



Faith Lutheran Church

Receiving and Sharing the Love of Christ
February 2026 Newsletter



2 Do not be quick with your mouth
do not be hasty in your heart
to utter anything before God.
God is in heaven
and you are on earth,
so let your words be few. *Ecclesiastes 5:2*

Dear Friends in Christ,

God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. Abraham Lincoln was reported to have said; “Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt.”

I exchanged a few words with a pastor a few years ago – I don’t remember what the subject was, but this pastor had taken some objection to something that I had written in the Minnesota North District Newsletter. We exchanged a few emails on the subject, and it was apparent that neither of us were convincing the other to change their mind. It was frustrating. I spoke to the District President and asked him his advice on how to handle this exchange. He simply said – respond by saying – “Thank you for your input, I will take that into consideration.” When I responded in this manner, I noticed that the discussion was over.

Solomon was addressing people who were going to the House of Worship. He told them that we go to hear God’s Word. Our Words should be few and we should concentrate more on hearing what God has to say. As I write this, protesters had entered a church in St. Paul, MN. They were protesting the work of Immigration and Customs actions taking place in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. They began their protest as the pastor was beginning his sermon. They didn’t go in to hear, they wanted to be heard. They carried on for about 45 minutes. For what? Attention. No one in that church could alter the actions of ICE. No one in that church made policy concerning Immigration enforcement. These people came to hear GODS WORD.

What is our world coming to? The devil has always been active trying to keep us from hearing God’s Word. Even in the beginning, with Adam and Eve, Satan tried to get us to question God’s Word. Did God really say...? The devil uses enough truth and logic to convince us of the lie. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and did as the devil suggested and sin entered this world. Sin is a part of our corrupt nature. God puts his finger on our lips and says – STOP TALKING! Listen. God calls us to faith and to trust Him above all things. We have a God of order, not chaos. When things are chaotic, that isn’t God’s action. God doesn’t scatter, God gathers. We are asked to put our fingers in our ears to the noise of this world and to listen intently to the WORD of GOD. God brings Hope and Peace. God speaks love, not hate. God loves You so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross to cover the guilt of all of our sins. God calls us to live peaceable lives as we trust in His provision. May our Words be few.

To God be the Glory,
Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee



Mission of the Month

**Court Appointed Special Advocates
for children**

During February, Faith will be partnering with a local organization, CASA, in prayer and with financial support for their valuable work with children and youth within the Cross Timbers area. Throughout the month, free-will offerings will be accepted. Then, at the end of the month, Faith will contribute 4% of the church's monthly tithe to CASA. Learn more about CASA on the bulletin board across from the church kitchen.

What is CASA? When a child enters the foster care system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer to advocate for the best interests of the child or youth in court or other settings. CASA volunteers guide foster children through an overburdened and complex foster care system with the end goal of reaching a safe and permanent home.

What is the role of a CASA volunteer? CASA volunteers get to know the child and gather information from everyone involved in his/her daily life, including family members, foster parents, teachers, doctors and social workers. CASA volunteers use the information they gather to report to the judge, advocating for the child's physical and emotional needs.

Visit casacta.org to learn about becoming a volunteer or call 254-965-6610.

'Be By My Side', CASA; n.p.; n.d.

Check out the Mission of the month bulletin board in the hall by the church kitchen.

Free-will offering envelopes are located on the table in the narthex.



We Have a Place for YOU!

Please join us for Sunday School!

Sunday School for All Ages is at 9:00am.

Adults meet in the sanctuary with Pastor Lee.
Children & Youth meet in various rooms in the family center.



A ministry of care giving, relying on God to be the care giver.

Stephen Ministry

Love One Another as I Have Loved You...

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job—it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact anyone on our team about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care—to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

Blessings,

Sherre West and your Stephen Ministry Team

Faith School Scholarship Applications

Applications for Faith School's 2026 Scholarship are open.

Applicants must be a high school senior and must have attended Faith School as a child.

Contact the church office for an application.

Deadline for application is April 6, 2026.

Chronic Illness/Pain Support Group

1ST, 3RD, & 5TH THURSDAYS

6:00 - 7:30

THE GATHERING PLACE

634 EAST RD, STEPHENVILLE, TX

To register call or email us at 254-595-3751
info@thegathering-place.com



Please join us this Lenten season as we prepare for Christ's journey to the cross and his resurrection beginning with
~ Ash Wednesday Worship ~ February 18, 2026, at 6:45pm



Midweek Lenten Services begin on February 25, 2026.
Worship is at 6:45pm.
A light potluck supper is served prior to the worship at 6:00pm.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This is probably one of the most well-known verses in scripture, often called the Gospel in a nutshell. It reminds us how much God loves not only us but the entire world—even people we don’t like or find hard to love. This month, while we think about sending Valentines to those we love, let’s also think about ways to show love to those we don’t even know.

This month, on February 15th, LWML will provide lunch and a video presentation showing our LWML mission grants at work. These mission grants are supported by our national LWML ministry. We hope you will join us for a nice warm lunch and spend about 30 minutes watching what your mite offerings are doing.

Thank you for donating \$160 to the mite box last month. Because of your contributions, we can help fund mission grants like “Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers.” This Sanctity of Life ministry provides housing for women during pregnancy and up to a year after the birth of their child. In addition to providing for physical needs, this ministry also provides spiritual teaching through the Catechism. This has led many of the moms and babies to come to baptism.

On February 28th, LWML Trinity Zone is hosting a Mission Event at Our Savior in Granbury from 10-12:30 (registration at 9:30). Brunch will be provided. We will learn about a mission called Neighbors in Need. Afterwards, we will assemble a care project to give to this mission and also to shut-ins at Our Savior. All ladies are welcome. Please let Marlene Peiser know before February 22nd if you want to attend.

Blessings to all,
Marlene Peiser

Thank You

Thanks to your generosity, Faith gave over \$20,000 to our global & local Mission of the Month partners in 2025.

Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed

Faith Lutheran has a regular Friday route with Meals on Wheels. In order to keep our commitment to Meals on Wheels, Faith is looking for drivers to either take a regular Friday spot or serve as a substitute.

The schedule is set monthly, so there is flexibility as to the particular date. Please contact Lisa Stroebel if interested.

The Bulletin Board

Bulletin Folders (by Sunday)

1st Paula Hymer 3rd Sue Angerhofer
 2nd Trudy Carlson 4th & 5th Lynann Simpson



Serving in February:
 Marilyn Pack



February Ushers

Will Lansmon
 Cary Strohmeyer

Ushers are needed for the church year. If you have questions, please speak with Lee Barlow.

Lector Schedule (by date)

02/01 Billy Gray
 02/08 Richard Liedtke
 02/15 Bethany Espinoza
 02/22 Jeff Stroebel

Grief Support ~ Faith's grief support group meets the first Sunday of the month at Cotton Patch immediately following worship. If you have questions or thoughts, please contact Ann Soltau at 254-592-9289.

FREE Notary Public Service

Cindy Stafford – (254) 592-6630



Choices Baby Bottles

Please continue to fill baby bottles with change, dollar bills or a check. Return by March 1.



Faith's family center is open the first & third Sundays of each month from 2pm to 4pm'ish for pickleball.

Faith Lutheran's Elders

Glen Cornman, Head Elder;
 Andy Burke, Will Lansmon, Richarde Liedtke,
 John Quade, Ronnie Tate

Church Council meets every third Monday at 6:00pm in the Narthex/Lobby.

Altar Flowers for February

02/01 Kuntschik
 02/08 Keilers
 02/15 Open
 02/22 Angerhofer



(Sign-Up hangs on the wall beside church kitchen)



JOIN Choir!

Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm until Jan. 25, then will meet at 7:45pm during Lent.



~ NOTICE ~
 Reuse, Reduce, Recycle

Thanks to those who have provided plastic bags for Faith School use and aluminum cans for the youth group. Please give yourself a well-earned break for February!

Your humble bag folder and can crusher!



Like us on facebook at
 FaithLutheranStephenville



If you have an upcoming event or photos of a recent event you want to be shared on Facebook, send to Emma Bouquet via Facebook Messenger, text, or email at emmabouquet@yahoo.com. Be sure to include all pertinent information including a description.

SAVE the DATE: March 28
Faith School 5K, Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast!

Church Information

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 254-968-2710

Website: faithlutheranstephenville.com

Email:
church.office@faithlutheranstephenville.com

Church Office Hours:
 Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 5:30pm
 (closed 12:30-1:30pm for lunch)
 Friday: 8:30am – 12:30pm

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Worship Schedule</u> Pastor Jeffrey A. Lee 9:00am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15am Combined Worship Service No Brunch 6:00pm on Fridays: Young Adults~Room 9, FFC Faith School Chapel – Tuesdays at 10am			<u>KEY</u> *Birthday **Anniversary Church Events School Events Building Rentals LWML Events			
1 *Eleanor 12:00 Grief Support~ Cotton Patch 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	2 Groundhog Day 5:30pm Delta Kappa Gamma ~ Nrthx 	3 *Charles Fulton 5:30pm Board of Evangelism~Lbry 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC	4 6:00pm Stewardship Mtng~Rm 6 5:45pm FFC Occupied~ Espinoza Attending	5 *Dorwin Schulze 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanct.	6 MOW~	7 *Kendi Maruska *Willow Osterloh 2:00pm Seider / Prescott Wedding Shower~FFC
8 **Dennis & Rosanne Keilers 11:30am Board of Trustees Mtng~Library 5:30pm Stephen Minister Supervision & Continuing Ed~Rm 6	9 **Chuck & Valerie Hamaker 5:30pm Faith School Board Mtng~Rm 9 6:00pm LWML Business Mtng~Room 6 6:30pm Board of Elders' Meeting~Library	10 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanct.	11 *Gail Lee 10:30am Tate/Cornman Bible Study~Rm 6 5:15pm Board of Education ~ Libry 6:00pm LWML Bible Study~Rm 9	12 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC	13 *Jennifer Bohannon MOW~Keilers	14 *Valerie Hamaker  Happy Valentine's Day
15 LWML Mite Box Sunday 11:30am LWML Lunch & Video Presentation 2:00pm Pickleball~FFC	16 President's Day 6:00pm Church Council Mtng~Narthex 	17 *Ed Knoll 1:30pm Simpson Small Group~Rm 6 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC	18  6:45pm Ash Wednesday Worship (no meal prior)	19 *Paula Hymer *Viki Hymer 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanct.	20 **Jim & Laura Schur MOW~Bruno	21 *Mason Riola
22 5:30pm Stephen Minister Supervision & Continuing Ed~Rm 6	23	24 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC	25 *Rene Turner 10:30am Tate/Cornman Bible Study~Rm 6 6:00pm Midweek Lenten Meal 6:45pm Midweek Lenten Worship	26 6:00pm Barefoot Volleyball~FFC 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal~Sanct.	27 MOW~Keilers	28 9:30 am LWML Trinity Zone Mission Event~ Our Savior, Granbry