



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
October 2026 Newsletter



**Please join us for Sunday School, Bible Study,
and Worship.**

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

This fall, all Sunday School classes will be studying the names of God.

Adults meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Lee

Grades 6 -12 meet in Room 10 of the family center

Grades K – 5 meet in Room 4 of the family center

Early Childhood (ages 1 – 4) meet in Room 18 in the church building

Young Adults will meet on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:30pm in the family center.

FAITH FEST

Saturday, October 10, 2026

5:00pm – 7:00pm

German Food

Schnitzel, Sausage, Chicken, Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut,
Rolls, and Desserts

Heritage Display & Music

Personal items from Germany, Norway, Sweden, and other European countries.

The German Band of North Texas will provide entertainment.

There will also be a silent auction. You do not need to be present to win.

Adults \$10.00; Children \$5.00 (children under 3 eat free)

Tickets may be purchased from a church member, the church office or at the door.





Dear Friends in Christ;

Doesn't really seem like Fall to me. I guess it comes a little later in Texas than Minnesota. Leaves turning color, crisp morning air, ducks and geese flying south, corn fields turn to stubble and blaze orange is the color to wear during hunting season for your own safety. As I write this, we are expecting temperatures to drop out of the 90's and rain is in the forecast. The season is changing. This month, I want to pause and talk about something shaping our world at a breathtaking pace: **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.

Every day, headlines tell us how AI is changing our jobs, our schools, and how we communicate. It can write essays, diagnose illnesses, and answer complex questions in seconds. It is a powerful tool. But as people of faith, it also invites us to ask deeper questions: *What does it mean to be human? Where does true wisdom come from? And how do we stay grounded in a fast-moving digital world?*

The Bible reminds us in **Proverbs 3:5-6**: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

AI can process information, but it cannot pray. It can generate words, but it cannot feel pain, experience grace, or offer a genuinely loving embrace. Our deepest longings—for connection, purpose, and redemption—can be fulfilled only by the Creator who knows us by name. AI offers great possibilities, but it may also pose serious risks. As I hear more about it, I am reminded of the Tower of Babel in Genesis. People believed they could build a tower to the heavens and rise to the heights of God. Yet God demonstrated that He remained in control by confusing their language and limiting their ability to communicate. God is still in control today. Let us use these new tools wisely while anchoring our souls in the unchanging love of Jesus Christ. I look forward to exploring together in worship this month how we can live faithfully in our modern world. I pray that God will guide those in authority to use AI for the greater good and protect us from its potential harm. May we seek and know the ultimate Intelligence—greater than AI or superintelligence—the Creator of all knowledge and wisdom, the God who said, "Let there be..." May we continue to praise Him.

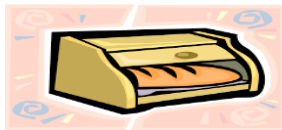
Grace and peace,

Pastor Lee

Attention instrumentalists!!

If you would like to play along with hymns and possibly with a group during the collection of offering on October 24th (Reformation Sunday) please text Christine Richmond, as soon as possible, at (214)542-1727. You would need to be available for a rehearsal on Saturday, October 24, at 10am, and, also at 8:30am, Sunday, October 25. The deadline for participation is October 10th, to allow time to make customized parts for your instrument and to have personal practice time prior to Reformation Sunday.

Make His praise glorious!
Christine Richmond, Music Director



Mission of the Month

The Breadbox

This month's Mission of the Month is Faith's Breadbox. The Breadbox is a benevolence fund that provides financial assistance to Erath County residents for basic needs like rent and utilities. In some instances, the Breadbox helps with specific problems like car repairs, prescriptions or medical procedures.

The Breadbox fund is completely supported by free-will offerings and a 1% monthly gift from members' total tithes. With costs rising in everything from food, clothing, utilities and rent, the Breadbox has struggled to keep up with requests for assistance. Please consider giving not only free-will offerings towards the Breadbox, but also prayers for the people who come to us for help. Special Mission of the Month envelopes are located on the large table in the narthex/lobby for free-will offerings. You may also give online through Faith's giving portal. Gifts throughout the year are also welcome. Your continued support of our Breadbox ministry is greatly appreciated.



Stephen Ministry

Lonely? Experiencing a Difficult Time?

Don't suffer alone! Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a crisis or difficult time. Remember, we serve those in our community too! To find out more, talk with our referrals coordinator, Everett Seider, or any of our Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

In July 2016, Faith Lutheran became a Stephen Ministry Congregation. It has been a blessed 10 years of learning and serving!

In August 2026, some of us (Burl Peiser, Marlene Peiser, Sherre West & Nelda Moore) attended the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Learning Event in Carrollton, Texas with 400+ attendees. We were encouraged, inspired and excited about the future of our ministry!

Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team





"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

On Sunday, October 4th, we celebrate LWML Sunday. Our motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness."
We will have a special service celebrating all that God has done for us and the opportunities He gives us to serve others.

We have lots of opportunities to serve the Lord and one of them is through the mite box. With our mites, LWML helps fund hundreds of mission projects in Texas and around the world. Thank you for your contributions of \$182.99 in September.

LWML's special focus in October is the Forged with Fire ministry. This ministry uses a mobile kitchen trailer to provide meals to those in need because of natural disasters. They ensure individuals and families are physically and spiritually nourished.

Then on October 17th, Faith's LWML ladies will be hosting the Trinity Zone Fall Rally in the Family Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 9:30am and the program begins at 10:00am. Gary Gibson, President of Foster's home for children will be our speaker. We will have a special card-making project to include with gifts for children at the home. Snacks and a light lunch will be available. Let me (Marlene Peiser) know if you would like to attend.

Blessings to all,
Marlene Peiser

It's Renewal Time for *Lutheran Witness and Texas Messenger* Subscriptions

It's time to renew *Lutheran Witness & Texas Messenger* Subscriptions for 2027. With the continued rise in publication costs by Concordia Publishing House, the Texas District will be increasing subscription prices for the upcoming year. The new price for an annual subscription will be \$32.00.

To renew, please place an earmarked check in the offering plate or drop by the church office. Any donations over \$32.00 will be used to gift a subscription to another church member. Renewal requests must be received by Sunday, November 1.

**If you have any questions, please contact
Lisa Stroebe.**

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Paula Hymer 2nd Trudy Carlson 3rd Sue Angerhofer	4th Lynann Simpson 5th Pat Hardy
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Serving in October:
Erika Barlow



October Ushers

Jack Bohannon
Owen Bohannon

Please begin thinking about serving as an usher in 2026. Lee Barlow, Head Usher, can answer questions.

Lector Schedule (by date)

10/04	LWML Ladies
10/11	Keith Fredrickson
10/18	Ginia Bruno
10/25	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

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

Altar Flowers for October

10/04	Peiser
10/11	Open
10/18	Lansmon
10/25	Open



marigolds

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 can be found 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



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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

OCTOBER 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 – Wednesdays at 10am			KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Rentals LWML Events	1 *Jared Harris 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	2 *Christine Richmond **Burl & Marlene Peiser MOW~Pack	3
4 LWML Sunday Lunch/Mission Presentatn *Hadley Harris *Harper Harris *Pastor Lee *Ed Weber 11:45am Grief Support~ El Corral 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	5 **Troy & Robin Kimbrough 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma~Narthex 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field	6 **Robert & Kim (Botello) Flores	7 **David & Denise Miller 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 4 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study~Rm 10	8 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	9 *Seth Chitester ** Mike & Becca Luera MOW~Sparkman 6:00pm Decorate for Faith Fest	10 *John Franz Faith Fest 5-7pm 
11 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 6	12 Faith School Closed 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field 6:30pm LWML Bus. Meeting~Rm 6 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	13 *Larry Brock *Marlene Peiser 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library	14 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6	15 *Bob Knoedler 6:00pm FFC Occup'd ~Faith Home School 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	16 *Hollis Reinert MOW~Keilers 6:00pm Decorate for LWML Trinity Zone Rally~FFC	17 *Temperance Espinoza LWML Trinity Zone Fall Rally~FFC
18 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	19 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	20 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~RM 6 6:00pm FFC Occup'd ~Faith Home School	21 *Maggie Lansmon 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 6 6:00pm Set up for Faith School Picture Day	22 *Ralph Hymer Faith School Pictures 6:00pm FFC Occup'd ~Faith Home School 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	23 MOW~Bruno	24 11:00am Memorial for Faith Jenson
25 Reformation Sunday 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 6	26 *Don Kirklen 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field/FFC	27 **Jason & Jasmine Seider 6:00pm FFC Occup'd ~Faith Home School	28 *Tate Maruska 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6	29 *Joyce Adams *Diana Wood 6:00pm FFC Occup'd ~Faith Home School	30 MOW~Stafford *Diana Synatske	31 Reformation Day 