



**JANUARY  
2026**

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## Flowers in 2026

The 2026 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.

4th-

11th-

18th-

25th-

## 2026 "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.

4th-

11th-

18th-

25th-



## A New Year and a Better Way

*31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.*

*And I will show you a still more excellent way. (1 Cor.12:31)*

A new year invites us to pause and reflect—on our time, our abilities, and the many ways we participate in the life of the church. As we observe Stewardship Sunday on January 11, I invite you to reflect on your time and talents as they connect with the God's work among us. These gifts matter, not because they make us something before God, but because they serve the church in its ordinary and faithful work.

The season of Epiphany helps keep our focus where it belongs. We remember the Magi who brought gifts to the Christ child. Yet their gifts did not reveal who Jesus was, nor did they secure their salvation. Jesus was already God's gift to them before anything was placed at His feet.

Still, our hearts easily drift toward comparison and anxiety. We begin to measure ourselves by what we bring, wondering whether our gifts are enough. Paul addresses this very struggle in 1 Corinthians, where believers compared spiritual gifts and status.

Into that striving, Paul speaks a promise: "I will show you a still more excellent way" (12:31). That way is love (1 Cor. 13)—the love that comes from being fully known by God.

You are fully known. God knows your gifts and your limits, your faith and your doubts. And knowing all of this, God still gives the greatest gift: His Son, Jesus Christ, given for you.

As this new year begins, may any offering of time and talent flow freely from that gift already received. Nothing we give can ever compare to what has already been given in Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeremy



## January Birthdays

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

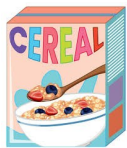
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET**

The church council has set our annual congregational meeting for **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. The 2025 Annual Report is ready and available for your at church or you may pick up a copy on Sunday morning.

### 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 25, 2026**: Kyle Baker, Chunkie Harwell, Molly Oehlke, Freddy Shanafelt, and \_\_\_\_\_. 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 9, 2026. 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**



The January Christian Cupboard 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 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, at 516 N. Camp.



## Commitment Sunday Breakfast and Ministry Fair

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 in the Life Enrichment  
Center**

**Breakfast served 8:30-9:30 am**

**Worship begins at 10:00 am**

**Bring your Time and Talent Cards and come and see the  
different ministry areas where you can share your time or  
talents!**

On Sunday, January 11th, the Stewardship Ministry Team will host a very special breakfast in the LEC from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. This will be a full breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, cinnamon rolls and drinks. Pastor and the youth will also host a special coffee bar. A free-will offering will be given to the youth for their camping fund. There will also be special table displays from all Ministry Teams and other organizations at Faith to inform you of different ways you can become involved and serve in our church community. At 10:00 a.m. our Worship Service will be held in the LEC. During this service, we will ask you to bring your Time and Talents sheets forward, so please have them completed. Please come join us for breakfast and don't miss this special Sunday.

### New for 2026!

In preparation of our annual Commitment Sunday, every family will be mailed pledge cards and "Time and Talent" sheets. First, the Offering Pledge Card will indicate your financial support to Faith Lutheran Church for 2026. They will remain unopened on the Altar for the year. Second, The Time and Talent Sheet will indicate areas in which you can support the many ministries in our church using your gifts.

As we approach this Sunday, we ask you consider Stewardship not only as **giving generously** in response to how the Lord has blessed you but also as **use of** your time and talents. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God has blessed you and your family; then complete your mailed pledge card and marked "Time & Talent" sheet with the ways you intend to serve and support the programs of Faith in '26.

Have trouble keeping up with paper forms?  
Welcome to the 21st century! Scan this QR  
code or go to:

**<https://forms.office.com/r/iut02ksTAM>**  
and fill out your Time and Talent form  
ONLINE! Hassel Free!

Sharing of Time and Talents 2026  
(new)



### *January Birthdays*

24 Mona Kuehne  
24 Joan Vanbeek  
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  
15 Kerry & Mary  
Koehler  
15 Charles & Lindsay  
Pfluger  
18 Spenser & Brooke  
Johnson  
26 Kenny & Kelly  
Lamb  
31 Joshua & Chrissy  
Crawford



# January 2026

Thank you to all the kids, parents, and choirs, who helped make the Drive-Thru Nativity and Annual Faith Family Christmas a blessing to our congregation and community. Many people helped to make it happen. A SPECIAL thank you to Mark Westerholm, Matthew Fransen, David Hernandez, Brett Owen, Lisa Owen, Malerie Eichenholz, James Eichenholz, and Roxanne Heckmann who helped organize and plan the Living Nativity.



# Faith Lutheran Youth

Our FLY students had an eventful December! They enjoyed participating in the Faith Family Christmas Celebration. Extra fun seemed to be had presenting the “If Jesus Was Born Today” skit for our younger students and congregation.

On Wednesday, December 17th, FLY students helped some of Faith’s best cookie bakers make Christmas cookies for our homebound members! We celebrated Christmas as a group and enjoyed fellowship that evening as well.





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

## Celebrate Jesus

*Amid the twinkling lights and festive cheer, it's easy to forget why we celebrate Christmas. We can get caught up in the hustle and bustle of it all: parties and programs, gift buying and cookie baking, travel planning and family gatherings. All the activity of the season can crowd out the real meaning and purpose for the holiday itself. While we may say "Jesus is the reason for the season," what does that really mean for us today? What if an often overlooked Bible story can help us reconnect our celebrations to the true gift of Christmas?*

*One cold December Sunday when I was in the first grade, I got to read my very first verse with my own eyes out of a real Bible. I still remember it to this day. In Sunday School, we studied a part of the Christmas story that is rarely talked about. The lesson came from Luke 2 and was about Simeon meeting the baby Jesus in the temple. Simeon was a righteous and faithful man who had been waiting for God to send the Messiah to bring salvation to Israel and hope for the world. In fact, the Lord had promised Simeon that he would not die before seeing the Messiah.*

*We read aloud Luke 2:29-32: "Simeon took him up in his arms, praised God, and said, 'Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace, as you promised. For my eyes have seen your salvation. You have prepared it in the presence of all peoples—a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.'" And just like that, my eyes were opened to see Jesus as the true gift of Christmas. Here Simeon sees and responds joyously and faithfully to God's grace in giving Jesus to the world. Can't you just picture the joy Simeon must have experienced as he lifted baby Jesus, praising God and delighting in his goodness and mercy?!?*

*Then as Luke 2 continues, we are introduced to Anna, an elderly widow who had dedicated her life to serving the Lord in the temple, to prayer and to fasting. She, too, met baby Jesus that day and began praising God and telling everyone that he was the Messiah, the long-awaited anointed one who had come into this world to bring salvation.*

*I love the story of Simeon and Anna as it reminds us what Christmas is really about. The world is in desperate need of Jesus, the Messiah. Like Simeon and Anna, we are invited to recognize and rejoice with a deeper appreciation for the gift that Jesus is to the whole world. We rejoice and celebrate this season full of hope and gratitude. Our faithful response in celebrating Jesus' birth should be like theirs: gleefully praising God and telling others what this means not only for us, but for everyone who calls on His name.*

*This Christmas, pause and ask: How can my celebrations better reflect the joy of meeting Jesus, the promised Messiah and savior of the world? May our response give glory, honor and thanks to God. And let us share the Good News with a lost and broken world desperately in need of all that Jesus came to give. **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.** So let's celebrate Jesus!*

*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).*

# OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO

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



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  
 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  
 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

Juan Soliz, friend of Pat Sagebiel  
 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  
 Fay Coldewey, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews  
 Connie Bohulsav, friend of Mike & Candi Andrews  
 Joe Cardenas, friend of Kim Kautzsch and Courtney  
 & Chris Werner  
 Suzanne Sengele, sister of Ellen Looff  
 Allyson Cramblitt, friend of Taddy family  
 Nick Fisher  
 Jay Manwaring—friend of Julia Glenewinkel  
 Thomas & Carmen Hawkins, friends of the Stephen  
 Hilbert family

*"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*

**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.**

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Preschool Director Lisa Owen



*Faith Lutheran Preschool wishes you a blessed and happy new year.*



The spirit of Christmas filled the hallways of Faith Lutheran Preschool through the month of December. Jingle bells rang during Tuesday morning music. Pictures of reindeer, Christmas trees, angels and nativity scenes were colored, painted and glittered. Classes enjoyed cocoa and cookies while watching holiday movies. FLP families made gift donations for GCCAC that we put under our Christmas tree until they could be delivered. We shared Bible stories of the Angel visiting Mary and Jesus' birth. Everyone was excited the day Santa came to visit! Every child (and a few teachers) shared their wish list with him. Of course, the highlight of the month was celebrating Jesus' birthday with each other. Happy Birthday Jesus!

## WOMEN OF FAITH IN JANUARY

**Charity Circle -Monday, January 19, 7:00 PM Activity Center**

**Hope Circle—Thursday, January 15, 2:00 PM Activity Center**

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Hope & Charity Circles held their annual December Christmas Party/Luncheon. All women of the church were invited. Despite a disappointing attendance of only 11 ladies (seven circle members and four guests), all had a most enjoyable time. There was a great variety of food, wonderful fellowship and fun games. Everyone won a special prize. We want to thank Julia Glenewinkel for providing such beautiful Christmas decorations for our tables. There were two large tables full of gifts (forgot to take a picture) provided by those in attendance for TruLight Children's Village. They were very thankful for our support of them.



## 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:*

#### **JASPER STERLING HARVEY**



Jasper Sterling received the promise, which is given in Holy Baptism on December 28 at Faith. Together with his parents, Jason and Megan, we share their joy as Jasper is received into the Kingdom of God. The prayers of our church family are requested for him as he begins a New Life in Christ. The sponsors for Jasper are Caleb and Heather Johnson and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Proud grandparents are George and Gina Mannel.

## 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 in Guadalupe County. The Sheriff's office and the Social Concerns team are very grateful for your generosity.

# SERVING FAITH IN JANUARY 2026

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
		Commitment Sunday Breakfast & Worship in LEC		Annual Cong. Mtg.

**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	
COMMUNION	Avis Herrick		Stephan Hilbert	
COMMUNION				
COMMUNION				
Aide at Altar	Kim Koenig		Elaine Bennett	
<b>LOCK UP</b>	Karla Johnson	Greg Schlather	Alan Bonds	Jamie Hilbert
<b>Security Team</b>	Joshua Webb	Jordan Larrimore	Wally Braun	David Hernandez
COUNT	David Moltz	John Taddy	Kathy Hamlett	Brian Baker
COUNT	Pat Sagebiel	Jud Alexander	Candi Andrews	Carol Welsch
<b>Acolyte</b>				
USHERS	Tim Bogisch	Kerry Koehler	Bill Ermel	Brian Baker
	Mike Burris	Andrew Koenig	Alan Bonds	Stefan Hilbert
	Albert Menn	John Kuempel	Bill Keller	Joan Vanbeek
	John Taddy	Mark Dietz	Cheryl Bonds	
LAY READERS	<b>Roxanne Heckmann</b>	<b>Fran Braun</b>	<b>Emma Jean Becker</b>	<b>Kathy Hamlett</b>
Set Up	Fran Braun		Fran Braun	
Set Up	Mary Koehler		Mary Koehler	
Clean Up	Patti Jahns		Patti Jahns	
Clean Up	Nancy Schlather		Nancy Schlather	
AV Workers (Livestream, Sound, Screens)	<b>Matthew Fransen</b>	<b>Roxanne Heckmann</b>	<b>Chase White</b>	<b>Tim Bogisch</b>
	Jesus Garcia	Chase White	Betty Moltz	Diane Gwyther
	<b>Pat Sagebiel</b>	<b>Bryan Terp</b>	<b>Avis Herrick</b>	<b>Gina Mannel</b>
GREETERS	<b>Missy Sagebiel</b>	<b>Diane Terp</b>	<b>Debbie Vogel</b>	<b>Rachel Webb</b>

# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ABBREVIATION KEY:</b> AC= Activity Center Attention Ed Wing= Education Wing LEC= Life Enrichment Center Rentals Sant= Sanctuary Kit= Small Kitchen Choir Room =CR				1 NEW YEAR HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Send/Mail out Commitment Letter and Time & Talent Forms	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Ministry Team mtgs. 10:15-11:15 Council Exec. Comm. Mtg. 11:15 Pastor Bryce	9:00AM Staff Meeting	7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study  Epiphany	9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY/Confirmation 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir	1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship		(AC)Townewood Annual Meeting (Rental) C.W.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Commitment Sunday Breakfast 8:30-9:30 LEC Worship - 10:00 LEC 11:30 AM Council Meeting	9:00AM Staff Meeting	7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY/Confirmation 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir	2:00PM(AC) Hope Circle		(AC)Sagewood HOA J.W. Meeting (Rental)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Tatum Offer Baptism Annual Report Distributed	9:00AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Charity Circle		9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY/Confirmation 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir	1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship		
		*Newsletter Deadline*				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday Watson Baptism  Annual Congregational Meeting Elect Officers & Assign Committee Immediately After Service Meet in Sanctuary	9:00AM Staff Meeting	7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY/Confirmation 6:00(Sant) Hand Bells 6-6:30PM(CR) Joyful Noise 7:00(CR) Choir		Deadline For Time & Talent	(LEC)Sagewood HOA Ask Friday work crew to put up 15 tables & chairs. JW

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# JANUARY 2026

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- † Alan Bonds- Property and Management Team
- † James Eichenholz-
- † Kathy Hamlett - Vice-Pres. & Stewardship Ministry Team
- † Jamie Hilbert- Social Concerns/Fellowship Team
- † Karla Johnson- President & Evangelism and Mission Team
- † Donna Raetzsch- Preschool Board
- † Greg Schlather- Treasurer & Worship Ministry Team
- † Sharon Stollewerk Secretary & Children's Ministry Team
- † Debbie Vogel Youth Ministry Team

## What's Happening in January?

**Sunday, January 11**  
***Commitment Sunday***  
*Breakfast, Ministry Fair*  
*Worship in LEC*

**Sunday, January 25**  
***Annual Congregational***  
***Mtg.***

### Church Staff

**Senior Pastor**.....Jeremy Pedersen  
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**Children's Music** .....LeAnne White  
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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