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July
2026

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Altar Flowers in July

5th-Available

12th-Available

19th-Kim
Kauitzsch

26th-Available



“Words of Faith”

5th-Clarice
Ullrich

12th-Available

19th-Missy &
Pat Sagebiel

26th-Available

From the Pastor's Desk



Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

As we march through summer, I give thanks for the greater church and especially our Association, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. I give thanks that our Association focuses on the main thing: Proclaiming the Gospel here in Texas and around the world.

Coming up this month, our Texas District LCMC gathering July 24-25 at St. Paul's in New Braunfels enables us to learn about what God is doing in other places in Texas and around the world. I have heard great things about this gathering of fellowship, worship, and keynote speakers where we will explore the theme “called.” Among others, the LCMC service Coordinator Julie Smith will speak on this topic

If you sign up and attend, the church will reimburse you for half of the cost of attending. If you struggle to pay the registration fee up front, let me know; please, don't let cost be a hindrance to attend.

Related to that, several of our mission partners will be at that Gathering. One, Bill Moberly of Awakening Lives to World Missions, will visit our congregation during the Sunday school hour on August 2nd and speak about the great ministry in SE Asia.

Overall, as we approach our 60th anniversary, I do thank you for all your faithfulness. Let us continue to remind each other of God's faithfulness both here in Seguin and around the world.

In Christ
Pastor Jeremy



July Birthdays

01 Guy Griffith
 01 Bill Keller
 02 Larry Serold
 02 Tim Patek
 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
 18 Lois Watson
 19 Syndra Schulze
 19 Caston Casey
 20 Gynna Hernandez
 21 Kailey Kuntschik
 23 Vanita Hodge
 24 Kimberly Barnes

Mission Outreach

From July 11-July 19 Karla Johnson, and her mother, Helen Johnson, will return to serve on a mission trip in Guatemala with Moving Mountains. This year, Pastor Jeremy will join the trip. While there, they will help with several service projects to include everything from roof replacements to building water tanks to supporting a Vacation Bible School. If you wish to help support this ministry, you may donate to the church and designate it to Moving Mountains, and we will deliver it to them. Please keep Karla and Pastor Jeremy in your prayers as they share God's love to those in Guatemala.



Heartfelt congratulations to Paul and Jan Quello for celebrating 60 years of marriage on June 4th! Your Faith family sends you sincere wishes for many more years of happiness. We praise God for you both and your faithfulness and devotion to Him and Faith!

Happy Anniversary

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

A huge THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to make the food distribution event on June 6 a huge success! Your hard work helped serve over **10,853 pounds of food to 83 families** in need.



COUNCIL CORNER

As we move into July and the start of summer, I'm reminded of Paul's encouragement in Galatians 6:9: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." That feels especially fitting right now, as many of our long-term projects are reaching important stages.

Council has been working steadily on several items that will help strengthen our ministry for years to come. We revised our branding and logo to return to a look that resembles our existing signs, giving us a clearer and more unified way to communicate who we are as a church. We are also finalizing the proposed Constitution and Bylaws updates that will bring clarity, consistency, and alignment to how we operate. Alongside that, the updated HR Handbook is close to being ready for review, providing needed guidance for our valuable staff.

At our last meeting, we also discussed the process of moving forward with our strategic planning. It is time to involve more of you and gather broader input. Between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, we will schedule opportunities to share our progress and hear your thoughts, questions, and feedback as we continue shaping our direction together.

Facility improvements continue as well. We are gathering bids for the LEC bathroom upgrades, and now that the roof is complete, we can take care of needed maintenance and painting around the outside of the buildings.

By the time you read this, we will have completed another very successful Vacation Bible School. It's a reminder that planting seeds of faith in the next generation is one of the most important things we do. As we continue into summer, I'm encouraged by the promise in Philippians 1:6: "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." It is a good reminder that the work we do together is part of something God Himself is faithfully bringing to completion.

Enjoy your summer!

Greg Schlather



July Birthdays

24 Lindsay Pfluger
25 Angela Offer
25 Cathy Wensinger
26 Hannah Patek
27 Betty Moltz
28 Kayle Casey
29 Nolan Warren



Anniversaries

06 Kimberly & Scott Barnes
06 Johnny & Sandy Zoboroski
10 Jim & Judy Sagebiel
16 Jack & Kathy Hamlett
17 Brandon & Molly Oehlke
17 Pat & Missy Sagebiel
25 Steven & Jennifer Stewart
26 Albert and Carolyn Zipp



July 2026

Sunday School/Children's Church

Summer Sunday School started on June 7. We are enjoying our Campfire Stories around a glowing campfire and with a lighted lantern to add some character. We have done *The Fiery Furnace*, *Daniel and the Lions Den*, and *Jonah and the Whale* thus far. We are doing crafts, movies, and games so we invite everyone to come enjoy a relaxed time this summer!

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! We cooled off at the Park West Splashpad after seeing all the trucks at the library in June. We enjoyed the Wave Pool party on Thursday, the 25th which coincided with VBS. The month of July will include a few more meet-ups and we will take a break in August until Rally Day in August.

VBS 2026

Vacation Bible School was the week of June 22nd-June 26th. We are so blessed that our Faith congregation has been so supportive of this ministry. It was such an exciting week learning about God and all that he created. 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

Hello Faith Family,

My name is Chris Cassias, and I am excited and grateful to serve as your new Youth Pastor. My wife, Jeruzalem (yes, like the city!), and I, along with our two children, Declan (7) and Luel ("Lu" for short), who is 8 months old, are thankful for the opportunity to become part of the Faith Lutheran family. We look forward to building relationships, worshiping alongside you, and becoming active members of this wonderful church community.

For the past several years, I have served in education as a teacher, coach, and Athletic Director. Through those experiences, God has continually affirmed my passion for working with students and helping them grow both personally and spiritually. While I have enjoyed coaching and education, I believe God has called me to invest more deeply in the faith formation of young people.

My vision for our youth ministry is simple: to help students know Jesus, grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships, and discover how God can use them to serve others. I want our ministry to be a place where every student feels welcomed, encouraged, and challenged to live out their faith with confidence.

I am excited to walk alongside our students in grades 6–12 and partner with parents as we help the next generation develop a lifelong relationship with Christ. Jeruzalem and I would love to get to know you, hear your story, and learn how God has been at work in your life. Please stop and introduce yourself when you see us around church; we look forward to meeting you.

We are excited to see all that God has in store for our church family and youth ministry in the years ahead.

In Christ,

Chris Cassias
Youth Pastor





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
Kevin Pfluger
Jeremy Pedersen



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth



It's Gathering Time!

#CALLED2026

Have you ever sensed God nudging you? Ever get the feeling that God had something more for you in this life? If so, you are in good company! Across Texas and around the world, God still calls ordinary people like you and me into his extraordinary Kingdom work. The key question for us is how do we recognize and respond to being called? This summer, we will be exploring this question together. On July 24-25, Lutherans from across Texas will gather in New Braunfels for our 17th Annual LCMC Texas District Gathering. I personally would like to invite you to join us.

Our theme this year is CALLED, based on 2 Timothy 1:9: *"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."* This grounds our understanding of what it means to be called: not because we have earned anything, but by God's own purpose and grace. The truth proclaimed here once again is that God delights in calling ordinary, unfinished people to be equipped and commissioned for Kingdom mission and ministry.

To be clear, this Gathering is for everyone. This is not a pastors' conference; it is not a church assembly for voting delegates; nor is it only for church council members to attend. This Gathering is for you! This weekend is a divine invitation for you to join our church family reunion. Come and see, for it is good! Experience uplifting worship, faithful teaching, inspiring messages, and great food and fellowship. And through it all, we pray that each of us may be better equipped to discern how God is calling us.

This year we are blessed to welcome three dynamic keynote speakers. Ben Griffin is the CEO of LINC and lives in Dallas. Ben is a former church planter and pastor with a heart for equipping leaders for creative kingdom ministry. Nathan Hoff will also be joining us from Trinity Lutheran in San Pedro, California where he serves as pastor and leads an internship program that invests in the leadership development of young adults. And finally, we are also privileged to have our Service Coordinator for LCMC, Julie Smith, join us from St. Peter, Minnesota. All three speakers will challenge and help us grow in our understanding of what it means to live out our calling in Christ.

And this Gathering isn't just for adults. Our Youth Gathering and Lock-In for students grades 6 through 12 will take place right alongside the main Gathering. The Youth will also be studying the same verse from 2 Timothy and will have engaging teaching time with youth leaders and our keynote speakers. Students will get the chance to participate in a service project and will have tons of fun that's planned just for them!

Our mission is to multiply disciples and churches. Through intentional relationships, we are equipping leaders, strengthening congregations, and inspiring mission. Our Gathering each year exemplifies this focus as our church family comes together to encourage and love one another for the sake of mission. See you in New Braunfels!

Go to www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering for registration and more info. Register by June 30 for early-bird pricing: \$80 adults / \$40 youth. July 1 prices increase to \$110 adults / \$55 youth.

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.

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OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO

Carolyn Sagebiel	Doris Rinn	Steve Foerster	Annette Stout
Clara Fischer	Patti Jahns	Paul Quello	Dale Nauert
Georgie Dittrich	Don Hilbert	Sue Blumberg	Albert Zipp
Clem & Jan Howe	Wally Braun	Candi Andrews	Brian Dahl
Bertha Marie Keller	Mary Barnes	Mike Andrews	Mark Hazel
Diane Gwyther	Ted Engelhardt		



**** 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
 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
 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
 Ben Gunderson, friend of Fred Blumberg
 Patsy Hodges, mother-in-law of Samantha Hodges
 Ellie Lynn Bierstedt, granddaughter of Vicki Bierstedt
 Suzanne Sengele, sister in-law of Wayne Loeff

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
 Anne Wolfe, friend of Julia Glenewinkel
 Taylor Cannel, friend of Sue & Fred Blumberg
 Ross Roessing, uncle of Jessica Westerholm
 Pat Bodine, friend of Faith Lutheran
 Warren Lowery, son of Nona, friend of Susan Foerster
 Joe Cardenas, friend of Kim Kautzsch and Courtney
 & Chris Werner
 Allyson Cramblitt, friend of Taddy family
 Nick Fisher
 Jay Manwaring, friend of Julia Glenewinkel
 Thomas & Carmen Hawkins, friends of the Stefan
 Hilbert family
 Kristy James, sister of Molly Oehlke
 Wayne & Neal Wensinger, brothers of Cathy "Crash"
 Wensinger

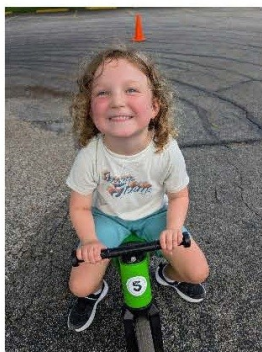
"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Preschool Director Lisa Owen



Welcome Summertime! It's not summer without splash pads and swimming pools, ice cream cones and popsicles, hula hoops and bike rides!



Thank you to the 2025-2026 FLP School Board: Jesse Garcia (Chair), Jessica Warren (Vice-chair), Justin Atchley (Reporter), Carol Welsch, Chrissy Crawford, Vanita Hodge, Kim Koenig and Donna Raetzsch.

Faith Lutheran Preschool is enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year. We have several openings in each class. If you know of anyone interested, please give them our information. Thank you for your support.

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WOMEN OF FAITH IN JULY

CHARITY CIRCLE—Monday, July 20th 7:00 PM, Activity Center

HOPE CIRCLE—Thursday, July 16th, 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.

Prayers of the Congregation Are Requested for:

The family of Ellen Looff. Ellen passed through death into eternal life on June 6 here in Seguin. A celebration of life was held at Faith on June 25. Please continue to keep her husband Wayne, daughter Whitney, and the rest of her family, in your thoughts and prayers.



2026 Field of Honor

Faith Lutheran was honored to be a sponsor for this year's Field of Honor. Pastor Jeremy delivered the keynote address at the opening ceremony and Roxanne played TAPS every evening, as she has done every year since its inaugural event here in Seguin. Angie Rohde also represented Faith as member of the Field of Honor committee.



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 2026

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
	Now the Feast	Mike Andrews in for Pr. Pedersen	Mike Andrews in for Pr. Pedersen	

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

COMMUNION	Pastor Jeremy			
COMMUNION			Julia Glenwinkel	
COMMUNION				
COMMUNION				
Aide at Altar	Gail Gerbold		Susan Foerster	
LOCK UP	Pastor Jeremy	Molly Oehlke	Donna Raetzsch	
Security Team	Tim Bogisch	Mike Andrews	David Hernandez	David Moltz
COUNT	Pat Sagebiel	John Taddy	Carol Welsch	Jud Alexander
COUNT	Joanne Shanafelt	Diane Terp	Jody Alexander	Brian Baker
Acolyte				
USHERS	Fred Blumberg	Kerry Koehler	Bill Ermel	Brian Baker
	Cliff Lehmann	Rachel Webb	Alan Bonds	Terry Freeman
	Bryan Terp	John Kuempel	Bill Keller	Ben Weise
	David Moltz	Mark Dietz	Cheryl Bonds	Joan Vanbeek
	Brett Owen		Stefan Hilbert	
LAY READERS	Rose Mary Ermel	Bryan Terp	Bill Keller	Avis Herrick
Altar Guild	Fran Braun		Fran Braun	
	Mary Koehler		Mary Koehler	
	Nancy Schlather		Nancy Schlather	
AV Workers (Livestream, Sound, Screens)	Chase White	Matthew Fransen	Matthew Fransen	Tim Bogisch
	Betty Moltz	Brian Baker	Diane Gwyther	Roxanne Heckmann
	Emma Jean Becker	Pat Sagebiel	Sharon Stollewerk	Joshua Webb
GREETERS	Lisa Owen	Missy Sagebiel	Joanne Shanafelt	Debbie Vogel

JULY 2026

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 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	2	3	4 
			Carol on Vac. June 29- July 3	Carol on Vac. June 29- July 3	OFFICE CLOSED For INDEPENDENCE DAY	
			Field of Honor	Field of Honor	Field of Honor	Field of Honor
5 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday	6 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	7 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY 6:00PM(AC) First Communion Class	8 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	9 1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship	10	11
During SS hour - 10:15-11:15 Council Exec. Comm. Mtg. 11:15	6:00 PM Council Meeting					
Field of Honor						
12 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday	13 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	14 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	15 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	16 2:00PM (AC) Hope Circle	17	18
Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission
19 9:00AM(Sant) Worship w/ Comm. 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday	20 6:30 PM Charity Circle	21 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	22 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	23 1-4PM(AC) YET Fellowship	24 LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering 24th-25th	25 LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering 24th-25th
	Carol on Vac. 20-24th	Carol on Vac. 20-24th	Carol on Vac. 20-24th	Carol on Vac. 20-24th	Carol on Vac. 20-24th	
Pastor and Karla in Guatemala with Moving Mountains Mission	*Newsletter Deadline*					
26 9:00AM(Sant) Worship 10:15AM(AC/Ed Wing) Sunday	27 7:30AM (AC)Mens Bible Study	28 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	29 9:00AM Staff Meeting 9:00AM(AC) Quilters 6:00-7:30PM(LEC) FLY	30	31	

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**July
2026**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

- † President - Greg Schlather
- † VP - Kathy Hamlett
- † Sec. - Sharon Stollewerk (Youth Team)
- † Treasurer - Mike Andrews (Evangelism & Mission Team)
- † Asst. Treasurer - Donna Raetzsch (Pre-School Team)
- † Kyle Baker -Worship Team
- † Molly Oehlke - Youth Team
- † Debbie Vogel - Fellowship & Social Concerns
- † Chunkie Harwell - Property & Management
- † Fred Shanafelt - Property & Management

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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,

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What's Happening in July?

June 27-July 5
Field of Honor

Sunday, July 5
Installation of Youth
Minister

July 24-25
LCMC District
Gathering in New
Braunfels