



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
November 2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends in Christ,



⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world. 1 Samuel 2:6–8 (ESV)

1 Samuel 2 begins with the “Prayer of Hannah.” Elkanah had two wives, Peninnah and Hannah. Peninnah was able to provide children to Elkanah, but Hannah was barren. Each year, the whole family would travel to the Temple to worship and make sacrifices. Peninnah taunted Hannah because she did not have any children, and Hannah would become distressed. Hannah went to the Temple by herself to pray. Eli, the priest, sees her there in the Temple, her lips are moving, but there is no sound. Eli accuses Hannah of being drunk and tells her to go home. But Hannah tells Eli that she is pouring out her heart to the LORD. Hannah made a vow, that if the LORD would give her a son, she would lend him to the LORD all of his life as soon as he was weaned. And so it happened, Hannah bore a son and his name is Samuel. When Samuel was weaned, she brought him to the temple to serve alongside of Eli.

The national holiday of Thanksgiving takes place on November 27 this year. This holiday serves as an opportunity for us Christians to meditate on how the LORD has blessed us through this past year. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving as God freely and generously gives us everything that we need to support this body and life. In 1 Samuel 2:8, Hannah prayed; “He raises the poor from the dust; He lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.”

While we were still enemies of God, Jesus died for our sins so that we could be called sons of the Most High. We don't deserve it – but God has forgiven us all of our sins and made us a part of His family. We are sons and daughters of the King of kings and the LORD of lords. We are a Holy Nation and Royal Priesthood, a people set apart, and we are Ambassadors for Christ in the world in which we live. We have much to be thankful for. We were dead in our trespasses and now we are alive in Christ. We were lost, but now we are found. God gathers us into the family of His Church on earth. We have this group of people who support and encourage one another in the promises of GOD. We have the opportunity to worship our God and to sing His praises.

I think about Hannah – she wanted a child, a son and then gave her son back to the LORD to serve in God's temple. Hannah didn't keep her son to herself. In thanksgiving for the blessing of having the son, she shared him with others. She kept her vow to the LORD. This little guy, Samuel, will grow up to be a great spiritual leader for the people of Israel.

May our thanksgivings impact the world around us for generations to come as we make known the mercies and love of our Great God.

IN His Service,
Pastor Lee



WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!

Please join us in November for Sunday School and Worship.
Sunday School for All Ages is at 9:00am followed by worship at 10:15am.

Adult Bible Class meets in the sanctuary with Rev. Lee.

Children and Youth classes meet in the family center.

Junior High & High School -- Room Nine

Elementary (grades 4-6) -- Room Six

Early Childhood (grades K – 3) -- Kinder Room

Young Adult Bible Study meets Fridays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in Room 9 of the FFC.



The Sunday School Christmas Program has been scheduled for December 14 at 5:00pm. Children will rehearse during Sunday School on November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7, with a dress rehearsal on December 13 at 10:00am.

Mission of the Month

Thanksgiving Baskets and H.O.P.E.'s Food Pantry

Did you know that a recent study by the Tarrant Area Food Bank and Feed America, states that approximately 1 in 6 of Erath County residents are living without enough food and more than 1 in 4 local children are at risk of hunger?

Food insecurity at any time is a problem, but it is especially a concern during the holidays. Imagine not being able to provide your family with a special holiday meal or having enough food in the home for the days when children are on a break from school. During the month of November, Faith will collect non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry at H.O.P.E. Free-will offerings of cash will also be accepted and given to H.O.P.E. to help them provide food assistance to people in our community. In conjunction with this effort, Faith will also collect turkeys, hams and non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket ministry. Cash offerings will be used to purchase additional items for the baskets. A table has been set up under the church bulletin board for food donations. Envelopes for free-will offerings will be available on that table as well. Thanks.



Stephen Ministry in Action

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

As Stephen Ministers, we hear about a lot of problems and concerns. We also like to think and remind others of things we are thankful for, especially during this month of Thanksgiving. Here are just a few thoughts:

- Family
- Community
- God's undying love, He is always with us everyday and everywhere
- Ability to turn my worries over to God to help carry the load
- Young people seeking God and becoming bold in speaking His truth
- Strength of faith
- Our supportive Church family
- Work "family"
- My prayer group
- Not seeing the full plan at all times
- God has given us opportunities to help and provide "ministry of presence"
- Friendship's I have through my life; friends that become family
- Stephen Ministry team and support we give each other

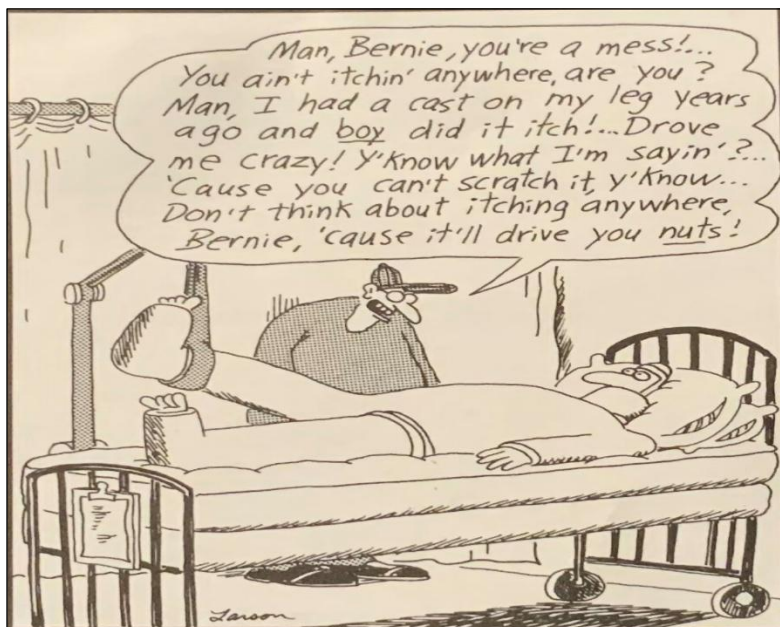
Here to care for you:

Sherre West, Everett Seider, Ronnie Tate, Ann Soltau, Burl Peiser, Marlene Peiser, Nelda Moore and Aria Dougherty

Hospitalizations:

If you would like pastoral care when you are hospitalized, please call the church office or Pastor Lee directly. The hospital does not notify us of your admissions, even if you inform them that you are a member of Faith Lutheran Church. Privacy laws prohibit them contacting us about your hospitalization. Thank you.

Pastor Lee



Please don't be this kind of friend.

Sincerely,

Your Stephen Ministers



*"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God."*
Philippians 4:6

November is traditionally a time of thanksgiving, but how often do we remember to thank God for all his blessings even when we are asking him for something? Can we be thankful even when we are anxious or worried? Being thankful for what God has already done helps us to be less anxious about problems we are facing today.

One area of concern for many LCMS congregations is finding full-time church workers -- pastors, DCEs, teachers, youth workers and others. This month's mission focus is on "Set Apart to Serve" which provides resources for recruiting full-time church workers from within our congregations. Areas of focus are recruiting workers from among young adults, second-career candidates, and multi-cultural and international workers. Thank you for donating \$166.97 last month to help fund our Mission Grant Projects.

Don't forget to visit our booth at the Arts & Crafts Sale at the Recreation Hall November 7-8. We will have lots of goodies available for sale. Also please sign up if you are able to help work at our booth or if you have items to donate. You can bring items to church before 9:00 on the 7th or bring them by our booth.

Be sure to sign up for Advent by Candlelight coming December 7th at 5:00. Our theme this year is Christmas Carols. You can sign up to attend and also if you want to bring a quiche or dessert.

Blessings to all,

Marlene Peiser

Advent Season

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Please join us on Wednesdays during Advent as we prepare for the Savior's birth. Midweek services begin at 6:45pm with supper served at 6:00pm.

Dates are December 3, 10, & 17.

We are here to help! The Board of Evangelism will provide food to church members who are recovering from illnesses or surgical procedures, birth of a baby, or other situations where meals are challenging. Contact Rosanne Keilers, board chair; Sue Angerhofer, Pat Hardy, Kat Hinkel, Sheila Small, Pastor Lee, or the church office.



**From the Faith School Director
Lauren Johnson**

It's been a busy, but great, start to the school year! In October, we learned about pumpkins and harvest, and we got to play with pumpkins, pumpkin seeds, painting pumpkins and sort all kinds of beans/corn. We even got to play with pumpkin guts!! While some friends did not like it, others wouldn't stop playing with it! We also have done so many arts and crafts! The last week of October, we had dress-up days! The children and staff dressed up for "Red Ribbon Week" -- red day, pajama day, neon/bright colors, jersey/sports and finally costume day on Halloween! The kids loved seeing each other's costumes and their teachers dressed up!

During November, we will focus on community and careers -- construction and road crews, firefighters, stranger danger, police officers, transportation and pilots! So much fun going on at Faith School. We are planning for Stephenville firefighters and police officers to come visit one day soon.

During the week of November 10th- 14th, our parent organization, PFS, is planning on having Peppermint Pig here for the book fair! Come shop for early Christmas presents!

We will host our annual Fellowship Meal on November 20th at 5:45; I will be cooking 6 turkeys and 4 ham. I invite you and your family to attend! It is always a good time, and you can even make connections with our current families!

We will be closed November 27th and November 28th for Thanksgiving. Blessings to you all!



**Saturday, December 20,
at 4:00pm
Talk with Christine if you have a place for the
carolers to visit.**

Storage Building & Drainage Project

Building construction began October 14



We are pleased that the major parts of this project are complete.

Final details include an interior wall, shelving and electrical.



Upgraded detention pond



Thanks to our donor, Faith family, Burl Peiser and all who worked so hard to complete this project!



Concrete weir w/rock to slow flow of water into creek

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Paula Hymer 2nd Trudy Carlson	3rd Sue Angerhofer 4th/5th Lynann Simpson
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Serving in November:
Suzie Cornman



November Ushers

Jack Bohannon
Owen Bohannon

Please begin thinking about serving as an usher in 2026. Lee Barlow, Head Usher, can answer questions.

Lector Schedule (by date)

11/02 Billy Gray 11/09 Richard Liedtke 11/16 Bethany Espinoza	11/23 Leslie Hallgarth 11/20 Jeff Stroebel
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Grief Support ~ Faith's grief support group meets the first Sunday of the month at Cotton Patch immediately following worship. If you have questions or thoughts, please contact Ann Soltau at 254-592-9289.



~ 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
 (Elder care lists are posted on the church bulletin board)

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

Altar Flowers for November

11/02	Open
11/09	Cameron
11/16	Small
11/23	Open
11/30	Open



Chrysanthemum

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 is posted 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!



~ Join Choir ~

Thursdays at 6:30pm in the sanctuary through November



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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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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
 (closed 12:30-1:30pm for lunch)
 Friday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			KEY *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events			1
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends  12:00pm Grief Support~Lunch at Cotton Patch 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	3 5:00pm Delta Kappa Gamma~Narthex	4 *Donna Strohmeier 3:00pm Evangelism Meeting~Library 5:30pm PFS Mtng~Narthex	5 6:00pm Stewardship Board Mtng~Library 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 6	6 *Molly Hatton *James Smith *Charidee Spellmeier **Ralph & Paula Hymer 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	7 MOW~Sparkman	8 *Neal Lovin
					LWML Booth at S'ville Holiday Market	
9 11:30am Trustee Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Mnstry Supervision/ Continuing Ed~Rm 6	10 *Emery Nehring 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:30pm LWML Bus. Meeting~Rm 6 6:30pm Board of Elders~Library	11	12 *Amanda Spellmeier 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6 5:15pm Board of Ed Mtng~Lbry	13 *Maggie Luera 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	14 *Aidan Espinoza *Paul Mitchell MOW~Franz	15
16 LWML Mite Box Sunday *Lisa Stroebe 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	17 *Ann Soltau 6:00pm Church Council Meeting~Narthex	18 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~RM 6	19 *Cheri Spellmeier 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 6	20 5:45pm Faith School Fellowship Meal~FFC 6:30pm Vocal Choir Rehearsals~Sanct.	21 MOW~Keilers Eddie the Eagle Gun Safety Seminar	22
23 Voters' Assembly (after worship) **Brian & Magan Estill 12:00pm Stephen Mnstry Sprvsn~Rm 6	24 *Katy Bills *Suzie Cornman	25	26 10:30am Tate Small Group~Rm 6	27 Thanksgiving Church Office & Faith School closed for Thanksgiving holiday 	28 Church Office & Faith School closed for Thanksgiving holiday MOW Holiday	29 8:30am Decorate sanctuary/narthex for Christmas
30 First Sunday in Advent *Robert Flores *Michelle Hagen						