



The Herald Faith Lutheran

February, 2020

Upcoming Events

Women's Valentine Brunch
Saturday, February 8, 9 a.m.
Activity Center

Mariposa Child Care Center Presentation
during Worship by Pastor Tim Anderson
Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m.
Worship Center

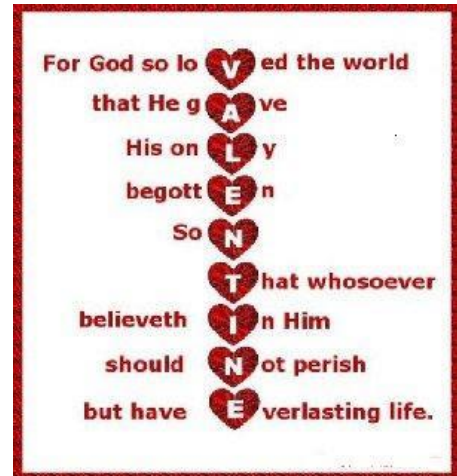
"What to Know Before You Go"
Funeral Planning Seminar
presented by Funeral Consumers Alliance
Sunday, February 9, 3-5 p.m.
Activity Center

Estate & Legacy Planning
presented by Deacon John Dellis
with the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
Sunday, February 16, 11:15 a.m.
Activity Center

Altar Guild Meeting
Sunday, February 23, 11:15 a.m.
Room 203

Shrovetide Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 25, 5-6:30 p.m.
Activity Center

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m.
Worship Center



From Pastor Tom

In the final video segment of the Sunday morning adult class just completed, Pastor Kelly Friar asserts that the Church exists solely for the sake of those who are not yet in it. Of course members are blessed as we gather regularly around the Word and Sacraments, and we benefit from the fellowship and mutual consolation of brothers and sisters in Christ, but we do so in order to be sent out for the sake of the world God so loves. Our mission statement says it well: "In response to God's love and grace toward us, we are called to share God's love by reaching out to all people."

In the Sundays up to and including the First Sunday of Lent, the adult class will be joined by our youth. We will share faith stories and talk about prayer using the Lord's Prayer as a guide. We will also pray each week for the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church and specifically for the Spirit's guidance in the call process, that God will send a pastor to energize and lead Faith Lutheran Church in its mission.

To be sure, we hope and pray for new members, including youth and young families who will minister into God's future. That's a blessing God bestows as we are a blessing to others. Opportunities abound to serve the world God so loves, to be the Church for the sake of those who are not yet in it.

Thanks be to God that the Church Council has designated our mid-week Lenten service offerings for the new Mariposa Learning Center in southeast Austin, a ministry of Austin City Lutherans. Thanks be to God for the many ways Faith Lutheran Church is already serving the Austin community and beyond—the Child Development Center, the Bread for All Food Pantry (also sponsored by Austin City Lutherans), Drive a Senior, the Oriental Mission Church, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other groups who regularly use our facilities—and of course, thanks be to God for the global mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Lutheran World Relief supported by Faith's benevolence offering. By faith, through faith, with faith, it's an exciting time to be the Church in this place! All thanks and praise be to God!





Update from the Call Committee:

After the holidays, the Call Committee received information on three candidates for our open pastor position. The committee met on January 12, to review the Rostered Minister Profile submitted by each candidate. Initial interviews will begin the week of January 20.

Depending on the results of the initial interview, the committee may recommend bringing a candidate on-site for a second interview.

Council Highlights from November 25:

- ♦ Reviewed constitution changes as required or recommended by the ELCA, subject to approval by the congregation at its December 1 meeting.
- ♦ Reviewed the Ministry Site Profile as submitted by the Call Committee.
- ♦ Agreed that FLC will continue to serve as the chartered organization for Scout Troop & Pack 49 in 2020.
- ♦ Voted to direct all Lenten offerings to the Mariposa Family Learning Center being established by Austin City Lutherans.
- ♦ Approved a Reconciling in Christ worship service for January 26.



2020 Nominating Committee to Begin Work

The 2020 nominating committee will soon begin work to recruit nominees for council positions to be elected at the spring congregation meeting on May 3. Positions up for election in even-numbered years are:

Vice-president, Treasurer, CDC, Worship & Music, Youth & Parish Education

In addition, the committee will also be seeking members to serve on the 2020 nominating committee, three at large from the congregation and one from outgoing council members.

Please prayerfully consider serving if you are asked.

Members of the 2020 nominating committee are: Jackie Allen, Mary Beth Meiske, Wanda Muehlbrad, and Carol Roberts.

2020 Offering Envelopes and 2019 Contribution Statements

Contribution envelopes are in the narthex on the table by the name tags, please look for yours to take home and if you take communion to a homebound member, please look and see if they have envelopes there (not all of our shut-ins use envelopes). Individual numbers from last year did not change; but you may notice that the envelopes are a little larger and have a slightly different layout than in years past. We were recycling old unused envelopes and we have finally come close to depleting our stash from prior years. The new ones have been produced in-house at a much cheaper cost than buying them from envelope providers. Many thanks to Karen Noyes and Helen Diedrick for coming up with the new design and making all of the copies and to Dennis Diedrick for modifying every pew rack to accommodate the slightly larger envelopes.

If you still have any of the older style envelopes, please go ahead and use them up; if you ever get to church without one of your envelopes, please feel free to use one out of the pew rack and simply be sure your name is on the outside (we can easily look up the envelope number if you do not remember it).

Contribution statements for 2019 are now available in the narthex. Thank you so much for your financial support and please contact Lynn Davidson at flcoffice@att.net, if you have any questions about your statement.



Legacy Giving for Family and Ministry Seminar
Presented by Deacon John Dellis
Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest
February 16, 11:15 a.m.
Activity Center

Everything we have is a gift that God places in our care during our lifetimes. We each have the privilege, responsibility, and joy of being a steward, of caring for loved ones, for God's creation, and also creating gifts for Christian ministry.

As you plan your own legacy that will reflect your faith and values, the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest is here to assist you. We are here to help you care for your family and benefit Lutheran ministries, as well as your other favorite community and other non-profit organizations.

Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest provides comprehensive gift planning and management, personalized to your goals and your unique family and financial situation. The gifts the foundation receives and stewards are on behalf of other ministries.

Faith Lutheran Church will host a Legacy Giving for Family and Ministry Seminar at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 16. Deacon John Dellis, our synod gift planner with the foundation, will be with us to talk about options and possibilities for the future for our congregation.

During the seminar, we'll discuss:

- ♦ How to care and provide for family and other loved ones and provide legacy gifts for ministry and other non-profit organizations.
- ♦ Review options for legacy gift sharing that will bless future generations forever.
- ♦ That the foundation's services to the members of our congregation are provided at no cost and no obligation.



WELCA 2020 Handbooks

Any information needing to be updated or changed in the new handbook should be given to Charleen Schneider for input as soon as possible so the new handbook can be completed and passed out at the February Valentine Brunch on February 8. To make it easier to reproduce the handbook, some formatting changes will be made in the new handbook and some information deemed unnecessary will be deleted. All elected officers currently serving on the board and for both the Lydia and Rebecca Circles will remain the same for the year 2020.

Valentine Brunch/Unit Meeting Saturday, February 8, 9 a.m., Activity Center

All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Valentine Brunch which will be hosted by the Lydia and Rebecca Circles. All attendees are asked to bring a breakfast or brunch dish to share and are encouraged to invite their women relatives and friends to come with them for a morning of Christian fellowship, good food, and a fun time. Charleen Schneider will prepare the program and entertainment; Dot Olson will decorate the tables; Gladys Hill will bring juice; and Dorothy Mogonye will make coffee. There will be games with prizes for the winners. A short Unit Meeting will be held afterward to discuss and vote how to spend WELCA's leftover bazaar monies from 2018, as well as those from the 2019 bazaar. Suggestions include CDC playground, six arm chairs for the Resource Center, kitchen stove, Bread for the World, church offering (unified budget), under-counter refrigerator and small microwave for the upstairs meeting room. Ladies, we would love to see all of you there!

LWR Kits

Collection of supplies for LWR School Kits is ongoing and a number of kits have already been filled by the sewing group ladies who will soon start filling more each Friday in room 206. Collection of Personal Care Kit items will begin during February; details as to which items to bring each Sunday will be announced in the church bulletins. As yet, no info has been received as to In-Gatherings for the Austin area or for Texas Lutheran in Seguin.

Capital North/Capital South Conference of the SWT Synod for Women of the ELCA

The spring conference is being hosted by the women at Abiding Love Lutheran Church, 7210 Brush Country, Austin, Texas 78749, on Saturday, March 7. Pick up a registration form in the narthex and send it in the mail with a small registration fee of \$12, which may be paid by check payable to Abiding Love WELCA. Registration deadline is February 21. Mark the date on your calendar so you won't forget to attend!

Faith Lutheran Women's Bible Studies

Ladies, if you aren't a member of either the Lydia or Rebecca circles, we would love to have you join us for a monthly Bible study with a short meeting afterwards to keep circle members updated on the status of ongoing projects. Listed below are dates, times, and places for the circles.

Lydia Circle with Ree Nurnberger as chair meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the Resource Center (January & February @ 3:30 p.m.; March-October @ 5 p.m.; November & December @ 4 p.m.).

Rebecca Circle with Charleen Schneider as chair meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Resource Center at 9:30 a.m.



Invite your family and friends to this upcoming seminar!

What to Know Before You Go

Sure, it can be difficult to think and talk about the last chapter of our lives, but we do have questions.

For example, are you wondering. . .

- ☐ *Whom do I call first when a death occurs?*
- ☐ *What do area funeral homes charge for their services?*
- ☐ *Should I purchase a prepaid funeral contract?*
- ☐ *What happens when death occurs in another state or country?*
- ☐ *How can I make sure my family and healthcare team know what I do and do not want for my end-of-life care?*

Come hear the answers to these questions and more:

Sunday, February 9 3-5 pm

Faith Lutheran Church 6600 Woodrow Ave.

www.faithlutheranaustin.org

Presented by:



Funeral Consumers Alliance of Texas

*a volunteer-run non-profit that has been serving
our community since 1954*

www.fcactx.org

Suggested Donation: \$5/person
(benefitting Funeral Consumers Alliance of Texas)

Lent begins on February 26. . .

40 DAYS of Giving

*Ash Wednesday
Through Easter Sunday*

All Lenten Offerings Will Support:



Mariposa Family Learning Center (MFLC) is Austin City Lutherans' effort in SE Austin to provide young families with high-quality child care, supplemented by parent education and support. MFLC will use a "2-generation" approach – working simultaneously with children and their parents – with the goal of increasing each family's access to economic, social, educational, or spiritual resources. This transformational ministry has the power to positively alter the trajectory of a child's and their family's life. Located at the Montopolis Friendship Community Center on Vargas Road in Austin's Montopolis neighborhood, MFLC will be operational in late January, 2020.

For more information about Mariposa, **plan to attend worship on February 9**, when Pastor Tim Anderson, Director of Community Development for ACL, will preside. He will also be available for questions during an informal after-worship coffee time.



FAITH RINGERS
Adult Handbell Group

Practices:
February 5, 12, 19 at 7 p.m.
Room 210
No practice February 26
(Ash Wednesday)

Play for Worship: February 23

YOUTH RINGERS

Practices:
February 2, 16, 23 at 11:00-11:15 a.m.
Room 210

If you have an interest in ringing with these groups or want to know more about ringing, contact:
Karen McGuire
512-585-4558 or
mckarenk@yahoo.com.

Worship & Music

A huge thank you to all who ventured out to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, get the pew posts put up, and prepare the silent night candles for Christmas Eve, then helped undecorate it after Epiphany. It is a **BIG** job and we couldn't do it without the help of the Nuts and Bolts crew (Dennis, Mike, Kent, and Steve) and the ladies who helped out (Helen D., Sue, Cathy, Dorothy M., Bertha, Mary Beth, and Lynn). Also, thank you Sam Bauer for putting up the nativity scene in front of the altar; it was a very beautiful addition. Apologies to anyone left off this list!!!

Please plan on joining us next Christmas season - more hands are always appreciated!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 24	60
December 1	69
December 8	101
December 15	60
December 22	64
December 24	171
December 29	55
January 5	65
January 12	62
January 19	62

Retirement & Nursing Center on Burnet Lane

On December 5, ten residents and staff plus six members of Faith worshiped together in services conducted by Pastor Tom.
On January 2, twenty-two residents and staff plus four members of Faith worshiped together.
The next service will be held February 6, at 10:30 a.m.
Please join us!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$ 14,778	\$ 19,882	-\$ 5,104
Feb.	\$ 17,680	\$ 19,750	-\$ 2,070
Mar.	\$ 19,141	\$ 21,187	-\$ 2,046
Apr.	\$ 18,771	\$ 19,731	-\$ 960
May	\$ 16,222	\$ 20,189	-\$ 3,967
June	\$ 18,488	\$ 19,728	-\$ 1,240
July	\$ 15,256	\$ 20,130	-\$ 4,874
Aug.	\$ 20,395	\$ 21,627	-\$ 1,232
Sept.	\$ 16,344	\$ 15,009	+\$ 1,335
Oct.	\$ 16,756	\$ 16,424	+\$ 332
Nov.	\$ 13,933	\$ 12,399	+\$ 1,534
Dec.	\$ 23,320	\$ 15,084	+\$ 8,236
YTD	\$211,085	\$221,139	-\$ 10,054

Members Serving in Worship February

All Sundays in February

Head Usher: Carl Schoener
Greeter: Charleen Schneider
Tellers: 2 needed
Altar Guild Saturdays: Therese Doss, Linda Jackson
Altar Guild Sundays: Wanda Muehlbrad, Charleen Schneider



February 2—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Ben Noyes III
Lay Reader: 1 needed
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

February 9—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Lynn Davidson
Lay Reader: Cathy Zwernemann
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

February 16—Praise Worship—10:00 a.m.

Assisting Ministers: Praise Team
Lay Reader: Praise Team
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

February 23—10:00 a.m.

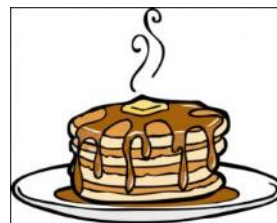
Assisting Minister: Cathy Zwernemann
Lay Reader: 1 needed
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

February 26—Ash Wednesday—7 p.m.

Assisting Minister: Carol Roberts
Lay Reader: 1 needed
Communion Helpers: 3 needed
Acolyte: 1 needed

Please Sign Up to Serve in 2020!

Assisting ministers, lay readers, communion servers, acolytes, greeters, ushers, Altar Guild workers, and tellers are all needed to assist before, during, and after worship. Training will be provided as needed.
 Contact the church office at 512-451-1116.



Let the good times roll!

Shrovetide Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 25

We will serve from 5-6:30 p.m.
 in the Activity Center.
 Your freewill donation will benefit the music programs here at Faith Lutheran Church.



Youth & Parish Education

As we all get back from the Christmas holidays and back to our regular schedules, we welcome the New Year.

On January 26, we will be joining Pastor Tom's four-part Sunday School class series on prayer.

On February 9, we will meet after church to begin working on our mural service project and hope to have it completed and put up by the Spring Fling in April. We will begin with lunch and a short committee meeting.

Karen McGuire begins bells practice on January 26, right after worship from 11-11:15 a.m.

Our brainstorming and research has begun on fundraising efforts for the 2021 National Youth Gathering.



The January Altar Guild meeting has been moved to Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 a.m., in room 203.

This meeting is for all current members and anyone interested in being a Saturday or Sunday worker.

Time commitment for Altar Guild is reasonable and the experience is very rewarding.

If you have questions or concerns, please visit with Mary Beth Meiske.

Altar & Piano Flowers Update

As of January 1, the price per bouquet increased by \$5. The new 2020 order forms reflect the bouquet price of \$30 each.

You may sign up for 2020 worship dates on the flower chart in the narthex, near the courtyard door.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Mary Beth Meiske, or call her at 512-914-6783.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

December, 2019 - January 2020

CDC Playground Fund

Shayne McWhorter

*In Memory of Bob & Opal Hansen,
Valeri Hansen Murphy, Dwight Hansen,
& Sharilyn Hansen Dunbar*

CDC Scholarship Fund

Mark Muehlbrad & Family

*In Honor of Wanda Muehlbrad for her
continuing devotion to God's children*

Emergency Reserve Fund

Shayne McWhorter

*In Memory of Bob & Opal Hansen,
Valeri Hansen Murphy, Dwight Hansen,
& Sharilyn Hansen Dunbar*

Music & Handbell Fund

Neal & Jennie Pennington

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In Memory of Gloria Ferrell

In Memory of Bob Hansen

In Memory of John Olson

In Memory of Flo Thompson

In Memory of Victor Walther

Youth Fund

Anne Kuempel

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In Memory of Cynthia Bradley

In Memory of Nathan Hein

Misty Dush shares the following coursework update:

I just finished my first section for parish ministry training. In the first section, I learned about Ethics, Parish Administration, and Worship. In January, I will start my next session where I will be learning about the Old Testament, Spirituality, and Faith Formation. Thank you to all the people I approached with questions regarding our church. Each one of you took the time to help me, no matter how busy you were. Also, thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

During my worship classes, I learned about the Order of Worship, performing Baptisms, Communion, Weddings, and Funerals. I would like to offer myself and the knowledge I have gained to anyone wanting to plan their own funeral. If you have any questions or would like to talk, please call me at 512-577-2341 or email me at thedushes@gmail.com.

Thankfully,
Misty Dush



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Faith is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Worship & Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study (all ages) 11:15 a.m.

3rd Sunday Praise Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Day of Prayer

12:00 p.m. - Noon Prayer

Transition Pastor: Tom Kesselring

Organist/Choir Director: Sam Bauer

Director of Handbells: Karen McGuire

Accountant: Lynn Davidson

Administrative Assistant: Karen Noyes

CDC Director: Melissa McCoy

Sextons: Norbert Gardner

**MISSION STATEMENT OF
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**We at Faith Lutheran Church believe in Jesus Christ
as Lord and Savior of all life and creation.
In response to His grace and love toward us,
we are called to share His love by reaching out to all people.
We are called to be a worshiping, caring, learning community.**

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