# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES**

All Saints Sunday,
November 7 Bring pictures of
your Saints for our table. Don't
forget to move clocks back an
hour.



Laura Webb, our Seminarian Intern, will be visiting with us in November. You have two opportunities to meet her.

**Saturday, November 13**: Luncheon at the Barrow Ranch, 9801 N. County Rd. West 11:00am—2:00pm(please RSVP to the office or to Pat, if you can attend, so we have an idea how many people are coming, thanks)

**Sunday, November 14:** Join us as we have a reception for her after the Worship Service.

Sunday, November 21 Thanksgiving Fellowship & Congregational Meeting, after the Service (to elect members for Nominating Committee)
Ham, Turkey, dressing and rolls will be provided, last name A-H bring sides, I—Z bring desserts.



**Fall Wed. night Bible Study** This study will be based on Dr. Steven Paulson's, *Luther for Armchair Theologians.* 

You are welcome to join in on the class without doing the reading if you'd like.
You'll still gain and, no doubt offer, valuable insight. We'll meet Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:
Dec. 21 Board meeting
6:00 pm
Dec 22, Dec 29, No Luther for
Armchair Theologians Study
Dec 24, Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm



We helped **12** families in OCTOBER.

Please be sure to pick up an updated report on our Faith Fellowship Garden in the Narthex.

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and we can put it in our next
Newsletter.

# Faith Matters

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# Becky's Billet-Doux

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. Isaiah 61:10-11

Happy November! Another year is swiftly coming to a close. The church year ends Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Advent begins Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. This is the first Sunday of the church calendar. The lectionary (Sunday morning readings) for the church rotates on a three-year cycle and we'll be entering Lectionary Year "C." This is not significant to most of us, but it is a sign of God's work through the year and of the cyclical nature of life.

We live in a linear time frame. Everything has a beginning and an end. Seasons begin and end, lives begin and end, years begin and end. God, however, has no beginning and no ending. He is beyond time. He has given us "time" as a gift and seasons to help us mark the years and passing of time.

The passage above from Isaiah sounds like a springtime passage more than an Advent (preparing

and anticipating) passage. However, during advent we are beginning again. We are starting the new church year and we focus on remembering and anticipating the coming of Christ. These are pivotal changes. "...as a garden causes what is sown to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations." God is growing righteousness and praise. And he is starting in your own heart. From there he will spread righteousness and praise to all nations. This is God's action, his will. He will do what he says he will do. And we get to ride along and watch him work.

As we enter the new church year, the Season of Advent, we will remember what God has already done for us, and we will anticipate the completion

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# **Church Events**

- Nov. 1—All Saints Day
- Nov. 2-5 —Pastor Becky on vacation.
- Nov. 7—All Saints Sunday; Time Change Sunday.
- Nov. 8—Angie out of office, will work Friday, Nov. 12 instead.
- Nov. 8-10—Pastor Becky on vacation.
- Nov. 11—Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13—Luncheon Fellowship with Laura Webb at Pat Barrow's Ranch.
- Nov. 14—Reception for Laura Webb after the Worship Service.
- Nov. 16—Board Meeting at 6:00 PM
- Nov. 18—Ladies Luncheon
- Nov. 21—Thank Offering Sunday; Thanksgiving Fellowship after the Service, Congregational Meeting..
- Nov. 24—Angie Vacation Day
- Nov. 28—Advent 1

#### **Weekly Activities:**

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study 10 AM

Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal; 6:00 p.m. Theology Study based on Dr. Steven Paulson's, *Luther for Armchair Theologians*; Lectionary Readings on Facebook after 5pm.

Sundays: Sunday School at 10 AM and Worship Service at 11 AM.

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of his promise in the kingdom to come. God will spring up righteousness and praise. Lift up your voice in thanksgiving! Lift up your praise to the Almighty! He has made you his own and he is making you into his righteousness and this fills you with praise!

**Pastor Becky** 

We had AV Lawn & Tree Care Services, take down 3 trees (one dead, and 2 Insurance Liability issues), 9 little seeded trees, trimming and pruning of all trees, and grinding down 4 stumps.





**Before** 

After



Large Pecan Tree in front after trimming.





Before

After

The Fountain was repaired by Ricci Bickle and his brother.

Thank you to all that helped with our Fall Festival October 30th, we had a great turn out! We served 110 Hot Dogs and about 250 bags of Popcorn!



















Thanks to all for purchasing Raffle Tickets for our Fall Festival Fellowship October 31. We raised \$1,295.00 for our Outreach Projects.

The following people won prizes for our Raffle: Evelyn Byerly, George Hennig, Bill White, Linda Harrison, Jewel Elliot & Hilda T

# Prayer Concerns

Adams, Calvin (Angie Gullett's dad, prayer for salvation; health; eye issues)

Ard, Farrell & Kellie (healing)

Arnold, Dale (health)

Askren, Gale (Sherry Shearer's sister, diagnosed with cancer)

Bangert family (loss of dad)

Brown, Donna (healing)

Bomar, Terri (hurt leg)

Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett's brother-inlaw, Parkinson's & his dad for healing)

Carr, Billie (Betty Lively's sister, healing)

Collerd, Tyler

Cox, Wanda (Angie's sis-in-law, heart issues, health)

Eilers, Melvin (healing)

Estrada, Mary

Pr. Fisks, Paul (healing)

Fowler, Ginnie (treatments)

Fowler, Jerry

Frederick family, in the loss of Kim

Garrison, Marilee (lung cancer)

Gonzales, Lisa (recovery from surgeries)

Gullett, Angie (eye injections)

Hand, Pastor Becky (renew energy)

Hennig, Pearl (fractured arm, rec. from surgery to remove gall bladder)

Inzer family (in loss of Tommy's dad)

**Pr. Kaskela**, Jerry (healing)

Kurek, Darrell (recovery from surgery)

Lomax, Craig (loss of mom)

Marlee—prayer request from lady that came to Back to School Coffee & Donuts (young girl, needs healing from cancer)

Marrick, Patty (Covid, loss of her husband Bud)

McCarter, Sarah (healing)

McGee, Helen (healing)

McMillan, Taryn (rec. from C-section)

Mullins, Ellie (6 yr old, transplanted kidney to stay healthy)

Nance, Bodhi (Watson's grandson)

Otwell, Joyce (health)

Overstreet family (loss of 18 yr. old son)

Perez, Marsha (health)

Scott, Abe (cancer, for healing)

Scott, Becca (family & life issues)

Silhan, Charlie

**Simendinger,** Bonnie (cancer)

Smith, Mava (breast cancer, rec. from surgery, treatments)

Southard, John (CHF)

St. Louis, Michelle (rec. of childbirth & healthy baby boy)

Strickland, Gary (salvation)

Theesfield, Carol (broken femur, at Encompass Health Rehab, recovery from surgery)

Vencil, Naylan (health)

Watson, Marlene (health)

Weaver, Sharlene (rec. from surgery)

West, Kim (healing)

White, Ronnie (rec. from Covid, in hospital, rehab)

Worthen Family (Terri's great-nephew, Canyon, for upcoming health procedures)

the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. As we begin a new year we trust your provision and guidance. Grow us into the children you desire us to be, open our ears to you and teach us to love, In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Prayer of the Month** 

God of all Creation, you are

Sympathy—to family & friends in the loss of Frieda Theesfield and Marilyn Batson.

Special Prayers—For those affected by Covid-19 & Covid Delta Variant and healing from it, continued prayers for the city of Odessa and Midland and it's people; For the people in Haiti in the devastation of the earthquake they endured; For Afghanistan and our missionaries, pastors, Afghan believers, and for it's people and for our troops there; for those in our state, country, & world that are hurting, sick, suffering and dealing with different issues. Faculty, Staff, Students and Families of Reagan Elementary, and Bonham Middle School, all our schools and teachers and administrators, President Biden/Harris, U. S. government officials, our country.

Specific Prayers for Faith Fellowship— For Faith Fellowship & congregation, leaders, Board, Church Growth; Augustana District; LCMC; Evangelism; Community Outreach; Rainbow's End (Emmaus Group); Community Bible Church; Family Promise.

Praises! God's continued Protection and Blessings on us.

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen McGee, Charles & Charlene Miller, Barbara Ridge, Dan Womochel, Jo Hafer, Evelyn Byerly.

Nursing Homes Grover Charsha Rm. 406, Jack Tarter Rm. 703, Billie Carr (Betty Lively's sister) Rm. 616 (Parks); Marsha Perez Rm. 313B (Madison); Bobby & Marlene Watson Rm. 604 (Lincoln Tower); Naylan Vencil Rm. 201 (Brookdale) Ronda Scott (Angie's cousin) Rm. 303 (Sienna); Freddie Wheeler-Cowden Cottage Rm. 11A (Manor Park—Midland) Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury); Rosemary Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living) (Dallas); M'Liss Schneider (Knopp in Fredericksburg)

**Prayers For Our Military** Service Men & Women (Please let us know of any individuals who are currently serving in a combat area or other areas)

Jake Waddell (Shearers' grandson, US Army in Iraq





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28 Advent 1 10:00 AM— Sunday School 11:00 AM— Worship Service	29	St. Andrew History  10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study led by Pastor Becky.	*	Than	kful	ME







## **Birthdays**

Pearl Hennig 11/15
Wanda Davis 11/17
Robert Hand 11/18
Joyce Leffingwell 11/20
Robin Fawcett 11/22
Leah Gonzales 11/25

### **Anniversaries**

Shayne & Terri Bomar 11/18

Michael & Jimmie Bowman 11/23