



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
August 2026 Newsletter



Please join us for Sunday School and Worship.

Sunday School for All Ages is at 9:00am followed
by worship at 10:15am.

Adults meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Lee.

Children/Youth Bible Boot Camp continues through August 2.
We will celebrate Rally Sunday on August 9 at 9:00am in the
family center. Please join us for brunch and activities!

Young Adult Bible Study will resume soon.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Lutheran Braille Workers

The Braille Center at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ft. Worth

During the month of August, Faith Lutheran will support, with prayers and financial gifts, Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW). LBW started in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. Requests for additional Bibles over the years has resulted in LBW becoming the largest, non-profit producer of Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Christian materials. LBW has shipped over 14 million volumes and millions of other pamphlets, calendars, and other materials all completely free of charge. Specifically, the Braille Center at St. Paul's is a partnership with LBW that has been helping to create Braille bibles for 46 years. Currently, this center (#47) has orders for 3 different books of the Bible: Nahum - Malachi, Proverbs-Song of Songs and 2 volumes of Psalms. Over the years, Faith Lutheran has had many groups go to the Braille Center to work on creating the Braille pages, proofing and assembling the pages into books. LBW provides all supplies and materials to the Braille Center while volunteers provided the labor. Your gifts will help LBW to provide these supplies. We are excited to help the Braille Center and Lutheran Braille Workers with their mission to share the Gospel message to those who need specialized materials. To learn more, read the article in the newsletter or check out the Mission of the Month bulletin board in the hallway across from the church kitchen. You can give online through Faith's giving portal or by using one of the special marked envelopes on the table in the narthex.



Dear Friends in Christ,

*¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2
Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)*

August is Back To School month. I always looked forward to going back to school. I started with good intentions to do a good job. The slate was clean. New classes, new teachers, new notebooks, pens, crayons, clothes, and shoes. I was going to do better at getting my homework done on time and I was going to be the best student I could be. But old habits die hard. It doesn't take Long, and I put off doing homework so I could go to the football game and I didn't read an assignment because there was a new program on TV that I wanted to watch. The newness wears off and the familiar returns.



What a vicious cycle. Our spiritual life can be like that as well. God reminds us that we are a new creation in Christ. The old has passed away. We are called to live in our baptism which allows us to break away from the tyranny of our past. We are by nature sinful and unclean, but God sends us His Son, Jesus to go to the cross to pay the price of our sins. All who believe in Jesus have God Grace and Forgiveness so that our past is gone and the new has come. There is still the struggle. God inspired Paul to write; "The good that I would, I do not, that which I would not, that I keep on doing. What a wretched man am I? Who will save me from this body of death? Thanks be to God in Christ Jesus." (paraphrase from Romans 7)

Every day, we have the opportunity to be renewed in God's grace. Every moment of everyday. When I confess my sins, God forgives me. The Bible tells us that God will remember your sins no more. The Bible doesn't say that God forgets your sin, but He will not remember it which is His intentional action to erase your debt of sin. God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us walk in this newness of life. The Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament. It is important, as God's new creations, that we avail ourselves to this means of Grace by being in His Word. To be daily recharged in His Grace. To hear His promise of forgiveness and to let that Word dwell in you richly as you live this new life as a Child of God.

As we begin this new school year – make a new commitment to be in His Word through daily personal devotions. Make it an effort to come to His House of Worship often to hear His Word preached and to receive the Sacrament of His body and blood. Remind yourself daily in your baptism you are a NEW CREATION and make it your aim to walk in His ways. May God richly bless you in this new school year.

In His Service,
Pastor Lee



"But I will hope continually and I will praise you yet more and more." Psalm 71:14

Summer is almost over, and we *hope* cooler days are ahead. This kind of *hope* is wishful thinking, but our *hope* in the Lord is based on what He can do for us. That kind of *hope* does not disappoint us. We are thankful that God always keeps His promises and we praise Him for that.

The LWML Texas District also *hopes* and trusts in the Lord as we choose the mission grants which we will fund over the next two years. Delegates to the convention approved \$257,932 to fund 15 mission grants. As always, 75% of our mite box offerings go to support these grants. The other 25% goes to support national mission grants. I'll share some information about these grants in the coming months.

Thank you for your contributions of \$136.77 to the Mite Box in July. One of the missions this money supports is the Seminarian Scholarships for Texas students-\$50,000. LWML believes it is important to provide help to seminary students from Texas who are preparing to become ministers.

In September, we will begin our new Ladies Bible study Promised Hope by Michelle Diercks. Although we have not done one of her studies, she is recommended by Donna Snow whose studies we have done in the past. It is a wonderful study which encourages us to dig into the Word, reflect on the qualities of God and find peace in His faithfulness. You may purchase a book yourself (CPH, Amazon, Christian Book.com) or I can order one for you. The cost is \$15. I will post a sign-up sheet soon. Classes begin Wednesday, September 23rd, at 6:00 in room 4 (formerly room 6). We will meet every other Wednesday until November 18th and then break for Thanksgiving and Christmas until January. Please consider joining us for this wonderful Bible Study.

Blessings to all,
Marlene Peiser



Faith welcomes new members:

David & Denice Miller

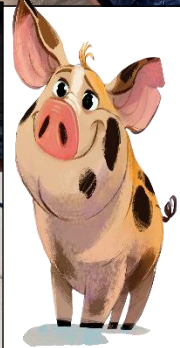
*Jason & Jasmine Seider, Cullen &
Emilynn*



**Sunday, August 9
9:00am**

It's time for Rally Sunday! Already! Please join in the fun! Bring yourself and your yummys for a Potluck Brunch at 9:00am during the Sunday School hour, an activity, and the introduction of our wonderful teachers and curriculum. Come one .. Come all!

VBS 2026
Tropical Trek







Stephen Ministry

A ministry of care giving, relying on God to be the cure giver.

Decades of Care Through Stephen Ministry

Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975, millions of people from around the world have received emotional and spiritual care from a Stephen Minister during a challenging time in their life.

Faith Lutheran became part of this half-century legacy of care in 2016. Over the years, our Stephen Ministers have cared for 22 people in our congregation and community for a wide range of needs: loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, medical crises, and many other life transitions and difficulties.

"I didn't think I needed a Stephen Minister at first," said one care receiver. "But I quickly discovered that everything was so much more manageable when I had someone I could just unload on with everything I was worried and anxious about. It didn't fix my situation, but it did help me get through without feeling completely overwhelmed."

Here at Faith, our Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you, no matter what you're facing. They're trained to provide a non-judgmental presence, a patient listening ear, and Christ-centered care that meets you where you are in life.

You can learn more about Stephen Ministry or request a Stephen Minister by contacting our Referrals Coordinator, Everett Seider.

Blessings,
Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team

From the Faith School Director Spotlight on the Two's Class 🌸

Our Twos Class has been busy learning, growing, and making new friends! One of our favorite moments this week was watching the children happily hold hands and walk together, showing just how much they are learning about friendship, kindness, and caring for one another. These sweet moments remind us that some of the biggest lessons happen through everyday interactions.

Each day is filled with opportunities to explore, discover, and build confidence. Whether they are singing songs, creating art, enjoying story time, or learning through play, our little learners are developing important social, language, and motor skills while having so much fun. It is amazing to see how much independence they are gaining as they grow. We are so proud of our Two's Class and the love, curiosity, and joy they bring each day. Thank you for allowing us to be part of these special milestones as we watch you little ones learn, laugh, and blossom together.

Ashley Hall



The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Lynann Simpson 2nd Trudy Carlson 3rd Sue Angerhofer	4th Lynann Simpson 5th Pat Hardy
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Serving in August:
Emily Lansmon



August Ushers

John Quade
Jason Seider

If you would like to learn more, please speak with
Lee Barlow, Head Usher.

Lector Schedule (by date)

08/02	Billy Gray
08/09	Richard Liedtke
08/16	Bethany Espinoza
08/23	Leslie Hallgarth
08/30	Jeff Stroebel



~ NOTICE ~

ReUse, Reduce, Recycle

Thanks to those who have provided plastic bags
for Faith School use and aluminum cans for the
youth group. Let's keep it up!

Your humble bag folder and can crusher!

FREE Notary Public Service

Cindy Stafford – (254) 592-6630

Faith Lutheran's Elders

Glen Cornman, Head Elder
Andy Burke; Will Lansmon;
Richard Liedtke; John Quade; Ronnie Tate
(Elders' care lists are posted on the bulletin
board in the narthex/lobby)

Church Council meets every third Monday of the
month. Meetings are open to all members.

Altar Flowers for August

08/02	Pat Hardy
08/09	Lee & Erika Barlow
08/16	Charles & Lynann Simpson
08/23	Charles & Lynann Simpson
08/30	Jerry & Michelle Hagen

Grief Support ~ Faith's grief support group meets
the first Sunday of the month at El Corral Mexican Grill
(next to McDonald's & across from Take 5 Oil Change)
immediately following worship. If you have questions,
please contact Ann Soltau at 254-592-9289.



Faith's family center is open the first
& third Sundays of each month from
2pm to 4pm'ish for pickleball.
Equipment is provided. Come play!



~Make a joyful noise~
JOIN CHOIR

Rehearsals for vocal choir will
begin on August 27 at 6:30pm.



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*If you have an upcoming event or photos of a recent
event you want to be shared on Facebook, send to Emma
Bouquet via Facebook Messenger, text, or email at
emmabouquet@yahoo.com. Be sure to include all
pertinent information including a description.*

Church Information

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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

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Schedule Pastor Jeffrey A. Lee 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Combined Worship Service No Brunch Faith School Chapel – Tuesdays at 10am		KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events				1 *Ron Adams **John & Cindy Franz
2 *Sherre West ** Floyd & Christine Richmond 11:30am Grief Support~El Corral 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	3 **Paul & Kim Mitchell	4 **James & Diana Synatzske 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library	5	6 *Lee Barlow	7 *Magan Estill MOW~Pack 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Maruska	8 *Jim Schur 8:00am FFC Occup'd ~Maruska
9 Rally Sunday 9:00am Brunch & Activities~FFC 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library	10 5:45pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Bus. Mtng~Peiser Home 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	11	12 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6 First Day of School for Stephenville ISD	13	14 **Ed & Cathy Knoll MOW~Keilers	15 *Trudy Carlson
16 *Larry Angerhofer 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	17 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	18	19 *Charles Simpson	20	21 *Ronnie Tate MOW~Franz	22 FFC Occupied~Fredrickson
23 Emilyynn Seider Baptism	24 *Eric Lowinski	25 *Keith Fredrickson	26 *Martha Fredrickson **Cary & Donna Strohmeyer 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6	27 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	28 MOW~Sparkman	29 *Melissa Weber **Charles & Lynann Simpson
30 *Jerry Hagen 12:00pm 5 th Sunday Pancake lunch & fellowship	31 *Kristen Martin					