



The Herald Faith Lutheran

November, 2022

Weekly Sunday Worship Service
In-person & live streamed on Facebook
10 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Service with Zoom



The Thanksgiving Feast Is Back!!

(missed it for the past 2 years thanks to COVID!)

Thursday, November 17, 2022

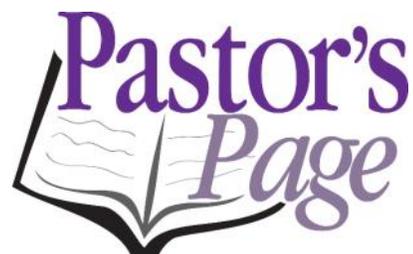
Children's Chapel Service at 4:30 and then the feast from
approximately 5:00 PM—6:30 PM in the Activity Center
Congregation members and CDC families are invited



Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas

Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Everyone welcome to help!



Dear FLC Members,

Transitions in life are rarely easy. Saying goodbye to a Pastor and beginning the process of calling another is never easy for a Christian congregation. As a member at Faith, I begin this transition giving thanks to God for the service of Pastor Mamy to our church and community. May God continue to bless him, his family, and his ministry.

I also give thanks to God and to our Southwestern Texas Synod Bishop, the Reverend Sue Briner, for the opportunity to again serve as Transition Pastor at Faith. Renee and I truly feel blessed. When I served here previously we never dreamed it would be possible for Faith Lutheran Church to become our church home. The love of God in Christ Jesus is amazing! You, my brothers and sisters in Christ, have made us feel so welcome. Our hearts are full. Thanks be to God!

Thanks, also, to the FLC leadership. The Church Council and I have signed and Bishop Briner has approved a Covenant agreeing that during this interim I will work ten hours a week and lead at least three Sunday services per month (often four Sundays, but as a retired rostered pastor I reserve the right to secure another supply pastor to lead worship occasionally). I will be in the Church Office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, make hospital and home visits, and be available for pastoral care and other church activities as much as possible. I look forward to serving with you and learning to know you better.

God's peace be with you!
Pastor Tom



Congregation Budget Meeting

December 4, 11:30 a.m.

In person, Activity Center

Faith's December congregation meeting to approve the 2023 budget will be held Sunday, December 4, following worship. The meeting will be held in person in the Activity Center. Masks are required for anyone who is unvaccinated.

Eligible voters are defined in our constitution as confirmed members of Faith who have both communed and made a contribution of record to this congregation at least once during the current or preceding calendar year (2021 or 2022). A contribution of record means one to which your name or envelope number is attached. If you put cash in the offering plate without your name or envelope number, that is **not** considered a contribution of record. This rule (C8.02) is required by the ELCA of all its affiliated congregations.

In summary: Those confirmed FLC members who wish to speak and vote at any congregation meeting need to commune and make a recorded contribution at least once in the current or preceding calendar year. Deadline to do so for this meeting is November 27.

Questions may be directed to the church office by email or phone.



WELCA NEWS --

Blessing of the LWR Kits and Quilts -- On Sunday, October 23rd, Pastor Tom Kesselring blessed the LWR School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Mission Quilts that had been prepared by members of Faith Lutheran during the year. Samples of the kits were on display in front of the Sanctuary and the quilts were draped over the backs of the church pews throughout the Sanctuary.

LWR In-Gathering of Kits and Quilts -- The LWR In-Gathering of kits and quilts will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion, TX on Wednesday, November 2nd, from 9A-3P. On Friday, October 21st, the Sewing Group packed 7 boxes of kits (31 Personal Care and 48 School Kits) and the remainder of the kits and 15 quilts displayed during the Blessing of the kits and quilts will be packed by the Sewing Group on Friday, October 28th. All packed boxes (estimated total of 10 boxes) will be delivered to the In-Gathering by Ree Nurnberger and Charleen Schneider on November 2nd.

Thankoffering Service, November 13th -- Faith's women will honor the long-held tradition of women collecting thankofferings throughout the year by participating in the church service on Sunday, November 13th. Due to the diminished number of women able to participate, their only involvement in the service will be to read the church's "scheduled" 1st and 2nd readings, give a brief history of the women's thankofferings as women who wish to participate bring their thankofferings to the front of the church and deposit them in the basket provided, and then the Offering Prayer will be read after all donations have been made. Envelopes for the thankofferings should be marked "Thankoffering", of which 100 percent of the thankoffering monies received will be forwarded to ELCA Headquarters.

Rebecca Circle w/Bible Study and Unit Meeting, November 14th -- Rebecca Circle will meet in Room 206 at 3P with Bible Study and Devotion given by Ree Nurnberger, who will use the Bible Study from ELCA's "Gather" magazine for November/December 2022.

WELCA Christmas Social, December 3rd -- The annual Christmas Social hosted by the Rebecca Circle for all women of the church will be held Saturday, December 2nd, in the Activity Center starting at 9:30A. No Bible Study or meeting will be held and entertainment is being planned for everyone to have a good time. Just bring yourself and a breakfast (or brunch) dish to share. Donations for Christmas gifts for residents at Burnet Road Nursing Home least likely to receive visitors will be accepted; however, specific item (s) to be gathered is still to be determined and that information will be provided at a later date in upcoming church bulletins and December Herald.

Calendar of November Events --

Nov. 2 -- LWR In-Gathering at St. John's Lutheran Church in Marion, TX, 9A-3P

Nov. 13 -- Women's Thankoffering Service w/sermon by Pastor Tom Kesselring

Nov. 14 -- Rebecca Circle w/Bible Study & Unit Meeting in Room 206, 3P

Charleen Schneider, President of Faith's WELCA Unit



Austin City Lutherans (ACL) Bread for All Food Pantry - Thank you for continuing to support our Southeast Austin neighbors through the ACL Bread for All Food Pantry! **Due to shortages at the Austin Food Bank** (from whom BFA purchases many of the food items it distributes) the wish list for non-perishable food items has changed for the remainder of the year. **Now needed: Canned beans (green, pinto, black); big and small bags of white rice; small bags of dried beans; macaroni and cheese; soup (any kind); tomato sauce; diced tomatoes; pasta (other than spaghetti). Diapers are also needed (especially size 5 and 6). Financial donations are ALWAYS appreciated and used to purchase needed food items.**

BFA Food Pantry continues to serve 100 people on a weekly basis with more people wanting to receive food. **The need for food has not gone away with the lessening of the Covid pandemic. Thank you for helping our fellow brothers and sisters with basic food needs to help them feed their families!** Volunteers are also needed on a regular basis to help with packing bags for food for distribution. If you can help, please contact Steve or Cathy Zwerne-mann for more information.

Upbring Angel Tree – We have not received any word yet from Upbring about participating in the Angel Tree for 2022. Watch for announcements in your bulletin later in November!

ELCA Good Gifts – Later in November you will find catalogues and information about giving gifts that benefit the ELCA worldwide in lieu of traditional Christmas gifts. These gifts range from purchasing farm animals, providing clean water, hygiene kits, vaccinations, education, small business loans, and much, much more. These tax-deductible gifts are a way of sharing the needs of our neighbors worldwide with those you love and make a difference in the lives of those that receive them. **ELCA Good Gifts** do not only have to be given at Christmas. Gifts can be given in honor of a birthday, anniversary, graduation, Easter, or for no reason at all. You can find more information online at ELCA.org/goodgifts.



LOOKING AHEAD—Our annual **STOCK THE PANTRY** food drive benefiting the Bread for All Food Pantry will be January 28, 2023!

Assisting Ministers in November

- November 6 Cathy Zwernemann
- November 13 Lynn Davidson
- November 20 Praise Team
- November 27 Ben Noyes

MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Jan.	\$ 16,054	\$ 20,941	-\$ 4,887
Feb.	\$ 13,065	\$ 19,346	-\$ 6,281
Mar.	\$ 21,590	\$ 20,152	+\$ 1,438
Apr.	\$ 17,282	\$ 20,127	-\$ 2,845
May	\$ 14,845	\$ 22,355	-\$ 7,510
June	\$ 16,778	\$ 21,039	-\$ 4,261
July	\$ 15,399	\$ 23,785	-\$ 8,386
August	\$ 13,167	\$ 20,606	-\$ 7,439
September	\$ 15,383	\$ 21,642	-\$ 6,259
YTD	\$ 143,563	\$189,072	-\$ 45,509

Altar Guild November Volunteers

- Saturdays— Karen Noyes
- Sundays— Helen Diedrick
- Wanda Muehlbrad
- Mary Beth Meiske



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

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

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Facebook</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 2	43	49	92
October 9	40	54	94
October 16	52	66	118
October 23	34	61	95

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

October, 2022

Emergency Reserve

<i>Dennis & Helen Diedrick</i>	<i>Charles Beutnagel</i>
<i>Dennis & Helen Diedrick</i>	<i>Jennie Pennington</i>
<i>Dennis & Helen Diedrick</i>	<i>Bea Templeton</i>
<i>Wanda Muehlbrad</i>	<i>Charles Beutnagel</i>
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<i>Ben & Karen Noyes</i>	<i>Charles Beutnagel</i>
<i>Ben & Karen Noyes</i>	<i>Bea Templeton</i>
<i>Brenda Sakewitz</i>	<i>Bea Templeton</i>

Unified Budget

<i>Neal & Jennie Pennington</i>	<i>Don Carroll</i>
<i>Neal & Jennie Pennington</i>	<i>Tracy Jarrett</i>



Member Updates

Deaths:

Charles Beutnagle died on October 11. His funeral was held at Capital Park Cemetery in Pflugerville on October 22 with Pastor Tom Kesselring officiating.

Lora Bea Templeton died on October 19. Her funeral was held at Faith on Monday, October 24th with Pastor Tom Kesselring officiating.

Jennie Pennington died on October 21. Her funeral will take place on Saturday, November 5 at 11:00 at Faith with Pastor Tom Kesselring officiating. Burial will take place that same day at 3:30 at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Poth, Texas.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

We hope you have enjoyed the ever changing pumpkin patch in the Quiet Area. The children add to it and rearrange it daily. A great place to contemplate God's bounty.

November is a busy month here at the center.

PLAYGROUND

Our updated play area for the preschoolers is open. We all love it and are having so much fun. A few more items will be added in the coming weeks. Watch for updates. Come by and see us learn as we play. Thanks to the Nuts and Bolts group for all they have done to help with this project.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND FEAST on NOVEMBER 17

Please join us to thank God for our many blessings in a short service in the sanctuary at 4:30pm. A scrumptious meal of turkey and all the usual trimmings will be served in the MPR from 5:00 till 6:30pm.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Plan to start the Christmas season with a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story by the CDC children on Thursday December 15 at 6:15pm.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ms. Yvonne is the only birthday this month.

We wish her God's Blessings.

We wish all church members and their families a Blessed Thanksgiving.







Council Highlights from September 26, 2022:

Save the date: Thursday, November 17 – Thanksgiving Service & Feast. Watch for more details.

Save the date: Sunday, December 4 – Congregation Budget Meeting after worship service in the activity center.

Save the date: Sunday, December 11 – Festival of Music during worship service and luncheon in the activity center following. Congregation members are invited to bring a side dish or dessert reflecting cultural heritage or favorite Christmas dish.

Pastor Mamy and Noel are moving to Wisconsin. Pastor's last service on Sunday, October 9 with a reception following.

Call Committee of 6 congregation members will need to be formed to find a new pastor. If you are interested in serving on the Call Committee, please contact anyone on the Executive Committee: Dennis Diedrick, Kent Saathoff, Steve Zwernemann or Mary Beth Meiske.

Don Kuempel had to resign from Council as Property Chair. Would anyone from the congregation like to take on this role? If so, please contact Dennis Diedrick or Kent Saathoff.

Worship & Music



**Christmas Festival of Music
December 11, 10 a.m.**

Please plan to worship with us either in person
or by live stream on Facebook

Worship will be followed by our traditional
Christmas banquet, in the Activity Center

Faith’s Church Council will provide entrees, bread, and drinks
Congregation Members are invited to bring:
a side dish or dessert reflecting your cultural heritage or a favorite Christmas dish



Daylight Savings Time Ends!

Daylight Savings time will end at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6. Please remember to set
your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday evening.

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Faith is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Worship & Bible Study
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study 11:15 a.m.

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

Wednesday Day of Prayer
12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer

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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