



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
July 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.

All children are invited to attend "I Spy Salvation"
for Summer Sunday school!

Please consider volunteering to teach one Sunday this summer!
Curriculum is provided. Sign-up on the bulletin board.

Young Adult Bible Study is taking off for the summer.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Faith Comes by Hearing

During July, Faith will support through prayer and financial gifts, Faith Comes by Hearing as our mission of the month partner.

For over 20 years, Faith has supported Faith Comes by Hearing as they worked to provide the New Testament to our military personnel all over the world in the form of military biblesticks, a pocketsize audio device.

However, with major technological advances and with a vision to spread the Gospel worldwide, Faith Comes by Hearing has expanded their mission. Now, Faith Comes by Hearing is working to provide the Scripture to every people group in the world in their own language. Faith Comes by Hearing is currently recording Scripture for 1260 people groups that do not have a written language. To date, about 461 of those languages have portions of the Scripture available to them.

Though biblesticks will no longer be sent to our military personnel, through Bible.Is, our military and veterans can now access the entire Bible in their choice of versions from anywhere in the world. With the Bible.Is app, single-language apps and social media, Faith Comes by Hearing is diligently working to fulfill God's Great Commission that we share the Gospel with every nation! Learn more by checking out the Mission of the Month bulletin board in the hallway across from the church kitchen.

Special envelopes are available in the narthex and by the Mission of the Month bulletin board for free-will offerings.



¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. *Romans 13:1-5*

Dear Friends in Christ,

July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence here in the United States of America. That document begins with these words;

WHEN in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We have one Supreme Leader who has created us in His image. God has given us the responsibility to have dominion over His creation as we reflect His image in this world. We cannot function independently to do whatever it is we want to do. We have a God of order. To maintain order in this world, God tells us to be subject to the governing authorities. The early Christian Church was confronted with rules and regulations that contradicted the clear Word of God. Our Christian Forefathers said that we must obey God rather than men. At the same time, God established civil authority for our own welfare. We have this tension that exists between civil and divine.

The blessing we have in the United States is that we get to elect our leaders who serve for a term. We will not all agree on who should govern us or in what manner they should govern us. There are officials that are elected to fill that office that we do not agree with and there are times when people we align with are elected and others do not agree with them. As Christians, we have the responsibility to pray for our leaders, whether you agree with them or not. We pray for their safety, and we pray that they would seek God's Will in the manner in which they govern.

The Devil divides us. Instead of reaching agreements and discussing issues, the devil wants us to take up arms to fight against each other. God wants us to live at peace with each other, but sometimes that peace is not possible. "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands ..." This is what led to the Revolutionary War that established the United States of America. I pray that we would celebrate as a nation seeking to know God and to be governed by people who seek to know and do the will of our Creator. 250 years after this declaration we enjoy a peaceful relationship with that country that we separated from. May God continue to bless our nation. To God be the Glory.

In His Service,
Pastor Lee



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Stephen Ministries 50th Anniversary Celebration and Learning Event

Founded in 1975, Stephen Ministries is celebrating its 50th year of equipping God's people for ministry! To commemorate this milestone and all that God has done over the past half a century, we're conducting a celebratory tour across the U.S. in 2025 and 2026.

These one-day events will feature Stephen Ministries' Founder and Executive Director, Dr. Kenneth Haugk, and other key teaching faculty from Stephen Ministries St. Louis. These events are open to all those whose lives have been touched by Stephen Ministries, including guests and anyone else passionate about making the church and the world a more caring place.

Our **Faith Lutheran Stephen Ministers** are planning on attending this event on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4000 Midway Rd, Carrollton. We hope that you will join us!



SAVE THE DATE, invite your friends, and **VOLUNTEER** for Vacation Bible School. We're gearing up for a tropical adventure, and we need your help! Check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex to volunteer to lead stations or groups, decorate, provide food, and more. We can't do this without you!

VBS is Sunday, July 19th, through Thursday, July 23rd from 5:30-8:00pm.

Register at <https://vbsmate.com/FaithLCStephenville>, or go to the church's website www.faithlutheranstephenville.com and click on the link.



Stephen Ministry

A Simple, Powerful Way to Care for People Who Are Grieving

Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books to send to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. Author Kenneth Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy to read chapters. He walks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance.

Who Uses Journeying through Grief?

Many different types of people use *Journeying through Grief* to care for a wide range of grieving individuals. Here are just a few examples,

- Pastors, parish nurses, and congregations send the books to grieving people – members and non-members – in the congregation and community.
- Individuals share them with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others they know after a loss.
- Hospitals, hospices, funeral homes, retirement communities, schools, military chaplaincies, and other organizations send them to people they serve who are grieving.
- Many businesses and professionals use them to care for grieving people – for example, a dentist sends them to patients, a teacher sends them to colleagues, a stockholder shares them with clients, and an HR director gives them to employees.

Whatever your situation or setting, *Journeying through Grief* provides a simple effective way to reach out to a grieving person again and again during that difficult first year.

If you would like to share these books with someone, please let us know. We have sets available to share.

Blessings,
Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team

From the Faith School Director

Summer has brought so much joy, growth, and excitement to Faith School, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share a glimpse of what God is doing in our classrooms.

One of the highlights of this season has been the launch of our new summer curriculum. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Shruthi for the time, care, and creativity she poured into building meaningful experiences for our children. Through hands on activities, intentional learning, and opportunities to explore and grow, our students are enjoying a summer filled with both fun and purpose.

We are also excited to welcome new staff members into the Faith family. Each new team member has joined with a heart to serve and a passion for caring for children. We are thankful for the gifts, energy, and dedication they bring as we continue building a place where children feel safe, loved, and encouraged.

Most of all, we want to recognize our incredible staff. Every day they show Christ's love through patience, kindness, encouragement, and care for each child who walks through our doors. Whether comforting little ones, leading activities, or celebrating milestones, they are making an eternal impact.

To our church family, thank you for your continued support, prayers, and partnership. Faith School is blessed to be part of this community, and we look forward to all that God has in store in the months ahead.

Ashley Hall



Have a Great Summer!



School
Is
Cool!!



Simpson Small Group Field Trip

Our group of ten people enjoyed a special trip on June 9 to the Kimbell Museum to view amazing art objects from The Holy Sepulcher, the church built in 325 in Jerusalem at the site of Christ's passion, crucifixion and resurrection.

Following lunch, we had the privilege to work at St. Paul Lutheran Church's Braille Workshop where we were excited to work in assembly fashion to actually press and print booklets of volumes 1 & 2 of the Book of Psalms.

The history of Lutheran Braille Workers is another example of how "God desires salvation for all...LBW freely shares the Gospel with people who are Blind or Visually Impaired." The Story brochure is posted on the bulletin board. Please take a look at it or take a photo of the page to read later.

Lynann Simpson



Good Times, Good Friends

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

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



Serving in July:
Erika Barlow



July Ushers

Larry Angerhofer
Chet Cameron

Ushers are needed for 2026. Please speak with Head Usher, Lee Barlow, if you have questions.

Lector Schedule (by date)

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|--------------|--------------------------|
| 07/05 | Guest Pastor |
| 07/12 | Keith Fredrickson |
| 07/19 | Ginia Bruno |
| 07/26 | Lee Barlow |



~ 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 will not meet in July. Instead, please consider volunteering at VBS.

Altar Flowers for July

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|--------------|-------------------|
| 07/05 | Angerhofer |
| 07/12 | Angerhofer |
| 07/19 | Moore |
| 07/26 | Cameron |



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.



Due to the holiday weekend for Independence Day and for VBS, pickleball is cancelled for July.



Vocal Choir is on summer break. Rehearsals will begin again on September 3 at 6:30pm.



Like us on facebook at
FaithLutheranStephenville



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.

Vacation Bible School: July 19 – 23

Register at
<https://vbsmate.com/FaithLCStephenville>

Church Information

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Website: faithlutheranstephenville.com

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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

July 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events | 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 | | 1 *Tristen Carr *Lindsay Hatfield | 2 *Victoria Chitester | 3 *Emma Irick *Addy Spellmeier | 4 Independence Day  |
| Pastor's Vacation | | | | | | |
| 5 *Sue Angerhofer *Jack Bohannon *Glennetta Young 12:00pm Grief Support~ El Corral | 6 *Emma Bouquet *Leola Bouquet *Victor Bouquet *Kristen Riola | 7 *Duane Sparkman 3:00pm Board of Evang. Mtng~Lbry | 8 10:30am Tate/Cornman Small Group~Rm 4 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry | 9 *Gunner Gage **Pastor Jee & Gail **Justin & Kris Nehring | 10 MOW~Stafford *Reta Beyer | 11 **Larry & Sue Angerhofer **Charlie & Linda Fulton 11:00am FFC Occupied~Nielsen |
| Pastor's Vacation | | | | | | |
| 12 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 4 | 13 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 10 6:00pm LWML Business Mtng~Rm 4 6:30pm Elders~Library | 14 | 15 *Clare Watkins **Dorwin & Jo Ann Schulze | 16 **Keith & Martha Fredrickson | 17 **Bob & Annie Knoedler MOW~Keilers | 18 *Caleb Anderson *Karsyn Kimbrough 9:00am Decorate for VBS |
| 19 *Nelda Moore | | | 22 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 4 | 23 *Keira Barksdale | 24 *Everett Seider **Jared & Lindsey Harris MOW~Franz | 25 12:00pm FFC Occupied~Nielsen |
| Vacation Bible School – 5:30pm to 8:00pm | | | | | | |
| 26 *Ola Faye Howard 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 4 | 27 *Carol Cameron | 28 | 29 **Richard & Julie Liedtke | 30 | 31 MOW~Pack | |