

# Mountain *Mover*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2020

## In This Issue

### Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, p. 2

### Prayer Corner

by Peggy Porter, p. 2

### Message from the Council President

by Yvonne Moody, p. 4

### New Children's Ministry Coordinator

by Courtney Lerch, p. 5

### A New Semester and Continuing Internship

by Dr. Clayton Faulkner, p. 6

### News from Faith Library

by Laura Swanson, p.7

### We Do Not Live to Ourselves

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, p. 9

### Stewardship Moment

by Stewardship Team, p. 10

### Thank You

by John Vickery, p. 12



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism.

Join us for Ash Wednesday worship on February 26 at 11:45 AM or 7:00 PM. We also offer “drive-through” ashes as a convenient option for the community that day.

# Scattered Thoughts

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



*One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"*

*Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God,*

*the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:28-31

It's February and I have love on my mind.

Specifically, I find myself wondering what love looks like in a world where people argue so vociferously for the means to take another person's life?

Few parents make it through raising children without getting at least one phone call from the school along the way. These are seldom great moments. Sometimes the issue has something to do with classroom behavior or neglected schoolwork. Sometimes those calls are more serious. Every parent's nightmare is receiving a call that their child has been seriously hurt. Increasingly, that has meant some kind of gun violence.

In my time at Faith, even in our little corner of the world, we have seen the effects of gun violence.

I have done several funerals for people who used guns to commit suicide, including both adults and teenagers. I did a funeral for a young man who was killed during a robbery. There was an active shooter at Wesleyan and Bissonnet. The fireman shot in front of the Bellaire fire station. Another active shooter on Westheimer on a Sunday morning. The mass school shooting in Sante Fe. And now another victim at Bellaire High School.

Continued on next page...

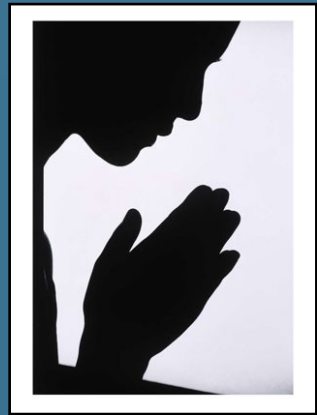
## Prayer Corner - Gifts From Above

by Peggy Porter

Read Genesis 2:4-25 and Psalm 14

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15)*

We are given all we have in life. The Lord creates and sustains. God gives us many things to take care of. God gives us families to take care of one another. God gives us our communities to provide for one another. God gives us jobs as opportunities to serve others through various goods and services. Through those jobs, God provides for our household.



Our Lord gives and places us in our life. God places us to receive the word as well. It is our life and salvation. All that we have in daily life is given to us by God. God gives it to us as a precious gift to be used and taken care of for the good of others. God gives God's word and promise as well, and by faith, we take care of it, use it, and share it for the good of others.

**Pray:** Lord God, grant that we may work and keep your gifts for your service and glory. Amen.



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

**Continued...**

Even though it appears it was an accidental shooting, the victim is no less a victim and the lives of friends and loved ones no less devastated. Guns are dangerous. Inherently, by design, dangerous. They don't belong in schools.

I'm not writing an anti-gun article today. I'm instead wondering what is going on in the hearts and minds of our fellow Americans. We all know that life has always been dangerous and it always ends in death. We start there. Then we figure out what life is going to look like.

The Jesus way of being in the world is simple but it isn't easy. It is rooted in love – love of God and love of neighbor. We choose rules which seek to restrain unloving and harmful behaviors. We seek a balance as we live in the tension between freedom and restraint. Just and loving rules are intended to be helpful in making the best life for the most people possible. I just sometimes wonder what makes guns so special?

I know we can't always trust Google...but I just googled the numbers of people who die each day from car crashes (about 90), a number I found at [driverknowledge.com](http://driverknowledge.com), and guns (about 109), I got that from the Pew Research Center. I don't know the details but I trust that many of those vehicle deaths were connected to impaired thinking due to alcohol or drugs, just as the vast majority of gun deaths were due to suicide.

The three groups of people most at risk of accidental or self-inflicted gun deaths are, in descending order, white middle-aged men, teenagers, and children. How can we make a difference in this?

Responsible gun ownership means locking guns in a safe, separating guns from ammunition, using trigger locks, biometric or otherwise, keeping firearms away from young people.

We can also do everything possible to lower the shame and stigma associated with seeking mental health care and create ways (like the Faith Community Wellness Center) to make mental health care more available and affordable.

Can't we also lobby to change the rules? We ought to begin asking why, given that both guns and cars are woven so deeply into American culture, do we have so many expectations and regulations attached to cars and so few attached to guns?

I fully realize this is a touchy, incendiary, topic for a pastor to address in a church newsletter. It is also real. It is a moral issue. And it is an example of places in our lives where the ethic of love forces us to think more deeply than a Facebook meme or the talking points of some national organization. Because the simple truth remains – gun violence can strike anyone, at any time. We ought to do what we can to stop it. It is the loving thing to do.



# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 9:45 AM

### SANCTUARY

We will meet in the Sanctuary to receive the 2019 Annual Report, approve the revised constitution, and discuss any other congregational topics for 2020. Join us for a fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

## A Message from the Council President

by Yvonne Moody, Church Council President



As the new year begins, many of us make grand resolutions and big plans for the year ahead. Not everyone is successful in changing habits or trying something new, but sometimes we learn something about ourselves simply by beginning the journey. Here at church we have the same opportunity.

I am excited for 2020 for a couple of reasons. Personally, my oldest daughter will be getting married in November, so we have a year full of making plans. Some of the details might create some stress, but I will enjoy spending extra time with her as we work through the process.

So, what excites me about 2020 here at Faith? I have a whole list of things! First, we have a great team of dedicated leaders serving on the church council, and I will enjoy working with them as we discern where God is taking us in this new decade. Second, we have a big celebration to plan! Faith Lutheran Church will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in January 2021, and you will begin hearing plans for this celebration throughout the year. If you've been a part of this congregation long enough to remember some changes (in people and structures) then you probably have something to contribute. Watch for opportunities to help the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee in planning a festive celebration. And, if you are, or have been, a part of any of the ministry teams here at Faith, we want to celebrate those as well. Faith Lutheran Church has been a blessing in this community for 75 years! *THAT* is worth celebration!

Finally, I'm excited to be a part of the work that God is calling us to right now. As a church council, we will be focusing on one of our church's core values – Radical Hospitality. We hope to explore what that means and how we can do better in this area.

Faith is touching the lives of real people every day. We have hundreds of people on our campus each week who are benefitting from the ministries we support, including Faith House, the Faith Day School, and the Cornerstone programs just to name a few. But we should always be asking: Who else needs help that we can offer? I believe there is more we can do, and I'm excited to see how God works in the lives of the people of Faith to bless the world with faith, hope and love.

If you have an idea or concern that you would like the church council to explore, come join us for a monthly meeting! Visitors are always welcome – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month in the conference room.

Happy New Year! Be a Blessing!



## New Children's Ministry Coordinator

by Courtney Lerch, Children's Ministry Coordinator



I am honored to join the staff of Faith Lutheran Church as the Children's Ministry Coordinator. I look forward to joining with all families here at Faith on our journey of raising faithful children amidst the challenges of today's world. As I lay out the calendar for Children's Ministry in 2020, I plan to have many different types of activities, including activities geared toward children, events for children and their parents to do together, and gatherings specifically for parents. Within these target groups, I aim to have some learning activities for bringing faith formation back to the home, some social events for building community, and some service opportunities to teach our children the importance of giving back. If you have any ideas of activities that you would like to see happen this year, please reach out and let me know!

The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope, and love. A vital part of living out this mission is community service. One influential way of instilling this value of service in our youth beginning at a young age is to include them in age-appropriate, hands-on service experiences. With this mission in mind, the first Children's Ministry event of 2020 is a service opportunity. The families of preschool and elementary-aged children will come together to sort the canned goods donated for Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 2. During this activity, children will learn about where the food will go and the people who receive it in addition to the tangible experience of sorting alongside their parents. We hope many families will join us following the Gathering Service on February 2!

The next planned event is for parents! On the evening of Friday, February 28, parents will meet at a local restaurant to have some kid-free social time. This coincides with Parents Night Out so there is an easy childcare option available! Be sure to add this event to your calendar and be on the lookout for more events throughout the spring. I am excited to see how God guides the growth of Children's Ministry at Faith in 2020!

---

### Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 2

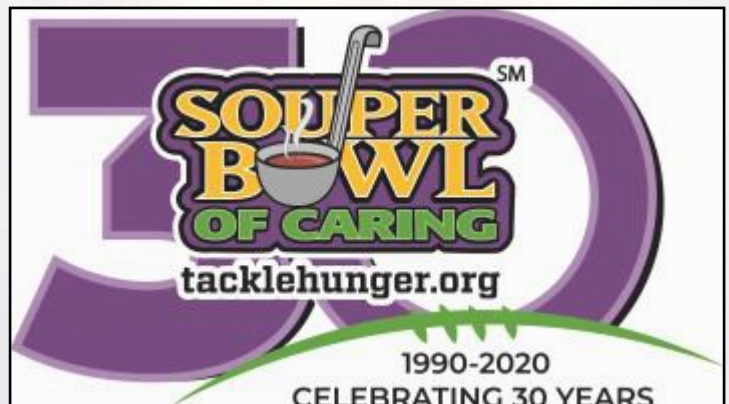
Wear the jersey of your favorite football team to church to get into the spirit!

Bring a bag or two filled with canned food for the CCSC Food Pantry (there will also be a basket available for cash/check donations).

Families of preschool and elementary-aged children: join us for the service project following the Gathering Service this Sunday!

Here is a list of CCSC's most needed items:

- ◆ Boxed Cereal
- ◆ Canned Fruit (in juice or light syrup)
- ◆ Hearty Soups Canned
- ◆ Vegetables (low sodium)
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Canned Tuna or Chicken
- ◆ Beans (dry, bagged – pinto, kidney, etc.)
- ◆ Rice





## A New Semester and Continuing Internship

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



February 1 is an important date for me because it marks the completion of my first year of internship at Faith Lutheran Church. I am grateful for all the things I am learning about pastoral ministry. I am thankful to have Pastor Kerry as my supervisor during this time. I also want to thank Karen Elsen for being the chairperson of my internship committee. And it has been wonderful working with a supportive committee.

Because I am a Collaborative Learning student at Wartburg Theological Seminary (Dubuque, IA), I am able to complete my internship at Faith. The old model of seminary included three years of residential classwork and one year of internship offsite in a congregation. The CL model at Wartburg rolls the classwork and internship all together, having students serve in a congregation all four years of seminary. My internship lasts 18 months. That means I have completed two-thirds of the internship and have six more months to go. I will finish internship on August 1, 2020 and then complete the rest of my coursework in May 2021.

It is hard to believe that I've been a pastoral intern at Faith for one year already. When you're in the full rhythm of ministry, with a new Sunday coming every seven days, this work can go by quickly. I have many goals during this transitional time that will help me in my formation as a pastor. The obvious, most visible things I'm learning are preaching, presiding in worship, and providing pastoral care.

There are many other, less visible things that I am doing to be formed for pastoral ministry. Last month I began leading the high school Learning Group on Sunday mornings with Kate. Last year I started to meet with a spiritual director once a month to reflect on where God is in the midst of my life. I've been to three retreats with other interns from across Texas, with other people pursuing candidacy in our synod, and with other pastors to learn more about preaching. I've been trained on how to use tools for pre-marital counseling.

Another less visible milestone happened on January 18 when I got to preside at my first funeral. Sadly, it was for one of my aunts. We made the trip to Port Lavaca, where my dad is from, to lay her to rest at a graveside service. It was a special occasion where I got to visit many extended family members that I rarely see. And I think my aunt would have liked that she was my first funeral. She was a very spiritual person and took a special interest in my calling.

Classes begin February 4 for the spring semester of my third year. I will be in Dubuque, IA during the first week of February to get the semester rolling. I am enrolled in three classes this semester: The Global Church in Motion 2, Pastoral Care in Context, and Isaiah. Thank you for being on this journey with me.





## News from Faith Library

By Laura Swanson, Parish Ed Team

### What Book Are You Reading Right Now?

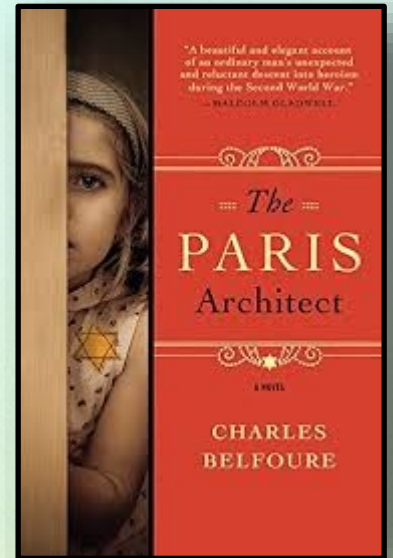
This is a question I ask people, even if I don't know them very well. As an avid reader, I am interested in knowing if you like to read and if so, what are you reading right now?

Right now, I am reading The Paris Architect. I picked it up because the cover appealed to me and my brother is an architect. I should say that this is a book for mature readers due to the content.

The plot takes place in Paris, France during the Nazi occupation (1940-1944). A man and his wife have very strong, differing opinions about the work he is doing for the Germans, who dominate every aspect of their lives. The man sees the need for survival (food) and the wife sees her husband's job - an architect who designs factories for the Reich - as traitorous. The plot thickens when the man starts designing clever and effective hiding places for Jews who are trying to escape the cruelty and brutality of that dark time.

The book is historical fiction and I have enjoyed reading it. The author develops characters who are deep-thinkers and who form complex relationships. My take away is that, when needed, the characters do what they thought they could never do - not for their own benefit, but for the benefit of another human being.

What are you reading? We'd love to know! Please email us to share your current read: [library@faithbellaire.org](mailto:library@faithbellaire.org). Someone will contact you for a proper Q&A.



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
**@ 8:00 AM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**





**TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod  
at Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade  
January 20, 2020**





# We Do Not Live To Ourselves

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



I made a quick trip to China at the end of last year. I left Houston on December 23, 2019 and came back on January 1, 2020. My father was hospitalized due to a serious heart and lung condition. I was able to be with him in the ICU unit of the county hospital of Jingyang, a small city that is twenty minutes from the Xi'an International Airport. The cardiovascular ICU unit is a big room with nine patients' beds. Each patient has at least one family member as caretaker around the clock. There is no divider curtain between patients. At nighttime, caretakers sleep on cots or recliners beside patient beds. A few caretakers share a bed with their patients. When it is mealtime, some caretakers go to the hospital cafeteria to buy food and bring it back to the ICU to eat with patients. Others go out to buy food at food stalls and restaurants on a busy street adjunct to the hospital. Patients and caretakers share one big restroom which is at the corner of the ICU. Every morning, I and other caretakers go to the restroom (which has two faucets) to wash face and brush teeth. Some caretakers also wash their hair and clothes in the restroom. There was no shower room in the hospital. The hospital is supposed to be smoking free. However, some caretakers use the restroom as a smoking room.

For the first two days, I felt very uncomfortable with the noise, the smell, the crowdedness, and lack of privacy in the ICU. I wished my father was in a different hospital with much better conditions. Gradually I made the adjustment and became less and less bothered by the less-than-ideal conditions of the hospital. As I chatted and became a little acquainted with other caretakers and patients, I started feeling comfortable and even at home in the ICU. The patient on one side of my father's bed was a lady. Her husband was her sole caretaker. I was struck by this man's kindness and gentleness. Since I was not familiar with some of the caretaking tasks, he coached and helped me on several occasions. When my brother and I were away from the ICU for a short while, this gentleman would watch my father for us. When I dozed off or fell asleep and my father needed my help, this gentleman would gently wake me up. The patient across from my father's bed was a barber. He was from Sichuan Province. I barely understood his Sichuan accent. But he liked to chat with me and asked me many questions about my father, me, and my two brothers. He was always cheerful, always had a big smile. Just talking with him lifted up my spirit. His daughter told me he is the best barber. She said his father is such a good and well known barber that he is often invited to people's homes to cut one-month or three-month-old infant's hair (it is a tradition in some parts of China).

Jingyang County Hospital is not a big hospital. However, my brothers and I were impressed by the knowledge and skills of doctors and nurses of the hospital. I especially appreciate the kindness, respect, and courtesy they show toward patients and families. The way they talk and communicate made me feel we are part of their family. My father's condition improved considerably when I left Jingyang. Three days after I came back to Houston, he was discharged from the hospital.

My seven-day experience in the ICU of the Jingyang Hospital reminded me of the healing power of the community. I believe the closeness (both psychological and physical) between patients, doctors, nurses, and caretakers in that big ICU room helps create a sense of togetherness, a sense of intimacy. No one has to feel he or she is alone. No one has to feel he or she is separated from others. No one has to fight the illness and confront his or her fear in total isolation. If togetherness contributes to healing and life, then separateness contributes to illness and death. As Apostle Paul says, "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves" (Romans 14:7).

***P.S. Please pray for the global efforts to stop the spreading of the Wuhan coronavirus. Pray for all who have been infected and affected by the epidemic.***



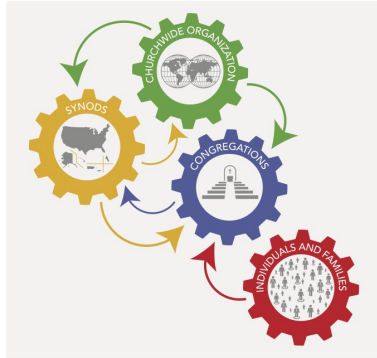
# Stewardship Moment

by Stewardship Team



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## WHERE DOES MY OFFERING GO?

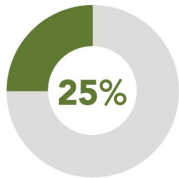


ELCA members in more than 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately **\$1.75 billion** in regular offering to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide. When members give through their **congregations**, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local **synod** and the national **churchwide organization**.

This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations. Of these unrestricted gifts, the churchwide organization receives around 2.6 percent. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization's operating budget.

### Your Mission Support helps fund the following churchwide ministries:

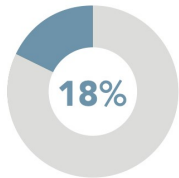
#### Grow the ELCA in the United States



**Plant and support**  
357 new congregations.

- **Enable congregations to renew their ministries** and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- **Work together** with our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina members to develop networks and resources for ministry.
- **Develop and share resources** for faith, discipleship, prayer and worship.

#### Grow the Lutheran church around the world



**Send 230 missionaries**  
in more than 48 countries, and more than 84 Young Adults in Global Mission in 11 country programs.

- **As a member of The Lutheran World Federation, we're in communion with 145 member churches** and directly connected to 85 companion churches in other countries.
- **Accompany new Lutheran churches**, expand ministries, and train leaders and evangelists.

#### Provide coordination and support for churchwide ministries



**Maintain constituent database**, including 1.1 million records of rostered and lay leaders, members, donors and congregations.

- **Preserve and maintain archives and historic records** of the ELCA and its predecessor bodies.
- **Provide office space, equipment and human resources** for staff and operations.
- **Process 150,000 gifts** to ELCA ministries.
- **Equip congregations and synods** with resources to assist in risk management and legal matters.

#### Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA

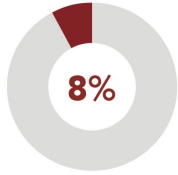


**Recruit, prepare and implement a system** for the assignment of 9,900 rostered ministers.

- **Support the work** of seven ELCA seminaries and 26 colleges and universities.
- **Identify, connect and provide** ministry resources and opportunities for networking for lay leaders.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.



## Invest in **technology** and **communications**

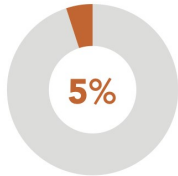


### **Design and maintain communications tools**

to strengthen our Lutheran identity and grow awareness of our church and its mission and ministries.

- **Connect members with one another** through new technology and systems.

## Provide **governance and leadership**

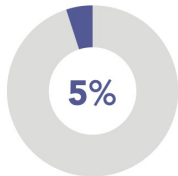


**65**

**Coordinate meetings and support** for 65 synodical bishops.

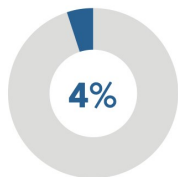
- **Organize lay and clergy leaders from across the church to serve** on the governance boards and committees that provide guidance and oversight for ELCA ministries.

## Grow and **sustain** financial resources



**Develop and promote** efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation and growth in giving to all church ministries.

## Address social issues and **work for justice**



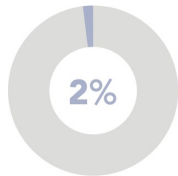
**1 in 50**

**Support** social ministry organizations, such as Lutheran Services in America, to impact the lives of **1 in 50** Americans.

- **Engage** in churchwide study and deliberation to create social statements and resources that address social, political, environmental and other public issues.
- **Equip** members and leaders to advocate with lawmakers in order to support policies that promote justice and peace.

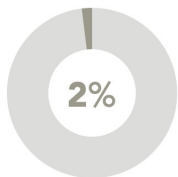
*Your designated gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response provide additional funds annually to address hunger, poverty and suffering around the world.*

## Engage in **research** and **strategic planning**



**Research and analyze trends that impact the ELCA and develop innovative strategies** to improve mission and ministry in the 21st century.

## Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith relationships**



**Facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths**, including the development of resources and communications for ELCA congregations.

- **Seek unity in faith and life** with all Lutherans and six full communion partners.





**Adalynn Anne Vickery**

born January 29, 2020

7 lbs 2 oz

19 1/4 inches

## Thank You

by John Vickery, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



As many of you have probably heard by now, Kelsey and I have been expecting the birth of our first child. Hopefully, by the time this article makes it into your hands we will be already updating everyone that delivery was smooth and that all is well.

That being said, I cannot help to still have a strange feeling in the pit of my stomach that something severe could still go horribly wrong. How can a period of such joy and anticipation, also contain such heartache and apprehension? It seems all too often that the things that bring us joy are dampened by something negative that is also going on in our lives. We may have seen something in the news, heard something from a friend, or just feel down for the day. It often seems that there is much more negativity in our life than positive.

That notion is all too true as I am, as I write this, in the final stages of preparation. There have been numerous trips to the hospital, sleepless nights, and a seemingly never-ending list of tasks to complete. Under all of that pressure it is, at times, difficult to remember the joy of having a child.

I wonder if these are the similar emotions that Mary and Joseph experienced in the days leading up to the birth of Jesus. The stressors of having a child, not having a roof over their head, and facing persecution must have been a tough pill to swallow after the exciting news Gabriel had brought.

At the end of the day, what is important to remember is that God answers prayer, always. Back in my camp days, I remember teaching a group of third graders that God answers prayer even when it doesn't seem like God does at all. I would tell them that God answers prayer in one of three ways: yes, no, or wait. It was such an easy thing to say, but a totally different thing to believe for myself. Kelsey and I have been living in such uncertainty of what our family future was going to look like, and it seemed like we continued to get no answers other than to wait for what was coming next. We now know why.

Thank you to all of you at Faith Lutheran and beyond for your continued and unwavering support of Kelsey and I. We are excited to share our life with all of you and are happy that we have a church community to call a second family!



# 2020 FAITH CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



JULY 13 - 31, 2020

[WWW. FAITHBELLAIRE.ORG/FAITHCAMP](http://WWW.FAITHBELLAIRE.ORG/FAITHCAMP) July 13 - 31, 2020

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:00- 10:00 PM**



Faith Center  
Gym



### Sunday Worship Leader Schedule—February 2020

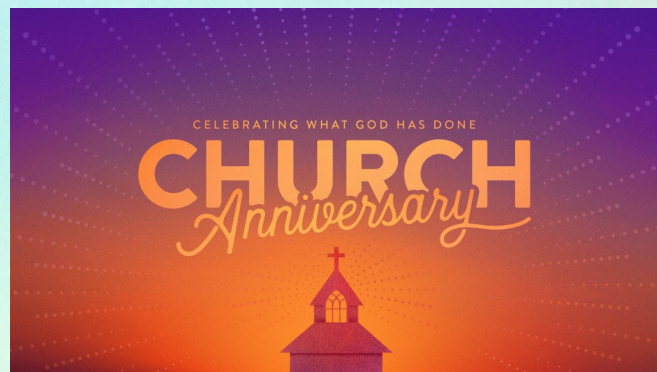
8:30 AM	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
<b>Acolyte</b>	Christian Georgi	Zach Michaud	Ava Cauley	Aaron Allen
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andres Baerenwald	Alice Tian	Christian Georgi	Andy Allen
<b>Lector</b>	Brian Georgi	Dave Gohlke	Bryan Ives	Carl Watson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Brian and Heidi Georgi	Carl Watson Dave Gohlke	Brian and Heidi Georgi	Carl Watson Dave Gohlke
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Joann Welton	Karen Elsen	Karen Elsen	Annika Becker
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeff Addicks Scott Ramsey	Jeff Addicks Scott Ramsey	Bill Puryear Troy Becker	Bill Puryear Troy Becker
<b>Children's Church</b>	Susan Tallman	Melinda McGouldrick	Helen Watson	Mayra Marshall
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diana Freeman Diana Rettig	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman	Bob and Ida Medlen	Betty Dossey Diana Freeman
10:50 AM	Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
<b>Acolytes</b>	Dillion Williams Silas White	Deacon Faulkner Masamo Faulkner	Aidan Fidone Caleb Fidone	Andres Baerenwald Zach Michaud
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Dave and Wendy Farner	Barbara McDowell Steve Walker	Lorah Gough Roxy Funchess	Diana Boihem Karen Ellison
<b>Asst Minister</b>	Eric Lerch	Susan Tallman	Susan Tallman	Sam Kennedy
<b>Ushers</b>	Roxy Funchess	Parkan Family	Albert Family	Lerch Family
<b>Children's Church</b>	Kevondra Mathis	Leslie Parkan	Amy McNulty	Beth Bruce
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Melinda McGouldrick Dylan McGouldrick	Betty Dossey Tina Wood	Bob and Ida Medlen	Betty Dossey

***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.***



## Save the Date - 75th Jubilee Celebration

Faith is getting ready to celebrate an important anniversary. In January of 2021, the church will be 75 years old, and we are beginning to plan a year-long celebration to be launched in January 2021 and culminate in the closing months of that year. The plans will involve the participation of many groups and individuals. We invite everyone to become involved. Watch for an opportunity to sign up in the Connection Card, or call Stacy in the church office at 713.664.3048 or contact one of the co-chairs (George Amundson or Karen Elsen) to express your interest in helping.



# Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

## Women's Connection

Women's Connection will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 AM. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about the Women's Connection, please contact Jane Gips at 281-630-8088.

## Rebecca Ruth Circle

The Rebecca Ruth Circle will meet on **Thursday, February 6 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 will be provided. Socializing with the group is so joyful. All are welcome!

### Faith Lutheran Church

4600 Bellaire Boulevard at Avenue B  
Bellaire, Texas 77401

Office: 713-664-3048

Fax: 713-664-3371

Faith Day School: 713-664-3233

Mother's Day Out: 713-664-7726

FaithBellaire.org

FaithDaySchool.org

FaithHouseHouston.org

info@faithbellaire.org

Rev. Kerry Nelson

Rev. Junfeng Tan

Stacy Williams

Dr. Clayton Faulkner

John Vickery

Courtney Lerch

Kendolyn Pope

Yu Cao

Patricia Deckard

Alan Balus

Nettie Rodriguez

Senior Pastor

Associate Pastor

Director of Operations

Pastoral Intern

Director of Youth and Family

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Director of Faith Schools

Morning Office Coordinator

Afternoon Office Coordinator


Organist/Choir Director

Evening Facility Manager





# February 2020 - Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>8:30 AM Heritage Worship 9:45 AM Learning Groups/MOVE 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship ( 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 1:30 PM Handbell Choir (208) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>						<p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204) 9:30 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 AM Heritage Worship 9:45 AM Learning Groups/MOVE 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship ( 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 1:30 PM Handbell Choir (208) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401) 7:00 PM Pastor's Group (101)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 10:15 PM ESL Intro Level (201) 1:00 PM AARP fitness Class (RM 300) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Stewardship Team Mtg (108) 7:00 PM First Place 4 Health (306) 7:30 PM AA Men Only</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilters (101) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Grief Share (209) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Painting Group (306) 6:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg (201) 7:00 PM Weight God's Way (201) 8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Rebecca Ruth Circle (101) 10:15 AM ESL Intro Level (201) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 PM LEAD Celebration (FC) 8:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204) 10:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Heritage Worship 9:45 AM Learning Groups/MOVE 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship ( 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 12:15 PM Comm. Life Team Meeting (101) 1:30 PM Handbell Choir (208) 4:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 10:15 AM ESL Intro Level 1:00 PM AARP (FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:00 PM Church Council Mtg. (101) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilting (101) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Grief Share (209) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Painting Group (307) 7:00 PM Weight God's Way (201) 8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:15 AM ESL Intro Level 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM FH Volunteer Mtg. (101) 9:00 AM Grey Sheet Eating Program (204) 10:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>7:00 AM Blood Drive (300) 8:30 AM Heritage Worship 9:45 AM Congregational Meeting 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 12:15 PM Worship Team Meeting (201) 1:30 PM Handbell Choir (208) 2:45 PM Parish Ed. Team Meeting (201) 4:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30AM ESL (200,201) 6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 10:15 PM ESL Intro Level (201) 12:30 PM AARP (FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Faith School Board Mtg. (101) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilting (101) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Grief Share (209) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Painting Group (307) 7:00 PM Weight God's Way (101) 8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Greysheet Eating Program (204) 10:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM Heritage Worship 9:45 AM Learning Groups/MOVE 10:50 AM "The Gathering" Worship 10:50 AM Faith Chinese Worship (FC) 12:00 PM Lunch (FH) 1:30 PM Handbell Choir (208) 4:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Al-Anon (300)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 6:00 PM Cornerstone Climbers Parents (401) 7:00 PM V8 Early Ford (300)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15 AM Children's Chapel (Sanc) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting (108) 10:15 PM ESL Intro Level (201) 12:30 PM AARP (FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:00 PM First Place for Health (306) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM LWR Quilting (101) 9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 10:00 AM Grief Share (209) 11:45 AM Ash Wednesday Worship 12:00 PM Lenten Lunch ( FC Gym) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 6:00 PM Painting Group (307) 6:15 PM Lenten Dinner ( FC Gym) 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 8:00 PM AA (300)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 AM ESL Class (200, 201) 3:00 PM Cornerstone (400, 401, 306) 7:30 PM Faith Choir (208) 7:30 PM Cornerstone (306, 400, 401) 8:00 PM AA Men Only (300)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 PM Parents Night Out (FC Gym) 8:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Greysheet Eating Program (204) 10:00 AM Cornerstone (300, 306) 3:00 PM AA Co-Ed (300)</p>