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Altar Flowers in December



7th-Available

14th-Bertha Marie
Keller

21st-John &
Michelle Kuempel

28th-Jim & Judy
Sagebiel



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Faith"**
in
December

7th-Mike &
Candi Andrews

14th-Available

21st- Bryan &
Diane Terp

28th- Available



From the Desk of Pastor Jeremy

*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.*

(Refrain)

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to you,
O Israel!*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each morning, I walk my dog while listening to a podcast from www.1517.org as part of my devotions. By this time of year, I am usually starting my walk in the darkness. However, by the end, the sky changes to a dark blue. The stars have disappeared, but I can see a glimpse of the light in the east as the sunrise is coming. That beautiful blue color symbolizes what Advent is all about. Indeed, we use that blue color for our altar clothes this season. Like watching with joyous anticipation of the sunrise, we are joyous awaiting the coming of the Son.

In that, our Advent Carols like "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel" express this theme of joyous waiting. The refrain tells us, *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel!*

This hymn expresses the joyous anticipation that Word has come in flesh (John 1:14) and for that we can certainly rejoice.

Therefore, as we eagerly await the coming of Jesus, let us share this joy that we have in the Word becoming flesh in Jesus Christ.



December Birthdays

- 01 Hallie Hodges
- 04 Britanni Canion
- 05 Katherine Biediger
- 05 Brett Owen
- 05 Wayne Seidel
- 05 Sheila Ullrich
- 05 Doris Engelhardt
- 07 Kelly Lamb
- 07 Ryan Kelm
- 09 Carolyn Sagebiel
- 09 Rylee Flippin
- 09 Coulter Casey
- 11 Harrison Hodges
- 11 Chase White
- 11 Lane Seidenberger
- 12 Amanda Tischoff
- 14 Bertha Marie Keller
- 15 Megan Harvey
- 15 Donald Schubert
- 16 Tammy Bogisch
- 16 Tim Bogisch
- 16 Wally Braun
- 17 Irys Hicklin
- 17 Matthew Castillo
- 18 Greg Offer
- 19 Kaitlyn Shanafelt
- 20 Christina Hazel

From Your Stewardship Ministry Team

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 – COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Mark your calendars now for this special Sunday. Our Stewardship Ministry Team will host a delicious, hot breakfast in the Life Enrichment Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. A special Worship Service will be held in the LEC following breakfast beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ATTN: MINISTRY TEAMS & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AT FAITH

We are again asking you to please plan a display table of some type to be placed in the LEC on Commitment Sunday (January 11, 2026). We want every committee and organization (Women of Faith Circles, Altar Guild, Music Ministries, Men's Friday Workgroup, Youth Groups, YET, Bible Study Groups, etc.) to participate. This is your time to show the members of the congregation what you do, so that everyone can see their opportunities to participate in our congregation and to serve at Faith and in the community.

Also, please pick a representative to give a one-minute announcement (plug) for your committee to encourage others to join you. We had great participation last year, so please begin to plan your table display now, as January 11th will be here way too quickly, and we want everyone to participate.

Please contact a member of the Ministry Team (Brian Baker, BJ Chambers, Doris Engelhardt, Kathy Hamlett, or Syndra Schulze) to let them know your group/Ministry team will be participating, so we know how many display tables we will need. We hope it is the same number as last year.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The Music Ministry members would like to invite everyone to come Christmas Caroling with them on Sunday, December 14th. We will meet at Faith at 4:15 and carpool to the Assisted Living facilities



and to the homes of some of our homebound members. This is a FAMILY EVENT, so come one, come all and help us spread some Christmas cheer!

Christian Cupboard

In the month of December, the Christian Cupboard will accept **cereal or peanut butter**. Please bring your donations to church through **December 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 78155. Faith's members have been wonderful supporters of the Christian Cupboard, and the Social Concerns Committee thanks you for your ongoing generosity.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Sunday, November 30** - Decorate Church for Christmas after worship
- **Sunday, December 7** - Congregational Mtg. to adopt 2026 Program for Christ's Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church (*Budget*)
- **Sunday, December 14** - **Faith Family Christmas Celebration**
- **Saturday, December 20** - Drive-Thru Living Nativity
- **Wednesday, December 24** - **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- **Sunday, January 11, 2026** - Commitment Sunday (w/ Breakfast and Ministry Teams/Organizations Fair)
- **Sunday, January 25, 2026** - Annual Congregation Meeting



December Birthdays

- 21 Roy Biediger
- 21 Michael Poole
- 23 Gene Hunt
- 24 Cecil Schulze
- 25 Joseph Oehlke
- 30 Molly Oehlke



December Anniversaries

- 8 Norman & Melba Govett
- 15 David & Terri Bailey
- 15 Patrick & Amy Casey
- 17 Andrew & Susan Shanafelt
- 19 Mark & Christina Hazel
- 22 Caleb & Jessica Warren
- 23 Dale & Karen Nauert

Angel Tree to Benefit Local Nursing Home Residents

The Social Concerns Team is sponsoring an Angel Tree to help support the Santa Sheriff program. This program allows gifts to be given to every resident in each of the Seguin nursing homes. Please choose an angel tag from the tree with the amount that you wish to give or choose a "state your own amount" angel. Write a check to Faith Lutheran Church, memo "angel tree," and attach it to the angel. Place the angel and your check into the basket by the tree. The tree will be on display **November 30 through December 14**. All donations need to be at church by December 15. Thank you for participating and showing your care for others.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church**





December 2025



Children's Church and Sunday School

December 7— Advent lesson and special craft during Sunday School

December 14— The Christmas Program during the service (No Sunday School)

Special snacks in the Activity Center after the service

December 24—Jesus is Born

Faith Lutheran Youth

Our confirmation and FLY students enjoyed our trip to the Christian Cupboard in Seguin in November. Not only did they have hands on experience packing eggs and stacking groceries but learned where and how the Christian Cupboard gets its food to share with those in need in our community. We tied all of this in to the Seventh Commandment, the first article of the Creed, and the 4th petition of the Lord's Prayer.





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 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

Generosity: A Spiritual Discipline

I enjoy personal and organizational financial planning and take pride in managing financial affairs well in order to make the most of the resources available. When I think about stewardship, first and foremost in my mind is God's call to be wise and faithful managers. Yet within the realm of stewardship lies a practice that runs against the grain and can almost seem contradictory and foolish. This is the practice of generosity.

Generosity is freely giving resources away without any expectation of return or personal benefit. Biblically, we understand that generosity included sharing resources in common with other members of a local church; giving cheerfully to missions; tithing (giving a tenth of one's increase) to the local community of worship; and caring for the poor, the hungry, the orphans, and the widows. In our human way of thinking, it doesn't really make sense to give away that which we "worked hard for" or at least worked hard to manage well. But in God's economy, generosity is a key practice in a faithful, trusting walk following Jesus as his disciples.

Years ago, I attended church men's group where a member of my congregation shared something profound. When we were talking about tithing, he shared that he believed that God chose 10% completely on purpose to develop our trust in God. He reasoned that had God called us to give a smaller percentage, our human self-reliance would likely kick-in with the Devil leading us to think we could "handle it" on our own. But this isn't the case with a call to give 10%. The call to tithe compels us to trust God. It is too much for us to do apart from trusting God each day to give us our daily bread. The spiritual discipline of generosity helps to break us from our sin of self-reliance.

There are many other good things that come about when we practice generosity. Another that comes to mind is how God tends to multiply our offerings, sometimes in miraculous ways. Consider the story of the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus took the gift of one boy's lunch and then instructed the disciples to be generous with it and share the food with the crowds. In their faithful generosity, the Lord multiplied the small offering and created an abundance that to this day still amazes us. But this is what God does with our generosity.

Friends, I would like to encourage you to be good stewards and manage your financial affairs with wisdom and faithfulness. And I also invite you to consider anew Jesus' call to the spiritual discipline of generosity: Tithe to your local church, give cheerfully to missions and causes that align with your faith, and care for the basic human needs in your local community and beyond as the Lord gives you opportunity.

Giving Tuesday is December 2, a day dedicated to celebrating and encouraging generosity. This is a great time to make new commitments to grow in generosity. If you would like to contribute to the mission of LCMC Texas District or Harvest Workers, go to www.lcmctexas.org/giving-tuesday to find out how to double your donation.

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. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or bryce@lcmctexas.org.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO



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.

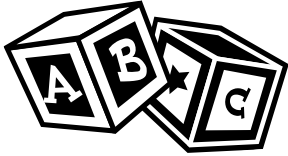
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 Shanna Manor, goddaughter of Sue Blumberg
 Patsy Heckmann, grandmother of LeAnne White
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 Gordon Johnson, friend of John Kuempel
 Janine Moltz, friend of Jessica Westerholm
 Elizabeth Walker, friend of Cecil/Syndra Schulze
 Pam Neal, friend of Roxanne Heckmann
 Hunter Hewell, friend of the Kuempel family
 LeRoy Braun, brother of Doris Engelhardt
 Doris Ermel, friend of FLC
 Greg Kenna & his family, Jordan, Harper & Everett, friends of Mike & Candi Andrews
 Keith Bleakley, nephew of Diane Gwyther
 Winnie Poirier, 2-yr.-old granddaughter of a friend of Julia Glenewinkel and Syndra Schulze
 Beverly Braun, sister-in-law of Doris & Ted Engelhardt
 Misty Valdez, friend of Ted & Doris Engelhardt
 Rebecca Dykes, daughter of Kathy Hamlett
 Jake Pannell, grandson of friend of Fred & Sue Blumberg
 Caleb Ellis, grandson of Wally and Fran Braun
 Dolly West, friend of Don and Barbara Hilbert
 John Wade, brother of Joan Ceyanes
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 London Blumberg, granddaughter of Fred/Sue Blumberg
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 David Patrick, son-in-law of Bill & Kitty Keller
 Anne Wolfe, friend of Julia Glenewinkel
 Taylor Cannel, friend of Sue & Fred Blumberg
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 TJ Goins, husband of Ashley Goins
 Pat Bodine, friend of Faith Lutheran
 Nancy Allred, friend of Emma Jean Becker
 Elizabeth & Mortan Loderup, friends of Mike & Candi Andrews
 Warren Lowery, son of Nona, friend of Susan Foerster
 Jeff Higgins, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews
 Fay Coldewey, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews
 Connie Bohulsav, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews
 Joe Cardenas, friend of Kim Kautzsch and Courtney and Chris Werner
 Suzanne Sengele, sister of Ellen Loof

"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



We had a lot of fun during Spirit Week!



PreK classes enjoyed a field trip to the SHS Theater Arts production of Aladdin Jr.



Getting ready for Thanksgiving!



Ace portrays Goliath from our Bible story. We love Chapel on Wednesdays!



Thank you Eric and Georgia Ramos for creating a fun School Picture Day! We can't wait to see the pictures.
Best of the Best FLP has been nominated as a finalist in the Seguin Gazette Best of the Best . Voting begins Nov.19th. Please vote FLP as your favorite daycare/preschool!
The next Preschool Board Meeting will be held December 7th.

WOMEN OF FAITH IN DECEMBER

All women of Faith are invited to join Charity and Hope Circles at our annual Christmas luncheon and party on Thursday, December 4th. We will begin gathering at 11:30 a.m. It will be a potluck of mostly finger foods and Christmas goodies, but please feel free to bring any type of food dish. Each person is asked to bring a gift or gifts for the children of TruLight Youth Village (TruLight127 Ministries near Marion.) A list of suggestions will be passed out at circle meetings in November, and there will be a list on the KIOSK for reference. We will also play some Christmas games with prizes for the winners. Please invite a friend to join us.

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.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign



Faith Lutheran volunteers are ringing the Salvation Army Bell on **Friday, December 19,** in front of the Market/Grocery doors at Walmart. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in the narthex, and times slots are for 1 1/2 hours. Please consider volunteering for this very fulfilling service! It's guaranteed to bring you Christmas Cheer!

LIVING NATIVITY

Our young people, with the help from A LOT of very willing adults, will present the "Drive Through Living Nativity" at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 20th, from 5:30-7:0 pm in the east parking lot. Several "scenes" will be displayed that depict the events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ. People of ALL AGES will be participating.

There will be live music and live animals! If you are interested in helping, please see Kim Kautzsch or Malerie Eichenholz. This is a FREE COMMUNITY EVENT that we hope will bring in people from all around. We are excited to share the good news of the birth of our savior once again!



Poinsettias to Brighten Sanctuary

The chancel area will be decorated with poinsettias for the season. If you would be willing to share your plants, please bring them to church by **5:00 PM on Friday, Dec. 19th.** If you would like your poinsettia to be in memory or in honor of someone, **please call or email the church office** (communications@faithseguin.org) **with this information** by **10:00 am, Wednesday, Dec. 17th,** so that a complete list of names can be published in the bulletins. Poinsettias will need to be cleared from the sanctuary by **January 7.** Before leaving your plants, please label with your name to make identification easier.



SERVING FAITH IN DECEMBER 2025

	December 7	December 14	December 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 24	December 28
	Budget Meeting 2nd Sunday of Advent	Christmas Program 3rd Sunday of Advent	4th Sunday of Advent	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	

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

COMMUNION	Pastor Jeremy		Pastor Jeremy	Pastor Jeremy (B)	Pastor Jeremy (B)	
	Doris Engelhardt		Julia Glenewinkel	Julia Glenewinkel (B)		
COMMUNION				Elaine Bennett (W)		
COMMUNION						
Aide at Altar	Bill Ermel		Gail Herbold			
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COUNT	Jud Alexander	Jody Alexander	Diane Terp	Mark Herbold	Doris Engelhardt	Mike Andrews
COUNT	Brian Baker	Carol Welsch	Betty Moltz	Bill Ermel	Susan Foerster	Wally Braun
Acolyte	Maddie Hilbert					
USHERS	Fred Blumberg	Jud Alexander	Mike Andrews			Ed Engelhardt
	Cliff Lehmann	Mark Herbold	Kyle Baker			Missy Sagebiel
	Bryan Terp	Cecil Schulze	Paul Kalkwarf			Pat Sagebiel
	David Moltz	Fred Shanafelt	Ronnie Glenwinkel			Glen Haas
	Brett Owen		Robert Raetzsch			
	Bill Ermel	Bill Keller	Rose Mary Ermel	?	?	Brian Baker
LAY READERS	Sharon Westerholm		Sharon Westerholm	Sharon Westerholm	Susan Foerster	
	Susan Foerster		Susan Foerster	Susan Foerster		
	Gail Herbold		Gail Herbold		Nancy Schlather	
	Cathy Wensinger		Cathy Wensinger			
AV Workers (Livestream, Sound, Screens)	Tim Bogisch	Matthew Fransen	Chase White			Matthew Fransen
	Jesus Garcia	Diane Gwyther	Betty Moltz			Roxanne Heckmann
GREETERS	Jud Alexander	Patti Jahns	Brian Baker			Dianne Chambers
	Jody Alexander	Courtney Baker	Carol Baker			Emma Jean Becker

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ABBREVIATION KEY: AC= Activity Center Attention Ed Wing= Education Wing LEC= Life Enrichment Center Rentals Sant= Sanctuary Kit= Small Kitchen Choir Room =CR	1 9:00AM Staff Meeting	2 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study (LEC) Preschool Staff Christmas	3 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY/Confirmation 6:15(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir	4 11-2:30(AC) All Circle's Christmas Party	5 Pastor in MN	6
7 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Committees/Ministry Team mtgs During SS hour - 10:15-11:15 Council Exec. Comm. Mtg.11:15 Congregational Budget Meeting	8 9:00AM Staff Meeting	9 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study 9:00-12:00(AC) Retired Teachers	10 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 5:30-6:30 (Sanc) Christmas Prg. Rehearsal 6:30 (Sanc) Hand Bells 6:30 (Sanc) Joyful Noise 7:00(Sanc) Choir	11 1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship 7:00pm Bible Study (AC)	12	13
14 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday 11:30 AM Council Meeting Family Christmas Caroling 4:15 PM Music Ministry Christmas 6:30	15 9:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Charity Circle	16 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	17 Pointstia Information Due 10:00 AM	18 2:00PM (AC) Hope Circle 7:00pm Bible Study (AC)	19 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Walmart Pointsettias Due	20 Drive-Thru Living Nativity 5:30PM - 7:30PM
21 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday	22 9:00AM Staff Meeting 6:30-9:00PM (AC) Via de Cristo	23 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	24 CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE CLOSERS AT NOON 4:00 PM Service 7:00 PM Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Jasper Harvey Baptism	29 9:00AM Staff Meeting	30 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE OFFICE CLOSED			

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† Donna Raetzsch-	Preschool Board
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† Sharon Stollewerk	Secretary & Children's Ministry Team
† Debbie Vogel	Youth Ministry Team

What's Happening in December?

Sunday, December 7
*Congregational Mtg. to adopt
Program for Christ's Ministry*

Sunday, December 14
*Faith Family Christmas
Celebration 9:00 AM
Family Christmas Caroling
4:15 PM*

Saturday, December 20
Living Nativity

Wednesday, December 24
*Candlelight Services
4:00 & 7:00 PM*

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

Pre-K four-year-old class (5 days)Eloise
Wood/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.....Kim
Kautzsch/Trisha Franklin

Full time two-year-old class.....Janelle
Ramirez / Raelyn Wilson

Extended Care.....Paula Neuman,
Morgan Bermea, Dianna Merz