



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
September 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

Please watch for the return of Young Adult Bible Study.

Two Adult Small Group Bible Studies meet at various times during the month.

- 10:30am on 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month
- 1:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

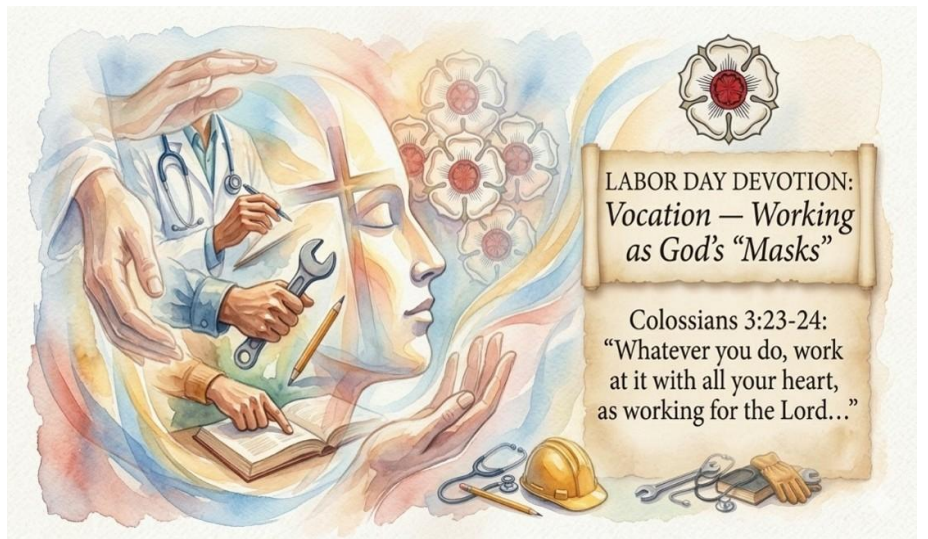
Orphan Grain Train

~ Disaster Relief ~

During the month of September, Faith will partner with Orphan Grain Train, specifically their Disaster Relief Efforts, as our Mission of the Month. Orphan Grain Train provides disaster relief throughout the United States and around the world. Working with the people of the communities affected by various natural disasters, Orphan Grain Train has been able to provide needed aid and help long after the initial devastation. Orphan Grain Train helps families devastated by storms, floods, wildfires and hurricanes. When desperation is felt, Orphan Grain Train offers gifts of hope. To give to Orphan Grain Train, as our mission of the month, please use the envelopes for free-will offerings located on the table in the narthex/lobby. You may also simply write "Mission of the Month" on the memo line of your check. Online giving to Mission of the Month is also available through Faith's website.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first Holiday of September is Labor Day. When we think of Labor Day, we think of backyard barbecues, the unofficial end of summer, and a well-deserved day off. This Holiday is a tribute to the American worker. Behind our labor lies a profound theological reality that Martin Luther often emphasized: **our daily work is the mask of God.**



LABOR DAY DEVOTION:
*Vocation — Working
as God's "Masks"*

Colossians 3:23-24:
"Whatever you do, work
at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord..."

Luther famously noted that God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbor does. God is the giver of all that we are and have. He gives to each of us, according to His Will and in His wisdom, according to our ability to properly steward these gifts. When we feed the hungry, heal the sick, govern a city, or build a house, it is God working through us. We may see the small part that we do as no big deal, but through your mundane, routine, and sometimes exhausting labor, God is actively hidden and at work, providing for and sustaining life.

Before sin entered the world, work in the Garden of Eden was a pure, joyful blessing. After the Fall, work became tainted by the sweat of our brow, thorns, thistles, and frustrations. Jobs become tedious, bosses difficult, and economic anxiety. Yet, the cross of Christ redeems not just our souls on Sunday, but our callings on Monday.

Your salvation is secure in Jesus. You do not have to work to earn God's favor. Your daily job is liberated and is no longer a frantic ladder to climb to prove your worth; it is a vehicle of love to serve the neighbor right in front of you. Whether you hold a yardstick, a computer mouse, a steering wheel, or a crying infant, your workshop has become a holy arena of love.

In His Service,
Pastor Lee

Prayer

Almighty God, Creator and Preserver of all things, we thank You for the gift of human labor and the diverse callings You have given us. Forgive us when we grumble in our tasks or find our identity in our productivity rather than in Your grace. Comfort those who are unemployed or weary, and grant fair wages and safe environments to those who toil. Bless the work of our hands today, that through us, Your love may nourish and protect our neighbors, and in all things, let us rest securely in the finished work of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

It is time to renew *Lutheran Witness & Texas Messenger* subscriptions for 2027. Due to rising publication and postage costs, the Texas District must increase the annual subscription cost \$32.00 per subscription. If you wish to renew your subscription, please place your earmarked payment in the church offering plate or drop by the church office. Requests to renew subscriptions are due by Sunday, November 1. The church must pay for all subscriptions by March 2027. Thank you.



"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14

Who is our neighbor and how do we show them that we love them? Our neighbor is anyone who needs to hear about the love of Jesus-and that includes all of us. One way we can show love is through our contributions to LWML Mission Projects funded by our Mite Box. We received \$280.61 in August! Thank you so much!

Our special focus this month is the American Sign Language Workshop project which is sponsored by the Lutheran Deaf Outreach of Texas. These 3-day workshops for deaf participants will communicate the Gospel to them in ASL. The grant will cover expenses for teachers, Bibles, food and tech support.

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. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. 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.

On October 17th, we will be hosting the Trinity Zone Fall Rally in the Family Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 9:30 am, and the program begins at 10:00. 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.

Marlene Peiser



A Choir Jingle

Practice only takes an hour.

You don't have to be a pro.

Let your love for Jesus grow.

Please come and join us; on Thursday evening.

Reap many blessings and make a joyful sound.

(sung to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")



Choir meets at 6:30pm on Thursdays



Chronic Illness/Pain Support Group

1ST, 3RD, & 5TH THURSDAYS

6:00-7:30

THE GATHERING PLACE

634 EAST RD, STEPHENVILLE, TX

To register call or email us at 254-595-3751
info@thegathering-place.com



From the Faith School Director

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year at **Faith School**! Our classrooms are once again filled with laughter, learning, new friendships, and lots of little smiling faces. We have been blessed to welcome quite a few new children and families this year, and it has been so exciting to watch our Faith School family continue to grow.

The beginning of a new school year always brings an adjustment period. New classrooms, teachers, friends, and routines can feel like a lot when you are little! We have watched some tearful morning goodbyes quickly turn into smiles, and children who were once unsure are now excited to see their teachers and friends. Those little moments are some of the sweetest parts of what we do.

There is already so much learning happening throughout our school. For our older children, that may mean letters, numbers, Bible stories, and school readiness skills. For our littlest learners, it may mean learning to share, communicate their needs, follow a routine, or simply feel safe and comfortable in their classroom. Every child grows at their own pace, and we are thankful for the opportunity to meet them where they are and help them take their next step.

Most importantly, we want Faith School to be a place where every child knows they are loved. We have the incredible opportunity to teach children about Jesus through Bible stories, songs, and prayer, but also through the way we love and care for one another each day. Our prayer is that our children see the love of Christ in their teachers and begin learning how to share that same love with others.

We are incredibly thankful for our teachers and staff who pour so much love, patience, and energy into our children each day. They celebrate milestones, wipe tears, give hugs, teach lessons, clean up plenty of messes, and make our classrooms special places for children to learn and grow.

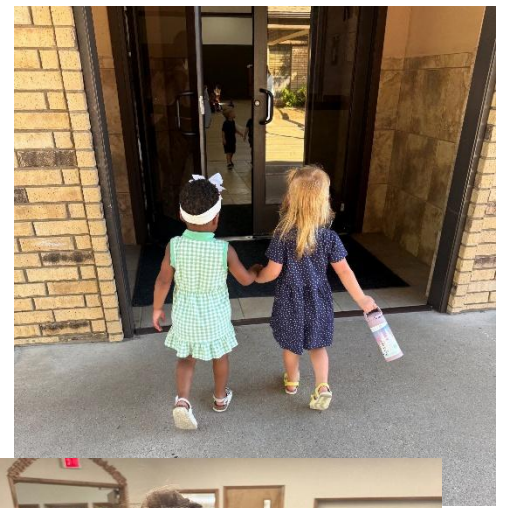
We also want to give a special thank you to our **spectacular School Board** for the time, support, and heart they pour into Faith School. So much of what happens behind the scenes would not be possible without their guidance and encouragement. We are incredibly fortunate to have a board that truly cares about our children, teachers, families, and the future of our school.

And to our families, thank you for trusting us with your children and allowing us to be part of their lives. We never take that responsibility for granted.

God continues to bless Faith School in so many ways. We are grateful for the growth we are seeing, excited about what is ahead, and looking forward to a year filled with learning, laughter, special memories, and new milestones.

What a blessing it is to be part of the Faith School family!

School Days





Stephen Ministry

Sufferings

We are all influenced by different sufferings. How can I judge another? Leave it to God, the unraveling of all the puzzles of life. Leave it to God the teaching of understanding. Bring each heart to God, its maker, and leave it with Him. Secure in the certainty that all that is wrong He can set right.

‘We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power, he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.’

2 Thessalonians 1:11

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, please contact Everett Seider or anyone on our team about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ’s love.

Blessings,
Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team



The All Stars will begin a new season of activity on Faith Field on Monday, September 21, and will continue play every Monday until October 26 when the season culminates in a brief game and awards! Everyone is invited to come out every Monday to help, cheer or just to be uplifted. All games begin at approximately 5:30pm and last for about an hour. All Stars is a joint project of the Stephenville Optimist Club, Stephenville Lions Noon Club and Faith Lutheran Church. This activity is for school age children (3-21) with any situation that hinders their participation in organized sports. For those able, I would greatly appreciate if you can come out Saturday morning September 19 from 9:00 - noon to help get the field prepared for the season!

Blessings to all,
Cary Strohmeyer
254-396-5018



**Church Offices &
Faith School will be
closed on Monday,
September 7, in
observance of
Labor Day.**

Save the Date

FAITHFEST

October 10



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 September:
Marilyn Pack



September Ushers

Everett Seider
Jeff Stroebel

If you are interested in serving as an usher, please speak with Lee Barlow.

Lector Schedule (by date)

09/06	Elder-Led Service
09/13	Elder-Led Service
09/20	Cathy Knoll
09/27	Tisha Gray



~ 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 September

09/06	Keilers Family
09/13	Open
09/20	Open
09/27	Open



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

Thursdays at 6:30pm.



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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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 Stephenville, Texas 76401
 254-968-2710

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Worship Schedule</u> Pastor Jeffrey A. Lee 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Combined Worship Service No Brunch Faith School Chapel – Wednesdays at 10am		1 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library 5:30pm PFS Mtng~Narthex	2 *Cassandra Cubbage	3 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	4 MOW~Pack	5 *Annabeth Espinoza
		Pastor on Vacation				
6 *JoAnn Schulze *Edna Tate 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	7 *Ryan Wright  Church Offices & Faith School Closed	8 *Blevins Carr	9 *Dennis Keilers 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 4 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 4	10 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	11 Patriot Day *Kim Mitchell MOW~Franz 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Peiser	12 *Richard Liedtke **Troy & Sheryl Truss 2:00pm FFC Occupied~Peiser
Pastor on Vacation						
13 *Tisha Gray 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 4	14 5:45pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 10 6:30pm LWML Business Mtng~Rm 4 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	15 *Sandy Linne 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~RM 4 6:00pm FFC Occup'd	16	17 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct. 6:00pm FFC Occup'd	18 MOW~Bruno	19 8:00am Trustee Workday-Parking lot repairs Faith Field Workday~ 9:00am – noon
Pastor on Vacation						
20 Mite Box Sunday 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	21 *Barry Harpole *Gracie Strohmeier 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	22 First Day of Fall 6:00pm FFC Occup'd 	23 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 4 6:00pm Confirmation	24 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct. 6:00pm FFC Occup'd	25 MOW~Sparkman	26
27 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 4	28 *Mike Blount 5:30pm Faith AllStars on Faith Field	29 6:00pm FFC Occup'd	30 6:00pm Confirmation			<u>KEY</u> *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events