Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ

November 2026 Newsletter



Dear Friends in Christ;

The 4th Thursday in November has been designated at a "National Day of Thanksgiving." President George Washington issued the first proclamation for a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. It was not an annually recognized holiday until Abraham Lincoln established the last Thursday in November to be set aside as a National Day of Thanksgiving. In 1941, a bill passed through Congress and signed into law, that the 4th Thursday of November would be set aside for Thanksgiving Day.

I remember in school, learning about the Pilgrims and the "Indians" celebrating the harvest with a feast. We would cut out construction paper turkeys and the art projects would be mostly harvest colors of browns, orange, red and yellows. Thanksgiving morning we would watch a parade on TV with those large inflatable figures. We went to Church to worship on Thanksgiving Day. At noon, relatives would gather at one of our homes to have a feast of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, yams, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie.

I don't know what your traditions of Thanksgiving have been, but I would like to bring you back to Church for Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on November 25, 2026, at 6:45 PM. We give thanks in all circumstances for a loving, caring God who loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son. He provides us with everything that we are and have. Thanksgiving isn't supposed to be a once-a-year event, it is meant to be a life of thanksgiving in everything that we say and do. On this Holiday, we join together to intentionally worship the God who provides us we all that we need to support this body and life.

Thanksgiving morning you watch the parade, get ready for football games and prepare to wear loose clothing to feast on your Thanksgiving meal. But please join us for that quiet, peaceful opportunity to Worship Him who makes it all possible.

In December, we will also have a Christmas Day service this year at 9 AM to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Please mark these services on your Calendar and join us at Faith Lutheran Church.

In His Service,
Pastor Lee

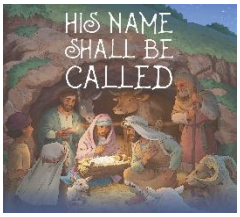


WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Please join us in November for Sunday School and Worship.

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

Adult Bible Class meets in the sanctuary with Rev. Lee.
Children and Youth classes meet in the family center.
Grades 6 - 12 -- Room 10
Grades K - 5 -- Room 4
Early Childhood (ages 1-4) – Room 18 (Church Nursery)
Young Adult Bible Study meets Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30pm in Room 10 of the FFC.



Inviting all Children and Teens! The Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for December 13 at 5:00pm. Practices will be for 15 minutes at the beginning of Sunday School on November 8, 15, 22, 29, and December 6, with a dress rehearsal on December 12 at 10:00am, followed by a pizza lunch!

Mission of the Month

Thanksgiving Baskets and H.O.P.E.'s Food Pantry

Did you know that a recent study by the Tarrant Area Food Bank and Feed America, states that approximately 1 in 6 of Erath County residents are living without enough food and more than 1 in 4 local children are at risk of hunger?

Food insecurity at any time is a problem, but it is especially a concern during the holidays. Imagine not being able to provide your family with a special holiday meal or having enough food in the home for the days when children are on a break from school. During the month of November, Faith will collect non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry at H.O.P.E. Free-will offerings of cash will also be accepted and given to H.O.P.E. to help them provide food assistance to people in our community. In conjunction with this effort, Faith will also collect turkeys, hams and non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket ministry. Cash offerings will be used to purchase additional items for the baskets. A table has been set up under the church bulletin board for food donations. Envelopes for free-will offerings will be available on that table as well. Thanks.

Stephen Ministry *in Action*

Surprises and Blessings

Surprises were and are unfolding for Faith Stephen Ministers. They were drawn to Stephen Ministry training by the desire to make a difference during a great need in someone's life. The surprise has been in the tremendous personal and spiritual growth they themselves experience. They are learning valuable information and caring skills.

Please pray for the caring relationships:

- that Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers develop a trusting relationship through which God can bring love and healing
- that Stephen Ministers be servants of Christ, letting Jesus work through them to touch the hearts of their Care Receivers
- that Care Receivers feel the presence of Christ in their caring relationships

If you're thinking about or have questions about becoming a Stephen minister here are some next steps. Pray for discernment about your gifts, your passions, and how God is asking you to grow in ministry. Talk to any of our Stephen Ministers as we plan to begin another class mid-March 2027. Visit stephenministries.org for additional stories and information about serving.

May God bless you,
Sherre West

The **Choices Clinic & Life Resource Center's** annual fund-raising banquet was held on October 13, 2026. Lee Strobel was the featured speaker with 600 guests attending. Faith Lutheran had two tables reserved for our church (one table included friends from Stephenville and one for out-of-towners). Several of our Faith members couldn't attend, so they gifted their seats to others. Thank you!



The theme this year was **"Woven Together".**

From Him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:16.

Thank you, Faith Family, for supporting this ministry!

Sherre West, Choices Liaison

LWML
Lutheran Women *in Mission*

"She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

November is a month for giving thanks for all the blessings God has given us. Our biggest and best blessing, of course is our Saviour Jesus through whom we have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

In response to God's love for us, we share that love with others through our gifts in support of the LWML mission grants, both in Texas and elsewhere. Our Texas District mission grant focus this month is the New Life Children's Center which provides a place for girls ages 11-17 who have endured trauma or abuse. This ministry offers spiritual hope and guidance by introducing girls to the loving God who desires their healing, physical, emotional, and spiritual. Thank you for your continued support through your Mite Box contributions.

Advent by Candlelight is a little early this year. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29th and our program will be that evening. Viewing of tables will begin at 5:00pm, and quiche and dessert will be served beginning at 5:30pm. Our program "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus" will begin at 6:00pm. Hostess sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex next to the office. Please be sure to sign up and invite friends.

Blessings to all,

Marlene Peiser









Wonderful Things Are Happening at Faith School!

What an exciting season it has been at Faith School! Over the past several months, we have welcomed new faces, embraced positive changes, and continued working to make our school the very best it can be.

We have been blessed to welcome new children and families, along with several new staff members who bring their own special talents, experiences, and love for children. It has been such a joy getting to know everyone and seeing new friendships grow throughout our school!

As Director, one of my biggest goals is to ensure Faith School is a place where children are not simply watched over, but truly taught, nurtured, encouraged, and loved. We want our classrooms filled with laughter, learning, creativity, and meaningful experiences that help prepare our children for the years ahead.

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard to strengthen our classrooms, improve communication with families, provide more engaging learning opportunities, and create greater consistency throughout our school. We are placing a stronger emphasis on early childhood education, age-appropriate activities, and making sure our teachers have the support and resources they need to be successful. Some improvements are easy to see, while others happen quietly each day, but every decision is made with our children in mind.

Change isn't always easy, and there is certainly a learning curve along the way! I am incredibly proud of what we are accomplishing together and thankful for the staff members who show up each day ready to love, teach, and occasionally chase a toddler or two!

One thing I never want us to lose sight of is that Faith School is so much more than a childcare center. **We are a ministry.** We have the incredible privilege of helping shape little hearts and minds while sharing God's love through our words, actions, and daily interactions. What an amazing responsibility and blessing that is!

I am especially thankful for Faith Lutheran Church and the continued support of our school. The relationship between our church and school is such an important part of who we are. I look forward to finding more meaningful ways to bring our church, school, and families together.

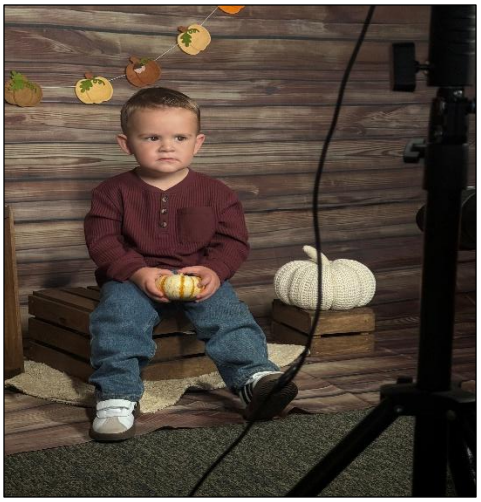
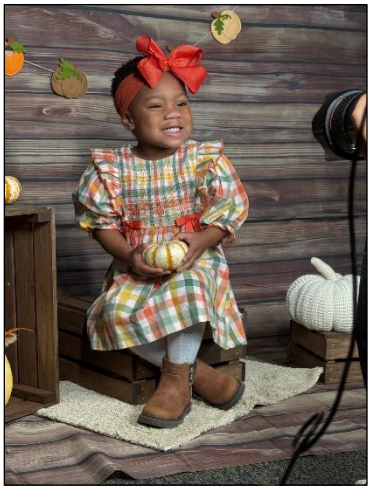
There is still plenty to accomplish, and I am excited about what lies ahead. My hope is that every family who walks through our doors feels welcomed, every staff member feels valued and supported, and every child leaves knowing just how loved they are.

I feel incredibly blessed to be part of Faith School and to work alongside people who care so deeply about our children. Thank you for your continued love, encouragement, and prayers. They mean more than you know!

And on a much lighter note, we recently survived **Picture Day!** It was a delightful, wonderful, chaotic disaster in the very best way possible! There were smiles, tears, giggles, questionable facial expressions, and plenty of adults making absolute fools of themselves trying to get just one good picture. If nothing else, we can confidently say that memories were made! We cannot wait to see the final pictures and find out whether the photographer captured the smiles we were working so hard for!

With love and gratitude,
Ashley Hall, Faith School Director









Hospitalizations:

If you would like pastoral care when you are hospitalized, please call the church office or Pastor Lee directly. The hospital does not notify us of your admissions, even if you inform them that you are a member of Faith Lutheran Church. Privacy laws prohibit them contacting us about your hospitalization. Thank you.



Saturday, December 19, at 11:00am

Talk with Christine if you have a place for the carolers to visit.

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

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

Altar Guild

Serving in November:

Suzie Cornman



November Ushers

Billy Gray

Open

Please begin thinking about serving as an usher in 2027. Lee Barlow, Head Usher, can answer questions.

Lector Schedule (by date)

11/01 Billy Gray
11/08 Richard Liedtke
11/15 Bethany Espinoza
11/22 Leslie Hallgarth
11/29 Jeff Stroebel

Grief Support ~ Faith's grief support group meets the first Sunday of the month at El Corral immediately following worship. If you have questions or thoughts, please contact Ann Soltau at 254-592-9289.

~ 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
(Elder care lists are posted on the church bulletin board)

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

Altar Flowers for November

11/01	**Small**
11/08	**Flores**
11/15	**Soltau**
11/22	**Open**
11/29	**Hagen**



Chrysanthemum

Altar Flower Chart

If you would like to celebrate/commemorate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion by sharing fresh flowers/plant with the church, please sign up. The chart is posted on the wall next to the church kitchen. Questions? Please speak with Lisa.



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!



~ Join Choir ~

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary through November

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.

Church Information

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Website: faithlutheranstephenville.com
Email:
church.office@faithlutheranstephenville.com
Church Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
(closed 12:30-1:30pm for lunch)
Friday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends  12:00pm Grief Support~ Lunch at El Corral 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	2 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma~Narthex	3	4 *Donna Strohmeyer 6:00pm Stewardship Board Mtng~Library 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 4	5 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	6 *Molly Hatton *Denise Miller *James Smith *Charidee Spellmeier **Ralph & Paula Hymer MOW~Franz	7
8 Voters' Assembly (after worship) 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 4	9 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 10 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	10 *Emery Nehring 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library	11 Veterans Day 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 4 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Library	12 *Kaylee Sims *Amanda Spellmeier 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	13 *Maggie Luera MOW~Sparkman	14 *Aidan Espinoza *Paul Mitchell
15 LWML Mite Box Sunday 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	16 *Lisa Stroebel 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex 6:30pm LWML Bus. Meeting~Rm 4	17 *Ann Soltau 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~RM 6 5:30pm Faith School Family Meal~FFC	18 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 4	19 *Cheri Spellmeier 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Faith Home School Assoc. 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	20 MOW~Stafford	21
22 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 4	23 **Brian & Magan Estill	24 *Katy Bills *Suzie Cornman	25 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 4 6:45pm Thanksgiving Worship	26 Thanksgiving	27 Thanksgiving Holiday	28 8:30am Decorate sanctuary/narthex for Christmas
29 First Sunday of Advent 5:00pm Advent by Candlelight	30 *Jordan Cooper *Robert Flores *Michelle Hagen		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 – Wednesdays at 10am	Young Adult Bible study: Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Room 10 of Faith's family center	

Faith School closed for Thanksgiving Break