



The Herald
Faith Lutheran Church
September, 2023

**Sunday Worship Service in-person & live
streamed on Facebook at 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday Prayer Service at noon on
Zoom**

Holy Fork in the Road Sessions

There will be two Holy Fork in the Road sessions in September. On September 3 and 17 we will meet for a light lunch in the Activity Center and then with Pastor J immediately after. Members are asked to bring a dessert to share for the lunch. **It is important that all members attend since we will be determining our path going forward after these sessions.**



Updated church directories are now available in the Narthex. Members who are unable to attend worship in the near future may contact the church office to request that one be mailed, emailed, or delivered to them.

Kids and Coffee - September 10th: 8:30am – 9:30am The church will be hosting CDC and neighborhood families in the activity center. This will be an informal gathering for families and children to gather and grow community engagement. Congregation members are invited to stop by enjoy some coffee, grab a treat and say hello to the families





KoffeeKlatch August 18, 2023 and November 2023 Plans for Arts & Crafts/Bake Sale -- Ten (10) ladies met on August 18th and enjoyed fellowship while munching on tasty goodies and sipping coffee or juice. Having discontinued Faith's Bazaars last year, the main objective was to discuss possible ways for Women of the Church to earn money to financially help local organizations in need. Best suggestion was to hold an "Arts & Crafts/Bake Sale" with only items made and/or baked by Faith's members--no White Elephant items or garage sale-type items! Some planning is still undecided but the "Arts & Crafts/Bake Sale" will be held Saturday, November 4th, with set-up and pre-sale for CDC teachers on Friday, November 3rd. Any leftover items will be displayed for sale at CDC's Feast before Thanksgiving in the Activity Center. One of WELCA's main goals is to help those in need, so if you can make or bake something to donate for the sale, the women would be very grateful.

September Brunch/Social, September 9, 2023 -- Faith's entire congregation--women, men, and children--are invited to the event which will be hosted by the Rebecca Circle on September 9th in the Activity Center at 9:30 AM. Attendees are asked to bring a breakfast or brunch dish to share and join in the fun as we gather together for a delicious meal and enjoy entertainment and games with small prizes to win. We hope to see all of you there.

LWR School Kits -- School items have been pouring in; however, 2 items most needed for the school kits are rulers (12 inch) and notebooks (72-page spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled)! The Sewing/Social Group that meets Fridays at 9:30A in Room 206 will start completing school kits on September 1st to get them ready for the LWR Kit and Quilt In-Gathering on November 1, 2023, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion, TX. If anyone can help with this project, your help will be much appreciated.

Canceled Stamp Project Ending -- Canceled postage stamp sales had been a great help in reducing shipping costs of LWR kits and quilts worldwide; but, the Canceled Stamp Project ends December 31, 2023, due to the lack of interest by stamp buyers. If you have stamps to bring, please do so before December 31st. Thanks for the support of Faith's members for this project.

Upcoming September Dates:

Friday, September 1 -- Sewing/Social Etc. Group @9:30AM (will fill school bags)
 Friday, September 8 -- Sewing/Social Etc. Group @9:30AM
 Saturday, September 9 -- September Brunch/Social, Activity Center @9:30AM
 Monday, September 11 -- No September Rebecca Circle w/Unit Meeting
 Friday, September 15 -- Sewing/Social Etc. Group @9:30AM
 Tuesday, September 19 -- Quilting, Oliver House @9:30AM
 Friday, September 22 -- Sewing/Social Etc. Group @9:30AM
 Friday, September 29 -- Sewing/Social Etc. Group @9:30AM

Charleen Schneider, WELCA Unit Leader at Faith Lutheran

Worship Attendance:

Figures are approximate, since multiple people may attend via each Facebook connection.

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>
July 30	42	51
August 6	57	64
August 13	46	74
August 20	47	78



Assisting Ministers in September

September 3	Carol
September 10	Lynn
September 17	Karen M.
September 24	Cathy



September Altar Guild Volunteers:

Saturday: Therese Doss & Linda Jackson

Sunday: Helen Diedrick, Mary Beth Meiske, & Wanda Muehlbrad





"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." Isaiah 58: 10

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS IN JULY! – Many thanks to all your donations to this year's recipient of our July Christmas gifts. This year we chose to acknowledge **Ascension Lutheran's Medical Lending Closet**. You gave \$1,100 to purchase batteries for electric wheelchairs, and 159 adult size briefs valued at approximately \$240.00. Ascension offers the supply closet to anyone in need, at no cost, so any donations are much appreciated. The check and adult briefs were delivered to Ascension on Friday, August 18. Thank you, again, for your donations!

The 2023 Upbring Golf Tournament will be held on September 25th in San Antonio. Faith will again sponsor a team. The tournament raises funds for the girls at Upbring New Life Children's Center. You can support "Sue's Team", by donating to Faith Lutheran marking "Upbring Golf" at the bottom of your check. Remember, it's **FORE** the girls!

Due to the Holy Fork in the Road sessions already scheduled in September we will have **God's work. Our hands.** Sunday on October 8, 2023. Stay tuned for more details on how you can help.



SHOPPING LIST

Bring items ANY Sunday!

Suggested Food Items

Dried Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit,
Canned Vegetables (any kind), Cereal, Pasta,
Canned Meat and Tuna,
Ramen Noodles, Boxed Mixes

Also Needed

- Diapers – any size, but **especially sizes 5 & 6**
 - Sturdy Reusable Bags
 - Paper grocery bags with handles
 - Plastic "sleeve"
 - bags such as from newspapers

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Monetary donations are also appreciated as this enables BfA to purchase meat, fish, and produce from the Central Texas Food Bank at reduced prices.

(To donate on-line, click the [Online Giving](#) button on the Home Page.)

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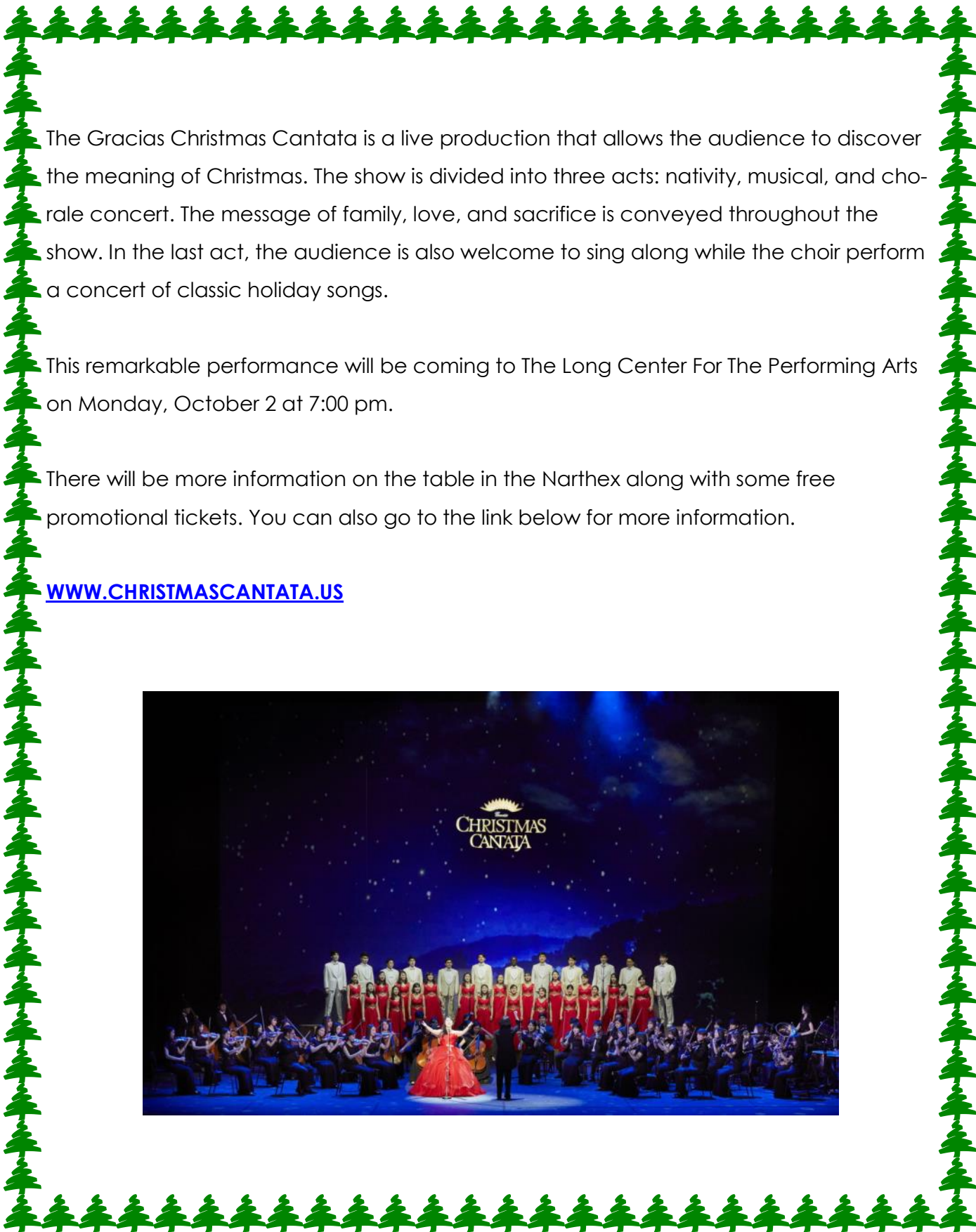
For the moment, BfA is **no longer accepting egg cartons**. They have an AMPLE supply and have no more room to store them. We'll let you know when their supply needs replenishing.

THANK YOU for continuing to support this vital ministry!

*****Also... please keep the workers, and the neighbors waiting in line for food, in your prayers as they are out in this heat. Pray for their safety and pray for some relief from this weather!**

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY – If you, or your family member or friend of Faith, would like to receive communion, visits, phone calls, or prayers with someone from the committee please let us know. Contact the church office, or any member of the Outreach Committee listed at the bottom of this page.

Outreach Committee Members: Lynn Davidson, Anne Kuempel, Sue Saathoff, Cathy and Steve Zwernemann, and Carol Roberts (Council Representative).



The Gracias Christmas Cantata is a live production that allows the audience to discover the meaning of Christmas. The show is divided into three acts: nativity, musical, and choral concert. The message of family, love, and sacrifice is conveyed throughout the show. In the last act, the audience is also welcome to sing along while the choir perform a concert of classic holiday songs.

This remarkable performance will be coming to The Long Center For The Performing Arts on Monday, October 2 at 7:00 pm.

There will be more information on the table in the Narthex along with some free promotional tickets. You can also go to the link below for more information.

WWW.CHRISTMASCANTATA.US





Council Highlights from July 24, 2023:

Holy Fork in the Road: An informal congregation discussion without Pastor Mills will be held during Sunday School hour on August 6, in room 200 (USMR). The next session with Pastor Mills will be August 20, in the activity center following worship and lunch.

Council reviewed updated Reconciling in Christ commitments for consideration at the December congregation meeting.

The church's personnel policy will be reviewed and updated.

Council will review the proposed 2024 budget from the Finance Committee at the August council meeting.

Council continued discussion of how to further engage with our neighborhood and community.

The AC unit serving room 200 was replaced. To date, seven of twelve units installed in 1990 have been replaced.

Worship & Music Committee is investigating upgrades to the sanctuary sound system.

Be sure to read the Herald newsletter and Sunday bulletins for a complete update on Faith's activities and opportunities to participate.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

August, 2023

Emergency Reserve

*Anne Kuempel
Ben & Karen Noyes
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Bertha Emshoff
Carolyn King
Glen Templeton, Judy Weedon, & Gina Ball
Joe & Suzette Kump
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Kent & Sue Saathoff
Mike & Lynn Davidson
Mike & Lynn Davidson*

*In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Dorothy Chesley
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Terry Henderson
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Billie & Bea Templeton
In Honor of B.C. Allen
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Ella Fetzer
In Memory of Terry Henderson*

Music & Handbells

Mike & Lynn Davidson

In Memory of Dorothy Chesley

It is now time to order poinsettias - order deadline is Sunday, September 10. Please see/contact me to order red and/or white (pale yellow) poinsettias for delivery after Thanksgiving for you, your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy during the Advent season. Order also for our Christmas Eve service, and take those plants home after the service.

The red poinsettias will have gold foil wrapped containers; the white (pale yellow) poinsettias will have red foil. Again this year, each plant is \$12; if we order 50+ plants the cost will be \$10. The past three years we purchased at least 50 plants and some folks paid \$15 per plant as we had prior to 2020, and the additional \$5 was given to Down Home Ranch (DHR) as a donation.

Every purchase goes toward DHR's mission to empower the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through social, educational, residential and vocational opportunities.

Your payment is not needed until Sunday, December 3.
I just have to get our order submitted before all the plants are sold.

Thank you. — Mary Beth Meiske,
Altar Guild Chair and Flower Coordinator



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Faith is a *"Reconciling in Christ"* Congregation

Sunday morning worship 10:00 a.m.

Every 3rd Sunday - Praise Service 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer via Zoom

12:00 p.m. Noon

Transition Pastor: Tom Kesselring

Organist: Renee Kesselring

Director of Handbells: Karen McGuire

Accountant: Lynn Davidson

Administrative Assistant: Missy Trimble

CDC Director: Melissa McCoy

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We at Faith Lutheran Church believe in Jesus Christ

as Lord and Savior of all life and creation.

In response to His grace and love toward us,

we are called to share His love by reaching out to all people.

We are called to be a worshipping, caring, learning community.

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