

Mountain *Mover*

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**Our annual Pre-Halloween Bash is
Friday, October 26 from 6:30—8:00 PM.**

Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



"But when he came to himself..."

Everyone knows the Prodigal Son story (Luke 15:11-32). The turning point is when the son, after having wasted his father's resources, after hiring himself out to a pig farmer, comes to his senses and decides to go home. Luke says that *"he came to himself."* He realized that he could do better and he decided to head back home.

What happens when we *"come to ourselves"*? We come to a point where we realize that what we are doing isn't working. We come to a turning point. We become open to new ideas, new directions, new ways of being and doing.

I am mindful that it is much more difficult to be a Christian community today than it was several decades ago. In those days it was common for people to leave home, wander off to college and away from the church, but then to come back home a little later in life. The "draw" was raising their children in a Christian environment. That was presumed to be a healthier, happier, and more helpful path in life. I think that presumption is true for fewer and fewer people.

If we – or any congregation today – fail to wrestle with the new realities of our day we do so at the peril of our reason for being in the world. We're here to love God and our neighbor. To make disciples. To invite others to follow with us as together we follow Jesus.

So there comes a time when we need to look closely at what we are doing. This is a time of discernment, of measuring, of listening, and of responding in new ways. If we don't do that we can end up wasting time and money. We run the risk of squandering God's resources.

We can't just keep doing the same old thing and expect different results. I don't know that we ever could – but today it is more urgent than ever to realize this.

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*The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is
to follow Jesus in blessing the world
with faith, hope, and love.*

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Kelley and I have some friends who are raising young children. They don't participate in church – not because they don't believe in God or because they don't have deeply held Christian values and commitments – it is because they don't trust what they see as the public values of the church. It isn't that they don't believe in Jesus—they don't believe in the church. We keep inviting them to come and give Faith a try. My sense is there are lots of couples just like them. There are more things that keep people away from church than busyness or laziness.

We want to do the best that we can do for the community in which God has planted us. What does it look like for us to be the best congregation for people that we can be?

This is a question that calls for discernment and prioritizing. This is the sort of question that lies behind events like the Leadership Gathering in January and the Dinner, Drinks, and Dreams event in August. These were opportunities to gather with each other and listen to the still small voice that God speaks in each of our hearts and lives. We came away with two priorities.

First, we heard a continued concern that we provide the best possible environment to raise young people with a consequential Christian faith, a faith that makes a real difference in their lives. This is our highest priority because, if we are doing that well, we are also forming consequential faith in parents and other adults along the way. So our number one priority for next year is to improve our ministry of faith formation.

We are excited that we will be seeking outside help from LEAD, the church consulting group headed by our own Peggy Hahn. LEAD brings insight and experience that will greatly benefit us. They will provide coaching to our staff and our lay leadership so that we can align all we do around growing our capacity and effectiveness in faith formation.

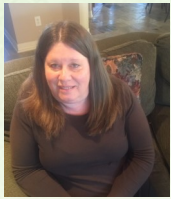
And second, our upcoming capital campaign will allow us to get out of debt, to restore our stained glass wall, to support CCSC, and to free up money that can better be spent for missional purposes beyond paying interest to a bank.

I hope, having identified those two priorities, having “*come to our right minds,*” we can all work together with the same determination that drove the steps of the Prodigal Son as he walked home. Imagine his surprise to discover that his father had been waiting for him all along, to see his father running toward him on the road. Trusting that we are doing the next right thing, may God meet us as well on our journey toward faithfulness.



President's Page

by Wendy Farner, Council President



Thank you to those who attended the Dinner, Drinks, and Dreams gathering at the end of August. We had a wonderful turnout and it was great to receive input from so many voices in our congregation. Discussions were had, dreams were shared, notes were taken, and the church council will move forward with what we have learned. I am excited to see what develops as we move into 2019 and the years that lie ahead.

Fall is always a busy time on the church council. We are busy working with the staff to prepare and approve the budget. New council members must be recruited to serve in the next year (although thankfully this involves only two new people under our new governance model), and we prepare for the upcoming congregational meeting in November. This year we are also looking ahead and planning for our capital campaign in the new year. There is much to do.

In the midst of so much busy-ness in our lives, at church and elsewhere, it is easy to focus on getting things done, crossing the next thing off the list, moving on to the tasks yet ahead. But Pastor Kerry has been careful to always remind those of us on the church council to “trust the process.” I am mindful of his sage advice as I write this message. Trust the process. Yes, we have a new church governance model that we operate under, and as we move through this year we need to trust what our congregation has put in place. We continue to learn and adapt and improve as we go. But I am coming to see that “trust the process” involves much more than that. “The process,” in our case, is that of a Christian community, a group of Christ-followers who have committed to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love. In discerning what Faith Lutheran Church is being called to do to live out its mission, trusting the process includes, quite at the heart of things, trusting Jesus and following where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Well, that's a tall order. I have said before that I sometimes feel envious of Moses, who had God speaking directly to him through the burning bush. His call was hard, but at least he knew what God was asking him to do. God doesn't seem to speak to us so directly these days. But we need to trust the process. God hasn't left us either. Jesus told us that he would be with us always, and we believe the Holy Spirit continues to be active among us - guiding, leading, nurturing, and maybe even shoving us ahead when our human stubbornness gets in the way. Trust the process. Listen for God's call. Follow Jesus. Bless the world with faith, hope, and love. Yes, each and every one of us.

So what does that look like? How do we do that? For each of us that answer will be different. But I trust that the Spirit will move each of us toward our individual contributions. For some of us, it will mean engaging in one or more ministry teams and helping to expand our ministries or offer new ministries to our community. For some of us, it will mean serving on the church council and helping to lead our congregation on the path ahead. For some of us it will mean opening our minds to new opportunities to minister to our community, like we did when we brought Pastor Tan to Bellaire to bless our local Mandarin-speaking community and bring the Word to many for the first time. For some of us, it will mean stretching our capacity to give and making a sizeable donation to next year's capital campaign, trusting that God has a better purpose for those funds than we might. For some of us, it will mean allowing others to minister to us as we enter difficult stretches of our journey. But for all of us, there is a call. Trust the process. Allow yourself to feel the pull of the Spirit. Don't dismiss that feeling that you can do more, that there is something that needs your attention, that you could contribute to where God is leading Faith Lutheran Church. We are all a part of the process. Listen and trust that process. You are called to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love. Be that blessing.

Where is God During a Hurricane?

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



One of the folk sayings my mother taught me when I was a little boy is 水火无情, shui huo wu qing, meaning flood and fire have no mercy. My first experience with a major flooding was last year when Harvey hit Houston. A year later, Hurricane Florence left a trail of devastation in North Carolina. As I watched the news coverage of Florence, the Chinese saying “shui huo wu qing” automatically repeated itself in my mind. Yes, flood and fire have no mercy. So do so many other forms of natural disasters.

But where is God in all of this? Some people try to give “compelling reasons” why God allows natural disaster to happen. They try to reconcile a loving and good Creator and the unmerciful forces of nature. I am yet to be convinced by them.

Indeed, we are to be grateful for God’s creation. My heart is filled with awe and wonder when I recite these words from the scripture, “O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens... When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established” (Psalm 8:1, 3). I also appreciate St. Paul’s words, “Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made” (Romans 1:20). There is so much beauty, goodness, mystery, and order in nature. On the other hand, forces of nature can also be merciless, capricious, and devastating, at least from a human point of view. Since time immemorial, believers have struggled with the question, “Where is the good and merciful God in midst of merciless and devastating natural disasters?”

Albert Schweitzer, the great philosopher, theologian, and Christian medical missionary of 20th century, had profound experiences of both the beauty and cruelty of nature in the jungles of Africa. He wrestled with the questions of God, faith, and nature. He wrote, “all problems of religion, ultimately, go back to this one—the experience I have of God within myself differs from the knowledge concerning Him which I derive from the world. In the world He appears to me as the mysterious, marvelous creative force; within me He reveals Himself as ethical Will. In the world He is impersonal Force, within me He reveals Himself as Personality.

The knowledge concerning God which is derived from Nature is always imperfect and inadequate, because we perceive the things in the world from without only..... In myself, on the other hand, I know things from within. The creative force which produces and sustains all that is, reveals itself in me in a way in which I do not get to know it elsewhere, namely, as ethical Will, as something which desires to be creative within me..... My life is completely and unmistakably determined by the mysterious experience of God revealing Himself within me as ethical Will and desiring to take hold of my life” (Albert Schweitzer, Christianity and the Religions of the World, p. 76, 77).

We may never know why God allows natural disasters (since the human body is part of nature, shall we include cancer and other life-threatening diseases in this category?) to happen, to cause tremendous damage and anguish to human life. However, through the gospel of Jesus Christ, we know that the God who revealed Himself as the Personality is the God of active love, the God of healing, the God of redemption. When we read the story of Jesus healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, lifting up the downtrodden, and raising the dead, we know that God also puts His ethical Will in our heart, which is to heal the sick, to comfort the sorrowful, and to lift up the downtrodden, and to raise the dead.

Houstonians helped each other during Harvey. We also received tons of help from people around the country. Now, we have an opportunity to help victims of Florence to recover and rebuild.

You are invited to bring a gift on Sunday, October 7. To help ELCA’s Hurricane relief effort, go to www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Hurricane-Response.



6 What Kind of Church Does This World Need?

by Dr. Clayton Faulkner, Director of Worship, Music, and Technology



One of my seminary professors recently asked this question. What a fertile question. It gives us a chance to consider

the needs of the world. What is the status of our world these days? Where are there hatred, violence, and chaos? Where are there famine, disease, and scarcity? Where are there hopelessness, illiteracy, and neglect?

Our world is filled with these things. Some of them are right under our local noses. Surprisingly you don't have to drive far to encounter some of these needs. So what kind of church is needed to face the needs of our world? I think you could say lots of things. You could go lots of different directions and still answer this question in a satisfactory way.

The world needs a church that is loving, so loving that it sees every living thing as part of God's holistic creation and takes every chance to embody God's love for the cosmos.

The world needs a church that is adaptive, ready to abandon the old, tired ways of organizational thinking for new ways that bring life and vitality.

The world needs a church that is Christ-centered, focused on the words and ministry of Jesus and how they can bring transformation to our world today.

The world needs a church that is compassionate, never using our status or position in the world to bring harm, but only to bring healing to those who are over-looked.

The world needs a church that is self-sacrificing, willing to give away property, buildings, and money so that others can be better off than they were before.

The list goes on and on. I hope you have your own way of answering the question, because it is an important one. Because really, the question is not about the church, the question is about you and I. What kind of person does this world need? How do I live my life more faithfully for the sake of the world?

My heart always goes back to the sacraments and the assembly. So my answer would be: "The world needs a church that continually gathers around God's story and table, and then embodies that story and food for the life of the world." I think telling a better story and sharing food is what the world needs from us the most.

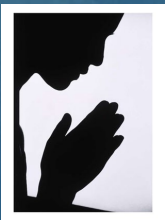


Repairs Begin on the Exterior Wall of our Sanctuary Window



Prayer Corner - High Anxiety

by Peggy Porter



Read Matthew 6:25-33 and Psalm 37:1-7

Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. (Mt. 6:33)

There are many things to be anxious about: events unfolding on the world stage, disease, strife, bills, job, and the welfare of our families can also cause a high degree of anxiety. We stress about things we can and can't control. Thankfully, Christ gives us the cure to all this anxiety we face daily.

Our heavenly Father knows what we need. We needed to be saved from our sins, God gave us Jesus Christ. We needed a counselor to guide us; God sent the Holy Spirit. We needed to know the story of God's great love for us, so God gave us the Holy Scriptures. Christ's body feeds us, and his blood clothes

us in forgiveness. Our loving and gracious God supplies our physical and spiritual needs.

We need look no further than God's word when the fist of anxiety begins to pound on our chest. All that we need can be found there. Secure in our faith in Christ Jesus, we can lay every burden, every fear, every worry on him. Our heavenly Father will get you through every anxious time.

Pray: Omnipotent and omniscient Lord, give us the faith we need to entrust our daily needs to you. Amen.



Differences Don't Equal Different

by John Vickery, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



I have to confess that I could not think of anything to write about for this month's Mountain Mover. I would sit down at the computer ready to write, and I would watch the blinking cursor on the screen. Finally, I would type a couple of paragraphs, only to delete them and be back at square one. I tell you all of this because, through my unknowing what to write about, my mind was kept open to new possibilities. All of a sudden, last Sunday morning as I was cleaning up from MOVE in the Faith Center, I was walking through the gym where Chinese Worship was happening.

As I walked through, they were singing a hymn much like how I am used to each week. As I was listening I realized that I knew exactly which song it was despite being unable to understand the words that were being sung. What I realized is that the song was "Shout to the Lord." The only difference at this particular service it would be read as "向主欢呼". What I discovered is that the language made no difference, in my being able to participate in the singing of the song.

In the same way, God's love and grace knows no earthly language. It does not matter if one's language is English, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese, German, or otherwise. Perhaps even more striking, the realization that Jesus and his followers and anyone from Biblical times, did not speak English at all. In fact, the Old Testament was written in Hebrew while the New Testament was written in Greek.

Language is only one of the many barriers that are put up when it comes to people sharing their faith. There are many more that could be listed, and this article would become far too long. Instead, use this as an example to live out what is said in the Apostles' Creed, "we believe in one holy catholic church." In other words, we believe in the universal church, that includes all people.

So it doesn't matter if you can read this: "Shout to the Lord" or this "向主欢呼"; we are all God's people, and are all called to be his hands and feet in the world. At Faith we say "Be a Blessing." We have many opportunities to live out that call, all we have to do is be open to do it, and to share the universal love and grace that comes from God, given to God's people.



We've jumped right into the 2018-2019 school year! We hit the ground running at the Day School with a new initiative that we're calling Pop Up Parenting Support. This initiative provides parents with ideas to support their child's learning at home. And we do it without much notice – typically in the afternoons as families pick up and head home. Instead of enrolling their preschooler in some type of tutoring program or purchasing workbooks, we encourage parents to do fun, simple activities at home. We set up the materials for two activities at the entryway to the school and invite parents to play with their children. One activity focused on fine motor development and pre-writing skills. Children lined up beads, stickers or other small items along hand-drawn pre-writing patterns including a wavy line and a zig zag line. These simple activities build skills that will last a lifetime.

As part of this event, we hosted a small Usborne Book Fair. At the close of the fair, we received \$270 in books for the classrooms based on sales during this three hour event. This is not bad for one afternoon's work! Usborne book fairs are different from our usual Scholastic book fairs, because the books are non-commercial (no Paw Patrol, Mickey Mouse, Dora the Explorer, or Legos), and the Usborne representative does all of the work related to the fair. She set up/cleaned up, worked the cash register and talked to parents about the best books for their families. Additionally, Usborne books are beautiful, and each has an educational component (it's often hidden!). We were so excited about this fair that we have planned a pop up fair at MDO in early December. We will also host Pop Up Parenting Support events throughout the year at both schools.

In late September, we hosted two welcome events, our MDO back to school potluck and our Day School Open House. At the Mother's Day Out event, families bring food to share, hear introductions from Ms. Jill and Ms. Kendolyn and spend time mingling with other MDO families. As our MDO program continues to grow and become more diverse, events like this one are increasingly more important. We have had to modify the class groupings in our Mother's Day Out program due to a high demand for spaces for 2 year olds. This type of flexibility allows us to meet the ever changing needs of families in our community.

Now that one of the community's favorite restaurants has reopened, we will host our Los Tios Fiesta Night Fundraiser this month. After being closed for months after Hurricane Harvey and not offering fundraising nights in the spring, we will be happy to be back on Monday, October 15. Fundraising nights will be on Mondays this year, instead of Tuesdays. If you'd like to support our fundraiser, please stop by the Beechnut Los Tios at some point between 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM on October 15. You can also support us with your carry out order. Tear off the flyer below and give it to your waiter. Thanks in advance for your support!



Fiesta Night Fundraiser for Faith Lutheran Schools

Present this flyer at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant Meyerland (4840 Beechnut) on Monday, October 15th between 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM. Dine in or Carry Out (713-660-6244).

Pick up additional flyers and give them to your friends and family.
Come support our schools, visit with old and new friends and enjoy a great Mexican dinner.

20% of all sales (excluding alcohol) will be donated back to our schools.



Pre-Halloween Bash

Friday, October 26 at 6:30 PM

We Need Volunteers

- Adults are needed to help run activities.
- We need families to decorate their trunks for the Trunk or Treat Alley and win the Best Decorated Trunk Contest.
- We need cakes for the cake walk.
- **We need lots, lots, and lots of candy donations.**

Sign up on the back of the Connection Card to volunteer for this fun-filled community event. Candy can be dropped off in the bins in the lobby or in the church office. This is an opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to a fun event on our campus.

This year's Tiny Trick or Treat will be held in the Day School wing for children age 5 and under at the same time.



Is ALTAR GUILD a place you could serve?

by Janice Decker, Altar Guild Coordinator

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When I was asked to lead the Altar Guild at the beginning of the year, my first reaction was I can't do that. I am not qualified. I don't know anything about being part of the Altar Guild. I kept thinking that this was way, way out of my comfort zone. Keeping an open mind I was invited to attend the annual get-together this past January. Everyone there was kind and willing to answer my questions. Since that time I have become more comfortable in my role.

I have learned how to prepare the sanctuary for Sunday morning. It seemed like a daunting task. However, we have an instruction book that contains pictures and well-written instructions for setting up the altar, etc. We match new members with experienced members until you are comfortable with the process. Members serve for two consecutive Sundays at both services. Most members set up on Saturday morning, although some set up on Friday, and others come in early on Sunday morning. At each of the services the members will hold the communion trays for the communion assistants. We are able to work around the process if a member is unable to serve at both services. Take down is completed after The Gathering service.



We are looking for new members - men, women, families. If you are unsure if you want to commit, please consider a trial run. All members of the Altar Guild are willing to personally show you what is done. Please contact me if you have any questions. I take care of my grandsons during the day and may be unable to answer the phone. Please leave a message and I will return your call in the evening. Janice Decker: 612-408-2189.

A Houston Non Profit Leader

Michelle Shonbeck

Christian Community Service Center Executive Director Michelle Shonbeck is one of eight nonprofit honorees chosen by the Houston Business Journal for its 2018 Women Who Mean Business Awards. The awards recognize Houston's most successful women business leaders in for-profit and nonprofit industries. HBJ and a panel of independent judges reviewed more than 200 nominations before naming 56 honorees in nine categories: energy, finance, health care, hospitality and retail, law, nonprofit, professional services, technology and IT services, and real estate. The criteria for selection included career achievement, contribution to company and city success, community involvement, and leadership.



Michelle, a Bellaire resident, is deeply committed to CCSC's mission to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences. She has been dedicated to CCSC since 1988 when she began volunteering with the organization while working full time in corporate human resources. In 1993, she was hired as a CCSC program director and in 1995 she became CCSC's Executive Director. "I feel grateful to have been able to find, 30 years ago this year, a place that aligns my skills, interests and values with my professional life," Michelle said. "I've worked with so many extraordinary people and I've learned from all of them, including our clients."

Michelle will be honored at the HBJ Awards Dinner on October 18. Faith Lutheran, a member of the CCSC association of churches, applauds Michelle's selection for this recognition and honor.

12 Mental Health Awareness Week: October 7-13

"Early diagnosis is so important because the earlier a mental illness can be detected, diagnosed and treatment can begin, the better off that person can be for the rest of his or her life."

Rosalynn Carter

Astoundingly, one in five individuals in the United States today will experience a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. Many people who suffer with mental health issues will first turn to their faith leaders for support and assistance. Faith communities include members living with mental illness and their loved ones, often struggling silently.

Mental illnesses are no-fault, biologically based brain disorders which cause disturbances in thinking, feeling, and/or relating. Persons living with these disorders deserve the dignity of medical treatment and a wide range of supportive services from mental health care providers and caring congregations.

Though the majority of individuals living with mental illness can successfully be treated, stigma and misinformation continue to be significant barriers to treatment:

- An estimated 26% of homeless adults staying in shelters live with serious mental illness and an estimated 46% live with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders.
- Only 41% of adults in the U.S. with a mental health condition received mental health services in the past year. Among adults with a serious mental illness, 62.9% received mental health services in the past year.

There are more people with serious mental illnesses in jails and prisons than in state mental institutions.

Faith communities can help reduce misinformation, indifference, and ridicule of people living with mental illness by educating both youth and adults in their congregations. Families

affected by mental illness often wonder, "Why is this happening to us?" which may lead them to question their faith. Educated faith communities can offer emotional, relational, and spiritual counseling to persons touched by mental illness, as well as to ensure a place of compassion.

Education and awareness are valuable keys to shattering the silence that surrounds mental illness and the barriers to its treatment. By dispelling myths, ignorance, and fear, congregations encourage persons touched by mental illness to share their struggles, to regain hope, to seek treatment, and to benefit from the strength of support.

Recovery is possible. Faith communities play a significant role in the healing process by providing a caring community with spiritual connections. Learn all you can; do all you can.

Any Mental Illness (AMI) Among Adults. (n.d.). Retrieved October 23, 2015, from <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/statistics/prevalence/any-mental-illness-ami-among-adults.shtml>



Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Let's Talk Facts



- About 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 12.4%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime.
- In 2018, an estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.
- About 2,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men in 2018. A man's lifetime risk of breast cancer is about 1 in 1,000.

What can **YOU** do now?

Find out about early detection and the signs and symptoms! Visit www.nationalbreastcancer.org for more information.

Parent's Night Out
Friday, October 12
6:00 - 10:00 PM
Faith Center Gym



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Fun activities for kids from ages 12 months to 12 years old.

The cost is \$15 per child . You may pay in cash at the door or online in advance at www.faithbellaire.org/give and select Parent's Night Out. Please cancel reservations anytime prior to the event by email or text message.

Pass this information to ALL of your friends, family, and neighbors for a safe and inexpensive place for your child to go when you need a parent's night out!

Rebecca Ruth Circle

The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, October 4 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room.

We would love for you to join us for Bible study. Come hungry! Bring your sack lunch; desserts and drinks are provided. Socializing with the group is so joyful.

All are welcome!



Journey through the Bible

Saturday, October 6 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 28 @ 3:00-5:30 PM

Conference Room

- Have you ever wanted to see how the whole Bible holds together?
- How the Bible came to be?
- How the various books fit together?



Pastor Kerry will lead you on a walk through every single book. This will be a great learning time for every age, especially parents and children in grades 3 -5, and those seeking a better understanding of the Bible.

Please sign up by email: info@faithbellaire.org.

Sacraments Workshop

Saturday, October 20 @ 9:00 AM

Sunday, November 11 @ 3:00—5:30 PM

Conference Room

- Would you like your child to begin receiving Holy Communion?
- Would you like a brief refresher course in how Lutherans understand the sacraments?



This class is for you too. Join us and bring your child to this workshop. Sign up by email: info@faithbellaire.org.

Fall Family Retreat

October 12 - 14

Lutherhill in La Grange, TX



Please Save the date for the Fall Family Retreat at Lutherhill, La Grange, on October 12 - 14. The cost is \$80 per adult and \$55 per child.

The child rate is for campers 4-12 years of age, campers 3 and under are free! Pick up a registration packet in the lobby this Sunday. For more information please contact John Vickery (jvickery@faithbellaire.org).

Sunday Worship Leader Schedule—October 2018

8:30 AM	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28
Acolyte	James Cross Jr.	John Tan	Christian Georgi	Christian Georgi
Crucifer	Alice Tian	Nicholas Walker	Alice Tian	Emma Voosen
Lector	Sharon Koch	Doug Elsen	Bryan Ives	Brian Georgi
Communion Assistants	Sara Karow Sharon Koch	Lenora Ohlenbusch Tom Dorman	Brian and Heidi Georgi	Brian and Heidi Georgi
Asst Minister	Doug Elsen	William Walker	Carol Strawn	Carol Strawn
Ushers	Art Grove Bill Freeman	Brian Taylor Troy Becker	Brian Taylor Troy Becker	Carl Watson Jeff Addicks
Children's Church	Susan Tallman	Laura Swanson	Mayra Marshall	Jennifer Blessington
Altar Guild	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen
10:50 AM	Oct 7	Oct 14	Oct 21	Oct 28
Acolytes	Aaron Allen Andy Allen	Silas White Dillon Williams	Zach Michaud Nate Michaud	Andres Barenwald Aidan Fidone
Communion Assistants	Jon and Nancy Holmes	Barbara McDowell Roxy Funchess	Staci DeKunder Ella DeKunder	Dave and Wendy Farner
Asst Minister	Janice Decker	Janice Decker	Audrey DeKunder	Audrey DeKunder
Ushers	Lerch Family	Cross Family	Dave and Wendy Farner	Roxy Funchess Susan Tallman
Children's Church	Leslie Parkan	Sara Karow	Susan Tallman	Beth Bruce
Altar Guild	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen	Bob and Ida Medlen

If you have been scheduled as a worship leader and are unable to serve, please respond by clicking "Decline" on the Planning Center Online email. You may also arrange to trade with someone else who is scheduled during the month and advise the church office of the change by Wednesday afternoon.

FALL LEARNING GROUPS

Children and Youth Learning

We want kids to MOVE and participate in learning on Sunday mornings. We want kids to MOVE forward in their relationship with Jesus. We want kids to MOVE out into their world to make an impact.

All elementary groups gather in Room #306 to start.

Toddlers (22 months - 3 years)

Led by Tina Wood, meets in Faith Center Room #301

Pre-K (4 - 5 years) Led by Denise Adams and Helen Watson, meets in Faith Center Room #307

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Led by Kelsey Vickery, meets in Faith Center Room #305

3rd - 5th Grade Led by Mayra Marshall and Jennifer Blessington, meets in Faith Center Room #308

Middle School (6th - 8th Grade) Led by John Vickery and Tom Dorman, meets in Faith Center Room #309

High School (9th - 12th Grade) Led by Kelley Keller, Hannah Anderson, and Alex Dyson, meets upstairs in Faith Center



Adult Learning

Basic Christianity (Chinese) - Led by Pastor Junfeng Tan, Room #300 (Faith Center Community Room)

Circle of Friends - Led by Sara Karow, Room #121 (Day School Hallway)

Outlaw Christian - Led by Dave Gohlke and Rev. Mary Browne, Room #101 (Conference Room)

Taking Faith Home - Led by Betty Becker, Library (Upstairs Room #207)

The Good News Class - Led by Cliff Condit, Room #120 (Day School Hallway)

Young and Elementary Families - Led by Eric and Courtney Lerch, Room #122 (Day School Hallway)

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October 2018 - Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>6:00 PM SW Radio Control (FC)</p> <p>6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401)</p> <p>7:00 PM Pastor's Group (101)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc)</p> <p>9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting (108)</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>6:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilters (101)</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>6:00 PM Painting Group (307)</p> <p>6:00 PM Social Ministry Board Meeting (101)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>10:00 AM Rebecca Ruth Circle</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>7:30 PM Faith Choir (208)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>7:00PM Faith Chinese Bible Study (101)</p> <p>8:00PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204)</p> <p>3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM "Heritage" Worship (Sanc) (FH)</p> <p>9:45 AM MOVE & Learning Groups (FH)</p> <p>10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship (Sanc)</p> <p>10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC)</p> <p>12:00 PM Lunch (FH)</p> <p>1:30 PM Hand bell Choir</p> <p>2:30 PM Faith Chinese Choir & Praise Dance Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc)</p> <p>9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting (108)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (101)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilters (101)</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>6:00 PM Painting Group (307)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL (200, 201)</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Dance (300)</p> <p>3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306)</p> <p>7:30 PM Faith Choir (208)</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 AM Faith Schools' Fall Book Fair</p> <p>6:00 PM Parent's Night Out Women's Group</p> <p>7:00PM Faith Chinese Bible Study (101)</p> <p>8:00PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204)</p> <p>10:00 AM Faith Chinese Fellowship Women's Group</p> <p>3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
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