



November 2022

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

Gerald Ervin
11/28

Anniversaries

Shayne & Terri Bomar
11/18

Michael & Jimmie Bowman
11/23

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm—"Ordinary Saints" Bible Study	3	4	5 LGM Women's Retreat 10am—12pm
6 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends (Fall back 1 hr.) 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—New Members	7	8 Election Day 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study 11:30 am—Phoebes Meeting & Lunch	9 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm—"Ordinary Saints" Bible Study	10	11 Veterans Day 8am-2pm—Christmas Garage sale at Carol's 3736 Crestview, in alley, proceeds go to Faith Fellowship	12 8am-2pm—Christmas Garage Sale at Carol's
13 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—New Members Class 2:00pm—Board Mtg.	14	15 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	16 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm—"Ordinary Saints" Bible Study Pastor in ILT Board Meetings	17 7:00 pm—Bee Loved Support Group	18	19 AD council Meeting
20 Christ the King Sunday ThankOffering Deadline for Food Box Donations 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm— Fellowship Lunch	21	22 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26
27 First Sunday in Advent 10:00 am—Children & Adult Bible Study 11:00 am—Worship Service 12:15 pm—New Members Class	28	29 10:00 am—Ladies Bible Study	30 5:15 pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm—"Ordinary Saints" Bible Study			

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Presents the 2022 Fall Women's Retreat:

Freedom in Christ

**Saturday, November 5, 2022,
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

At Faith Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
Registration is FREE FREE FREE
(snacks & drinks will be provided)

Please register by Nov 1st online at lifeingrace.net or
on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Nov. 6th is **All Saints Sunday**.

Bring a photo of a saint you'd like to remember and
celebrate during the month of October for the Saint's
Table in the Narthex. On All Saints Sunday bring the pho-
to into the Sanctuary for Worship on Sunday and bring it
to the Communion Rail during Communion as a reminder
that we Commune with All the Saints. Don't forget to
retrieve your photo after worship.

**Ladies Bible
Study
Tuesdays
10:00—11:00 AM**



We helped
13 families
in
October

Sundays

Children's Sunday School at 10:00 p.m.

New Members Class
at 12:15 p.m.—1:15 p.m.

Wednesdays

*Choir Practice at 5:15 p.m.
Bible Study "Ordinary Saints" at
6:00 p.m. (last one will be Dec. 7)*

Looking Ahead

November 27—Advent 1

Christmas Eve Service will be at Hope, 2003 N. A
St, Midland at 6:00

Christmas Day Service will be at FF at 11:00. No
Sunday School classes.

Update To Directory

Donna Brown had a new home
number, it is **432-614-3611**.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Please see the sign-up sheet in the
Narthex for the items we need for our
Thanksgiving Baskets. We will be doing 2
baskets, one for the Beasley Family and
one for the Bobbie Project Family.
Deadline to get these in is Nov. 20.

November 20



We will also collect our ThankOffering (Coins collected all
year). Our ThankOffering will go to AIMJ (All India Masihi
Jamal), this supports pastors that are preaching the
Gospel to Muslims in northern India.



Bee Loved has their next meeting at Faith
Fellowship on Thursday Nov. 17 at
7:00 pm. We are excited to have the
cancer support group join our community as
they continue to meet on the third Thursday of every
month.

For Sale:

(1) Twist Abdomen Extension
Machine \$50

(1) Health Rider Extension
Machine \$150

Contact Ginie Fowler if
interested at 634-6653

For Sale:

(2) 4 drawer File Cabinets \$50
(negotiable)

Contact Daisy Hobson if
interested at 362- 1548

For Sale:

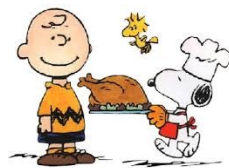
Hoover steam
Vac \$50

Contact Donna
Brown if
interested at
614-3611

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Please join us **November 20th** after
the worship service for our Thanksgiv-
ing Fellowship Meal.



Faith Matters

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Church Events

Luther's Lesson

How can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?

Hebrews 2:3a

"In the Law there are
very many works—they are
all external—but in the
Gospel there is only one
work—it is internal—which
is faith. Therefore the works
of the Law bring about
external righteousness; the
works of faith bring about
righteousness that is hidden
in God.

Consequently, when
the Jews asked in John 6:28:
'What must we do, to be
doing the works of God?'
Christ draws them away
from a large number of
works and reduces the
works to one. He says: 'This
is the work of God, that you
believe in Him whom He
has sent' (John 6:29).
Therefore, the whole
substance of the new law
and its righteousness is that
one and only faith in Christ.

Yet it is not so one-
and-only and so sterile as

human opinions are, for
Christ lives. Not only lives
but works, and not only
works but reigns. Therefore
it is impossible for faith in
Him to be idle. It is alive,
and it itself works and
triumphs, and in this way
works flow forth
spontaneously from faith.

For in this way our
patience flows from the
patience of Christ, and our
humility from His, and the
other good works in like
manner, provided that we
believe firmly that He has
done all these things for us,
not only for us but also
before our eyes, that is as St.
Augustine is wont to say,
not only as a sacrament but
also as an example."

"Lectures on
Hebrews" (1517-18)
Luther's Works 29, 123

- Nov. 1—All Saints Day
- Nov. 6—All Saints Sunday; Time
Change—Fall back an hour; New
Members Class at 12:15pm
- Nov. 8—Election Day
- Nov. 11—Veteran's Day; Christmas
Garage Sale at Carol's 8am-2pm
- Nov. 12—Christmas Garage Sale at
Carol's 8am-2pm
- Nov. 13—New Members Class 12:15pm;
Board Meeting at 2pm
- Nov. 16-18—Pastor in ILT Board
Meetings
- Nov. 17—Bee Loved Support Group at
7pm
- Nov. 19—AD Council Mtg
- Nov. 20—Christ the King Sunday;
ThankOffering; Deadline for Food
Boxes Donations; Fellowship Meal
- Nov. 24—Thanksgiving

Weekly Activities:

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

Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal ;
6:00 p.m. "Ordinary Saints" Bible Study.

Sundays: Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Wor-
ship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Reports from the LCMC Annual Gathering

2022 LCMC Annual Gathering in Lakeville, MN

The theme of the AG was Discipleship in a complicated world. Pastor Wollan talked about “Walking the Talk.” He described discipleship as an understanding of who you are, who Jesus is, and what Jesus has done for the Who that you are. You are a new creation that dies and rises with Christ each day. As a New Creation, you are freed from trying to make yourself good enough, and you are free for good works to your neighbor (that you’ll seldom realize you do.)

Pastor Berhanu explored the term “disciple.” Jesus loves us so that we can love our neighbor. Do we really seek the best for our neighbor? Rev. Dr. Steven Turnbull discussed Discipleship and the Kingdom of God. He defined discipleship as “learning Christ.” Our sin is opposition to God and our flesh cannot fix a problem of the flesh. In the Kingdom message is our hope. The Kingdom comes only by power of the King. This gives us hope and God receives the glory. The King teaches us and calls for our response to serve the neighbor. The Kingdom of God is at hand.

If you have not attended a Gathering online or in person, I strongly encourage it. The worship services are great! The speakers are tremendous and, honestly, it does the heart good to be surrounded by so many people who know that they are saved by grace. Next year’s AG will be in St. Charles, MO, Oct 1-4 th . Make plans to attend!

Pastor Becky

October 1-5 I had the opportunity to attend my first in-person LCMC seminarian retreat and annual gathering in Minnesota with Pastor Becky. This was a great opportunity for me to network and build relationships with members of the association. As Pastor Becky has expressed recently it is a very exciting time to be a part of LCMC and this gathering was a wonderful example of that. LCMC is a continually growing organization but they are focused on ministry at the congregational level and that focus was apparent and highlighted in the sessions I was able to attend.

The focus of the gathering was discipleship, and how we can build relationships and reach out to people in our community so that they can hear the good news of the Gospel. The job of sharing the Gospel does not rest solely with the pastor; it is the task of all believers. I would like to thank the congregation for enabling me to go and be a part of this gathering, and I would like to encourage anyone who would like to accompany Pastor Becky in the future to do so because it is truly a wonderful and enriching experience that can be enjoyed by anyone.

Laura Webb

My thoughts (via live streaming) on the LCMC Annual Gathering (October 2 nd to 5 th) from Lakeville, MN.

From my perspective, the theme of the gathering would be “Disciple making, using the model of Jesus” or as another speaker said, “Discipleship is pointing to Jesus – less me, more Jesus”.

There were 3 excellent, informing, interesting keynote speakers of which my favorite was Rev Dr. Steve Turnbull, who was one of Pastor Becky’s professors.

The gathering wrapped up with a panel discussion of multiple topics that affect all of us: Where is the next generation of church leaders coming from? What if there is less of me and more of Jesus? What about Lutheran traditions versus world traditions? Each of the topics (questions) were thought provoking!

Of course, there were LCMC business meetings and discussions narrated by Rev Mike Bradley on topics like: Why districts matter, the purpose of the church, developing leaders, etc. My favorite was “what do people think of us (Lutherans)?

I admit, I missed Pastor Becky’s opening worship on Sunday evening, but I hope to watch it as soon as the various session videos are ready for streaming. The web site “lcmc.net” says, “Coming Soon”. It must have been a great message because several speakers mentioned her talk.

While I most likely will never attend a gathering in person, having the opportunity to attend by live streaming helped me to understand the mission of LCMC in more detail, plus, I feel more attached (like I now know them) to the speakers, panelists, moderators, etc. I look forward to next year’s Annual Gathering, by live stream, which by the way will be held in St. Charles, Mo.

Bruce Shearer

Prayer Requests

Ard, Farrell (treatments, healing)
Bennington, Diane & family (Sherry Shearer’s sister)
Bowman, Jimmie (health)
Bowman, Michael (Sienna Rm. 318)
Brown, Perry & family in the loss of Bonnie
Brown, Donna (healing)
Burditt, Larry (Angie Gullett’s brother-in-law, Parkinson’s; Larry & Shirley, moving process from Michigan to Oklahoma)
Carr, Billie (Betty Lively’s sister, healing)
Collerd, Tyler
Coskrey, Ross (cancer; recovery from surgery & reconstruction surgery)
Cox, Margaret (healing)
Cox, Wanda (Angie’s sis-in-law, health)
Dudley, Phyllis (health)
Duff, Norma
Eilers, Melvin (healing)
Elmore, Johanna (Betty Lively’s daughter-in-law, had internal bleeding, clots, cracked pelvis, moved to nursing home.)
Estrada, Mary & Bobby
Fowler, Ginnie
Fowler, Jerry
Garcia, Jasmine, Gabby & Jordyn (well-being)
Gullett, Angie (right eye injections, guidance on updating our house)
Harper, Brecken (respiratory issues)
Pr. Kaskela, Jerry (healing)
Jones, Mrs. (brain tumor, can’t speak)

Kinnett, Bill (Martha’s (WTCC cleaner) brother-in-law, stage 4 cancer)
Leffingwell, Joyce (hip issues)
McCarter, Sarah (healing)
Nance, Bodhi (Watson’s grandson)
Otwell, Joyce (health)
Robledo, Rosie (recovery from surgery)
Shafer, Janice (loss of mom)
Shearer, Bruce (upcoming hip replacement Nov. 14)
Silhan, Charlie
Snow, Joel (Betty Lively’s friend, need foot healing)
Strickland, Gary (salvation)
Taylor, Brenda (baby Shilynn Marie is here! 4lbs 15 oz and 19 inches long, prayers for her and momma)
Vencil, Naylan (health)
Watson, Jack (dementia)
West, Kim (healing)
White, Bill
White, Richard (Bill & Betty’s nephew, cancer)
Williams, Tyler & family (loss of grandparents in auto accident)
Willis, Carter Wayne (infant, needs healing)
Winkler, Tammy (healing, cancer)
Womechel, Dan (health)
Worthen Family (Terri’s great-nephew, Canyon, for upcoming health procedures)
Wright, Linda & family in loss of her sister-in-law, Karen Helton.

Nursing Homes

Parks: Billie Carr (Betty Lively’s sister) Rm. 616, **Courtyards** (Parks): Dan Womochel Rm. 731; Norma Duff; **Brookdale:** Naylan Vencil Rm. 201 **Sienna:** Ronda Scott (Angie’s cousin) Rm. 303; Michael Boman Rm. 318; **Manor Park, Midland:** Freddie Wheeler– Cowden Cottage Rm. 11A.

Merry Gay Mesker (Granbury); Rosemary Browning; Charles & Shirley Garrett (Asst. Living) (Dallas);

Prayer of the Month

Holy Lord, Creator of all good things, you have richly blessed us with forgiveness, salvation, food, shelter, and church family. With gracious hearts help us help others. In Jesus’ name, Amen

Prayers for: our Nation, Government, Ukraine, Schools, students and teachers.

Specific Prayers for Faith Fellowship— God’s will be done. Guidance for our leadership, blessings as we serve each other and the community.

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

Homebound—Larry Minor, Phyllis Dudley, Helen McGee, Barbara Ridge, Jo Hafer, Evelyn Byerly.

Military Personnel Jake Waddell (Shearers’ grandson, US Army, is back in US and stationed in Ft. Carson, Colorado)