



*Altar Flowers
in July*

7th—Larry &
Kristy Serold

14th—Pat &
Missy Sagebiel

21st—Kim
Kauitzsch &
Marilyn
Rosenblad

28th—Available



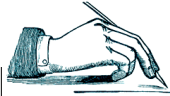
*“Words of
Faith”*

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From the Desk of Pastor Dan

Pastor's July 4th Perspective: Stewardship of Civility

I enjoy reading monthly articles posted by The Stewardship of Life Institute. This one was written by Rev. Rob Brezard for July last year. His thoughts seem to me to address important concerns we have about living as Christians in today's divided culture and country.

“There used to be a wise saying about arguments that kept things civil. One party or the other would say, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.” That sounds downright quaint in today's climate, where partisans are more likely to say, “I disagree with what you say, and you are evil and have no right to that opinion.”

“This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, we can relish the freedoms we take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion and assembly. At the same time, as Christians we remember not only Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), but also to do unto others as we would have them do to us (Matthew 7:12). The “neighbors” and “others” certainly include those who hold different ideas on issues of the day.

“How can we celebrate our freedom of expression in the context of Jesus' commands?

- ◆ Listen carefully, being open to another person's ideas.
- ◆ Respond thoughtfully and calmly, citing facts to support your argument.
- ◆ Do not attack the person, only the ideas.
- ◆ Remember the wise old saying, “I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it.”

“We are stewards of our relationships with our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we can be stewards of *civility* and lead our country to calmer, more amicable times.”

A happy, blessed, safe and civil Independence Day to you!



July Birthdays

- 01 Guy Griffith
- 02 Larry Serold
- 02 Tim Patek
- 04 Joy Baumann
- 04 Ken Kiel
- 04 John Taddy
- 05 Kimberlyn Cloughly
- 06 Dianne Chambers
- 07 Justin Bloch
- 07 Brant Bennett
- 10 Carol Welsch
- 11 Gail Herbold
- 13 Leanna Rawlings
- 16 Dax Scaramozi
- 17 Linda Foreman
- 17 Ron Vanbeek
- 19 Syndra Schulze
- 19 Caston Casey
- 20 Gynna Hernandez
- 21 Kevin Mathis
- 21 Johanna Lange
- 21 Kailey Kuntschik
- 21 Jacob St. Clair
- 22 Tynlee Grumbles

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers from Guadalupe Regional Medical Center, Faith Lutheran Church, and the San Antonio Food Bank gathered on June 1 to help our community!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to make the food distribution event a huge success! Your hard work helped serve over **19,000 pounds of food to 96 families** in need.



New Adult Sunday School Summer 2024

“Stan’s” class will feature Max Lucado’s DVD “In the Steps of the Savior,” a six session discussion study to be held on July 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18 and 25. Max will guide us through Jesus’s mission and ministry in the Holy Land beginning in Capernaum.

MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Karla Johnson is going on a mission trip to Guatemala again this summer. (July 13) The children in Guatemala are in need of clothing. We are asking for items from the list below. **PLEASE NO SHOES** this time. They are too bulky and they take up too much space.

**WE NEED CLOTHING AGES 5 TO 18;
SIZES CHILD 4 TO ADULT MEDIUM. NO BABIES.**

- **NEW** Underwear, socks and bras
- Sweatshirts, Jackets, Fleece Jackets, Cardigan- style Sweaters
- Shirts/Tops--boys and girls
- Jeans--boys and girls (rip-free styles)
- Athletic Wear---Wind Pants for gym class (black, navy, red or gray & plain with no designs)
- Athletic shorts (knee-length or longer)

There will be a marked container in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you for your help.



Via de Cristo Weekend #104 will be August 22 – 25, 2024 at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville.

Via de Cristo (Spanish for "Way of Christ") is a 3-day weekend (Thursday evening – Sunday afternoon) for men and women (singles or couples) that is a grace-filled time for spiritual renewal. It is a structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, bringing them to a new awareness of living in God's grace. The objective is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches, and communities. You will hear and discuss various talks given by lay people and clergy. These talks help us better understand how we are to live as Christians. There will be times for worship, communion and prayer, music and singing, great food and fellowship, laughter, and some relaxation. Ask someone who has been to a weekend recently (Stefan & Jamie Hilbert, Lori Baker, Candi Andrews, Jody Alexander, Julia Glenewinkel or Syndra Schulze) about their weekend experience and whether they would recommend it. Or speak to Pastor Dan or Doris Engelhardt. (Please see the Via de Cristo brochures in the Kiosk, and applications are available on the visitor's table. Scholarships are also available through the church to help with the cost of the weekend.



July Birthdays

- 23 Vanita Hodge
- 24 Kimberly Barnes
- 24 Lindsay Pfluger
- 25 Cathy Wensinger
- 26 Hannah Patek
- 27 Betty Moltz
- 28 Kayle Casey
- 30 Emily Nash



July Anniversaries

- 06 Kimberly & Scott Barnes
- 10 Keith & Lisa Boenig
- 10 Jim & Judy Sagebiel
- 16 Jack & Kathy Hamlett
- 17 Brandon & Molly Oehlke
- 17 Pat & Missy Sagebiel
- 25 Steven & Jennifer Stewart
- 26 Chunkie and Sue Harwell
- 26 Spitzie & Jeanine Ullrich
- 26 Albert and Carolyn Zipp
- 31 Joseph & Toccoa Eledge



July 2024

Sunday School/Children’s Church

Summer Sunday School started on June 2. We have been baking/making with the Bible-We reviewed the stories Adam and Eve with Apple Donuts, Feeding the Five Thousand with Under the Sea graham crackers, and then Noah’s Ark with graham crackers and animal cookies. We have played Bible Trivia, watched Veggie Tales, and made a craft for Dads! In July, we will begin a six Sunday Theme of Bible Olympics. Playing together and Praying together makes our summer a lot of fun at Faith!

Going on a Seguin Scenic Summer with Mrs. Kautzsch

We have had a great start to the summer! We have been enjoying our JAM friends outings!



VBS 2024

Vacation Bible School was the week of June 24th-June 28th. We are so blessed that our Faith congregation has been so supportive of this ministry. It was such an exciting week of growing in a deeper friendship with God. Please look at the JAM board outside the offices for some pictures. Thank you for all the help decorating and the donations for snacks!

Faith Lutheran Youth



Our 6th-12th grade kids remain busy! We raised over \$1,000 for our beach trip with a parking spot fundraiser during graduation and over \$1,300 with a rummage sale! Items that didn't sell were donated to a clothing drive happening in New Braunfels and to Seguin's very own Humane Society. We have had a blast the past few Wednesday nights at the Oehlke's beautiful home and we are joining forces with the JAM kids once a month for a fun and interactive Sunday morning filled with Bible trivia and other games!



At this time in the life of our nation and with 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 families:

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
 Robert Rabe



Texas District

Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
 Director of Mission Growth



If You Build It...?

Growing up in Eastern Iowa in the late 1980s, it was big news when a major motion picture began filming a baseball movie on a family farm. In the movie, *Field of Dreams*, a mysterious voice is heard from beyond: "If you build it, he will come." As the story unfolds, the lead character plows under his crops mid-growing season to build a baseball field. Then from out of the cornfields beyond centerfield appeared a historic team from baseball lore.

The cultural impact of *Field of Dreams* was significant. Visionary leaders seized upon the infamous movie line and adapted it for their own organizations: "If you build it, they will come." Even pastors and churches adopted the mantra as ministries scaled bigger and better programs and church facilities, trusting in the idea that new and bigger would attract more people. To some extent, this approach seemed to work! As churches engaged in expanding and improving their ministries and facilities, more people were attracted to it and began engaging with churches in new ways.

Despite these successes, there were also unintended consequences. Fast forward two decades and churches discovered that what once worked was no longer working. Successful ministries needed to be constantly refreshed and renewed with the latest and greatest programs or building renovations to keep people coming. A consumer mentality crept into the church as church attendees began "church shopping" and congregations felt the urge to "compete" with one another.

Church growth began to feel like chasing after a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow. How many churches "built it" but the people did not come? While God certainly used the church growth movement, we now recognize the ways it detracted from an authentic faith journey of following Jesus.

What if the church adopted a new mantra based upon an old idea: "If you love them..." How would you complete that sentence? What do you think the result of sharing Jesus' love might be? For me it would be this: "they will know they are loved by God." I believe that God is calling us to shift our focus from building better programs and facilities just to entice people to come to the church to hear the Good News towards equipping and mobilizing the people of the church to love people and engage in Gospel mission in their everyday lives. **#LoveWorks2024**

Join us for LOVE WORKS, our LCMC Texas District Gathering, July 26-27 in Kerrville. Learn more: www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering. 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 ext. 2 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

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OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO

Judy Saunders
Gladys Fruehling
Steve Foerster
Doris Rinn
Patti Jahns
Georgie Dittrich
Don Hilbert
Pat Bodine
Wally Braun

Carolyn Sagebiel
Donald Jackson
Clara Fischer
Paul Quello
Debbie Lehmann
Ron Vanbeek
Susan Foerster
Johanna Lange
Mark Herbold

Kelton Lange
Brad Flippin
Birdie Kuempel
Dale Nauert
Sue Harwell
Sandy Wille
Wendy Gunn
Jack Hamlet



**** 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.**

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

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

Hunter Hewell, friend of Birdie Kuempel

Pastor Craig Sturm, cousin of Nicole Kuntschik

Janet Koenig, mother of Andrew Koenig

Ellie Woytek, friend of Ted & Doris Engelhardt

Doris Ermel, friend of FLC

Marjorie Butterfield, friend of Angie Rohde

Juan Soliz, friend of Pat Sagebiel

Bridget Klein, niece of Debbie and Cliff Lehmann

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

David Patrick, son-in-law of Bill & Kitty Keller

Anne Wolfe, friend of Julia Glenewinkel

Taylor Cannel, friend of Sue and Fred Blumberg

Emma Wolter, friend of Debbie Vogel

"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



Summer Extended Care and Full-time 2's Class

It's Summer and we are enjoying fun activities. Everyone is singing and playing instruments on Musical Mondays. Treats like ice cream, popsicles, Jell-O and watermelon are gobbled up on Tasty Tuesdays. Of course, we have fun on Wet and Wild Wednesday Water Days! We're getting creative on Theatrical Thursdays, and we share our favorites on Favorites Fridays.



Fulltime 2's openings We still have a few openings in our fulltime two-year-old's class for Fall if you or someone you know is in need of child care. Please call 830-379-7074.

Help Wanted FLP is always in need of substitute teachers in the mornings, and we will be needing help in the afternoons from 2:00-6:00 when preschool starts. If you are interested in either position, please call 830-379-7074 or e-mail: preschool@faithseguin.org.

Preschool Board Thank you to outgoing members: Cody Goetz, Derick Kautzsch, Avis Herrick, Christina Hazel and Amanda Tischoff. Our new Preschool Board will have their first meeting on August 4th. Thank you to the following members: Carol Welsch, Pam Fransen, Sharon Westerholm, Laura Beedy, Jesse Garcia, Jessica Warren, Brandon Oehlke, Carolyn Cloughly, Chrissy Crawford, Justin Atchley and Vanita Hodge.

WOMEN OF FAITH IN JULY

CHARITY CIRCLE—Monday, July 15th, 7:00 PM, Activity Center

LOVE CIRCLE—Tuesday, July 16th, 9:30 AM, Activity Center

HOPE CIRCLE—Thursday, July 18th, 2:00 PM, Activity Center

MEN OF FAITH

The Men of Faith Lutheran Church meet for Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM in the Activity Center. All men in the congregation are invited to this devotional and time of fellowship.

Church Council Update

- Pastor Dan has agreed to a contract to stay with FLC through 2024 or until a new Pastor starts. He is willing to stay longer depending on the status of the call process and the desires of the new Pastor and Council. He has increased his weekly work schedule to 25 hours per week. Other needs at FLC are being handled nicely by our wonderful staff with occasional help from members of the church council, as needed. There are no plans to arrange for an interim Pastor.
- Council approved the purchase and installation of a new Audio Visual system for the Sanctuary, Narthex and Activity Center. The old system has been experiencing problems and needed to be upgraded. Roxanne has worked hard and done well in managing the project.
- The Call Committee has been working diligently review resumes of potential Pastors and has conducted several web-based interviews. The call committee is made up of Tim Bogisch (Chair), Molly Oehlke (Vice Chair), Kathy Hamlett (Secretary), BJ Chambers (Primary Contact), Elaine Bennett, Derick Kautzsch and Kendalynn Pruitt.
- The combined efforts of Kim, Laura, Angie, Roxanne and members of the property committee converted storage space into an office. We now have dedicated space for all of our staff.
- Lighting has been replaced in the educational wing with new LED lighting.

Prayers of the Congregation Are Requested for:

The family of M'Liss Harrington. M'Liss is a former member of Faith and the daughter of Pat Bodine. M'Liss passed through death into eternal life on Tuesday, May 28. Please keep her husband Richie and her mother Pat in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.



Prayers also requested for the family of Joyce Dykes Silvertooth, mother of Sharon Westerholm. Joyce passed through death into eternal life on June 22 in Longview, TX. Please keep Sharon and the rest of her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

CONGRATULATIONS TO



Kendell and Emily Koehler on the birth of their baby girl, **Margaux Quinn Koehler**. Margaux was born in Lexington, Kentucky on May 30. Proud grandparents are Kerry and Mary Koehler.

Christian Cupboard Item of the Month

In the month of July, the Christian Cupboard states that one of their most needed items is **pasta, spaghetti , noodles, etc.**

Please bring your donations to church through **July 31st**, and place them in the basket in 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, 516 N. Camp Seguin, TX 78156. The Social Concerns Committee thanks you for your ongoing generosity.

SERVING FAITH IN JULY 2024

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
COMMUNION	Elaine Bennett (B)		Jud Alexander (B)	
COMMUNION	Fran Braun (B)		Julia Glenewinkel (B)	
COMMUNION	Cathy Cave (W)		Brett Owen (W)	
COMMUNION	Carolyn Zipp (W)		Lisa Owen (W)	
Aide at Altar	Gail Herbold		Jody Alexander	
LOCK UP	Kathy Hamlett	James Eichenholz	Brad Bettis	Brad Bettis
Security Team	Fred Shanafelt	David Moltz	Mike Andrews	Tim Bogisch
COUNT	Doris Engelhardt	Betty Moltz	Mike Andrews	Joanne Shanafelt
COUNT	Susan Foerster	John Taddy	Diane Terp	Carol Welsch
USHERS	Fred Blumberg	Kerry Koehler	Bill Ermel	Terry Freeman
	Cliff Lehmann	Andrew Koenig	Alan Bonds	Joseph Eledge
	Bryan Terp	John Kuempel	Bill Keller	Stefan Hilbert
	David Moltz	Mark Dietz	Cheryl Bonds	Joan Vanbeek
	Brett Owen		Ben Weise	
LAY READERS	Lisa Owen	Rose Mary Ermel	Bill Ermel	Doris Engelhardt
Altar Guild	Sharon Westerholm		Sharon Westerholm	
	Susan Foerster		Susan Foerster	
	BJ Chambers		BJ Chambers	
	Kathy Taddy		Kathy Taddy	
AV Workers (Screens/Sound)	Joseph Eledge	Matthew Fransen	Matthew Fransen	Chase White
GREETERS	Matthew Fransen	Diane Gwyther	Tim Bogisch	Betty Moltz
	Pat Sagebiel	Bill Keller	Syndra Schulze	Patti Jahns
	Missy Sagebiel	Jody Alexander	Diane Terp	Joyce Seidel

Please call the church office **OR** the head usher if you are scheduled to work and can not make it.

JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00AM Staff Meeting	2 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion	3 9:00AM(AC) Quilters	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	
7 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sun. School Committees/Ministry Team mtgs During SS hour - 10:15-11:15 Council Exec. Comm. Mtg.11:15	8 9:00AM Staff Meeting	9 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 12:00PM (Ed Wing)VDC Reunion	10 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM FLY Off Campus (AC)6:30-8:00PM GriefShare 13wks.	11 1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship	12 12PM (LEC) Candi Andrew Rental	13 12PM (LEC) Candi Andrew Rental
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ABBREVIATION KEY:
AC= Activity Center
Attention
Ed Wing= Education Wing
LEC= Life Enrichment Center
Rentals
Sant= Sanctuary
Kit= Small Kitchen
Choir Room =CR

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July 2024

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| † Candi Andrews- | Secretary and Youth/Children's Ministry Team |
| † Brian Baker- | Council President |
| † Brad Bettis - | Worship Team |
| † Alan Bonds - | Property and Management Team |
| † James Eichenholz - | |
| † Kathy Hamlet- | Stewardship Team |
| † Mark Hazel - | |
| † Jamie Hilbert- | Vice-President and Social Concerns Team |
| † Karla Johnson- | Assistant Treasurer and Evangelism Team |
| † Brett Owen- | Treasurer |

Church Staff

P/T Pastor.....Pastor Daniel Cave
Youth Director.....Laura Beedy
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 Raelyn Wilson
Extended Care—.....Paula Neuman, Morgan Bermea, Dianna Merz,
Director—.....Lisa Owen

What's Happening in July?

Thursday, July 4th
Independence Day

Tuesday, July 23
Game Night at SAL

July 22-25
FLY Beach Trip