



Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter – July 2024

Youth Trip 2024:



On June 10-14, the youth of FLC went to Trinity Lutheran Church in Gadsden, AL for the annual youth trip. The itinerary was as follows:

Day 1: We have officially invaded Gadsden, Alabama for the next 3 days! Buc-ee's, Sunset Beach at Lake Guntersville, Pizza, Icebreaker Games and swimming. So much fun and we are just getting started!

Day 2: Bible study and worship this morning followed by an afternoon at Noccalula Falls Park. Train ride, Fat Man's Squeeze, Mini Golf, Hiking, Waterfalls and great BBQ.

Day 3: Chop sticks, rock climbing, trampolines, Laser Tag, country line dancing and an Ice Cream Social all in a matter of 6 hours...seriously pray for the chaperones lol 🤪. One more day...

Day 4: Wrapped up the week yesterday with Talladega and Ten Island State Park. Love watching these kids grow together through the years, some of them have been doing this for a couple years so they pick up where they left off, others this was the first time, but I think they all had a blast and made memories for a lifetime. I am pretty sure all the chaperones survived too, some may be a little sore and most are ready for a nap, but we wouldn't trade it for anything!

From Janelle Vanderploeg – Youth Chair

Quilting Bee:



The Quilting Bees are working on new projects that could use your help. We are making pillowcases, tote bags and lap quilts for foster care. If you'd like to help with any of these projects, please join our fellowship and fun on the first and third Wednesday from 1-3pm at church. Please contact [Cathy DeWitt](#) for more information.

Love on Wheels:



The quilting bee is collecting items to donate to Love on Wheels, which is an organization that helps kids in foster care. To find out more about what they do, please click here: [Love on Wheels](#).

Here is a list of needed items. Please put them in the container under the table right inside the main doors to the church (Narthex). Dollar Tree has the best prices on most items:

- *Small flashlights
(They have batteries)
- *Decks of regular playing cards (two pks at Dollar Tree are the best buy)
- *Women's sizes of bikini (no briefs) undies SM, MED, LG and XL for us to pack for teen girls
- *Hairbrushes
- *Word search booklets

Charmaine's Art Gallery:



Our own Charmaine Briggs has launched a very worthwhile endeavor. This endeavor showcases her artistic abilities and benefits a worthy cause. Check out her Facebook page/business website at <https://www.facebook.com/CharmaineB54>, or her business website at: <https://charmainesblumenkunst.com/>.

Charmaine tells us how this all came about:

My artwork was borne out of grief over the loss of my mom in 2020. Before she passed, she wanted me to promise her that I would do something with my talent. I had not produced new works for a very long time because teaching German and English was my life for many years, years that I do not regret because my students were very special to me. Navigating retirement without my mom to care for has bought me hours in the day and no excuses to not produce. I went from pandemic doodling to creating whimsical alphabet letters to creating florals inspired by a German artist who created the original watercolor and pen painting that my mom purchased. My mom's treasure traveled with us to every military assignment here and abroad. This was the style of art that appealed to me most; therefore, I named my small business Charmaine's Blumenkunst (German for floral art). All of my originals are created on wood canvas. Flowers are first drawn, then painted in at least three layers of depth, and finally detailed with an archival black ink pen. Each takes time and patience, but I have both.

Remember the part about my students? Well, one of my former students, whose wife helps secure artists for the Franklin Art Crawl, asked me if I would like to participate. He and his father are beloved physicians in the Franklin community, but they have been family to me for 25 years. It's a full circle moment for me because Dr. Dan is giving me an opportunity to share my art. Who knew all these years later that this would be my second calling? Most importantly, because all gifts are from God, I am donating 20% of all sales proceeds to Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee.

Evangelism Corner

Proverbs 2:2 Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding.



"Can you hear me now?" is a familiar line from a commercial. It's a message that can relate to evangelism as well. Christians might worry about "saying the right thing" when they are sharing the Good News with others. But when we listen to others, we are giving them the gift of being heard. What they say might even guide our words to them. We may find we need to offer one person comfort, while another needs to hear encouragement.

The Bible reinforces the idea of listening. Jesus was a good listener... There are many examples in the Bible. Our Lord listened to his disciples, his mother, the woman at the well, people who begged for healing. When we meet someone who needs to know about the saving grace of our Lord, it would serve us well to "hear them" first and be good listeners like Jesus. God will take care of the rest.

LindaLou Stockinger – Evangelism Chair

July Events:

The Quilting Bee will meet at the church on Wednesday, July 3rd and 17th from 1 pm -3 pm. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship. Contact [Cathy DeWitt](#) for more information.

The C. S. Lewis discussion group will meet on Tuesday, July 9th and 23rd at the Briggs's home. Please contact [Pastor Curt](#) for more information and the location.

Generation Wise: The Knief's will host a Hawaiian themed Generation Wise gathering on Saturday July 20th in their home (contact Gerry for the address). Please plan to arrive between 6:00-6:30pm. The main dish will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish/snack along with a beverage to share. Please RSVP to the Knief's at g1knk5@gmail.com
Generation Wise is a fellowship ministry open to anyone age 50+. We hope to see you there!

Columbarium Update:



For all that may not be informed, Faith Lutheran has notches available to all members and member families as well as clergy. In addition to the contract, we now have means of recognizing those who have served.

Update for inscriptions to the Columbaria face plate:

In addition to the provided inscription with the purchase of a niche, a military emblem indicating the branch of service, may be added above the inscription of name. Although inscriptions are included with the niche, a charge of \$75 would be in addition.

Please contact [Gerry Knief](#) or [Craig Chovan](#) for more information.

Prayer List:

Please keep these people in your prayers:

**Barb Smith
Bruce Meyer
Carolee Booth
Estelle Lyons
Gordy Schnarrs**

**Herman DePriest
Jim Elliott
Jo Ann Chovan
Monica Hupp
Nancy Knief**

**Ray Hauer
Ruth Worshik
Sharon Hoover
Will & Lori Conners**

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

New Members:

Please welcome these new members to Faith Lutheran Church:

Ruth Dressler – Transfer Faith Lutheran Church, Fair Oaks, CA
Brandon and Aimee Duty – Transfer/Profession of Faith
Stacey Lindsley and Family – Transfer Our Savior Lutheran, Nashville, TN
Kathy Kline – Profession of faith
Peter and Dara Pent - Profession of faith
William Standridge – Profession of faith

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 by 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 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](http://Sermon Library 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN (faithlutheran-tn.org)). Weekly bulletins can be found here: [Weekly Service Bulletins 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](http://Weekly Service Bulletins 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN (faithlutheran-tn.org))

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