerpted from [www.lutheranindianministries.org](http://www.lutheranindianministries.org). 2020



# Stephen Ministry

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## Give the Very Best

People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it.

*Ann Soltau said: "Stephen Ministry has affected my life by showing me how blessed my life has been. It has helped me listen to others who are going through troubled times and be able to offer support without trying to just tell them how to fix their problem. Everyone lives their life their way, and there is not one way that is perfect to solve every situation. God is in control of everyone's life, and only He knows exactly what is needed in each circumstance. We all must be patient and trust that God is taking care of us and, when the time is right, God will see that the right solution for each person will happen. Finding answers to problems is a process that sometimes takes longer than other times to discover."*

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Ed or one of our Leaders, Everett Seider or Sherre West.



On Monday, September 13, the All Stars will begin a new season of sports activity at Faith Field! Everyone is invited to come out to help, cheer or just to be uplifted. These kids will change your week! Games will continue through October 25<sup>th</sup>. All games begin at 5:30 pm, and the All Stars are playing soccer this Fall. All Stars is a joint project of the Stephenville Optimist Club, Stephenville Lions Club (noon) and Faith Lutheran Church.

There will be a workday on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - noon to get the field ready for action! Give me a call if you have any questions.

See You There,  
Cary Strohmeyer  
254-396-5018



***“Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead;... And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy...” Matthew 28:7-8***

Are you feeling caught up in a rush? Rushing to finish a deadline; speeding to beat the yellow traffic light; running from one errand to another? Sometime it seems life has become one big race! LWML wants you to take time to help spread compassion to people all over the world as Jesus Christ taught *“For I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”* Matt. 25:40

On September 19 (following lunch provided for you), we invite you to help assemble and pack all those wonderful Personal Care Kits that were collected so fast in August. Preparing those kits and boxing them will send them soon to the **LWML Ingathering** where they will speedily be delivered to people in need.

Two of our activities in August included giving a carnation budvase to our Faith School teachers and staff for Back to School, and three LWML members attended a Bible study by Donna Snow in Plano. (pictures below)

Please join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> as we “joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions and equip women to honor God by serving others.” (LWML Mission Statement)

Lynann Simpson, President



**Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders... FLY is meeting on Sunday, September 12, 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.**

**NOTICE: Pastor Ed will be on vacation from Tuesday, September 14, through Monday, September 27. Pastor Don Kirklen will lead worship and Adult Bible Study on September 19 and 26. Should you need pastoral care, please contact an Elder or the church office. Thank you.**

## *Music News*

Help make our Reformation Worship special this year! This year's Reformation service is already going to be special because October 31 is on a Sunday and it's the Fifth Sunday of the month (so just one worship service that day followed by Potluck Lunch!). The musicians in our Faith Family can help make the music special for that day. We are planning for the Choir to sing a wonderful arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", but we need more singers as it is written for four-part harmony. You can join the choir for just this one anthem; we start rehearsing it on September 9. Definitely needed are male voices; additional women would be nice also! And, for those who play musical instruments, we will have an ensemble to accompany congregational singing on several hymns. If you want to join that group for Reformation Sunday service, please let our Music Director, Arnold Ramming, know so he can prepare a part for you. Thanks for adding your voice and instrument as we worship our Lord and King!

### You're Invited to Invited to an Art Exhibition featuring JoAnn Schulze

September 14 - 30  
Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council  
204 River North Blvd., Stephenville

A reception will be held on September 25.  
Refreshments will be served.

The exhibition will include around 100 of JoAnn's pieces including about new rodeo and bluebonnet pictures. Please come support JoAnn and enjoy these beautiful works of art.



*September Anniversaries*

09/10 Troy & Sheryl Truss

09/26 Tim & Chris Lewis

Church & School  
Offices will be  
closed on Monday,  
September 6,  
for Labor Day.

**September Brunch Schedule:**

	<u>Snack</u>	<u>Snack</u>	<u>Snack</u>
5th	Pack	Angerhofer	A. Ramming
12th	West	Stafford	White
19th	Strohmeyer	Cameron	Osterloh
26th	Bills	Lansmon	Espinoza

**Bulletin Folders**

09/03 Paula Hymer  
09/10 Trudy Carlson  
09/17 Sue Angerhofer  
09/24 Lynann Simpson

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



*Save the Date*

Faith Fest

Saturday  
October 16  
4:30 – 7:00pm




**Elders**

**Everett Seider, Head**  
**Barry Harpole**  
**Will Lansmon**  
**Jeff Stroebel**  
**Ronnie Tate**

Elders' care lists are posted on  
the church bulletin board.

**Altar Flowers**

09/05 Open  
09/12 Auger Family  
09/19 Tate Family  
09/26 Keilers Family

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday Schedule: Reverend Ed Auger, Pastor</b> 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 <a href="http://www.faithlutheranstephenville.com">www.faithlutheranstephenville.com</a> )			1  7:00pm Parent Confirmation Mtng ~Narthex	2  *Cassandra Cabbage 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	3  MOW~Sparkman 2:00pm Faith School New Hire Orient. ~Lbry	4  *Becky Fick
				Faith School Fall Pictures		
5  *Annabeth Espinoza	6 <b>Labor Day</b> All Offices Closed *JoAnn Schulze *Edna Tate 5:00pm Board of Evnglsm~Pastor's Off. 6:00pm Board of Ed. Mtng ~Library	7  *Missy Weber *Ryan Wright 1:30pm AoR Task Force Mtng~Lbry 6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation~Rm 9 6:30pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6	8  4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx 6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation~Lbry	9  *Dennis Keilers 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	10  MOW~Pack 7:45am Faith School 'Honor & Remember 9/11'	11  *Kim Mitchell 9:00am Faith Field Workday
12  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	13 ** 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 5:30pm Optimist AllStars~Faith Field 6:00pm LWML Busns. Meeting ~Rm 6 6:30pm Board of Elder's Mtng~Lbry	14  6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation~Lbry  6:00pm Faith School Open House	15  *Sandy Linne 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx 6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation~Lbry	16  6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne Attending 6:45 Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	17  MOW~Simpson	18  *Kodi Hatfield
Pastor Ed on Vacation						
19 <b>LWML Mite Box Sunday</b>	20  *Megan Franz 5:30pm Optimist AllStars~Faith Field 6:00pm Church Council Mtng~Sanct.	21  *Lillian Gallagher *Barry Harpole *Gracie Strohmeier 6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation~Rm 9	 6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation~Lbry 4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx	23  6:45 Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	24  *Shirley Febinger MOW~Small	25  Faith School All Day Training Event
Pastor Ed on Vacation						
26  4:45pm Stephen Ministry Facilitator Mtng~Rm 6 5:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision~ Rm 6	27  5:30pm Optimist AllStars~Faith Field	28  6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation~Rm 9	29  4:30pm Children's Music Class~Nrthx  6:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation~Lbry	30  6:45 Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	“*” Denotes Birthday	“***” Delta Kappa Gamma meets at 5pm~Nrthx & Sanctuary
Pastor Ed on Vacation						