

**JANUARY
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"Words of Faith"
Broadcast on KWED 1580 AM
Sunday Mornings
8:00 AM

Flowers in 2024

The 2024 Flower Chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to provide flowers during the year, please remember to sign up for the Sunday of your choice as soon as possible.

7th-

14th-

21st-

28th-

2024 "Words of Faith" Sponsorship

"Words of Faith" will be broadcast on KWED 1580 AM every Sunday morning at 8:00. Families or individuals wishing to sponsor a broadcast may do so for \$60.

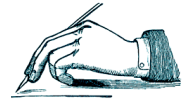
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Thoughts from Pastor Andrew



A Faithful Father

People of Faith Lutheran Church,

What is God going to do at Faith Lutheran Church in 2024?

I don't know the exact answer to that question, but I know that God is the same yesterday as He is today, and the same as He will be tomorrow. And He has been faithful to our congregation since its very first worship service in February, 1966.

God is on the move in our congregation.

The Holy Spirit is flowing in our hearts.

There are more and more young families in worship.

The enemy is shaking and losing his fight. The enemy is seeking to destroy, but we are growing. The enemy is seeking to divide, but we are uniting. The enemy is seeking to deceive, but we are preaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I would like to encourage our congregation to strive to do these 4 things on a regular basis. If we do, we will protect ourselves from the evil one, and we will become more like Jesus.

1. Put on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6: 10-20)
2. Hold God's Word near to our hearts (Psalm 40:8)
3. Keep our hands close together in prayer (1 Thess. 5:17)
4. Encourage each other constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

As we look forward to another year, let's remember God's faithfulness in the past and walk with confidence that He will continue to be the faithful God that He is.

We have a rich history, a promised future, and a faithful father!

Happy New Year and God's Blessings!

Pr. Andrew Cave



January Birthdays

02 Garrett Bloch
 04 Reed Breckenridge
 05 Emma Jean Becker
 05 Kate Oehlke
 07 Brooke Bennett
 07 Patrick Casey
 10 Owen Stewart
 11 John Dikes
 12 Jonathan Edwards
 12 Pat Dikes
 13 Pat Bodine
 13 Alexander Taddy
 13 Chunkie Harwell
 13 Marilyn Rosenblad
 14 Andrew Koenig
 15 Makenna Kelm
 15 Rebekah Eledge
 16 Kendalynn Pruitt
 16 Nicole Kuntschik
 16 Jamie Shashack
 16 Kate Sherwood
 16 Corey St. Clair
 16 Sue Harwell
 20 Vicki Cheatham
 21 Crystal St. Clair
 21 Lou Warren
 21 Albert Zipp
 22 LeAnne White
 23 Kimberly Serold

News From Your Mission Outreach Team

Mission Outreach Committee has donated \$1500.00 to CRU to the account of Mahail and Tanya Duca. We have also sent a donation to Water Missions in the amount of \$1,000.00. We pray for their continued mission in Christ to spread his word around the world.

Church Council Candidates Announced

The Nominating Committee submitted the names of the following people as candidates for election to the Church Council to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2024: **Alan Bonds, James Eichenholz, Karla Johnson, Kathy Hamlett, Jamie Hilbert.** Five individuals will be elected to replace the outgoing council members. As per the constitution, members of the congregation may submit the name or names of additional nominees, but they must be submitted by January 7, 2024. The individual must have been contacted and be willing to serve. Names should be submitted in a sealed envelope and left at the church office. The Nominating Committee will verify that they are eligible and are willing to serve and then submit the name or names to the Church Council.

Christian Cupboard Item of the Month

In the month of January, the Christian Cupboard states that one most needed item is **breakfast cereal, either hot or cold.** This includes all varieties and brands. Please bring your donations to church through **January 31st**, and place them in the basket the narthex marked Christian Cupboard. The Cupboard also accepts monetary donations which they use to purchase fresh produce, milk, eggs, bread, and frozen meats to distribute to needy families throughout the year. Donations can be mailed to the Christian Cupboard, at 516 N. Camp.



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Paraments and the Seasons and Festivals of the Church Year - Part 1

Faith Lutheran Church uses three different liturgical cloths: paraments, vestments, and banners. Paraments are the cloths on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. They are the counterpart of a pastor's vestments, but paraments "clothe" or "vest" the three areas in our chancel. Paraments, as well as vestments, are in the color of the day. For instance, the paraments for Advent, the beginning of the church year and a season of anticipation and watchfulness, are blue, a color symbolizing hope. White and gold paraments are used during Christmas, a season of joy and light, and also for the Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord that follow. For the second through the sixth Sunday of Epiphany, green paraments are used. Because green is a symbol of growth in nature, its use for the paraments symbolizes our growth in Christ. The white paraments are used again for Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday. The different colors not only serve to adorn the worship but also to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated.

Faith Lutheran Church was fortunate to have a group of very talented women who not only designed but also made the paraments we still use today. According to past bulletins and annual reports, the group made up of Mary Schlueter, Patti Zimmerman, Kathy Cordes, Nancy Harfiel, Kathy Ersch, and Jody Dixon began to produce these beautiful cloths in the early 1980's. Over the next several years, others joined in producing the Easter and Christmas banners, the Chrismons for the Christmas trees, and wall art for Pentecost, Confirmation, and Reformation that have been present in our church celebrations for so many years.

Church Council Communication Corner Highlights from the December Council Meeting:

- † Finalized 2024 Budget
- † Approved a nominating committee slate of candidates for Council election in January
- † Sadly accepted Allison Sternberg resignation but we look forward to a new opportunity to seek a youth minister with the time constraints that arose. An interim plan is in place to continue the ministry of our youth.
- † Approved endowment committee recommendations; will be voted on by congregation at January meeting.



January Birthdays

- 24 Mona Kuehne
- 24 Joan Vanbeek
- 25 Carlee Goetz
- 27 Judy Sagebiel
- 28 Joyce Seidel
- 29 Reed Maltony
- 29 Tanner Beedy
- 31 Keith Boenig
- 31 Rachel Webb



January Anniversaries

- 04 Marlin & Leah Maltony
- 10 Fred & Sue Blumberg
- 11 Brad & Mary Flippin
- 13 John & Pat Dikes
- 15 Cliff & Debbie Lehmann
- 15 Kerry & Mary Koehler
- 15 Charles & Lindsay Pfluger
- 26 Kenny & Kelly Lamb
- 31 Joshua & Chrissy Crawford



January 2024

Thank you to all the kids, parents, and choirs, who helped make the Drive-Thru Nativity and the “Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever” Christmas Program a huge blessing for all! It was great to watch our church family come together to spread the message of the story of Christmas! Thank you, also, to all the volunteers who have taught Sunday School and done Children’s Church in 2023!



FLY WITH US!

FLY had a great turnout at our Christmas Party on Wednesday, 12/20.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped coordinate the event!



Save the Date!
WATOTO is coming to Faith Lutheran Church!
February, 22 at 7pm
Join us for a night of uplifting music and testimonies. The entire congregation and community are invited!



At this time in the life of our nation and all that is happening throughout the world, it is most appropriate that we remember in our prayers those in the military and their families. Please remember in your daily prayers the following military personnel and their

Ann Sagebiel
 Stoney Portis
 Todd Wegner
 David Daniels
 Raul Davila III
 Tony Leal, Jr.
 Shannon Nance
 Brad Dillon
 Victor J. Rodriguez
 Amanda Sagebiel
 Cameron Koehler
 Michael McBride
 Jason Sagebiel
 Michael Fruehling
 Shelly Park
 Ricky Fryer
 Brian Branin
 Jason Hubbard
 Lance England
 Kevin Pfluger



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
 Director of Mission Growth

2024... Call to Prayer

For more than a decade, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) has invited members of congregations to engage in an intentional period of prayer at the beginning of each year. Known as “Three Days of Prayer”, former LCMC Service Coordinator Mark Vander Tuig established this annual practice to draw our collective attention back to the throne of grace. He boldly shared his conviction that “the church of Jesus Christ will never rise up until it first falls on its knees.”

Once again, the call goes out to you and to me. On January 2-4, 2024, we are invited as the body of Christ to follow our Lord Jesus’ example to pray, pray, and pray some more! And if you are reading this message after those specific dates, please set aside your own three days of prayer. There’s nothing special about the particular days themselves, other than it is an annual reminder to set aside an intentional time for focused prayer.

While we do not need set formulas or pre-written prayers to direct us as we pray, some may find it helpful to prepare prayer guides to focus their time. Consider organizing your thoughts with a list of prayer topics. I would encourage you to set aside specific times of day in which you pause, center yourself before God, and offer your prayers in Jesus’ name. For some, the historic practice of pausing for prayer every third hour is a helpful pattern. For others, a morning and evening routine of extended prayer time is more fitting. Still others will gather in groups with their church for a time of corporate prayer on each of the three days. Another idea is to organize a round-the-clock prayer vigil for 72 hours of continuous prayer.

The point is this: *how* we pray is not nearly as important as it is *that* we pray. The same can be said regarding what we pray for. First and foremost, give to God in prayer all that is on your heart and mind. Ask for God to guide you as you pray through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring to mind what to pray for. We trust as the Apostle Paul teaches in Romans 8 that the Holy Spirit will indeed intercede for us when our own words run out.

Our LCMC staff has developed a helpful prayer guide filled with ideas and resources. You can find it at www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer. This year, we are invited to pray for our congregations and leaders, for those who do not yet know Jesus, and for the church around the world, especially our international mission partners. I would also ask that we remember to pray for the raising up and sending out of future ministry leaders. In Matthew 9, Jesus says, “*The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers out into his harvest.*” We have so much for which to pray. As we begin a new year, I pray that we may see God move in and through his church. Let it start with you and me on our knees.

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at www.harvestworkers.net). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Feel free to contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO

Judy Saunders
Kelton Lange
Brad Flippin
Birdie Kuempel
Dale Nauert
Sue Harwell

Nora Lavelett
Gladys Fruehling
Steve Foerster
Doris Rinn
Patti Jahns
Roy Biediger

Carolyn Sagebiel
Donald Jackson
Clara Fischer
Paul Quello
Debbie Lehmann



**** Please note: if someone you have placed on this list has been helped by our prayers, please notify the church office so the person's name can be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Nancy Rodgers, aunt of Gail Herbold
Chad Braun, son of Wally and Fran Braun
Liza Mossler, former DIL of Fred/Sue Blumberg
Shanna Manor, goddaughter of Sue Blumberg
Patsy Heckmann, grandmother of LeAnne White
Jenelle Oeltjendiers, mother of Jo Ann Bogisch
Chris Hilsberg, friend of the Kautzsch family
Carol Nagie Steer, friend of Mary Koehler
Dan Rioux, nephew of Ted & Doris Engelhardt
Amy Wheeler Lacy, friend of Doris Engelhardt
Gordon Johnson, friend of John Kuempel
Janine Moltz, friend of Jessica Westerholm
Elizabeth Walker, friend of Cecil/Syndra Schulze
Pam Neal, friend of Roxanne Heckmann
Misty Valdez, friend of Ted & Doris Engelhardt
Hunter Hewell, friend of Birdie Kuempel
David Jakobeit, brother of Kathy Hamlet
Pastor Craig Sturm, cousin of Nicole Kuntschik
Taylor Franz, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews
Janet Koenig, mother of Andrew Koenig
Bill Wensinger, brother of Cathy Wensinger

Juan Soliz, friend of Pat Sagebiel
Bridget Klein, niece of Debbie and Cliff Lehmann
Leroy & Alice Braun, brother and SIL of Doris Engelhardt
Lindsey Taylor Knight, friend of Cathy Wensinger
Ric Landvatter, friend of Faith Lutheran
Ian Beck Family, grandson of Pat Bodine
Sophia Oliver, cousin of Lisa Owen
Barry Baker, brother of Brian Baker
Chris Wren, friend of Fred and Sue Blumberg
Blair Wolber, granddaughter of Janet Wolber
Mark, friend of Larry and Kristy Serold
London Blumberg, granddaughter of Fred/Sue Blumberg
Pat Liberty, friend of Susan Foerster
Amy Sagebiel Bolin, daughter of Jim and Judy Sagebiel and niece of Rose Mary Ermel
Rusty Reininger, friend of FLC and Handbell choir.
David Patrick, son-in-law of Bill & Kitty Keller
MLiss Harrington, daughter of Pat Bodine
Anne Wolfe, friend of Julia Glenewinkel
Bonnie Pesson, mother of Lisa Owen

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

- Max Lucado

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Preschool Director Lisa Owen



Faith Lutheran Preschool wishes you a blessed and happy new year!



During December, preschool students enjoyed hearing stories of Jesus' birth. They also had fun celebrating with their friends. As a new year begins, it is our goal to remember to celebrate Jesus' birth everyday.

Thank you to the congregation members, office staff, Friday Work Crew, teachers, and parents who continue to support the preschool.

A big thank you to Santa for visiting us!

WOMEN OF FAITH IN JANUARY

Charity Circle -Monday, January 15, 7:00 PM Activity Center

Love Circle—Tuesday, January 16, 9:30 AM Activity Center

Hope Circle—Thursday, January 18, 2:00 PM Activity Center



MEN OF FAITH

The Men of Faith meet every Tuesday morning at 7:30 for Bible Study. Join them in the Activity Center for fellowship and scripture discussion.

Prayers of the Congregation Are Requested for:



The family of Gaye Krueger, sister of Kerry Koehler. Gaye passed through death into eternal life in December in San Antonio. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Prayers also requested for the family of Randy Bulgerin, brother of Judy Sagebiel. Randy passed through death into eternal life on December 16. Please keep Judy and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Congratulations to:

Samantha (Andrews) and Zach Hodges on the birth of their daughter, Callie Claire, on Friday, December 1 in Houston, TX. Claire is also welcomed by her big brother Harrison and proud grandparents Mike and Candi Andrews.



SANTA SHERIFF

Thank you, Faith Family - You have been very generous in supporting a worthy cause. Your donations helped Santa Sheriff give a Christmas gift to every nursing home resident Guadalupe County. The Sheriff's office and the Social Concerns team are very grateful for your generosity.

SERVING FAITH IN JANUARY 2024

| | January 7 | January 14 | January 21 | January 28 |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Please call the church office or the head usher if you are scheduled to work and can not make it. | | | | |
| COMMUNION | Jody Alexander (B) | | Dianne Chambers (B) | |
| COMMUNION | Jud Alexander (W) | | Avis Herrick (W) | |
| COMMUNION | Julia Glenewinkel (W) | | Kim Koenig (W) | |
| COMMUNION | | | | |
| Aide at Altar | Matt Sherwood | | Laline Jensen | |
| LOCK UP | Brian Baker | Jody Alexander | Cathy Wensinger | Julia Glenewinkel |
| Security Team | Mike Andrews | David Moltz | Aaron Seidenberger | Fred Shanafelt |
| COUNT | Joanne Shanafelt | Candi Andrews | Emma Jean Becker | Doris Engelhardt |
| COUNT | Carol Baker | Jody Alexander | Dianne Chambers | Bill Ermel |
| USHERS | Fred Blumberg | Kerry Koehler | Bill Ermel | Terry Freeman |
| | Brett Owen | Andrew Koenig | Cody Goetz | Vanita Hodge |
| | Bryan Terp | John Kuempel | Bill Keller | Kristy Serold |
| | David Moltz | Matt Sherwood | Brian Baker | Joan Vanbeek |
| | | Jon Ullrich | | |
| LAY READERS | Georgie Dittrich | Gail Herbold | Rose Mary Ermel | Roxanne Heckmann |
| Altar Guild | Set Up | Sharon Westerholm | | Sharon Westerholm |
| | Set Up | Susan Foerster | | Susan Foerster |
| | Clean Up | Gail Herbold | | Gail Herbold |
| | Clean Up | Cathy Wensinger | | Cathy Wensinger |
| AV Workers (Screens/Sound) | Andrew Kuehne | Chase White | Matthew Fransen | Andrew Kuehne |
| GREETERS | Joe Eledge | Diane Gwyther | Tim Bogish | Betty Moltz |
| | Bryan Terp | Missy Sagebiel | Dawn Peterson | Carol Baker |
| | Joan Vanbeek | Pat Sagebiel | Sydra Schulze | Kim Kautzsch |

JANUARY 2024

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 ABBREVIATION KEY: AC= Activity Center Attention Ed Wing= Education Wing LEC= Life Enrichment Center Rentals Sant= Sanctuary Kit= Small Kitchen Choir Room =CR | 2 NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED 6:00PM (AC) Preschool Board | 3 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion 6:30-7:00PM(Kit)Exec. Council 7:00PM(AC) Comm. Meetings | 4 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 7:00(CR) Choir | 5 Send/Mail out Commitment Letter and Time & Talent Forms | 6 Epiphany | |
| 7 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday | 8 9:00AM Staff Meeting | 9 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion 6:30PM(AC) Council Meeting | 10 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir | 11 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir | 12 9:00 am-12:00pm (AC) Townnewood Homeowners | 13 |
| 14 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday | 15 9:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Charity Circle | 16 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 9:30AM(AC) Love Circle 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion 1:00PM Pastor Dan - Argent Court | 17 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir | 18 2:00PM(AC) Hope Circle | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Annual Report Distributed | 22 9:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00PM (AC) Via de Cristo 6:30 PM Care Committee | 23 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion 6:30PM Game Night SAL | 24 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir | 25 | 26 *Newsletter Deadline* | 27 9:-12PM (AC)Sagewood Janet Wolber |
| 28 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Annual Congregational Meeting Immediately After Service Council Dinner - In & Out Members Elect Officers & Assign Committee | 29 9:00AM Staff Meeting | 30 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 8:00AM(AC) Pregnancy Center 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion | 31 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir | | | |

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- † **Julia Glenewinkel**—President
- † **Brian Baker**—Vice President & Property and Management Team
- † **Jody Alexander**—Secretary & Evangelism/Mission Outreach Team
- † **Brett Owen**—Treasurer
- † **Brad Bettis**— Asst. Treasurer and Worship Team
- † **Mark Hazel**— Social Concerns/Fellowship Team
- † **Candi Andrews**—Stewardship Team
- † **Matthew Fransen**—Youth Team
- † **Cathy Wensinger**—Preschool Board
- † **Brad Flippin**— Children’s Ministry Team

Church Staff

Co-Pastors.....Interim Pastor Daniel Cave and Intern Pastor Andrew Cave

Youth Minister.....

Office Manager.....Angie Rohde

Music / Communications Director
.....Roxanne Heckmann

Children’s Music Director.....LeAnne White

Accompanist.....Kate Oehlke

Children’s Ministry Kim Kautzsch

Financial Asst......Carol Baker

PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED CARE STAFF

Pre-K four-year-old class (5 days) -Paula Neuman/Sheri Scaief

Pre-K four-year-old class (5 days) -Jennifer Thompson/Morgan Bermea

Pre-K three-year-old class (5 days) - Laura Joiner/Dianna Merz

Pre-K three-year-old class (3 days) -Joy McKinnis/Donna Smith

Mother’s Morning Out class—.....Kristen Haener/ Kim Kautzsch

Full time two-year-old class—...Janelle Ramirez Erlinda Pennypacker

Extended Care—.....Paula Neuman, Morgan Bermea, Dianna Merz, Amanda Fox

Director—Lisa Owen

What’s Happening in January?

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Committee Mtgs.
7:00 PM

Tuesday, Jan. 9
Council Mtg.
6:30 PM

Sunday, Jan. 28
Annual Congregational Meeting following worship