



Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter – February 2025

Upcoming Events:



Men's Breakfast Calling men of all ages! **ALL** are welcome whether or not you are a member of FLC. Friends are very much encouraged to join us on February 1 at 9 am at the church. We will be discussing serious topics relative to men and their roles under God.

The C. S. Lewis discussion group will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday, February 4 and 18 at the Briggs's home. Please contact [Pastor Curt](#) for more information and the location.

The Quilting Bee will meet at the church on Wednesday, February 5 and 19 from 12 Noon - 2 pm. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship. Contact [Cathy DeWitt](#) for more information.

German Lessons Anyone? Möchten Sie Deutsch sprechen lernen? (Would you like to learn how to speak German?) Well, it just so happens that our own Charmaine Briggs is willing to teach you the language. The next classes will meet on Wednesday, February 5 and 19 from 12 Noon - 2 pm. So, if you are interested, please join us! Wir werden eine tolle Zeit haben! (We'll have a great time!)

LWML Meeting: The monthly meeting of the LWML will take place on Saturday, February 8 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm at the church. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please contact [Kami Hoover](#) for more information.

Stephen Ministry:



FROM THE QUILTING BEE:

The quilt and wall hanging that is hanging in Pastor's office is up for donation by means of a silent auction. Please submit your bid to [Cathy DeWitt](#). The funds will be used for Stephen Ministry. Thank you for your help with all that you have done for the Quilting Bee Group.

Click the link below to find out more about the Stephen Ministry:
[What Is Stephen Ministry?](#)

Spaghetti Dinner & Concert:



A spaghetti dinner will be served and the choir and band of Luther North High School, St. Louis, will entertain us after dinner on Friday, February 14th. Dinner begins at 5 pm, followed by the concert. The dinner has a free-will offering request of donation to the training and development of a "Stephen's Ministry" within FLC. The concert may include an offering for the fine arts program at Luther North High School in St. Louis: <https://www.Incrusaders.org/fine-arts>. If you are coming to the dinner, please RSVP at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4BACA62EA3FA7-54670662-spaghetti>. If you have any issues signing up online, please email Cathy at secretary@faithlutheran-tn.org.

Prayer List:

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Barb Smith
Bruce Meyer
Cathy Crump
Dara Pent
Estelle Lyons
Gordy Schnarrs

Herman DePriest
James Boyd
Jim Elliott
Jo Ann Chovan
Larry Drolsum
Monica Hupp

Nancy Knief
Pastor Craig Fiebiger
Ray Hauer
Ruth Dressler
Ruth Worshik
Sharon Hoover

We also pray for family members of our people and others whose concerns we carry upon our hearts.

Weekly Adult Bible Classes are Available via Skype and In-Person:

Weekly adult bible classes are offered both in-person and via Skype on Wednesday mornings at 10 am (8 am class is in-person only at the church) and on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. The 10 am Wednesday class is held at Brookdale Assisted Living, 910 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN. We carpool after the 8 am class. So, if you would like to catch a ride with us, please be at the church before 9 am. Or you can meet us at Brookdale.

Adult bible class: <https://join.skype.com/HDUsNaV7Dt8c>

Where to Find Us:

Church service times are Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM. Please join us! Our services are recorded weekly and can be viewed on our website, Facebook, or YouTube. You can find us on our Facebook page entitled, **Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN** at <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutherantn/>. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf6pYWhszns7n4ZJGnxqDdA>. You can also find the link to our weekly video on our website at www.faithlutheran-tn.org. Our sermon transcripts can be downloaded for your convenience from our website at: [Sermon Library 2025 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](http://Sermon Library 2025 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN (faithlutheran-tn.org)). Weekly bulletins can be found here: [Weekly Service Bulletins 2025 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](http://Weekly Service Bulletins 2025 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN (faithlutheran-tn.org))

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Evangelism Corner



John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Recently a friend sent me an article that indicated the best strategy for evangelism is loving one another. Of course, we should love one another but how is that going to bring people to Christ? Does the writer mean if we love others, they will want to come to church with us? OK I thought, I'd better read this.

Here's what I learned. People in general have a feeling they are missing out on being part of a community yet ironically Americans spend about 40% **less** time with friends each week than people did years ago. This is probably a natural outgrowth of technology, social media or other individual pursuits. We might want to translate this by saying since there is a smaller pool of people joining churches today, fewer members translate into fewer people inviting the unchurched to church activities. Maybe that's not the whole picture.

The author contends that the results of a 2023 Lutheran Religious Life Survey revealed that the likelihood of people inviting others was dependent on how much social time members spent with other members outside of church. People who "love" the other members, and "love" spending time with them socially means they like their church community. And people who like their communities want to invite others to join them. Engaging and having quality social time outside of church services can lead to building relationships socially, and social relationships can lead to inviting others to join in! Evangelism!

Let's pause and think about our church "community" and the time we spend together socially. Maybe there is a social opportunity you'd like to invite someone to... Here's a link to the full article:

['Love One Another': The Best Evangelism Strategy – The Lutheran Witness](#)

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