



# Faith Lutheran Church

*Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ*  
*April 2024 Newsletter*

Dear Friends in Christ;

In a couple of weeks, we will begin a three-week stewardship emphasis titled “Experiencing the Joy of Generosity. I believe this program will be a blessing to those who already are experiencing the joy of being generous with the gifts God has given to them, and we hope and pray that this effort will help many more experience the joy that comes from giving faithfully and generously.

When we give up a portion of the blessings that God gives to us to others, we experience one of the true joys of being Christians. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). God doesn’t need our gifts, but He asks us to give them. He accepts and uses them and gives us joy in sharing them. We have a generous and giving God and God wants us to reflect His image in this world. We do this partly by being generous toward others. God promises; “Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38). We don’t give so that we will receive God’s blessings, but God’s Word promises us that, when we give faithfully and willingly, we will receive an abundance of spiritual blessings and, for some, material blessings as well.

Our Creator empowers us to give joyfully to our church and others according to His will. With this attitude of joyful gratitude, God keeps us close to Him, and others see His image through us. Our pursuit for fulfillment and joy culminates in the discovery that we receive those things when, by God’s grace, we respond with eagerness to God’s directive to give. Like David, we exclaim, “But who [are we]...that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from You, and of Your own have we give You” (1 Chronicles 29; 14). We hope and pray that the emphasis “Experiencing the Joy of Generosity” will be a blessing to you and your family.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for this stewardship series, please take time to inventory all of the blessings you have been entrusted with in your life. Consider the gift of time that you have been given from God. The Psalmist asks God to teach him to number his days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12) A Steward is a manager. How have we managed the gift of time? How does your management of time reflect your faith in our Loving God. Consider the talents that God has given you and how you have managed them. How have you used your talents to praise the LORD? Consider the treasures that you have been entrusted with and how you have managed them in your life. Does your management of treasures reflect your trust that God will provide?

At the end of our stewardship series, you will have the opportunity to make a commitment of faith. This series is not intended to fill anyone with guilt, but rather the JOY of Generosity of praising the Lord with Time, Talents and Treasures. May God bless this process and your life in the coming weeks.

In His Service,  
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee



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

Junior High & High School meet in Room 9

Elementary (grades 4-6) meet in Room 6

Early Childhood (grades K – 3) meet in the Kinder Room

Young Adult Bible Study is at 1:00pm on Sundays in Room 9



MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Lutheran Hour Ministries

BRINGING CHRIST TO THE NATIONS – AND THE NATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Lutheran Hour Ministries began at the grassroots level as the Lutheran Laymen's League, a group of 12 laypeople who came together to support the church in word and deed. What began with 12 has become a movement of tens of thousands of volunteers and supporters around the globe. In 1930, "There is a God" were the first words spoken on The Lutheran Hour radio program broadcast over the airwaves to thousands of listeners. Today, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) shares the Gospel message with people around the world more than 195 million times each week through ministry efforts such as Bible Correspondence Courses, Outreach Training, Bible Studies, Daily Devotions and, of course, The Lutheran Hour.

Our first Ministry Center opened its doors in the Philippines in 1940; today we are able to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to over 60 countries through our ministry centers on 6 continents. With our unique missionary model of employing only indigenous staff, LHM is able to work within the language and culture to communicate the Gospel in the context of the local region. For over 100 years, God has used LHM to bring the changeless Christ to a changing world. The communication methods have shifted, but the message has remained the same.

Around the globe, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is **proclaiming** the Gospel of Jesus Christ using a variety of culturally appropriate venues and media. We have ministry centers in over 30 countries, each with local staff working hand-in-hand with dedicated volunteers and church partners.

Mission of the Month envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex. You can read more about LHM on their website [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org).

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## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers & Stephen Leaders  
Commissioned on March 10, 2024

Three new leaders (Marlene Peiser, Burl Peiser and Ann Soltau) completed their on-line Bridge Training Course and were commissioned with the two new ministers (Nelda Moore and Aria Dougherty) who completed the 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving.

Our team is thankful to have these faithful servants. Their initial commitment is for two years which includes the 50 hours of initial training. We are thankful that some serve longer than that!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry, talk to our Referrals Coordinator, Everett Seider.



## Faith All Star League

(a joint project of  
Stephenville's Optimist Club,  
Noon Lions's Club and Faith)

The All Stars' season continues each Monday in April through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to come out to help, cheer or just to be uplifted. All games begin at approximately 5:30pm and last for about an hour. A brief game and a pizza party, sponsored by Cici's, will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup>.



from YOUR CHURCH  
COUNCIL ...

**Nominations Committee  
selected for 2024 – 2025  
Church Council**

At the recent March meeting, Faith's Church Council approved a nominating committee tasked with asking members to serve as Church Council officers or on one of Faith's various boards. Please consider how you can best serve the church; there are many roles and places to pitch in.

Terms are for two years except for Elders which are three-year terms. Terms run from June 1 to May 31.

This year's Voters' Assembly to confirm the slate of officers and board members will be on Sunday, May 5, at 9:45am.

*Save the Date* VBS – July 14 through July 18



Blessings to everyone as we continue to remember all that Christ did for us with His life, death and resurrection. We are Easter people! Christ is risen indeed!

Thank you to all who donated to mites in March. We were able to send in \$139.45 to help international students at Concordia Seminary share the Gospel with those in their own countries. Our mission focus this month is *Equipping Young Leaders-LCMS Youth Ministry*. This grant will enable LCMS to expand current programs to keep young people connected to the church by allowing them opportunities to lead and serve.

Our Prayer Service presentation on March 17<sup>th</sup> was attended by 22 people. Thanks to Pastor Lee for sharing thoughts on Mercy, Grace and Peace with us. Thank you also to Lisa for printing the song sheet for us. And a big thank you to my husband, Burl Peiser, for patiently working out the kinks in doing our power point presentation. We're looking forward to using it again in the future.

We are moving forward with the church garage sale. After prayerful consideration, we have decided to give it a try here at church. If you would be willing to help us set up, price or help run the sale, please speak with me or any LWML member. Our dates are set for April 19<sup>th</sup> (set up after 5:30) and 20<sup>th</sup> (sale from 8-2 and clean up afterwards. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. If you've been doing the 40 bags or 40 items challenge, bring your unwanted items, **priced**, to the FFC after 5:30 on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you need help delivering them, let us know.

Finally, LWML Trinity zone will be hosting a Spring Workshop at Peace in Hurst on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am -2:00pm. Judy Glover from the Presbyterian night shelter in Ft. Worth will be the speaker for the workshop. We will assemble "Hiking Kits" for the homeless as our service project. Let me or any LWML member know if you would like to attend.

Marlene Peiser



... Palm Parade ...

Happy Easter  
from Faith  
School!



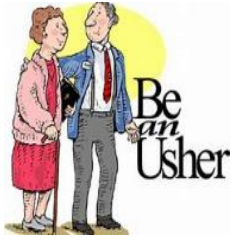
# The Bulletin Board

## Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

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



Serving in April:  
Emily Lansmon



## April Ushers

Brandon Bohannon  
Jack or Owen Bohannon

Please consider serving as an usher for one month (4 or 5 Sundays) or a couple of months throughout the year. Ushers are needed to 2024. Talk to an Elder for details. Thank you.

## Lector Schedule (by date)

04/07 Leslie Hallgarth  
04/14 Jeff Stroebel  
04/21 Cathy Knoll  
04/28 Tisha Gray

## FREE Notary Public Service

Cindy Stafford – (254) 592-6630



Saturday, April 6  
&  
Saturday, April 27  
(Both begin at 8:30am)

## Faith Lutheran's Elders

Will Lansmon  
John Quade  
Ronnie Tate  
Terry West, Head Elder

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

## Altar Flowers for April

04/07 Ola Merck  
04/14 Bohannon Family  
04/21 Luera Family  
04/28 Cameron Family



## 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.



## JOIN Choir!

Practice each Thursday  
at 6:30pm.

## Faith School Scholarship

Scholarship forms for 2024 are available. Contact Lisa Stroebel in the church office. Applicants must be a high school senior and must have attended Faith School as a child. Application deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024.



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## Church Information

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Email:  
[church.office@faithlutheranstephenville.com](mailto: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

# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 5:00pm Faith All Stars~Faith Field (FFC is backup location in event of bad weather) 6:00pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	<b>3</b> *Matt Bouquet *Mike Luera 5:45pm Faith Field Rented	<b>4</b> *Brantley Riola 6:00pm FFC Occpd~Linne/Smith Attndng 6:30pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b> *Sheryl Truss MOW~Pack 5:00pm Board of Evang. Mtng~Lbry	<b>6</b> 8:30am Church Workday
<b>7</b> *Cindy Franz **Ricky & Sarah Osterloh	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Faith All Stars 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Business Mtng~Rm 6 6:30pm Elders~Lbry	<b>9</b> *Emily Lansmon *Harper Mundfrom 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	<b>10</b> 5:45pm Faith Field Rented 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6	<b>11</b> *Julie Liedtke *Sheila Small *Ken Van Matre 6:00pm FFC Occpd~Linne/Smith Attndng 6:30pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b> MOW~Simpson	<b>13</b> Faith School Training~Campus-wide
<b>14</b> *Mark Gallagher 11:30am Trustee Mtng ~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 6	<b>15</b> *Anna Gray 5:00pm Faith All Stars~Faith Field (FFC is backup location in event of bad weather) 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	<b>16</b> 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	<b>17</b> *Cindy Stafford 5:30pm Faith School Open House 5:45pm Faith Field Rented	<b>18</b> 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/Smith Attndng 6:30pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b> *Kameron Seider MOW~Small 6:00pm Set up for LWML Garage Sale	<b>20</b> 8:00am LWML Garage Sale
<b>21</b> LWML Mite Box Sunday **Matt & Emma Bouquet 5:00pm FFC Occupied~Nehring Attndng	<b>22</b> 5:00pm Faith All Stars~Faith Field (FFC is backup location in event of bad weather)	<b>23</b> *Eric Carrasco *David Stelter 5:45pm Active Assailant Training 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	<b>24</b> *Louisa Luera 5:45pm Faith Field Rented 6:30pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> *Julian Barksdale 5:45pm Active Assailant Training 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/Smith Attndng	<b>26</b> MOW~Sparkman	<b>27</b> 8:30am Church Workday LWML Spring Rally~Peace, Hurst
<b>28</b> 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 6	<b>29</b> *Tori Cameron 5:00pm Faith All Stars~FFC (End of Season party)	<b>30</b> 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	<u>KEY</u> *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events	<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		Young Adult Bible Study Sundays at 1:00pm in Room 9 of the family center