



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is crazy – it seems like every day there is another day of recognition that pops up that I had never heard about before. Take March 1 for example, it is National Pig Day. National Pig Day? I guess it was founded in 1972 by a teacher in Lubbock, Texas, that wanted to have a day to celebrate the intelligent, domesticated pig. March 4 is International Obesity Day. March 15 is World Sleep Day, March 18 is Global Recycling Day. Daylight Savings time begins on March 10, March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, March 19, Spring Begins, March 24 is Palm Sunday, March 28 Maundy Thursday, March 29 Good Friday, March 31 is Easter. In light of all these days – God says;

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.”

Colossians 2:13-16 (NIV)

No matter what day it is – whether the day is some made up observance for a domesticated animal or a religious festival established through the ages, the day itself is nothing. God instructs us to let no one judge us according to what we eat or drink, or, with regard to religious festival or New Moon celebrations, or even the Sabbath day. Our focus is on Christ and Him crucified for all of our sins. Our Hope and our Joy is found in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. Our life – the Bible says, is no longer our life – it is Christ who lives in us. So let your Light Shine that others may see your good works and worship your Father who is in heaven.

All the days belong to God. All of our life is to be lived to His honor and to His glory. God instructs us to Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy and Jesus tells us that God gave us the Sabbath for our good. We find our rest in a loving, caring God. So, Martin Luther writes that to keep the Sabbath, wasn't so much dependent on which day of the week is set aside, but rather, gladly hearing and learning the Word of GOD. May you find your peace and your rest in Him. To God be the Glory.

In His Service,
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee

Mission of the Month:



During the month of March, Faith will be supporting a global partner, Food For The Poor, as our Mission of the Month. With prayers and financial assistance, Faith can help Food For The Poor expand their reach throughout areas primarily in the Caribbean and Latin America.

About Us: Food For The Poor began in 1982 in Jamaica. Thanks to our faithful donors, we are able to provide food, housing, healthcare, education, fresh water, emergency relief, micro-enterprise solutions and much more to people in the Caribbean and Latin America.

We are proud to have fed millions of people and provided more than 15.7 billion dollars in aid. Our faith inspires us to be an organization built on compassion and motivated by love. Our mission is to bring relief to the poorest of the poor in the countries where we serve.

We strive to reflect God's unconditional love. It's a sacrificial love that embraces all people regardless of race or religion. We believe that we can show His love by serving the "least of these" on this earth as Christ challenged us to do in Matthew 25. We pray that by God's grace, and with your support, we can continue to bring relief to the suffering and hope to the hopeless.

Your Faith In Action Changes Lives

"You put your faith in action because you want every human being to reach their full potential. At Food For The Poor, we cherish this about you, and we are united in God's Work."

To learn more about Food For The Poor, please go to their website, foodforthe poor.org, or check out our Mission of the Month bulletin board in the hallway across from the church kitchen. Mission of the Month envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Excerpted from www.foodforthe poor.org, 2024

Please join us in March 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

Easter Lilies

Please help fill our sanctuary with Easter lilies for worship on Easter morning. Purchase a plant from any store and bring to the church by Thursday, March 28. After church, please take your plant home. Thank you.



Lent / Holy Week Schedule

**Midweek Lenten Worship
Supper at 6pm, Service at 6:45pm**

March 6

March 13

March 20

Palm Sunday – March 24

Maundy Thursday – March 28

Good Friday – March 29

Easter – March 31

(see calendar for worship times)



Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning (March 31) following breakfast.

The Board for Christian Ed is asking for help to replace our inventory of plastic Easter Eggs.

This year, instead of donating just candy, please bring plastic Easter eggs pre-stuffed and place in the box in the narthex.

Please do not bring chocolate. Egg hunts will take place outside, weather permitting.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers & Stephen Leaders to be Commissioned.

On Sunday, March 10, 2024, our congregation will commission two Stephen Ministers, Nelda Moore and Aria Dougherty. These dedicated women have been training for seven months and are ready to begin their caring ministry among us here at Faith Lutheran Church.

We will also be commissioning our new Stephen Leaders, who have completed their Bridge Leader's Training Course, Marlene Peiser, Burl Peiser and Ann Soltau. They will help lead our Stephen Ministry in selecting, training, and supervising our Stephen Ministers and making sure that our Stephen Ministry runs smoothly.

We'll take time to pray for and show our support for this caring ministry and these people whom God has called and equipped for this important role. We ask God's blessings on our new members and pray for the success of this special ministry.



As Easter approaches, we give thanks to God for His wonderful gift of salvation won for us by Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We give thanks that like Him, we will one day rise to eternal life.

Thank you to all who donated to mites in February. We were able to send in \$117.20 to help fund our mission grants. Our mission focus this month is 'Expanding the Gospel Proclamation Worldwide'. Concordia Seminary will use the grant money to provide financial aid to international students seeking advanced degrees at Concordia so they can return to their own countries and prepare others to preach.

Our Zone Prayer Service was February 10th in Arlington. However, because of the bad weather that day, we decided not to attend. Therefore, we decided to host our own Prayer Service here for anyone who would like to attend. LWML will provide lunch after church on March 17th followed by the presentation using our new smart TV. This will be a time to pause and reflect on God's "Grace, Mercy, and Peace" as we continue our Lenten journey. Please join us.

At our business meeting this month, we discussed the possibility of doing the garage sale ourselves this year. The past few years, we have opted to let Ronnie Slemmons handle it for us. However, the last couple of years have not been too profitable. Although we really aren't too fond of doing them ourselves (we're not as young as we used to be), we are considering it this year. We can't do it on our own, though. 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 tentatively set for April 19th (set up after 5:30) and April 20th (sale from 8-2) and clean up afterwards.

Marlene Peiser

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



March 10, 2024

**Remember to 'Spring Forward'
one hour on Saturday before
going to bed.**



The church office and Faith School will be closed on Friday, March 29, in observance of Good Friday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, April 1.

Faith School Scholarship

Scholarship forms for 2024 are available. Contact Lisa Stroebe 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.



The All Stars will begin a new season of baseball/T-ball at Faith Field on Monday, March 25th and will continue play every Monday until April 29th when the season will culminate in a brief game and Pizza Party sponsored by CiCi's Pizza! 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. All Stars is a joint project of the Stephenville Optimist Club, Stephenville Lions Club (noon) and Faith Lutheran Church for children with special needs. I would greatly appreciate it if you could come out Saturday morning March 23rd from 9:00 - noon to help get the field prepared for the season!

Blessings to all,
Cary Strohmeyer
254-396-5018



You're Invited to

Faith School's 10th annual 5K, One-Mile Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, March 23, 2024

Hosted by Parents of Faith School (PFS) Organization

Race Day Schedule

Check in: 7:30am – 8:15am

Run starts: 8:30am (Fun Run will start after 5K)

Pancake Breakfast: 9:00am

Fees:

<u>Pre-Registration:</u>	<u>Race-Day:</u>
\$30 – 5K	\$35 – 5K
\$20 – 1-mile Fun Run	\$25 – 1-mile Fun Run

Male & Female Age Divisions

They shall run and not be weary. Isaiah 40:30-31

Enjoying Pastor
Lee's
message...



Picture: courtesy of Emma Bouquet



Faith welcomes new members:

Frances Schmidt

&

Robert & Kim (Botello) Flores

**Faith also welcomes: Jack & Owen Bohannon
as confirmed members of our fellowship.**



Ushers Needed

Please consider serving as an usher for one month (4 or 5 Sundays) or a couple of months throughout the year. We filled up the sheet in 2023, but Ushers are needed to 2024. Talk to an Elder for details. Thank you.



JOIN Choir!

The choir is always on the lookout for new members. Choir meets on Wednesdays after worship through March. In April, rehearsals return to Thursdays at 6:30pm.

Our Lord has written
the promise of the
resurrection,
not in books alone,
but in every leaf
in spring-time.

— MARTIN LUTHER

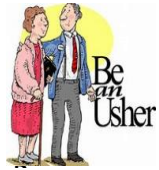
The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Paula Hymer	4th Lynann Simpson
2nd Trudy Carlson	5th Lynann Simpson
3rd Sue Angerhofer	



Serving in March:
Rosanne Keilers



March Ushers

Larry Angerhofer
Open

Lector Schedule (by date)

03/03	Matt Hallgarth
03/10	Keith Fredrickson
03/17	Lee Barlow
03/24	Billy Gray
03/31	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 March

03/03	Keilers Family
03/10	Angerhofer Family
03/17	Cameron Family
03/24	Palms
03/31	Easter Lilies

(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.



Choices' Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign – bottles due back to church by Sunday, March 3



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

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events	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				1 *Matt Maruska *Sloan Schmidt MOW~Pack 5:00pm Board of Evang. Mtng~Lbry	2 *Moises Espinoza
3 Choices Baby Bottles Due *Deidre Johnson 	4 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma~Narthex 6:00pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry	5 *Rosanne Keilers 6:00pm Board of Stewardship~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	6 *Lucy Espinoza 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:45pm Worship~Sanct. 7:30pm Choir Practice	7 *Doug Hanna 6:00pm FFC Occpd~ Linne/Smith Attndng	8 MOW~Sparkman 6:00pm Set Up for B&PW Penny Auction~FFC	9 B&PW Penny Auction~FFC
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins *Chet Cameron *Charlie Fulton *Mason Hatton 11:30am Trustee Mtng ~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Cont. Ed~Rm 6 	11 *Kathryn Cameron 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Business Mtng~Rm 6 6:30pm Elders~Lbry	12 *Troy Kimbrough *Justin Nehring 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	13 *CJ Spellmeier **Jerry & Michelle Hagen 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:45pm Worship~Sanct. 7:30pm Choir Practice	14 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/Smith Attndng	15 MOW~Simpson **Terry & Sherre West	16 *Rose Espinoza *Dustin Riola ** Thomas & Clare Watkins
17 LWML Mite Box Sunday 12:00pm Lunch & Prayer Service	18 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	19 First Day of Spring 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~Rm 6 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	20 *Inge Easterling 6:00pm Midweek Meal 6:45pm Worship~Sanct. 7:30pm Choir Practice	21 *Whitney White-Lee 6:00pm FFC Occupied~Linne/Smith Attndng	22 MOW~Small 6:00pm Set up for Faith 5K~FFC	23 *Liz Cameron *Kat Hinkel 9:00am Faith FieldWorkday Faith School 5K, Fun Run & Pancake Supper~FFC
24 Palm Sunday *Lauren Johnson 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Cont. Ed~Rm 6 	25 *Sarah Osterloh 5:00pm Faith All Stars~Faith Field (FFC is backup location in event of bad weather)	26 6:00pm FFC Occupied ~Linne/Smith Attndng	27	28 Maundy Thursday **DJ & Tana Mundfrom 6:45pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 Good Friday Church Office & Faith School Closed 6:45pm Good Friday Worship	30 Holy Saturday FFC Occupied~Strohmeier Attndng
31 Easter *Cindy Ramming 7:30am Sunrise Wrship 8:30am Brunch 9:30am Egg Hunt 10:15am Festival Wrshp 						