



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
January 2024 Newsletter

WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Please join us in January for Sunday School and Worship.

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

Adults meet in the narthex 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 (begins 01/14)



Mission of the Month: Choices Clinic & Life Resources Center



Mission Statement: Choices Life Resource Center is a Christian ministry dedicated to preserving the value of human life by providing abortion alternatives, practical assistance and education to the Cross Timbers area.

As Faith prepares to celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday, we are, once again, partnering with Choices Clinic & Life Resource Center in January to provide prayer support and financial assistance. The 'Change for Life' baby bottle campaign will begin on January 21 and continue through February. You can begin saving your change now and, on the 21st, pick up and fill your baby bottle. Your support is very important to help Choices provide services in our community such as pregnancy tests, limited ultrasound, material assistance and pregnancy support classes. Choices also offers group support study and individual support sessions to men and women suffering from abortion trauma, women impacted by abuse and to those seeking a growing relationship with Christ.

Lutherans For Life's 2024 theme for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is

"Just as I AM"



"And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment".

Dear Friends,

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the end. Nothing was before Him and nothing after Him. It begins with God and it all ends with God. The last page of the 2023 calendar is being torn off and we begin the brand new 2024 calendar. As we look back on 2023, do you have regrets? Do you have any of those, "I should have..." thoughts? If you think back 12 months to the beginning of 2023, did you make any vows like, This year, I am going to lose 50 pounds? I am going to get in better shape. I am going to start or improve my devotional life. I am going to stop some bad habit or start a good one. As we begin 2024, are you vowing to do some of those same things in this new year because you failed in 2023?

As we close out 2023 – I want the words of Revelations 21:6 to run through your mind knowing that it is the voice of GOD speaking to you. "IT IS DONE!" The same words Jesus spoke from the CROSS! IT IS DONE! The past is gone. Don't beat yourself up over the failures or shortcomings or sins. IT IS DONE! It is finished. The old is gone. Hear the words of ROMANS 8 – "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus ... What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

We are more than conquerors. Christ Jesus has the victory over the battle. God says – I am making all things new! In Christ, your past sins are forgiven. In Christ, you have a new beginning. IN Christ we begin this new year in this confidence, that there is nothing in all of creation that is able to separate you from the love of GOD in Christ Jesus our LORD. So go into this new year with a clean conscience and with a bold spirit and in the name of Jesus.

In His service,
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee

P.S. Gail and want you to know how blessed we are to be serving the people of Faith Lutheran Church and the community of Stephenville, TX. Thank you so much for all your thoughtful comments and your welcome into your midst. Thank you so much for the generous Christmas "Love" offering that we received. It brings out the Minnesota Uff da to our lips. Y'all are special.

~ Epiphany ~

**Ed and Cathy Knoll invite you to celebrate Epiphany with us.
Drop by 1250 N Ollie anytime between 5 - 7 on Sat, Jan 6, 2024.**

The term epiphany means "to reveal; to make known." Also referred to as the Three Kings Day. Epiphany on Jan 6 commemorates the visit of the Magi from the east who, as detailed in Matthew 2:1-12, followed a star to Bethlehem. When the wise men found the child with his mother, they bowed down, worshipped, and presented him with treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh thereby "revealing" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

Hallelujah!

p.s. I wonder how many magi you can spot around the house.



God's blessings to everyone as we begin this new year. As always, LWML continues to focus on missions for the coming year.

Thanks to all who donated to our mite box in December. We were able to send \$146.43 to support mission projects in Texas and around the world. Our focus this January is *Water and the Word*, an outreach of the Lutheran Church in Kenya, which supports rural schools, children, their parents, and the community at large by sharing God's Word and love through the gift of clean water.

Our Advent by Candlelight event this year was attended by 104 men, women and children who were blessed by the presentation of *Mary's Treasure Box*. Thanks to all our musicians, singers, actresses, table hostesses, and servers who worked to make this happen.

Our Bible study on *Joseph, Meant for Good*, continues January 6th and 20th at 10:00am in Room 6 of the FFC. We will begin with Lesson 5, however, it's not too late to join. If you would like a book, see Marlene Peiser.

On January 14th, we will start the year with Mission Sunday and a presentation on life in a rural village in Kenya. This will be a slide show presentation of Wendy Thornell's (Marlene Peiser's daughter) trip to Kenya in June last year. Wendy will not be able to attend as she works at a homeless shelter in the metroplex, but I will give the presentation using her pictures. A soup and salad lunch will be available after church and before the presentation.

Then, on January 21st, we will sponsor Muffins for Missions by providing muffins and other goodies before Sunday School and church. The large mite box will be out, so please donate if you can.

Finally, we have an update on the fundraiser we had last year to raise money to purchase a TV for use in the Narthex and Sanctuary. Burl Peiser is putting the finishing touches on the cabinet to house the new TV. However, LWML has used all of its \$662 in purchasing lumber for the cabinet so we will need additional fundraisers to finish the project. I'm sure the Church Council would welcome any ideas.

May we continue to thank God for all His blessings granted to us this past year and in the coming year.

Marlene Peiser



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is available for anyone who is facing overwhelming needs for care: hospitalization, grieving, suffering, loneliness or discouragement, divorce or separation, unemployment, accidents, and the list goes on. Please feel free to contact: Everett Seider, Referrals Coordinator.



If God Could

by G. E. Wagoner

If God can hang the stars on high,
Can paint the clouds that drift on by;
Can send the sun across the sky,
What could He do through you?

If He can send a storm through space,
And dot with trees the mountains face;
If He the sparrow's way can trace,
What could He do through you?

If God can do such little things
As count our hairs, or birds that sing,
Control the universe that swings,
What could He do through you?"

LORD, HELP US TO HAVE FAITH AND BELIEVE
THAT YOU CAN DO GREAT THINGS THROUGH US.
AMEN.

Thank You

Faith Lutheran Church,

I want to say a very heartfelt
THANK YOU for the love offering.

It was most definitely
appreciated! I feel so blessed to
have the love and support of the
church throughout the year! With
your help, Faith School is a place
to Believe, Belong and Be Loved!

Lauren Johnson

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you for the generous
Christmas gift! I appreciate the
expression of love on my behalf.
Also, I am so thankful for prayer
offered for my son, Michael,
and also for my family during his
health battle. We can feel
God's presence carrying us
through a difficult time. Thank
you for the cards, meals and
gas cards, as well as time spent
with my children and with me.

It is a pleasure to serve with the
people of Faith Lutheran
Church.

Sincerely, Christine Anderson

Dear Faith Family,

I would like to give my sincerest thank you to
the Faith family for the love offering that I
received. The year has been full of trials and
loss, but I know God is in control. The gift
was very much appreciated and put to good
use. Again, thank you and God bless.

Mike Blount

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you all so very much for the love offering,
cards, and other gifts given to Jeff and me this holiday
season. We are truly grateful for your ongoing love
and support, not just at Christmas, but throughout
the entire year, and we are blessed to be part of the
ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

Jeff & Lisa Stroebe

Life should be measured
not by the number of years,
*but rather by the love shared, the memories made,
the joy given and the blessings received.*

Please join us as we celebrate

Lynann's 80th Birthday

Saturday, January 27th

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Faith Center, Faith Lutheran Church

Stephenville, TX

*Please bring or mail a memory you would
like to share with Lynann*



Faith School

Happy New Year!!! We are so excited to start the year off with some amazing weekly themes for the children. Faith School weekly themes are: "Happy New Year!", "The Solar System", "Dinosaur Fun", "Stranger Danger/Police" and, then, "Taking Care of Me/Dentists and Doctors". If any of the weekly themes interest you, please let me know! We love to have visitors read stories or show off pictures.

Faith School children enjoyed the Christmas season with a wonderful Christmas program and plenty of Christmas parties! We are looking forward to slowing down a bit this January.

Blessings,
Lauren Johnson, Director

Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

Scenes from Christmas



Bridal Shower

PLEASE JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE BRIDE-TO-BE

Anna Gray

JAN | SUN 21 | 2024

TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
FAITH FAMILY CENTER
3000 NORTHWEST LOOP
STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS

Registered at The Home Place at Ace, Target and Amazon

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

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



Serving in January:
Marilyn Pack



January Ushers
Volunteers Needed

Lector Schedule (by date)

01/07 Keith Fredrickson
01/14 Lee Barlow
01/21 Billy Gray
01/28 Bethany Espinoza

Altar Flower Chart

The altar flower chart for 2024 is open & available for volunteers. If you would like to celebrate or commemorate a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion by sharing a bouquet with the church, please sign up. The chart can be found on the wall next to the church kitchen. If you have questions, please speak with Lisa.



Find a place to serve. Join Altar Guild, be a Lector, teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, or join the Meals on Wheels rotation.

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 January

01/07 Open
01/14 Open
01/21 West ~ Lutherans for Life Sunday
01/28 Simpson / Hinga Families



(Sign-Up hangs on the wall beside church kitchen)

FREE Notary Public Service

Cindy Stafford – (254) 592-6630

Aluminum Can Recycling

Donate your empty aluminum cans to the church. They will be recycled into cash for FLY.



Undecorate the Church Sanctuary – Please plan to join us on Saturday, January 6, at 8:30am to take down the Christmas decorations. It should not take too long; remember, it's easier to take down than put up.

Portals of Prayer

Printed copies of current *Portals of Prayer* are available in the church office. Digital subscriptions for mobile devices and computers available via CPH at <https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>. *Portals of Prayer* is also available through Apple's App Store and on Google Play.



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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

JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events	1 New Year's Day Faith School & Church Office Closed **Matt & Leslie Hallgarth 6:00pm Board of Ed Mtng~Library	2 *James Synatzske 5:30pm PFS Mtng~Narthex	3 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	4 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/ Smith Attndng	5 MOW~Pack 5:00pm Board of Evang. Mtng~Lbry 6:30pm Vocal Choir~Sanctuary	6 Epiphany  *Brandon Bohannon 8:30am Undecorate Sanctuary 10:00am LWML Bible Study~Rm 6 1:00pm FFC Occpd~ Blount Attndng
7 *Adelaide Ashley *Erika Barlow 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training~Rm 6	8 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Business Meeting~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng 6:30pm Elders~Lbry	9 *Darleen Hufstutler **Brandon & Jennifer Bohannon 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng	10 *Owen Bohannon 10:30am Tate small group~Rm 9 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	11 *Kason Seider 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng 6:30pm Vocal Choir~ Sanctuary	12 MOW~Simpson	13
14 LWML Mite Box Sunday 11:30am Board of Trustee Mtng~Library 1:00pm Young Adult Bible Study~Rm 9 4:15pm Stephen Mnstry Training/Cont. Ed.~Rm 6	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day *Delaney Johnson 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	16 1:30pm Simpson small group~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng	17 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	18 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/ Smith Attndng 6:30pm Vocal Choir~ Sanctuary	19 *Cheryl Hatton MOW~Sparkman	20 *Cary Strohmeier 10:00am LWML Bible Study~Rm 6 1:00pm Decorate FFC for Anna Gray Wedding Shower
21 Lutheran's for Life Sunday  1:00pm Young Adult Bible Study~Rm 9 2:00pm Anna Gray Wedding Shower~FFC 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training~Rm 6	22 *John Quade 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	23 *Eli Espinoza *Matt Hallgarth *Sloan Weber 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng	24 Circuit Pastors' Mtng ~Granbury 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	25 *Nora Espinoza *Jason Young 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/ Smith Attndng 6:30pm Vocal Choir~ Sanctuary	26 *Glen Cornman MOW~Small	27 FFC Occupied~ Simpson / Hinga Attndng
28 *Chuck Hamaker 1:00pm Young Adult Bible Study~Rm 9 4:15pm Stephen Mnstry Training/Cont. Ed.~Rm 6	29 *Ricky Osterloh 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	30 *Morgan Mundfrom *Lynann Simpson 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/ Smith Attndng	31 *Elliott Nehring *Ethan Nehring 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Espinoza Attndng	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 10:00am		