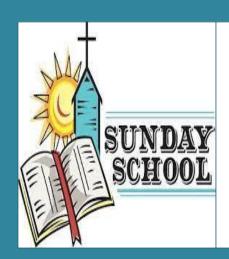


Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ August 2025 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.

Children/Youth Bible Boot Camp continues through August 3. We will celebrate Rally Sunday on August 10 at 9:00am in the family center. Please join us for brunch and activities!

Young Adult Bible Study will resume soon.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Hosanna Lutheran Church Kerrville, Texas (Flood Response) During the month of August, Faith will partner with our sister church, Hosanna Lutheran in Kerrville, as our Mission of the Month. Your prayers and free-will offerings will help Hosanna provide comfort and financial support to the people whose lives were devastated by

the July 4 holiday flooding. Hosanna is a LCMS church located in Kerrville, Texas, in the heart of the area affected by the Guadalupe River flooding. Though the church was not directly impacted by the flood and neither were the congregation's members, they all know people, some very close, who were affected. Hosanna has assembled a team to review requests for help and is currently in the process of targeting people associated with the congregation and distributing funds it has received through donations. The first interview was July 29. Hope Timmer, Disaster Relief Coordinator, of Hosanna Lutheran provided this update: This has been a good week moving forward. We met with the first disaster relief applicant; it's just heartbreaking to see the pictures from this applicant of the devastation and destruction of this flood. There was a Community Event in Hunt last Sunday and I was able to give out some applications and beautiful Prayers Crosses that were sent to Hosanna from The Cross Makers in Seward Nebraska. Every single cross was given away! In the lobby, there are letters from all over the country that accompanied monetary donations. Stop by and read them and you'll see how God works through all of us! We are praying that we can help the right people, in the right way at the right time. God will lead us, we just have to listen! Envelopes for free-will offerings may be found on the table in the narthex/lobby or simply write "Mission of the Month" on the memo line of your check. You may also give to Mission of the Month online through Faith's website. Thank you.



Dear Friends in Christ,

BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Back To School was kind of an exciting time as a kid. We got the school supply list and headed to the store to pick up the items that we needed. Maybe we could get the 64-box of crayons with the sharpener built into the box. pencils and pens, paper and notebooks. My mom made sure we started the school year with a new outfit of clothes and new shoes. It was an opportunity for a new beginning, a new school year with a new teacher.

I think I started the school year with good intentions of changing bad study habits that I had fallen into in previous years. But, it didn't take long, and I slid right back into bad habits of procrastinating to do homework, waiting until the last minute to study for a test, finish homework or start a paper. I wasn't a bad student, but I wasn't as good as I could have been.

The same is true with my life in Christ. Paul struggled with it as well.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. *Romans 7:19–20 (ESV)*

"The Good that I want, I do not do ... But I do that which I don't want to do." It is sin that dwells in me. There is this struggle between the Old sinful Adam that is weak in the face of temptations and the New Adam of Righteousness that wants to live to please GOD. But, don't get discouraged my friends. The devil doesn't win. By the Grace of GOD in Christ Jesus – our LORD invites us to bring our struggles, our burdens, our cares to Him. He doesn't promise to take away the struggle – but He does promise a way through it. By the Grace of GOD, He says, "If you confess your sins, HE is faithful and just and will forgive you all of your sin." So, each moment we do that, it is like BACK TO SCHOOL again. We have a clean slate and a new opportunity. We don't have to live in the bondage of our sinful past, but with the glorious promise of being a child of the MOST HIGH, an Heir of eternal life. That your sin, though it be like scarlet, shall be as white as snow. That is the power of GOD in us. That is the power of the cross of Christ.

Yes – on the cross, it seems as though the devil wins and righteousness is defeated. But the grave could not hold HIM, Jesus rose victorious over sin, death and hell. That victory is ours by grace through Faith. We continue the struggle, but not as defeated, but as conquerors through Him who loved us. May God grant you the joy of newness.

In Christ; Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee

Dear Faith Lutheran family,

On behalf of Floyd and I, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart! We feel so blessed to have each other and look forward to a life together, serving God. The potluck this past Sunday was amazing!! Floyd felt welcomed, and we both felt very loved. We were deeply honored at the appearance of the incredible Mrs. Picklejar. She is certainly one of a kind! Thank you for the money tree and gifts. Floyd's response could be summed up in one word: "Wow". Much love, Christine (Anderson) Richmond



"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"Growing in Grace" was the theme of our National LWML convention in Omaha, Nebraska last month. As always, we selected mission grants to support in the coming biennium as a way of sharing God's grace with others. At the top of our list was an \$81,500 grant to the Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers ministry. LERT teams are deployed to areas when a natural disaster, such as the one in south Texas, has occurred. This grant will help provide resources for the LERT team members to shower and rest while serving those in need. Your donations to the mite box help fund this and other mission grant projects.

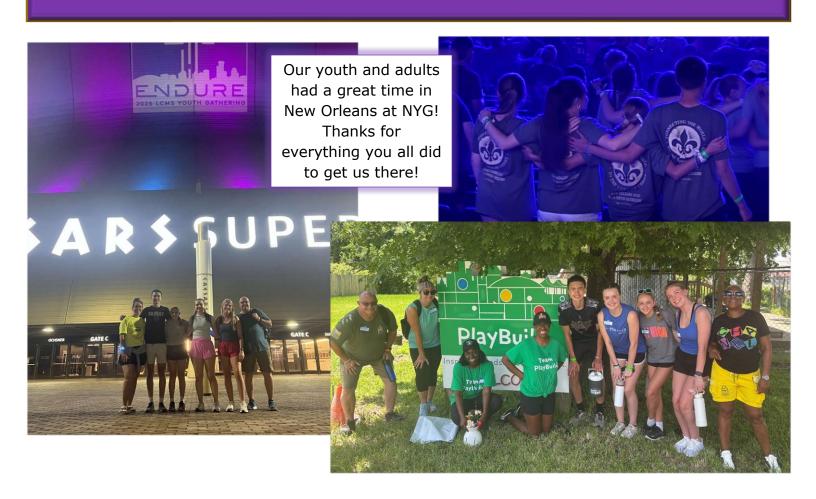
LWML will have our next meeting at my home on August 11th to plan activities for the coming year.

Anyone is welcome to attend, just let me know if you are interested.

Looking forward, a new Ladies Bible Study will begin in September on Wednesday evenings at 6:00. This year, we will be studying the book of Joshua-*Be Strong and Courageous* by Donna Pyle. A sign-up sheet will be posted later.

Also remember, Advent by Candlelight will be happening in November. Praying that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. Above all, stay in God's Word.

Blessings to all, Marlene Peiser









Stephen Ministry

A ministry of care giving, relying on God to be the cure giver.

Relief from the Heat

A cup of cold water is always so refreshing, especially during the summer months here in Texas. To some of those in our community, especially those in our congregation here at Faith, the need for a cup of cold water is more of a thirst beyond the mere quenching of physical dimensions. Matthew 25 reminds us that Jesus emphasized that reaching out to those in need in a practical, life-sustaining, and human way is vital in the Christian caring process. Stephen Ministry training is one such way to further use the gifts God has blessed many with; to help care for one another in need. We offer the cup of cold water not just because of the ones we offer them to, but because of the One who prompts our offering.

Let us know how we can serve you or someone you know.

In His service, Sherre West



MONDAYS 6:00-7:30 PM STARTING AUGUST 25TH 634 EAST RD. STEPHENVILLE. IX To register call or email us at 254-595-3751 info@thegathering-place.com



Dear Faith Family,

Thanks so much for your prayers during my surgery and recovery time. God is so good to provide me with such a blessed church!

Thanks again, Viki Hymer



Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Lynann Simpson 3rd Sue Angerhofer2nd Trudy Carlson 4th/5th Lynann Simpson



Serving in August:

Rosanne Keilers



August Ushers

Everett Seider Jeff Stroebel

Ushers are needed to 2025. Please speak with Head Usher, Lee Barlow, if you have questions.

Lector Schedule (by date)

08/03	Billy Gray			
08/10	Richard Liedtke Bethany Espinoza			
08/17				
08/24	Leslie Hallgarth			
08/31	Jeff Stroebel			



~ 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 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 August

08/03 Angerhofer & Hardy

08/10 Cornman

08/17 Angerhofer

08/24 Open

08/31 Open

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!



~Make a joyful noise~ JOIN CHOIR

Rehearsals for vocal choir will begin on August 28 at 6:30pm.



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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

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Schedule Pastor Jeffrey A. Lee 9:00am Sunday School for 10:15am Combined Worshi No Brunch Faith School Chapel – Wed	ip Service	*Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events		-	*Ron Adams *Alex Flores **John & Cindy Franz MOW~Stafford / Keilers	*Sherre West 2:00pm Christine Anderson & Floyd Richmond wedding reception at Cottonwood Churc
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
**Paul & Kim Mitchell 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	**James & Diana Synatzske	*Lee Barlow 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library	6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6	*Magan Estill	*Jim Schur MOW~Pack	9:00am Faith Schoo Training~Campus- wide 3:00pm FFC Occupd ~Barrerras
10 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 6	11 5:45pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Bus. Mtng~Peiser Home 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	12	13 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry First Day of School for SISD	14 **Ed & Cathy Knoll	15 *Trudy Carlson MOW~Franz	16 *Larry Angerhofer
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	*Charles Simpson		*Ronnie Tate	MOW~Sparkman	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
*Eric Lowinski *Kathy Sloan	*Keith Fredrickson	*Martha Fredrickson **Cary & Donna	10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6	6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanctuary	*Melissa Weber **Charles & Lynann	*Jerry Hagen
5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/Continuing Ed~Rm 6		Strohmeyer			Simpson MOW~Bruno	
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