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### Join us for our Trunk or Treat on Halloween afternoon!

Every year we have a huge festival at the church where hundreds of people from the community come for food, games, and activities. This year will be a little different, as expected. There will be no indoor activities this year. But we know kids need their candy! So we will provide a safe, socially distant trunk or treat in our parking lot. If you'd like to hand out candy from your trunk, send Courtney a note at clerch@faithbellaire.org. You can also donate candy and drop it off at the church office. Please share the news and invite your neighbors!

# **Scattered Thoughts**

by Rev. Kerry Nelson, Senior Pastor



The story goes that someone asked Martin Luther, "What would you do if you knew the world was ending tomorrow?" Luther answered, "I'd plant a tree."

In that answer Luther captures what it means to follow Jesus on a daily basis. We do our lives one day at a time. We trust that God can redeem what is broken and that the universe bends toward justice. We each do our part, every day, that God's will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. And we do that with every day we are given.

Like you, Kelley and I are both terribly concerned about what we see happening in the world around us these days. Everything from the terrible toll of Covid-19 to the family disruptions of a ZOOM school year to natural disasters to social unrest to economic devastation for so many people. There is so much going on that we never thought we would ever see. The world isn't ending but things sure are changing and uncertainty rules the day. So we decided to buy a house. It was our way to plant a tree.

I'm also very aware that Kelley and I are buying a house, we aren't buying a home. We already have a home. We have always had a home. For us, home is where we are. This "new to us" house will become our home as soon as we move in and it will remain our home as long as we live there. I think that is the case for all of us.

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# Check out FaithBellaire.InFellowship.com!

InFellowship is our secure and easy to use online tool that allows our members and guests to connect to what's happening at Faith. Through your online accounts, you will be able to:



### 1) Access and update your contact information

Our Privacy Settings allow individuals to determine which pieces of personal information can be viewed by others.

# 2) Search and manage group involvement

This allows group leaders to manage groups and contact members of their group and prospects to find and inquire about joining a group.

## 3) Use the church directory - You MUST OPT-IN

Allows users to opt in to have their information displayed in an online directory. All access to information is controlled by the user by configuring your privacy settings.

# 4) View your contribution statements

Once enrolled, the church office will approve the user profile and contributions will be posted to the head of household's profile.

### 5) Find a group

Click "Find a group" and "Search" to see a listing of current Learning Groups and Relational Groups. See topic descriptions, times and locations, and sign up to participate.



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



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These past 6 ½ years that Kelley and I have been renters has also taught us some lessons that we ought never forget. We realize that the mythic "American Dream" has always included buying "our own" home. All of that is well and good. There are really good reasons to buy a home. You know them all. But the sad fact is that, even though half of Americans rent where they live, we often felt like second class citizens. Like, somehow, the American Dream, which includes much more than owning a home, wasn't available to us.

The neighbors we had didn't treat us like we belonged in the houses in which we lived. We had no voice in a homeowner's association. We were at the mercy of our landlords. We had to leave the first house we rented after two years because the landlord decided to sell it. Our next house was owned by a man in Florida - his local property manager had handled things for the house for over 30 years and had never once met him in person. We were nothing but a rent check to him. Our hearts go out to all those living with the fear of eviction in this pandemic.

So, we decided to buy a house of our own.

"Own" is an interesting word. When it comes to houses, we say we "own" it when the deal closes and we get the keys. But the truth is, the bank will own the house for a long time. And even if we fully paid off our mortgage, property taxes and HOA fees pretty much mean that we are renting the space on which we live from the HOA, the city, and the state. But here comes the big surprise....all of that is nothing more than the way that human beings have grown accustomed to doing their lives in community. It is another way of seeing how everything is connected.

The deeper truth about the word "own" is the reality that God is the real Owner of all things. We don't "own" anything. Regardless of what the bank or the IRS or an accountant tells us. Everything that we have, and everything that we are, belongs to God. We are stewards. We are caretakers. We are gardeners. We don't belong to ourselves and nothing belongs to us.

Christian stewardship is a far more encompassing concept than our charitable contributions to Faith. It means that, in every aspect of our lives, we do our part - in our homes, in our neighborhoods, in our congregation, in our city, in our country, in our world.

Even when it feels like everything is falling apart, we plant a tree and trust God.

# **CREATING A BRIGHT FUTURE,** ONE CLEAN HOUSE AT A TIME!

Do you dread cleaning but love that fresh, organized feeling in your home? CCSC has a solution - hire a Martha's Way graduate! There is no task too big or small. Clear out those closets, wipe away the dust, and tidy up neglected corners. Graduates are ready to work on one-time projects, or standard weekly or bi-weekly cleanings.

When you hire a Martha's Way graduate, you receive an outstanding service AND you make a difference in the life of a budding entrepreneur.

Contact Ana Tappan at 713-961-3993 or visit ccschouston.org/marthasway.







# **CCSC Food Pantry Drive**

Christian Community Service Center is on the front lines of feeding people and meeting their basic needs. During this national COVID-19 crisis, CCSC is experiencing difficulty obtaining groceries from its distributors, so your food donations will help keep the shelves stocked.

You can drop off food donations at the following two locations:

- 1. Food Pantry at 3230 Mercer St. (77027) Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM -11:00 AM.
- 2. Food Pantry at 6856 Bellaire Blvd (77074) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 10:00 AM 1:00 PM, CCSC's Bellaire food pantry is located in the church's Canterbury Hall on the east side of the church campus (the same side as KIPP Connect school). Go to the blue double doors of the building closest to the athletic field.

### Here's a list of items that will help the most:

- Bags with handles for packing groceries (paper, reusable, plastic)
- Pasta
- Hearty soups (with meat or beans)
- Canned tuna or chicken
- Boxed dry cereal
- Canned vegetables (all types)
- Canned fruit (all types)
- Cleaning wipes
- Toilet paper
- Bar soap
- Baby wipes/diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)





Christian Community Service Center

Dear CCSC Friend,

We are delighted to invite you to our Cheers to 40 Years CCSC Birthday Celebration benefiting CCSC's service to **Houstonians in need.** This virtual event will celebrate all God has done--and will continue to do--through CCSC.

Join us on November 12 at Noon for this special celebration of CCSC's 40 years of serving the community.

We are happy to have Jo Ann Fry and Chris Martin chairing the event, and we are excited to gather with you to celebrate your impact through CCSC over the years.

In 1980, six churches founded CCSC to fulfill the church's call to meet the immediate needs of people in crisis. Volunteers humbly opened CCSC's doors for the first time in a converted plumbing shop. Through building changes, hurricanes, floods, recessions, and a pandemic, CCSC and its member churches and supporters have remained faithful to this call and served thousands of men, women, and children in need.

Today, thanks to the generosity of the CCSC family, we are:

- serving over four times as many food packages to clients compared to last year as the pandemic continues to affect our community.
- coaching men and women through our employment programs, encouraging them on their pathways to success during this uncertain time.
- caring for children through Back To School and Jingle Bell Express.

And this year, we are moving into a beautiful, spacious and functional new building, where we will serve more and serve better in the years to come. All of this is only possible because of you.

By purchasing a ticket online at <a href="https://ccschouston.home.qtego.net">https://ccschouston.home.qtego.net</a>, you will receive a hand-delivered birthday cupcake and information on area restaurants offering special CCSC promotions. You'll also get a sneak peek into our brand-new building. Your ticket cost will directly support CCSC's work, and you'll have the opportunity to select items from our online auction.

We look forward to "seeing" you on November 12—a celebration of CCSC wouldn't be the same without you!

Sincerely,

Michelle Shonbeck **Executive Director** 

Sharon Current Development Director

# **Final Year of Seminary at Wartburg**

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



As I write this, I am already two weeks into the fall semester of my final year at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. It is hard to believe I am here. It seems like not long ago I was flying to Dubuque for the first time, following the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. And now it is the final year. I'm glad to share this journey with you.

This semester seems like it is going to be good and includes some very fascinating courses. Here are the courses I'm enrolled in and a brief description for each.

"Spiritual Practices" is a small group that students meet in every week for prayer and reflection. We meet on Wednesdays at 11:40 AM. This semester we are reading and discussing *When Tears Sing: The Art of Lament in Christian Community* by William Blaine-Wallace.

"Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians" is a three-hour course that meets on Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:15 PM. It is a deep dive into the background, rhetorical structure, and theology of 1 Corinthians.

The other three-hour course I'm taking is called "The Contemporary Crisis of Defining and Confessing the Gospel." It meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM. This seminar examines the biblical witness (both Testaments) to the gospel; explores the Lutheran principle of law/gospel; discerns some of the primary and enticing, distorting formulations of the gospel; considers the meaning of the gospel in the encounter



with the religions of the world; considers the contemporary meaning of the article on justification as the article by which the church stands or falls; and explores the interrelatedness of gospel, culture, and mission.

There are three one-hour electives I am taking to round out my schedule. The first is called "Texts and Tapestries: Discovering the Multiple Textures of Scripture." It meets on Monday at 11:40 AM. In this seminar we are asked to consider the question: Is there one right way to read and interpret the Bible? We will engage a variety of interpretative strategies that seek to understand the biblical text in its originating context (the story in the text and the story behind the text).

Another elective is "Topics in Pastoral Care: Practical Theology in Congregation and Community." It meets on Fridays at 9:30 AM. This course will focus on practical theology as a discipline of theology and its implications for ministry and leadership in congregations and communities. Practical theology can serve as a decidedly theological basis for an approach to leadership in congregation and community, negotiating matters such as communal discernment, decision-making, dealing with conflict, responding to great needs, initiatives in/for ministry, etc. The course intends to help students, as practical theologians in the parish, further develop and hone the ability to attend, in a deliberate and deliberative manner, to the work of description before moving too quickly to a) reflection/interpretation, and finally b) deciding and acting.

The final elective course I'm taking is called "Ministry with and Among People with Disabilities." This course will be offered over a three-day intensive in October. I am looking forward to learning more about ministering with and being inclusive of people with disabilities. As I said, this is a very fascinating semester and I look forward to all that I will learn.

# **Celebrating 75 Years at Faith Lutheran Church**

Preparations are underway for a year-long celebration to commemorate Faith Lutheran Church's 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the activities, we want to hear from you! Please email **jubileeteam@faithbellaire.org** and let us know what area(s) you are interested in, or if you are willing to help as needed. Specific areas where help is needed include: audio-visual, photo journalism, event hosts, fundraising, and archiving.

What: Celebrating 75 Years of God's Blessings: 1946 - 2021

Why: In 1 Corinthians 13:13, Paul writes, "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (NRSV). The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to follow Jesus in blessing the world with faith, hope and love. During the Jubilee, we will celebrate how we carry out our mission through worship,

healing, and learning.

**When:** Please save the following dates:

January 31, 2021: Commencement

March 21, 2021: Celebrating 75 years of Worship at Faith June 6, 2021: Celebrating 75 years of Healing Ministries at Faith November 21, 2021: Celebrating 75 years of Learning at Faith

January 23, 2022: Celebrating 75 Years of Faith Gala

**How:** The following will be heard or seen consistently throughout the year-long celebration:

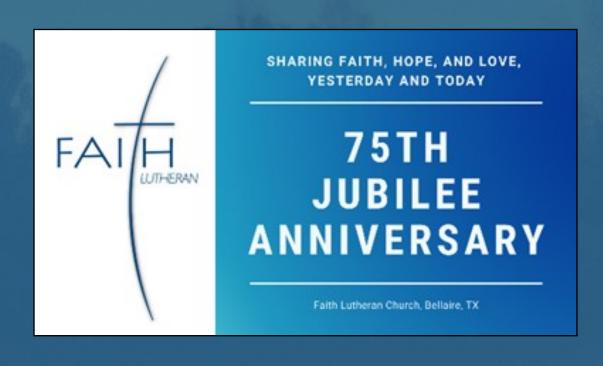
Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV)

Prayer: "Anniversary of a Church" from ELW page 62

Song: "Be a Blessing" written and performed by Faith Alive! Band Hymn(s): "Healer of our Every III" and "You are the Light of the World"

The Faith Lutheran 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary Commemorative Book is under construction **Who:** Jubilee Anniversary Planning Committee co-chairs are: Karen Elsen and George Amundson

We look forward to celebrating with you!







# To Believe or Not to Believe

by Rev. Junfeng Tan, Associate Pastor



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." -Psalm 46:1

"I believe; help my unbelief!" -Mark 9:24

We are living in unprecedented times. The world has seen an unprecedented level of uncertainty, turmoil, anxiety, and suffering since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. I hope the following four stories of doubt and fear will paradoxically help you find reason to believe and to trust, not in spite of, but because of the troubles we are seeing all around us. Some of you may be facing

tremendous challenges and trials. The humors and ironies in these stories may help lift up your spirit and open the door to courage, hope, and faith.

Story one: The great tightrope walker Charles Blondin of France strung a wire from one side of the Niagara Falls to the other. A crowd gathered to watch him attempt to walk out over the deadly falls. The silent tension turned to cheers as they watched him walk out, turn and come back. He asked the crowd, "How many believe that I can walk to the other side and back while pushing a wheelbarrow?" To which they shouted, "We believe, we believe!" And, Blondin did in fact walk out and back with a wheelbarrow. Upon his return, Blondin asked, "Who believes I could push a man in this wheelbarrow while walking out and back on the wire?" Again the crowd responded with enthusiastic affirmation. "OK," he asked, "Who would like to get in?" The crowd fell silent.

Story two: There is a monastery in Europe perched high on a cliff several hundred feet in the air. The only way to reach the monastery was to be suspended in the basket which was pulled to the top by several monks who pulled and tugged with all their strength. Obviously, the ride up the steep cliff in that basked was terrifying. One tourist got exceedingly nervous about half-way up as he noticed the rope by which he was suspended was old and frayed. With a trembling voice he asked the monk who was riding with him in the basket how often they changed the rope. The monk thought for a moment and answered brusquely, "Whenever it breaks."

Story three: A man fell off a cliff. As he tumbled downward, he caught hold a branch of a small tree. There he hung between heaven above and the rocks a thousand feet below, knowing he wasn't going to be able to hold on much longer.

Then an idea came to him, "God!" he shouted with all his might.

Silence! No one responded.

"God!" he shouted again. "If you exist, save me and I promise I shall believe in you and teach others to believe."

Silence again! Then he almost let go of the branch in shock as he heard a mighty Voice booming across the canyon.
"That is what they all say when they are in trouble."

"No, God, no!" he shouted out, more hopeful now. "I am not like the others. Why, I have already begun to believe, don't you see, having heard your Voice for myself. Now all you have to do is save me and I shall proclaim your name to the ends of the earth."

"Very well," said the Voice. "I shall save you. Let go of that branch."

"Let go of the branch?" yelled the distraught man, "Do you think I'm crazy?"

Story four: Pilot to passengers in midflight, "I regret to inform you we are in terrible trouble. Only God can save us now." A passenger turned to a priest to ask what the pilot had said and got this reply, "He says there is no hope!"

If we can laugh at our unbelief, if we can doubt our doubts, then, isn't it reasonable to find reason to believe in the time of trouble? French scientist and Christian thinker Blaise Pascal said, "The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of... We know the truth not only by the reason, but by the heart."

# Ways to stay connected with Faith Lutheran Church throughout the week

You can find links to join all our groups at our website: https://faithbellaire.org/launch-day-august-23/



# SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM Online Worship in English
- 9:30 AM Virtual Family Learning
- 9:45 AM Virtual Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Kindergarten-2nd Grade Group
- 10:00 AM 3rd-5th Grade Group
- 10:00 AM Taking Faith Home Group
- 10:00 AM Circle of Friends Group
- 10:30 AM The Universal Christ Group
- 10:30 AM Parents of Young Families Group
- 10:50 AM Online Worship in Chinese 星期天中文敬拜
- 4:00 PM Confirmation for Middle School
- 5:30 PM Young Adult Learning Group
- 6:00 PM High School Learning Group
- 6:00 PM DivorceCare Group

### **TUESDAY**

7:00 PM - First Place for Health Group

### WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 AM GriefShare Group
- 12:00 PM The Word on Wednesday with Pastor Kerry
- 7:00 PM Weight God's Way Group
- 7:30 PM Learning Group with Clayton Faulkner
- 8:00 PM Chinese Learning Group 周三查经

### **THURSDAY**

7:30 PM - Faith Choir Group

### FRIDAY

6:30 PM - First Fridays at Faith Group with Kathy Patrick

### SATURDAY

8:00 PM - Chinese Couples Group 夫妻小组



# News from the Children's Ministry

by Courtney Lerch, Children's Ministry Coordinator



I hope everyone has had an opportunity to watch Virtual Family Learning, which airs immediately following 8:30 AM worship on Sunday mornings. For most of 2020, we have been unable to come together in person as a community of believers, so the responsibility of the faith formation of our children now falls even more heavily on parents. Through Virtual Family Learning and the accompanying resources, we aim to support families on their faith formation journey at home. We encourage families to come together each week to watch the Virtual Family Learning video. Then, look at your family's calendar for the week and set aside time to discuss the story and do one or two of the supporting activities (sent

out in the Virtual Family Learning email). I completely understand feeling overwhelmed and that it is too much to add even one more thing to our plates right now. However, I encourage everyone to take a step back and examine what is most important. What should be our focus right now during the pandemic? Spirituality is such an integral part of a child's being, and it is our job as parents to nurture this innate spirituality in our children. Studies show that faith formation in the home generally has a deeper impact than simply attending church each week. Church attendance as a family certainly plays a role in faith formation, but it is the lived experiences of our daily lives that form the true grounding of our faith. For those who miss the initial airing of Virtual Family Learning after worship, there are many ways to access the Virtual Family Learning video so that you can watch at a time that is convenient for your family: the video is posted on both Faithbook on Facebook and the Virtual Family Learning page (under the "Learning" tab) on the faithbellaire.org website, and we send out an email on Mondays with the video and the supporting resources. We miss being able to see everyone, so please share photos and stories of your family participating in the different activities on Faithbook on Facebook!

Speaking of missing everyone...this month we will have our first in person event since the pandemic began! On the afternoon of Saturday, October 31 we will host a Socially Distant Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. Although the games and food we typically include in the Pre-Halloween Bash will not be included this year due to COVID, we do plan to have many more trunks that will create a "trunk or treating" path through the parking lot. We encourage families to get dressed up and join us for some long-missed social time! Mask-wearing, social distancing, and other measures will be in place to keep everyone safe. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to host a trunk, please contact Courtney at <a href="mailto:clerch@faithbellaire.org">clerch@faithbellaire.org</a> or John at <a href="mailto:jvickery@faithbellaire.org">jvickery@faithbellaire.org</a>. More details will be released closer to the event. We are looking forward to this opportunity to connect in person once again!



# A Message from the Council President

by Yvonne Moody, Church Council President

A few 70-degree days in September, and we're ready to welcome Fall to Houston! As we approach this change of seasons, I think we are all looking for something to change. We long for things to get better! And yet, in many ways, we are still in a season of waiting. Waiting for the health crisis to subside, waiting for the political adds to end, and generally waiting for any hint of things going back to "normal."

In the midst of the waiting, I find myself also feeling thankful. I want to thank the faithful and dedicated staff and volunteers who continue to show up every week to bring us a quality online

worship experience. I want to thank John and Courtney for continuing to bring life and energy to children and family learning each week, and I'm appreciative of the families who continue to prioritize in-home learning for their

children. And I thank each and every member of Faith Lutheran who continues to support the church with financial giving. Ministry continues in so many ways, even though it looks different than what we are used to. Your continued support helps make it happen!

As we look forward to the final months of 2020, we look forward to what is ahead. In November, we will still have our annual congregational meeting to approve our ministry plan and budget for 2021. Please watch your email for more information and instructions to join our virtual congregational meeting. We need everyone to participate!



# Where's Your Digital Manna?

by John Vickery, Director of Youth and Family Ministry



This month I have to admit that I am running a little behind. Usually, I know what I am going to write about for my monthly Mountain Mover article, but this month I have had terrible writer's block. And now I find myself, just one day before the absolute deadline, still with nothing to write.

The pandemic, which some (myself included) thought was going to last only for a couple of months back in March, has now extended upwards to seven months. Over my last few articles, I have written about not losing hope, and knowing that there will eventually be an end to the pandemic. Though, I also realize that life will probably never go back to exactly the way it was before. But,

after all of this time, it is very easy to lose hope.

It is times like these that I think about what I read in the Bible. I think about how our situation is not so different

from that of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness. God provided them manna to live on until they were ushered into the promised land. The people often lost hope, and lost sight of God's promise of deliverance, even though God did provide the sustenance and provided for their basic needs to guide them through.

What if we were to take the same concepts and apply it to the pandemic? If you were to ask me what my number one thing that I am missing right now, it is coming to church, having community, and sharing in one another's lives. And I think that if we picture that as what



we have to look forward to at the end of the pandemic, we can somewhat relate to how the Israelites felt waiting to get to the promised land.

Now if we continue this idea, the thing that we are longing for is community, and we wonder how we can continue to have the feeling of connectedness. Well, we have Zoom, the phone, email, and other platforms that can keep us connected. Are these ideal? No, not by any means, but it is better than nothing. In the same way, the manna that God provided for food was not ideal in the people's view, though it satisfied what they needed until they had other food to eat.

We are in our own version of a wilderness; a social wilderness. So, we should take the opportunities to connect to each other using the methods that we have available to us.

This pandemic will end one day, and we can look forward to when we can gather in person for worship again. For now, I encourage you to stay connected with each other. Join us for Virtual Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, and check out the different Learning Groups that meet throughout the week each week. Let's each support one another, and together we will make it through the pandemic.

# **Continue to Financially Support Our Mission Through These Challenging Times**

The ministry of Faith Lutheran is made possible only by the generous financial support of our members and guests.

As we have joined the rest of the country in moving our worship life online, we anticipate a possible significant impact on our congregational finances. Your continued support of the church and mission is ever more



important. Since only about 30% of our giving comes through online giving or automatic bank drafts, we run the risk of losing 70% of our financial support.

# Here is how you can help...by giving online or through bank automated checks.

- 1. If you use the "bill pay" feature at your bank, 100% of your gift will come in a check sent directly to Faith.
- 2. Giving online at <u>www.faithbellaire.org/give</u> can be very convenient but every gift costs the congregation a small service change if giving by credit card. Giving online can be set up to give electronically by check (no fee) or credit card and there is also a feature to set up your frequency.
- 3. Mail a check to the church office using one of our prepaid postage offering envelopes. Please send an email to the church office at <u>info@faithbellaire.org</u> and request for us to mail some to you.
- 4. If you are required to make annual IRA withdrawals, consider giving a portion directly to the congregation. Consult your financial advisor for the tax savings and charitable contribution impact of such gifts.

If you have questions about setting up online giving, processing a one time gift, or other types of gifts, please call Stacy Williams at 713-664-3381 or email her at swilliams@faithbellaire.org.

Here's our mailing address for your reference.

Faith Lutheran Church 4600 Bellaire Blvd Bellaire, TX 77401

# **Salem Keenagers - Upcoming Events**

The Keenagers October 8 luncheon at St John's Presbyterian Church and our October 24 bus trip have been cancelled due to the continued spread of the Covid-19 virus.

### **UPCOMING KEENAGER TRIPS**

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming bus trip dates. More information about these trips will be coming later. Hopefully we will be able to get together again soon.

- Thursday, November 19 No plans at this time but bus date for November
- Thursday, December 17 No plans at this time but bus date for December

PLEASE NOTE: All payments for bus trips must be paid in full at least a week before our trip unless you are on a waiting list or unless tickets need to be purchased in advance. Please use separate checks for each event. If paying in person, please place the money in an envelope and mark on the front of the envelope: the event, the amount, and your name. Please make all checks payable to Carole Knaub as Keenagers does not have a bank checking account. Checks may be mailed to me at 1802 Thompson Crossing Drive, Richmond, TX 77406. Please call Carole Knaub at 281 -344-0312 if interested in this luncheon or any of the above trips.

Remember, Keenagers is for anyone age 50 or older regardless of religious preference. Come and get involved and have fun.

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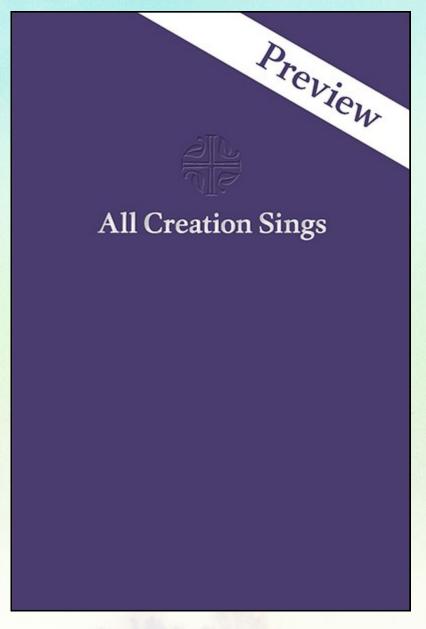
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**Evening Facility Manager** 



# **New Hymnal Supplement Coming on November 17**

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



In the coming months you will begin to hear some new songs introduced into the worship life of Faith Lutheran Church. "All Creation Sings" is a new hymnal supplement being released by Augsburg Fortress this November. This purple book will be a companion to our cranberry "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnal (ELW) in much the same way that "With One Voice" was a companion to "Lutheran Book of Worship."

As a liturgy and song supplement, "All Creation Sings" includes:

- Two liturgies of Holy Communion with new musical settings
- A Service of Word and Prayer designed especially for contemplative worship
- More than seventy-five new prayers and liturgical forms for diverse occasions and circumstances
- Approximately 200 hymns and songs, many of them newly created over the last fifteen years, supporting the church year and a wide range of topics

Hand in hand with Evangelical Lutheran Worship, this supplement invites us to expand our prayer and song, joining our voices with the praise, and sighs, of the whole creation God so marvelously made.

Watch for an opportunity to order a personal copy of this new hymnal supplement from the church. Also watch for a virtual kickoff event to explore some of the new songs in this resource.