



# Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter – November 2024

## November Events:



**The Quilting Bee** will meet at the church on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 Noon- 2 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, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Briggs's home. Please contact [Pastor Curt](#) for more information and the location.

**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 class will meet on Wednesday, November 20 from noon until 2 pm. So, if you are interested, please join us! Wir werden eine tolle Zeit haben! (We'll have a great time!)

## Pre-Thanksgiving Service:



Our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 27 at 7 pm. The "Sharing of the Pies" and coffee will take place immediately following the service. Please bring a pie to share and we will provide the coffee.

## Patio Improvements:



Check out this lovely addition to our sanctuary door exit! Many thanks to Donald Duty and Gerry Knief for their work on this and on the awning over the patio.

## **Janelle Vanderploeg's New Mission:**



Through all the mess of the last 2 years, my goal has been to keep my kids lives from changing more than they had to. Being able to raise my kids, take them to and from their activities, fill their summers with memories and be home when they got home from school has always been a blessing to me and I didn't want this to be different for Mila and Easton or change for the others either. This week God has answered so many prayers...I am starting a new adventure on Nov. 5th! I may be crazy or just crazy enough, whichever way you want to look at it but all I know is God is amazing!! I will be teaching 2nd Grade at Marshall County Elementary School while getting my teaching license through the iteach program! Talk about some crazy emotions...scared, excited, nervous, happy but mostly blessed!! And my kids will still have their Momma home! So many answered prayers!

## **Prayer List:**

*Please keep these people in your prayers:*

**Barb Smith  
Bruce Meyer  
Carolee Booth  
Estelle Lyons  
Family of Chip Fellows**

**Gary & Sharon Hoover  
Gerry & Nancy Knief  
Gordy Schnarrs  
Herman DePriest  
Jim Elliott**

**Jo Ann Chovan  
Monica Hupp  
Peter & Dara Pent  
Ray Hauer  
Ruth Worshik  
Will & Lori Conners**

*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 10:30 AM Sunday 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](http://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 \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](#). Weekly bulletins can be found here: [Weekly Service Bulletins 2024 - Faith Lutheran Church Thompsons Station, TN \(faithlutheran-tn.org\)](#)

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## Evangelism Corner



*Psalm 105:1 Oh give thanks to the LORD: call upon his name:  
make known his deeds among the peoples!*

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving and wish each other a "Happy Thanksgiving". But is there more to it? Does **talking** about being thankful make you a good evangelist? Maybe.

But there's also something to be said about **showing** others we're thankful. When we live our lives in a way that demonstrates we are thankful for our lives in Christ, we are **showing** others what it means to be a Christian. The way we act, treat people, handle business dealings, raise families, our work ethic, honesty, integrity—they show other people what we're really all about.

Galatians 5:22-23 states that Christians should exhibit love, joy peace patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. Sometimes it's quite a challenge to act this way when we are feeling angry, hostile, or frustrated. *But we can do it with the help of God!*

Colossians 3:12 provides additional guidance: "*Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience*". While there's not much glamour in our society about exhibiting these traits, our actions do tell a lot what kind of people we are and the way we behave can be a powerful way to share Christ. Something to think about this Thanksgiving...and beyond.

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