

FAITH NEWS

August 2025



JOIN US ON SUNDAY...

Bible Study	8:30 am
Fellowship	9:15 am
Worship	10:00 am

AND ON WEDNESDAY...

Men's Bible Study	8:00 am
Ladies Bible Study	

Faith Ringers	1:00 pm
Men of Faith	2:30 pm
Choir	3:30 pm

MINISTRY STAFF

The Rev. Robert J Benke
Pastor

Pat Beauregard
Secretary

Lynne Border-Koon
Organist

Sigilda Naidin
Bell & Voice Choir Director

Vicki Trimble
Newsletter Editor



Our Mission:
"Sharing the Love of God in Christ Jesus"

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. Isaiah 43:3-3a

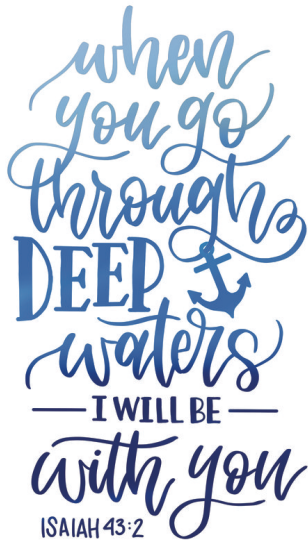
These words have brought great comfort to countless millions of Christians throughout the ages going through challenging times. It is very understandable, when in the midst of an overwhelming situation to look to the promises of God spoken to **Israel**. God is talking to the country – not to an individual. Through Isaiah God is speaking to the Jews in captivity and those still in Judah, reassuring them of His love, redemption, and continued presence with them.

It is only natural to turn to these words in a personal way when King Jesus lives in our hearts through the gift of faith. His kingdom is not of this world, the Kingdom that will never fail. We pray each week at Faith for members and friends who are facing great hardships, chronic illnesses, surgeries, and great loss. We also

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Visit our website at www.faithhsv.com



pray with joy for those celebrating milestones because in the midst of the challenges in life “the joy of the Lord” is our strength!

Your constant prayers, support, and love are a great blessing to Mary, our children, and me. The season of illness we thought was ending has not. Much lies ahead for us and for the Family of Faith. God’s promise to Israel is one we can boldly claim for the Lord, our God, the Holy One remains our Savior. Keep those prayers coming!

Pastor Bob & Mary

Disaster Relief



Central Texas Flooding on July 4th

We pray God’s peace and healing upon the victims of the disastrous flooding that occurred over the 4th of July weekend. Here is how you or your congregation can support Texas District flood relief efforts:

- **Track ongoing updates.** Follow the Texas District Facebook page for the most timely updates.
- **Donate online to relief efforts.** The Texas District is not taking material donations or organizing volunteer teams, so monetary donations are the most effective way to help. 100% of designated donations go to relief efforts. You may also donate by check, made out to “Texas District LCMS” with “Disaster Relief” in the memo line and mailed to 1221 Satellite View, Round Rock, TX 78665.
- Donated funds are directed in two main ways:
Assistance for Texas District Church Workers - We provide direct support to church workers (pastors, teachers, staff) who the floods have personally impacted. This assistance helps with essential needs, including temporary housing, basic living expenses, and home repairs.
- **Support for Texas District Congregations** - Funds help our congregations that have suffered damage to their facilities or equipment. This may include covering costs for cleanup, repairs, or replacement of essential items to ensure the church can remain open and continue its ministry.
- As funds become available, assistance is provided to members of LCMS congregations to help them recover from the flooding.

—taken from the Texas District LCMS website txlcms.org

THANK YOU FOR GIVING YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES

ELDER for the month: **Charles Peterson**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VISITORS DESK</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
8/3	Janis Griffin	Susan Peterson	Preboskis & Griffin
8/10	Rhonda Tull	Constance Bergquam	Smestads & Marhenke
8/17	Jeanine Preboski	Charles Peterson	Woods & Michels
8/24	Veronica Detjens	June Parsons	Olsons & Wersching
8/31	Liz Coonfer	Bonnie Mason	Preboskis & Griffin

ALTAR GUILD FOR AUGUST

Barbara & Randy Bennett

USHERS

Aug 3 & 10

TEAM F

Keith Keck
Julie Keck
Chuck Smestad
David Preboski

Aug 17 & 24

TEAM G

Charles Peterson
Sharon Joy
Susan Peterson
Dennis Spars

Aug 31

TEAM A

Mark Klemann
Hank Jarvis
Rudy Schaumburg
Jim Retzer

AUDIO BOOTH TEAM

Aug 3 - Jim Johns
Aug 10 - Ken Wood
Aug 17 - Ben Kilgroe
Aug 24 - Bob Bartnett
Aug 31 - Hank Jarvis

WAYS TO FULFILL YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE LORD

1. Send check to Faith
1196 DeSoto Blvd
2. Bank draft to Faith
3. IRA or 401K RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)
4. IRA or 401K QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)
5. Donate Stocks

Budget for the end of June

Budgeted Income	\$30,991.13
Income Received	<u>\$42,381.00</u>
Overage for Month	\$11,389.87
YTD Budgeted Income	\$185,946.75
YTD Income Received	<u>\$175,445.00</u>
Shortage for Year	\$ (6,501.75)

Financial Report for June

June Income	\$42,384.00
June Expenses	<u>\$29,773.23</u>
	\$12,610.77
YTD Income	\$179,448.00
YTD Expenses	<u>\$180,665.52</u>
	\$ (1,217.52)



Birthdays

1-Michelle Ramon
 2-Janis Griffin
 3-Judi Prestridge
 3-John Tidquist
 5-Jim Hoppe
 8-Paul Lehmann
 8-Jan Railsback
 8-Linda Railsback
 11-Rudy Schaumburg
 13-Jim Johns
 13-Kim Winter
 14-Karen Schwanbeck
 15-Keith Keck
 17-Richard Leathers
 18-Rose Ludeke
 20-Logan Kilgroe
 20-Sandra Olson
 23-Pat Beauregard, sec'y
 25-Dean Winter
 27-Mary Meier
 28-Sharon Martin
 31-Sherry Galatas

Anniversaries

1-Dean & Kim Winter (44)
 3-Veronica & Dan Detjens (51)
 12-Marvin & Ruth Siebels (74)
 20-Bruce & Dot Neunaber (72)
 24-Becky & Larry Eskov (56)
 29-Rudy & Beverly Schaumburg (66)
 30-Richard & Jane Leathers (56)

Altar Flowers

3 - Bruce & Dot Neunaber's 72nd anniversary from their daughters



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Shane Wersching and **Shannon Wersching**, grandchildren of Joe and Grace Wersching are serving in the Navy. **Christopher Smith**, US Army, grandson of Pat and John Muzika. **Kevin Mason**, Army, son of Bonnie Mason, and **Kathan Tomlin**, Army, grandson of Bonnie Mason. **Brandon Carter**, son-in-law of Bonnie Mason.

Please, God, keep them safe....Amen



Generosity: A Single Lane Roadway or a Multi-Lane Highway?

Usually when we think of “Generosity,” we tend to view it from a financial perspective. However, in reality, “Generosity” comes from a much wider perspective.

Every day, every gift, which the Lord provides us, is given to us so that we may give it away. That is “Generosity,” indeed! We give away our time, talent, and resources because the Lord has given us these gifts to share with others.

What are some of the ways that we can express our “Generosity?”

First, if someone is rude or unkind to you, do not respond in a similar fashion. Maybe the person did not realize that he or she had offended you or the person may be under a great deal of stress due to some personal matter. Quietly, ask the Lord to bless the person and move on.

Also, be aware of your own thoughts, actions, or expressions. Think before you speak or act. Once you have said it or done it, you cannot retrieve it. One approach if you are upset about something is to get out a writing tablet or open your computer and express your miserable thoughts. After expressing them, you then can delete them, but you got it “off your chest” and no relationship with another person has been disrupted.

Second, you can go the extra mile to assist a person or a group of persons to lighten their burdens. Their burdens may be physical or mental, but by counseling them you may help them to overcome their burdens. Just talking something out with another person can relieve many stressful situations. Ultimately, you can raise the spirits of the person or persons. Of course, one measure is to pray with them.

Third, be generous to yourself by taking care of your body. Eat healthy, exercise, and thank God for the health you can continue to have rather than focusing on how your body used to be. In the case of exercise, it is not necessary to be able to press several pounds of iron or to run a marathon. Simply walking around is deemed to be good exercise for the maintenance of good health.

Fourth, grow spiritually. Spend more time in prayer and less time on social media and television. Find a quiet place and listen to the Lord. Seek to bring more laughter, joy and forgiveness to those around you.

These are just a few of the ways that you can express your generosity other than through financial means. Bless the Lord for the gift of “Generosity!” Get on the many lanes of that major highway! Your soul will appreciate it and you will be happier for it.

- - Don Putnam

MEN'S MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER

We had a great beginning of our Men's Ministry on July 7th.

There were many positive comments and expressions of enthusiasm and satisfaction!!

Because each of us gave a few minutes of information about our birth place location and where we moved from to The Village we now have a better chance of understanding each other.

Our plan is to build on this successful beginning and grow personally and in our relationships as fellow Christians and fellow Kingdom Builders to accomplish God's mission for us at Faith Lutheran & surrounding communities!

We hope that all participants and other interested parties will feel comfortable enough to make any suggestions.

After our August 4th Men's Ministry, our next gathering is now scheduled for a one time second Monday (8th) of September because the (1st) caused too much interference with family Labor Day.

In HIS Service, David Knoernschild (901-606-1986)



First meeting of Men's Ministry on July 7

Mission Committee Report:

Since January 2025 Mission checks have been hand delivered to the following Missions: Kairos Prison Ministry \$500, The Call \$1,500, Harveys Chapel Food Bank \$1,500, Change Point Pregnancy Center \$1,500 and The Hope Movement \$1,500. In the next few months checks for FCA and Angel Gowns in the amount of \$1,500 each will be given to them. We still continue to send \$900 a month to the Backpack for Kids program. Our shoe program for the schools will continue when school is back after the summer break. Without this Congregations generosity these donations to help others in the community would not be possible. God's Blessings on you all. Pat Muzika, Chairperson

The **Stewardship Committee** will be meeting in August. Those on the committee are Pat Muzika, Chairperson, Vicki Trimble, Lorraine Pless, Barbara Bennett and Beverly Schaumburg. Thank you to these ladies for volunteering to serve. God's Blessings, Pat Muzika

FAITH LADIES GUILD LWML

Ladies Guild

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Monday, August 18th, at 9:00 AM** for fellowship and snacks followed by our speaker, Charlene Rensch, a retired Michigan State Trooper, who will share a program "Be Your Own Hero". You'll learn what to do when it's necessary to leave NOW! She has worked with FEMA and has wonderful insight into emergency preparedness.



Our next Zone Fall Rally Planning meeting will be on **August 12th at 2:00PM**. We are hosting this event on October 4th where ladies from all churches in our Zone will meet. Everyone is working hard for a successful Rally!

Quilting continues **Mondays 9:30-11:30**. We average about 100 quilts/year and send them to Lutheran World Relief (Baltimore, MD) in early November.

Harvey's Chapel appreciates our food donations, especially in the summer when children are not in school.

The Mid-South District Fall Retreat will be held at Mt. Eagle in Clinton, AR, on **September 5-7**. The registration for the weekend will be \$165. Contact Julie Keck 501-463-3486 for registration forms.

Upcoming events: "See You in September" Card Party, **September 22nd**; Rummage Sale-**October 24-25**.

INGATHERING FOR SAMARITAN MINISTRIES

Faith Ladies Guild is hosting the **LWML Mid-AR Zone Fall Rally**, here at Faith Lutheran on **October 4th**. Many ladies will be coming from the other central AR Lutheran churches. We will bless **Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs with an ingathering**. *They have a great need for men's new underwear/briefs (sizes M, L, XL, XXL), large containers of ground coffee, and regular size canned veggies of any type.*

You can bring them to the rally on Oct 4th or label them for FALL RALLY and put in the collection bin with the white bottom in the Narthex hallway. If you have any questions, call/text Julie Keck at 501-463-3486



The **2025 LWML National Convention** was held in Omaha, NE July 26-29.

Here is a brief update:

Thursday night opening worship-over 4200 people, several communion stations.

Friday- Banner procession

Mission Grants-33 Grants-\$26,622,270

Many interesting speakers

Saturday-Mites-Mission Walk across the Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge which connects Nebraska and Iowa on a hot and humid afternoon (approximately 90 degrees and humid)

More than 1,627 men, women, and children raised \$73,610.04.

More than 3,436,224 steps

Sunday-Closing Worship Pastor Matthew Harrison spoke

Final offering totals:

1st offering-2025-2027 Mission Goals-\$61,056.85 for Missions around the world.

2nd offering-\$45,934.92 to aid Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church in Newland, North Carolina as they recover from over \$2 million in damage caused by Hurricane Helene.

3rd offering-\$35,251.15 for the Grace Point Institute for Relational Help for church workers in Nebraska.

4th Offering \$36,866.88 for Lutheran Early Response (LERT) the Oklahoma District for disaster relief

GIVING THAT GROWS: DONATIONS POUR IN ACROSS PLATFORMS

Most donation tallies for our mission initiatives have been finalized, with a few offerings still receiving contributions. As of this publication, here are the current amounts for each:

The Mission Walk: \$105,590.73

(The largest Mission Walk in LWML history)

Round Up for Mites: \$1,313.29

(Thanks to everyone who rounded up their LWML Shop purchase!)

(See next page)

Miles for Mites: \$4,000

(LWML Ladies biking from St. Louis to Omaha. See article on page 3 of the Saturday Heartland Herald.)

Gifts From the Heart

Women generously gave through monetary donations, gift cards, and Amazon orders — so much so that many items were quickly purchased and the team had to restock the list! While Amazon purchases for the organizations below are still being finalized, here's the breakdown of monetary donations as of publication.

Entity Gift Cards Checks & Cash Total

Camp Luther \$6,205 \$679 \$6,884

LFS-NE \$6,482 \$762 \$7,244

UNL Chapel \$6,462 \$769 \$7,231

Total \$19,149 \$2,210 \$21,359

For more information check out LWML.org/ convention

2027 CONVENTION will be in Oklahoma City

Ladies,

We will begin the Bible study: **PROMISED REST: FINDING PEACE IN GOD'S PRESENCE** is an amazing 8 (9 weeks with the introduction) study by Michelle Diercks. "Michelle invites us to find his promised rest by studying eight different names and characteristics of God" (Concordia Publishing Company)

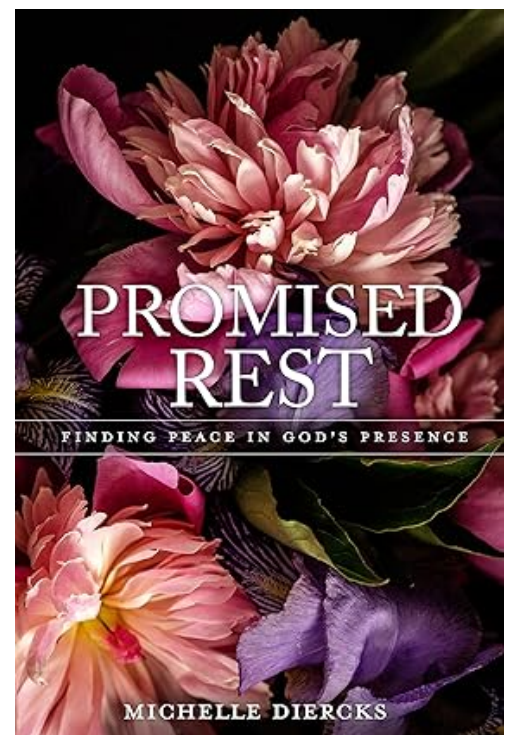
We will begin **September 10 at 9:45** for a short fellowship time, then starting the lesson each week at 10:00-11:00, keeping the lesson to 1 hour. The first week will be an introduction to the book and an opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

All ladies are welcome, bring a friend!

The cost is \$10.00 per book.

There will be a signup sheet and sample of the book in the Fellowship Hall beginning tomorrow, Sunday, July 27. For more information and to sign up feel free to contact me:

Veronica Detjens
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BOARD OF EDUCATION



Prayer for a New School Year

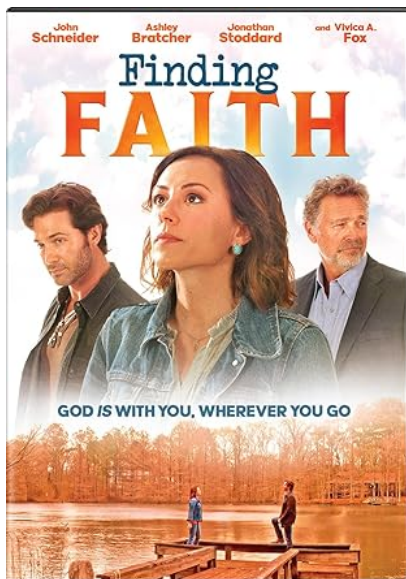
Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of another school year and for keeping us safe. Bless the schools in our midst—Jessieville, Mountain Pine, and Fountain Lake—the teachers, the staff, and students. Guide them in Your wisdom as they learn and grow. Protect them, lead them, and grant them Your peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer for Wisdom and Guidance

Lord, grant wisdom and patience to the teachers and staff. Help them to share their knowledge in kind and effective ways. Provide students with the curiosity and determination to learn and thrive. Keep our area schools safe and nurturing environments for all. Amen.

Prayer for Protection

Almighty God, please protect all who come through the school doors in Jessieville, Mountain Pine, and Fountain Lake. Guard the children from harm, watch over their journeys to and from school, and keep the classrooms safe. Bless all efforts to create school communities of care and respect. In Jesus' name, Amen.



She writes a column on "Faith" for a newspaper. Then, a series of overwhelming life experiences cause Victoria to doubt and almost lose her faith in God.

August 10th 2:00 PM, Movie Matinee ***Finding Faith.***

Come and be blessed!

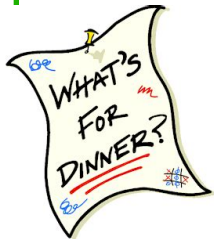


GAME DAY will **NOT** be held in
JULY & AUGUST... Play will **RESUME**
on Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 28th**
from **2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.**

I'd like to continue the Meal Train for the Marhenkes through the month of August. Sonya is slowly improving, but still isn't ready to take over the kitchen. Anyone who would like to help out with a meal in August, please contact Vicki Trimble (309-258-2926) or

log into their Meal Train site at
mealtrain.com/trains/kqely2

Please take note of their food restrictions.



Bob Johnson, Hank Jarvis, and Keith Keck discussing where they shop for their matching outfits!


EXTRA NEWS....



Music practices begin for the fall on Wednesday, August 27.

Men's Bible study starts on August 6, after their July break.

AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Council Mtg 8:30 am	2
3	4 WRQ 9:30 am MJ 1 pm Men's Ministry 5pm	5 Elders 8:30 am Braille 9 am	6 MBS 8 am AA 12 pm NO Music practic	7 BD Meeting 11:30-2:30	8	9 AA 9 am
10 Holy Communion Movie Matinee 2:00 pm	11 Mem Gar 8 am WRQ 9:30 am MJ 1 pm	12 Braille 9 am	13 MBS 8 am AA 12 pm NO Music practic	14 8 HSV Quilt Guild	15	16 Board/Trustees Work Day 8 am AA 9 am
17	18 FLG treats 9 FLG mtg 9:30 MJ 1 pm	19 Braille 9 am	20 MBS 8 am AA 12 pm NO Music practic	21	22	23 AA 9 am
24 Holy Communion NO Game Day	25 Mem Gar 8 am WRQ 9:30 am MJ 1 pm	26 Braille 9 am	27 MBS 8 am AA 12 pm Bells 1 pm MOF 2:30 pm Choir 3:30 pm	28	29	30 AA 9 am
31					AA-Alcoholics Anonymous FLG-Faith Ladies Guild LBS-Ladies Bible Study MBS-Mens Bible Study Mem Gar-Memorial Gardens MJ-Mah Jongg MOF-Men of Faith WRQ-World Relief Quilters	