

ANNOUNCEMENTS OR UPCOMING EVENTS

LCMC'S Quarterly newsletter is called *By the Word*.

Ladies Bible Study
Tuesdays 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
at Faith Fellowship
Led by Pastor Becky

Children's Lunch & Lesson & Discover the Bible Class
Each Sunday at 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.



We helped 6
families in
February

Choir Practice,
Wednesdays at
5:15 p.m.
Please join us!

**If you would like to host a
fellowship in the future, please
contact Billy Tripp (432) 770-5801
or Sherry Shearer (432) 349-7926.**

Looking Ahead:
April 10th Palm Sunday and Pancake
Breakfast

Maundy Thursday service is here **April 14th**
at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday service is at Hope (2003 N.
"A" St., Midland), **April 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

Exodus Fast Facts

Some believe it is authored by Moses. Moses is called by
God and leads the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt
God gives His covenant of laws and sacrifices to the people
God instructs His people to build the tabernacle God keeps
his promise to rescue His people from Egypt

Important Stories

Exodus 3- Moses and the burning bush
Exodus 12- The Passover
Exodus 14- The Parting of the Sea
Exodus 20- the 10 commandments
Exodus 32- The golden calf

People

Joseph, Pharaoh, Egyptian taskmasters, Shiphrah, Puah,
Moses, Amram, Jochebed, Miriam, Pharaoh's daughter,
Jethro, Zipporah, Gershom, Eliezer, elders of Israel, Aaron,
Egyptian magicians, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, Ithamar,
Amalekites, Joshua, Hur, Oholiab, Bezalel.

By Laura Webb

LCMC offers congregations assistance with things
like: Calling a Pastor, Times of Transition, and
Conflict Resolution.

Phoebe Fellowship & Outreach

Several months ago Donna Brown led the
Tuesday morning Bible study on the women
of the Bible. Phoebe is only mentioned once
in Romans 16:1-2. She was the person who
delivered Paul's letter to the Romans.

Phoebe is one who serves or ministers in any
way. Donna told all the ladies that we need
to be Phoebes. And so, a group of ladies
decided to start a Phoebe Outreach. Helping
others as the need arises. There is a sign up
sheet in the narthex. If interested in partici-
pating please sign up. We will keep every-
one informed and updated on our progress.
Thanks for being a Phoebe, a Trustworthy
Servant. God Bless!!



**Thank you to
Blooming Rose for
providing us with
Altar Flowers for
Sundays.**

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your business or home, or looking
for recommendations, etc. please
fill out a form, or email Angie at
office@faithfellowshipodessa.org
and we can put it in our next
Newsletter.**

Faith Matters

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Church Events

Becky's Billet Doux

Romans 5.17:

*If, because of the one man's trespass, death
exercised dominion through that one, much
more surely will those who receive the
abundance of grace and the free gift of
righteousness exercise dominion in life
through the one man, Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 28-10

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the
gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that
no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has
made us, created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared beforehand to be*

I was reading *The Christian Life: Cross or
Glory?* By Steven A. Hein. In the third chapter
Dr. Hein paints in words the difference
between a free gift and getting a priceless gift
for a great bargain. His description portrays
the difference between the gift of grace and
salvation that Christ freely gives to us versus
the idea of salvation based mostly on Grace
with a little effort on our part (a priceless gift
for a great bargain.) As I read, my mind
drifted into a daydream of heaven.

I do NOT believe that once in heaven Jesus
chastises us for our theological errors, but
what if he did? It was a daydream, I decided

- **March 2**—Ash Wednesday, Lunch & Service at 12:00 pm.
- **March 4 & 5th**—Garage Sale & Bake Sale.
- **March 9**—Lenten Lunch & Service, play games after.
- **March 12**—Fellowship with Pastor Randy Freund at 5:30pm.
- **March 13**—Pastor Randy Freund preaches.
- **March 15**—Board Meeting at 6:00 pm
- **March 16**—Lenten Lunch & Service, play games after.
- **March 17**—St. Patrick's Day.
- **March 20**—Spring starts.
- **March 23**—Lenten Lunch & Service, play games after.

Weekly Activities:

Tuesdays: Ladies Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sundays: Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and
Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
Discover the Bible Class & Children's Lunch &
Lesson at 12:15 p.m.

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to wander into it and discover where it may lead.

Scene one: A man is in heaven having a conversation with Jesus Christ. Jesus says, “I really appreciate all the work you did on my behalf on earth. I wish you would not have felt obligated to do what you did, but I did work through you, and I appreciate your effort. But, you know, you didn’t have to beat yourself up when you failed... I had already paid for your sins and failures. And you didn’t have to discipline yourself so hard, I wanted you to enjoy your life. And that time you were spent, but heard of a need, you didn’t have to go. You could have stayed home and rested; I had the other situation already covered. Like I said, I appreciate your hard work. I would like for it to have been a joy instead of an obligation but thank you.

Then I thought, as Lutherans, what if we have it all wrong? What if it really isn’t all grace? What if it really is mostly God’s grace and a little bit of effort on our part? What would that conversation look like?

Scene two: I’m in heaven, walking on streets paved with gold. The Rock, a.k.a. Peter, a.k.a. Cephas walks up and joins me. As we stroll, he says, “You know you had a pretty big theological error when you were on earth. It’s not all Grace. It really is Grace and a little bit of effort on your part. And you were close, but you really should have had a couple more keeping-the-law attempts. You would have failed, but you were two serious attempts away from the goal. And... you were short three people in the ‘bringing people to Christ’ goal. You were close, and you did that without even trying, but you needed three more.”

You can imagine my heart sinking, my face dropping. Then the realization hit me. I asked St. Peter, “Wait a minute... If it really is Grace and little bit, and I failed at the “little bit,” WHY AM I HERE?!?!” The Rock stopped, turned toward me, looked me straight in the eye and said, “I’m just messing with you, it really is all Grace!”

Pastor Becky



Ash Wednesday, March 2,
March 9, March 16, March
23, March 30, April 6.
12:00—12:30 pm Lenten
Lunch, 12:30—1:00 pm Lenten Worship.
Optional, Games to play afterwards.

March Fellowship is Saturday, March 12th at 5:30
pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meet Pastor **Randy
Freund**, Chair, LCMC Board of Trustees, and Service
Coordinator for Augustana District. Hope you’ve
been paying attention to the tidbits of information
about LCMC in the bulletin and Faith Matters. There
will be a **trivia game** after we eat and those ‘fun facts’
will come in handy! **Please bring \$1 items for prizes.**
If you need a ride to this event please let Sherry
Shearer know.



Pastor Randy Freund will also preach
for us **Sunday, March 13th**, which is
also **Daylight Savings Sunday**, don’t
forget to set forward an hour.

GOOD NEWS!

If you have any good news to share, please email or call
Angie in the office and we can put it in the Newsletter.



Congratulations to Billy & Jeannie Tripp
on the birth of their newest grandson,
Jagger Lee Tripp born 2-13-22 7lbs 7oz



Congratulations to Brian & Robin Fawcett
on the birth of their newest grandson,
Baker Myron Fawcett born 2-23-22
7lbs 7oz, 20 1/4 inches long

Note

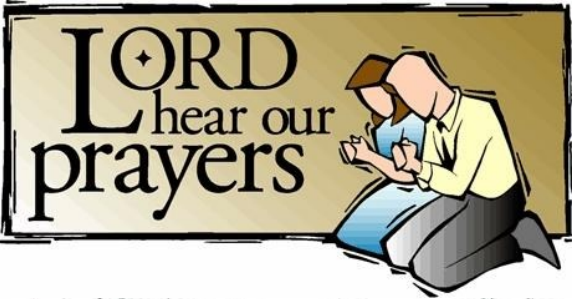
Your kind a thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply
appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Dear Faith fellow-
ship Family Thank you so very much for the support, prayers,
kind words, and plant after Jack Tarter’s death. Your thoghtfl-
ness is deeply appreciated! God’s Blessings!
Pastor Becky & family

Prayer List

Ard, Farrell (healing)
Arnold, Dale (health)
Bowman, Michael
Brown, Perry & Bonnie (healing)
Box Family in the loss of Jeff
Brown, Donna (healing)
Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett’s brother-in-
law, Parkinson’s is worse)
Byerly, Evelyn (healing)
Carr, Billie (Betty Lively’s sister, healing)
Collerd, Tyler
Cox, Wanda (Angie’s sis-in-law, heart
issues, Diabetes, health)
Dudley, Phyllis
Duff, Norma
Eilers, Melvin (healing)
Ervin, Gerald (health)
Estrada, Mary & Bobby
Fowler, Ginnie
Fowler, Jerry
Fuentes, Isaac (RayRay, Lisa’s son)
(healing)
Garrison, Marilee (lung cancer)
Gonzales, Lisa (health)
Gullett, Angie & family, (mourning loss of
her father and good friend)
Hand & Hennig families (loss of uncle,
brother-in law, Jack Tartar)
Humphries family in loss of John
Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)

Kurek, Darrell (recovery from surgery)
Laub, Landra (healing of cancer)
Maroney Family in loss of Jeanette
(Angie’s friend)
McCarter, Sarah (healing)
McGee, Helen (healing)
Mullins, Ellie (6 yr old, transplanted
kidney; health)
Nance, Bodhi (Watson’s grandson)
Oppermann, Nicki (healing)
Otwell, Joyce (health)
Overstreet family (loss of 18 yr. old son)
Perez & Nessel family in loss of Marsha
Scott, Abe (cancer, for healing)
Silhan, Charlie
Simendinger, Bonnie (cancer)
Smith, Mava (Chemo treatments)
Southard, John (CHF)
Strickland, Gary (salvation)
Theesfield, Carol (healing)
Vencil, Naylan (health)
Weaver, Sharlene (health)
West, Kim (healing)
Winkler, Tammy (loss of husband, &
daughter, and healing for her)
Wood, Angie (in hosp. heart issues)
Worthen Family (Terri’s great-nephew,
Canyon, for upcoming health
procedures)
Yaeger, Sandra (mourning, loss of mom)

If you have a prayer request on our prayer list, please
give us an update so we can update it or remove it.



Prayer of the Month

Lord, in your holy splendor
you are magnificent and
too glorious for us. In your
humanity, however, you
become like us that we
may begin to understand
the depths of your love.
Lead us into love, love for
you and love for our
neighbors. In Jesus’ name
we pray, Amen.



To the Hand and
Hennig family in the
loss of Jack Tarter.

One of LCMC’s Ministry
Board appointed
members is Pastor
Becky Hand.

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen
McGee, Charles & Charlene Miller, Barbara Ridge,
Dan Womochel, Jo Hafer
Nursing Homes Parks: Grover Charsha Rm. 406,
Billie Carr (Betty Lively’s sister) Rm. 616, **Lincoln
Tower:** Bobby & Marlene Watson Rm. 604;
Brookdale: Naylan Vencil Rm. 201 **Sienna:** Ronda
Scott (Angie’s cousin) Rm. 303; **Manor Park,**
Midland: Freddie Wheeler– Cowden Cottage Rm.
11A ; Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury); Rosemary
Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living)
(Dallas); M’Liss Schneider (Knopp in Fredericks-
burg); Norma Duff—moved back to Odessa.