

**February  
2026**



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*Flowers  
in  
February*



1st—Available

8th—Available

15th—Available

22nd—Available

In the early church, Lent was not first about giving things up. It was a season of catechesis—instruction in the faith. Those preparing for baptism, along with the whole congregation, were invited to slow down, listen, and reflect more deeply on what they believed and why. This mattered especially in a world where the surrounding culture did not share the Christian faith.

In many ways, we find ourselves in a similar place today. We live in a time when the world is increasingly secular, and the Christian story is no longer assumed or widely understood. Lent gives us space to reflect anew: Why do we call ourselves Christians? Why Lutheran Christians? What shapes the way we live, pray, and hope?

As Lutherans, we confess that the Small Catechism is a faithful and clear exposition of the Scriptures. It does not offer techniques for spiritual success, but points us to God's promises—to a God who comes to us in Word and Sacrament, who forgives sins, and who gives faith as a gift. The Catechism teaches us how to live daily before God, not to earn His favor, but because we already live by grace.



**“Words of  
Faith”  
in February**

1st –Stan &  
Nancy Wieding

8th—Available

15th—Available

22nd—Available

This Lenten season, we will walk together through the Small Catechism as we follow Jesus on the road to the cross. My prayer is that these weeks will not burden consciences, but free them—rooting us again in the Gospel that gives life.

Please join us for a shared meal beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short devotional worship service at 7:00 p.m. as we learn again what we believe—and why it matters.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Jeremy*



## February Birthdays

- 01 Donna Raetzsch
- 03 Thor Jensen
- 04 Codi Breckenridge
- 07 Madison Hilbert
- 07 Jessica Warren
- 08 Erin Bloch
- 08 Andrew Oehlke
- 08 Bradley Baker
- 10 Brooks Baker
- 12 Courtney Werner
- 12 Peter Tischoff
- 13 Kambree Flippin
- 13 Kathy Hamlett
- 14 Carolyn Zipp
- 14 Parker Maltony
- 17 Elizabeth Gudgell
- 17 Reece Kelm
- 18 Clara Fischer
- 18 Kassidy Beran
- 20 Amy Casey
- 22 Kyle Schlather
- 24 Teresa Borgfeld
- 24 Madelyn Mireault
- 26 Cathy Mauermann
- 26 Sadie Crawford
- 27 Melba Govett

## GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements of giving for 2025 have gone out in the mail. If you have not received your statement, please email [finance@faithseguin.org](mailto:finance@faithseguin.org) or call the church office at 830-379-7036.

## FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION DATE SET



Our Social Concerns ministry team will host the next community food distribution day on **Saturday, March 7**. We need VOLUNTEERS to help make this run smoothly. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex during February. This is a family event; everyone can help! If you're not careful, you might even have fun! Thank you in advance for your continued support and willingness to be a part of this wonderful ministry!

## Christian Cupboard Item of the Month

The Christian Cupboard **item for February is SOUP**. This includes all varieties and brands. Please bring your donations to church through **February 28th** 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.

## Kettle Campaign Update

An enthusiastic "Thanks" to the members of Faith Lutheran for your help with the 2025 Guadalupe County Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Faith had a good number of willing people taking a turn ringing bells on December 20. Thanks to you and the generosity of the people of Guadalupe County, over \$50,000 was "dropped" into those kettles over the 24 day campaign. This was almost \$5,000 more than was raised in 2024. Those moneys stay right here in Guadalupe County and go to help those most in need. You are most appreciated!

**Jennifer Ehlers** and the **Salvation Army Kettle Campaign** and your Social Concerns Ministry Team

## 2026 FLOWER and WORDS OF FAITH CHARTS

Are now posted in the hallway outside of the Music/ Communications office. Please sign up for dates you would like to sponsor altar flowers or our Words of Faith KWED Broadcast in 2026.



## SOUPer Bowl of Caring

Sunday, February 8, 2026

We encourage you to wear your favorite sports team's jersey or colors to worship February 8!

(Little League/HS/College/NBA/MLB/NFL etc.)

It's Super Bowl Sunday, and we are participating in #tacklehunger by donating soup to the

**Seguin Christian Cupboard.**

All you need to do to participate and help with

**SOUPer BOWL OF CARING** is to bring a can of soup (or other food item) with you to worship on **February 8!**

(Monetary donations will be accepted as well.)

While we might all watch "the game" that afternoon, this is a way to go "the full nine yards" by serving God while serving those in need.

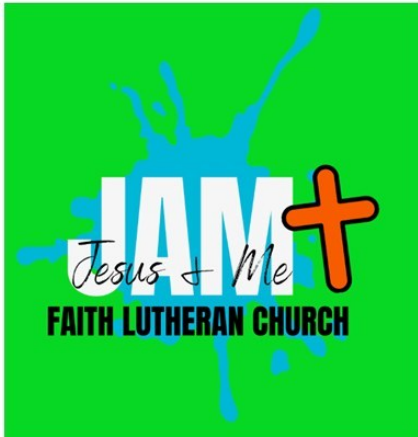


## New Council Members

Congratulations to your new Church Council members elected at the January 25 congregational meeting: **Mike Andrews, Kyle Baker, Kathy Hamlett, Chunkie Harwell, Molly Oehlke, and Fred Shanafelt.** They join **Donna Raetzsch, Greg Schlather, Sharon**

**Stollewerk, and Debbie Vogel** to make up your 2026 Church Council. Members serve two-year terms, and collectively, the council meets once a month to, among many duties, - *lead the congregation in defining and fulfilling it's mission, do long-range planning, set goals and priorities, and evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals; seek to involve all participants of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support.* (taken from Faith's Bylaws C12.05.01)

A huge THANK YOU to those council members who have just finished their two-year terms: **Alan Bonds, James Eichenholz, Jamie Hilbert, and Karla Johnson.**



# February

## 2026

**Children's Church and Sunday School**

February 1- Jesus Walks on Water

February 8- Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree

February 15—Jesus Blesses the Children

February 22- Jesus Teaches His Disciples to Pray

**Huddle Time-Pre-Game  
Super Bowl Party**

JAM kids will start Super Bowl Sunday with a pre-game party and devotional from 11:15-1:00 in the LEC. Come enjoy some lunch and games before the REAL game!



**SAVE THE DATE** -Come join us June 22-26 as we explore our God in VBS. You won't want to miss it!

**Hear ye! Hear ye!**

The 13 campers and their families, along with Pastor Jeremy and Mrs. Kauitzsch, thank you for all the support of this chance we are taking to go to camp for the first time in grades 2-6. We can't wait to grow in our faith at Camp Eagle this summer!

# Faith Lutheran Youth

Our friend, Tres Hewell, graciously provided our FLY and confirmation students with a guided tour of the funeral home in January. During their visit, the students gained meaningful insight into the behind the scenes processes involved in planning a funeral. They also engaged in thoughtful conversations about the reality of death and were reminded that, because of God's promise in Christ, we need not fear death but can face it with understanding and hope.



Wednesday night Lenten dinners and fellowship are back!

Different ministry groups are being asked to sponsor one dinner during the Lenten season. The informal meal is served from 6:00 – 6:45 before our Wednesday services. Why cook on a Wednesday night when you don't have to? You can get dinner and a meaningful (short) worship service right here! Pastor Jeremy will guide us through an in-depth exploration of Luther's Small Catechism, highlighting the essential doctrines of our faith and the central role of Christ's passion and resurrection in salvation.



Have you seen Faith Lutheran Church's  
Facebook page?  
Make sure to look us up and "Like" and "Follow" us!



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  
 Jeremy Pedersen



Texas District

## Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
 Director of Mission Growth

## One Spirit, One Team

The world is preparing to watch the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan, Italy in just a few short weeks. Every four years, we are captivated by the extraordinary performances of elite athletes who have dedicated their lives to pursuing excellence in their respective sports. It is amazing and awe-inspiring to see them compete on the world stage, proudly representing their nations with skill and determination.

I love the Winter Games as they highlight sports you rarely get to see any other time. One of my favorite winter events is the 4-man bobsled. Four athletes climb into that sled, each with a specific role to play. The driver steers, the brakeman controls the finish, and the pushers provide explosive power at the start. To have a successful run, the team members each need to perform their task at peak performance and in perfect synchronization. The team members place absolute trust in one another as they set aside their individual pursuits for the team's shared goal. They train together, sacrifice together, and either succeed or fail together. When they cross the finish line in record time, it's not because one was great, it's because four athletes became one unified team.

This image of Olympic athletes striving together in pursuit of a common goal reminds me of Paul's words in Philippians 1:27-28a: "Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith that comes from the gospel, not being frightened in any way by your opponents."

Paul reminds all followers of Jesus of our calling to live out our faith together with the same kind of unity, commitment, and shared mission that we see demonstrated by world-class Olympians pursuing a team victory. As followers of Jesus gathered into local congregations, we are called to stand firm in one spirit and with one mind, working side by side for the mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And like athletes on an Olympic team, we each have different roles and bring different gifts, abilities, and strengths to the body of Christ. But working together and setting aside our individual agendas for the sake of the Gospel mission, we share in the victory of God's kingdom among us. As we pray, may God's kingdom come and will be done, here on earth, as it is in heaven.

Friends, as you tune into the Winter Games, remember that God calls us to work together for Gospel mission. This is a key reason why the Lord gathers us into communities of faith. We are Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. As we witness Olympic athletes inspire us with their dedication and teamwork, I pray that you and everyone in your church can remember God's call to set aside individual pursuits in order to work together in love and pursue the mission that Jesus has given your congregation! One Spirit...one team.

*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](http://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](mailto:bryce@lcmctexas.org).*

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# OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO



Judy Saunders	Carolyn Sagebiel	Donald Jackson	
Steve Foerster	Clara Fischer	Doris Rinn	Ellen Loeff
Paul Quello	Dale Nauert	Patti Jahns	Diane Gwyther
Georgie Dittrich	Don Hilbert	Gail Herbold	Annette Stout
Clem & Jan Howe	Wally Braun	Ashley Goins	Terry Baily
Brian Dahl	Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Albert Zipp

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  
Chris Hilsberg, friend of the Kautzsch family  
Gordon Johnson, friend of John Kuempel  
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  
Rita Whitwell, friend of Emma Jean Becker  
Ben Gunderson, friend of Fred Blumberg  
Terry Wooten, friend of Ed & Joyce Engelhardt  
Patsy Hodges, mother-in-law of Samantha Hodges  
Ellie Lynn Bierstedt, granddaughter of Vick Bierstedt

Sophia Oliver, cousin of Lisa Owen  
Barry Baker, brother of Brian Baker  
Chris Wren, friend of Fred & Sue Blumberg  
Blair Wolber, granddaughter of Janet Wolber  
London Blumberg, granddaughter of Fred/Sue Blumberg  
Pat Liberty, friend of Susan Foerster  
David Patrick, son-in-law of Bill & Kitty Keller  
Anne Wolfe, friend of Julia Glenewinkel  
Taylor Cannel, friend of Sue & Fred Blumberg  
Ross Roessing, uncle of Jessica Westerholm  
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  
Joe Cardenas, friend of Kim Kautzsch and Courtney  
& Chris Werner  
Suzanne Sengele, sister of Ellen Loeff  
Allyson Cramblitt, friend of Taddy family  
Nick Fisher  
Jay Manwaring, friend of Julia Glenewinkel  
Thomas & Carmen Hawkins, friends of the Stefan  
Hilbert family

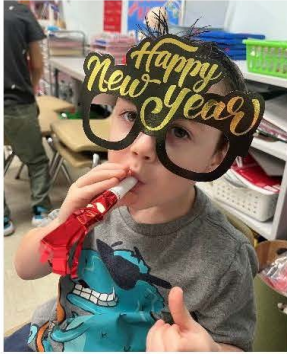
**Please note: if someone you have placed on this list has been helped by our prayers, please notify the church office so the person's name can be removed. Thank you.**

"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

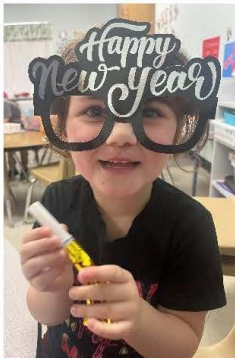
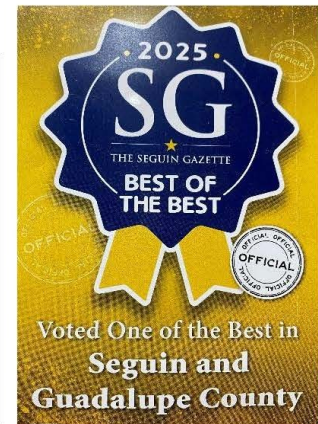


# PRESCHOOL NEWS



## BEST OF THE BEST

We celebrated Faith Lutheran Preschool being selected as one of the best of the best for 2025!



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Students were welcomed back to school on January 5th with sunny skies and warm days great for playing outside! Students in Mrs. Wood's class even did a little "Texas-style" ice-skating!



**Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open.** If you are looking for childcare or know of someone interested, please call 830-379-7074 for more information or visit our website: [faithlutheranps.org](http://faithlutheranps.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER.

With the help of Hometown Pastries, FLP will be holding a spring fundraiser with the goal of raising money for school repairs and improvements. The fundraiser will run from **Feb. 18 through March 4**. You will have the opportunity to purchase some of the cookies and Butter Braid pastries here at church on **Sundays, February 22 and March 1** or by purchasing items from one of our preschool families during the fundraiser sale. Thank you for your support!

## WOMEN OF FAITH IN FEBRUARY

CHARITY CIRCLE—Monday, February 16th, 7:00 PM, (AC)

HOPE CIRCLE—Thursday, February 19th, 2:00 PM, (AC)

### 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

### TATUM KAYE OFFER

Tatum Kaye received the promise on January 18th, which is given in Holy Baptism. Together with her parents, Greg and Angela, and big sister, Maddie, we share their joy as Tatum was received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for her as she begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Tatum are Kellie Kuntz, Marshall Burns, and members of Faith Lutheran Church.



### PRAYERS REQUESTED

For the family of Farrell “Spitzie” Ullrich. Spitzie passed through death into eternal life on Friday, December 26, here in Seguin. Services were held January 3rd Faith. Please keep his wife Jeanine and the rest of his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days and weeks to come.



Prayers are also requested for the family of Marilyn Rosenblad. Marilyn passed through death into eternal life early January 1, 2026, at her home here in Seguin. Services were held at Faith on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 10:00 am. Please keep her daughter, Kim Kautzsch, grandchildren, Derick and Stephanie Kautzsch, Shelby and Justin Atchley, and the rest of her family in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

	February 1	February 8	February 15	Wed. Feb. 18	February 22	Wed. Feb. 25
	New Council Installation <i>Now The Feast</i> Bells Ring	<b>SOUP</b> Bowl of Caring	New Member Recognition	ASH Wednesday 12:00 and 7:00	Choir Sings	Lenten Service 7:00

**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		
COMMUNION	Jud Alexander		Brett Owen	Julia G.-12 / Stefan H.-7		
COMMUNION						
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Aide at Altar	Jody Alexander		Lisa Owen	Elaine B.-12 /		
<b>LOCK UP</b>	Debbie Vogel	Donna Raetzsch	Greg Schliather	Pastor Jeremy	Pastor Jeremy	Sharon Stollewerk
<b>Security Team</b>	Tim Bogisch	David Moltz	Jud Alexander	Fred Shanafelt (7pm)	Jack Hamlett	
COUNT	Jody Alexander	Wally Braun	Dianne Chambers	Betty Moltz	Mark Herbold	Susan Foerster
COUNT	Emma Jean Becker	Doris Engelhardt	Bill Ermel	Jody Alexander	Karen Huff	Brett Owen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Olivia Poole	Lane Hernandez	Bentley Weise		Kori Warren	
	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 Glenewinkel		Glen Haas	
	Brett Owen		Robert Raetzsch			
LAY READERS	<b>Bryan Terp</b>	<b>Gina Mannel</b>	<b>Molly Oehike</b>		<b>Avis Herrick</b>	
Set Up	Susan Foerster		Susan Foerster	Susan Foerster		
Set Up						
Altar Guild	Gail Herbold		Gail Herbold			
Clean Up	Cathy Wensinger		Cathy Wensinger			
AV Workers (Livestream, Sound, Screens)	Matthew Fransen	Tim Bogisch	Chase White	Matthew Fransen	Chase White	
	Jesus Garcia	Betty Moltz	Brian Baker	Roxanne Heckmann	Diane Gwyther	

[Lissa Likke](#)

[Miss Kautsch](#)

[Gail Baker](#)

[Diane Baker](#)



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## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- † Mike Andrews
- † Kyle Baker
- † Kathy Hamlett
- † Chunkie Harwell
- † Molly Oehlke
- † Donna Raetzsch
- † Greg Schlather
- † Fred Shanafelt
- † Sharon Stollewerk
- † Debbie Vogel

## What's Happening in February?

**Sunday, February 1**  
*Congregational Mtg.  
Spaghetti Lunch*

**Sunday, February 8**  
*SOUPer Bowl of Caring  
Council Install*

**Wednesday, February 18**  
*Ash Wednesday  
Services at 12 and 7:00 pm*

### Church Staff

**Senior Pastor**.....Jeremy Pedersen  
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.....Roxanne Heckmann  
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**Accompanist**.....Kate Oehlke

**Children's Ministry** ..... Kim Kautzsch  
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**Financial Asst**.....Carol Baker  
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### PRESCHOOL & EXTENDED CARE STAFF

**Director**.....Lisa Owen  
830-379-7074  
preschool@faithseguin.org

**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