



# Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter – September 2023

## September Events:

- The C.S. Lewis discussion Group will Meet on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please contact [Pastor Curt](#) for more information and for the location.
- There will be a Men's Breakfast on September 23 from 8 am-10 am at Big Bad Breakfast, 2086 Wall Street in Spring Hill. They will be meeting separate from the ladies group. Please contact [Kendall Johnson](#) for more information.
- The Ladies will meet for breakfast/coffee September 23 from 8 am-10 am at Big Bad Breakfast, 2086 Wall Street in Spring Hill. They will be meeting separate from the men's group. Please contact [Sheila Johnson](#) for more information.
- The Quilting Bee will meet on **September 10** at noon. Please contact [Cathy DeWitt](#) for more information.

## Sunday School for Children and Youth:



Sunday School for children and youth will begin for the 2023-2024 year on September 10, at 9:15 AM. Sunday School attendance is very important to the overall worship experience. So, we hope to see you there! For more information, please contact [Kami Hoover](#).

## Generation Wise Gathering:



The Stockingers are pleased to host the September Gen-Wise social for the 50+ age group. It will be held on Sunday, September 10, from 4:30-7:30 PM. We're extending a special welcome to new "50+" church members! Please bring some food to share (whatever you bring will be fine!) and an adult beverage if you choose. The Stockinger's will provide a main course and soft drinks. It's a relaxed social--we're just going to hang out, enjoy fellowship, and have a football game on TV.

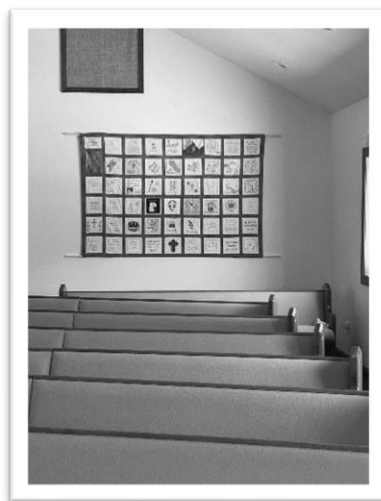
We look forward to seeing you at the social! Put it on your calendar today and send a quick RSVP to [LLStockinger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LLStockinger@sbcglobal.net)!

## Voter's Meeting:



There will be a Voter's Meeting on September 24 immediately following the service. Please plan to attend. We will be seeking nominees/those interested in running for upcoming open church council positions. If you are a new member and wish to join the Voter's Assembly, please contact Pastor Curt and plan to attend the meeting.

## **FLC Family Quilt:**



The Faith Lutheran Church Family Quilt was finished recently. Donald Duty and his daughter Taylor fastened it in its final place on the wall in the rear of the sanctuary. Thanks to Don and Taylor, Cathy DeWitt and the Quilting Bee, and all those that submitted a square for making this happen. To quote one of our members, "A very personal/family touch to the Lord's house we share!"

## **Prayer List:**

*Please keep these people in your prayers:*

**Bruce Meyer  
Barb Smith  
Charmaine Briggs  
Estelle Lyons**

**Jim Elliott  
Lori Predoehl  
Monica Hupp  
Nancy Knief**

**Ray Hauer  
Sharon Hoover  
Will & Lori Connors**

*We also pray for others whose concerns we carry upon our hearts.*

## **Portals of Prayer:**

**From Shirley Binner:** Thanks to all of you who bring in your used Portals of Prayer. Please continue to do so as we are still mailing them to Love Packages in Alabama.

### **Here is a statement from their web site:**

"We continue to send Christian literature to missionaries and Christian workers around the world. Statistics tell us that every piece of literature will be read by an average of 20 people. Each container has at least 1 million pieces, so the potential is to reach 20 million every time we send a container.

We are thrilled that since the beginning of Love Packages in 1975, we have been able to send over 15,000 tons of literature. We have seen thousands of people saved, healed, and delivered as a result of this mission. Pastors and Sunday school teachers have, for the first time, materials to study and teach from.

Love Packages currently sends 20-foot ocean going containers to port cities around the world. These locations act as distribution points and have the capability to distribute these materials to thousands of churches overseas."

## **From Pastor Curt:**

I was thinking about the upcoming celebration of (what our society calls) "Labor Day". GOOD labors ought to be a consideration in acknowledging the concept. We make decisions on that daily and even more ... moment by moment. Investing into family and GOOD habits for families to involve themselves with is prioritized high. We try to talk to each other daily, eat together daily, say goodnight to each other every night. We strive for GOOD LABORS in family things on purpose. We "go to work" and not skip or become "periodic". We send our kids to school and not allow them to do this only "periodically". We submit to exercises of "habit", and cling to the ones that are GOOD ... and stick to that "habit" by choice and exercise.

One "GOOD LABOR" and, so, "habit" would be hearing God talk, gathering where that deliberately happens, get what's offered in the Meal of the Lord's living body and blood, submit ourselves His serving of us for a brief weekly time, and begin our other GOOD LABORS with that OUTSTANDING LABOR. REGULARITY (BEGINNING OF EVERY WEEK) has to be the deliberate decision and exercise. Once a month or every other or so week can't be. Twice a year or quarterly borders on a dangerous idea and a lesson wrongly learned rather than rightly.

I need, and am owed, your ministry and strengthening of me. You can't do it from a distance, you let me know your thoughts of me by your lack of effort and follow-through. More importantly, you let the Lord God know your thought of Him by a lack of effort His way ... and follow-through on what He has to instill in you by an every-week gathering for Him.

The Divine Service and Sunday School/Bible class schedule is yours to submit to. It was your membership agreement and commitment. It was your "profession of faith". And it was and is duty to your children, your pastor, your fellow members, and yourself under God. It's your duty to God to let Him serve you that regularly for the regular living that's daily.

We've got a big sanctuary. We've got sufficient educational classrooms. When we're ALL where we're expected weekly, we FILL THE PLACE, and it's glorious to the senses of all involved. When we "trickle", we're conspicuous in our absence. I grieve as does so many of the many of us. The Lord grieves, I know.

May the Lord grant you a LABOR DAY that becomes differently (and appropriately) considered. May your exercise be a blessing to us all ... including yourself and your families.

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

Weekly adult bible classes are offered both in-person and via Skype on Thursday mornings at 10 am and on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am.

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

## **Church Service Times and Livestream:**

Church service times are Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:30 AM. Please join us! We livestream our services via Facebook and YouTube at 10:30 am on Sundays (see links below).

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