

# Bethany Bells

The monthly newsletter of BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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“Being, Living as, and Making Disciples of Jesus Christ”

January 2022

## Assurance of God’s Grace, Love, Mercy and Presence

By Pastor Kevin Haug

As I was thinking about what to write for this front page article in this new year of 2022, I went back and looked at what I wrote for the January 2021 newsletter article. I wrote these words:

*Now, I am hoping and praying for a better year than last year. I hope to be back to in-person worship in its fullness. I long to hear our choir sing once again. I long to sit down at a pot-luck and our breakfast bar.*

Well, aside from a pot luck, these things have all happened and are happening. While COVID is still around and likely will be for years to come, we are worshiping, singing, and eating together again. Sometimes, you have to take a chance; take the risk; and live. For some, that comes easier than others. No judgment, just reality.

And who knows what that reality will look like as we continue into the new year. Will it continue to get better? Will we have a few setbacks and things get worse? My crystal ball is quite fuzzy, but there is something that is not: my trust that God continues to work in the world to offer His grace, love, mercy, and presence. These things we can be assured of, and they help us live in peace and hope. May you find those things as we begin another year together being, living as and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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## Annual Report Distributed January 16



The "Annual Report" gives an overview of Bethany in 2021, summaries of the mission and ministries of all our committees and organizations, the proposed 2022 Budget, financial reports, the agenda for our January 23 meeting, and nominees for Council, Preschool board, Bethany Foundation, and Synod Assembly voting members.

## NOMINATIONS

Below are the slate of nominees for your consideration at the Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

### COUNCIL NOMINEE SLATE FOR 2022 (vote for 4):

- Tim Dahlstrom
- Shelia Donovan
- Becky Dittmar
- Danny Flink

### PRESCHOOL BOARD (vote for 3):

- Danny Flink
- Tyler Turbeville
- Monica Jinright

### BETHANY FOUNDATION (vote for 3):

- Merrily Hartmann
- James Hartmann
- Beth Luckenbach

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY NOMINEES (vote for 2):

- Paul Hartmann
- Merrily Hartmann



## In Our Prayers

### Hospital/Clinic/ER:

David Browne      Sharon Browne      Carol Eckhardt  
Audrey Gold

### Our Sympathy to:

- Connie Pressler and family at the death of her husband Wilbur Pressler on November 29; his funeral at Bethany was December 4.
- Laurie Jenschke and Ross Petermann at the death of their Mother Lou Petermann on December 1.
- Teri Ewing at the death of her mother Dorothy Kusenberger on Dec. 8.
- The family of Beth Boelsen, sister of Marilyn Probst who died December 14.



## Stay Informed

- Text messages for updates & prayer; to join the Bethany group, text: **@bethanytx2 to 81010**
- After hours, listen to our office phone's voice message about upcoming worship.
- Those on our email prayer chain will also occasionally receive updates about changes in schedules.

## See Us on Facebook Weekly Livestream Changes



You don't have to be a Facebook member to go to Bethany's Facebook page and watch our livestream events... which are also saved and can be watched at another time:

- FB prayer service w/ Pastor Kevin—Monday morning
- Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin—7:00 pm Wednesdays
- Sunday Services at 8:15 traditional and 10:30 Praise & Worship (10:30 is also on YouTube)
- PLUS go to Bethany's YouTube channel to watch sermons and other video events  
URL for YouTube

[www.youtube.com/c/BethanyLutheranChurchofFredericksburgTX](http://www.youtube.com/c/BethanyLutheranChurchofFredericksburgTX)



### Bulletin Announcements on Website

Want to see the Sunday bulletin and announcements? They're both posted each week on our website—the first

items on the page: [www.bethanyfbg.com](http://www.bethanyfbg.com)

Don't have internet? Stop by the church during the week for a copy.

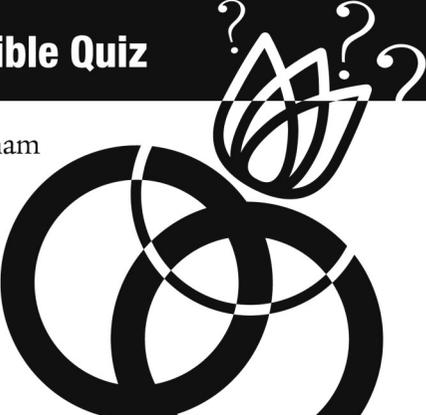
If you'd like to stay in your car, call and we'll bring one out to you!

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### Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar



Answer: B (See Genesis 25:1.)



## Annual Congregational Meeting January 23, 2022

Bethany's annual Congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, January 23rd** after the late services. We will discuss and vote on the 2022 budget, receive reports, and elect nominees. A published "Annual Report 2021" will be distributed on January 16th.

### All Committee Meeting January 30th

All committees will meet

**Sunday, January 30th,**

to re-organize and set goals for 2022. If you'd be willing to join in a mission and ministry via a committee this year, we have committee descriptions available for you to read for these committees:



- CYFM (Children, Youth and Family Ministry)
- Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Property
- Social Concerns
- Stewardship
- Traditional Worship
- Praise & Worship
- BOAT



# Lifeboat Log: January 2022

"It's hard to believe that it has been this long, but two years ago this month, Bethany launched our Lifeboat little free food pantry. Little did we know that our timing would match an unprecedented pandemic and a greater need for food assistance. Thank you, Bethany congregation, for your support of Lifeboat these past two years!

BOAT could use your assistance with another project this month. We are sponsoring an emergency clothing drive for Fredericksburg Elementary School. Extra clothing is a common need for those who come to school inadequately dressed or having a pressing need to change their clothes at school. Such clothing rarely makes its way back to school. Specific items in short supply are boys and girls shoes (sizes 12 - 3 small child, 1 - 7 regular kids), elastic pants and shorts (boys and girls, sizes 10 - 12 and 12 - 14), elastic sweatpants, and leggings for girls. If it is more convenient, a cash donation is equally valued. Thank you for considering this. God bless you in 2022!"



## Thank You, Christmas Elves!!!!

A big thank you to the Christmas Elves who decorated the Hennig Haus, the Sanctuary and the sidewalk lights. The folks who helped are John Stafford, Ray and Debbie Tiemann, David and Teri Ewing, Jean Weber, Constance Shultz, Betsy Pfannstiel, Marjorie Ottmers, Autumn Holland, and Lois Bush, Thanks also to Layne Petty for helping coordinate time and access. The church Hennig Haus looked beautiful!!



## January 2022 Assisted Living Nursing Home Communion

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed. 1/5	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 1/12	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 1/5	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 1/12	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur. 1/6	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 1/13	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 1/6	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 1/13	10:30

**Bethany:** January/April/July/October  
Holy Ghost: March/June/September/December  
Zion: February/May/August/November

### **Celeste Care**

\*Dan Mittel

### **Villages of Windcrest**

\*Marion Welgehausen \*Gloria Brooks \*Audelle Burkey

### **FBG NURSING HOME**

### **KNOPP HEALTHCARE & REHAB CTR (#1)**

\*Robert & Bambi Walter \*Brandi Welgehausen

### **KNOPP RETIREMENT**

\*Clarence Rose

### **KNOPP (#2)**

\* Betty Grinke

### **KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center**

\*Susan Weinheimer

### **WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB**

### **Out of Town**

**Menger Springs/Boerne, TX** \*Dorothy Rode

## January 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Communion

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. Jan. 2	9:00	Mike & Peggy Sagebiel
Sun. Jan. 9	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. Jan. 16	8:15	Jonathan Baethge & Beth Luckenbach
	10:30	Jim McAfee, Sharon Joseph, Jody Donovan
Sun. Jan. 23	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. Jan. 30	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion



### Council Highlights—

December 14, 2021



- The Property & Management Committee reported that the city historical review board has approved replacement windows for the Hennig House, and the council expressed thanks to all who have been working on that project.
- The council extends appreciation to all the organizers and volunteers who helped make the Christmas Journey a success.
- The council expressed concern over the budgetary shortfall of \$25,000 and is hoping for end-of-year giving to make up the difference.
- A search team is making good progress to find a new director for the Bethany Preschool.

## Passing Attendance Pads

We have begun passing Attendance pads again on Sundays. Please let us know you worshipped with us by signing in each Sunday. If your address or phone number has changed, please let us know that also. Pads will be located at the end of each pew in the Sanctuary, and at the end of each row of chairs in the Fellowship Hall. We hope visitors will share information so we can send them a card.



**THANK YOU** to everyone who packed a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Bethany collected over 85 boxes to be sent to children around the world. Way to go! Also, a special thanks to those who made special contributions to help pay for shipping.



## Return to Regular Communion Schedule

Traditional Services in Sanctuary:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Praise & Worship in Fellowship Hall:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays



# Sundays in January:

Adult Classes @ 9:20 Sundays

## Adult Bible Class -



The Adult Bible Class meets in the overflow area at the **back** of the sanctuary with the pastors. They generally study a book of the Bible or specific Bible topics. They welcome all ages but most are over 50, although millennials sometimes attend. People of all ages are welcomed! January topic: "The Holy Spirit"



## Transitions Class-

The Transitions class is for anyone who enjoys a highly interactive class where all thoughts and ideas are welcome. The class meets in **room 205** (triple room) at 9:20 a.m.. Please join us for lively discussions on various topics related to life and faith.

## Legacy Builders (young adults class)-

The Legacy Builders class will not meet on Jan. 2nd but will start on Jan. 9th. Please join us for breakfast bar, fellowship and studies seeking guidance for life's decisions! This class meets downstairs in room 115 starting at 9:20 a.m.



### January 2022 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	Leader	HOSTS	Communion Assistants
	Kid's Message		Prayer Minister
Sun. Jan. 2	Erik Iverson Beth Iverson	Karen Rode (2)	No Communion Erik Iverson
Sun. Jan. 9	Beth Luckenbach Beth Luckenbach	Jackie Kneese Larry Ahrens	Treibs/Jenschke (4) Beth Luckenbach
Sun. Jan. 16	Ken Smith Ken Smith	Kathy & Mark Marquart	No Communion Ken Smith
Sun. Jan. 23	Cheryl Flink Cheryl Flink	Vic & Marian Nixon (2)	Karen Rode (2) Linda Pape, Beth Luckenbach Cheryl Flink
Sun. Jan. 30	Bethany Youth Bethany Youth	Bethany Youth (2)	No Communion Bethany Youth

thank you

*A Great big thank you to the Pastors and the members of Bethany for your thoughts and prayers. They were much appreciated!*

*Sincerely*

*Peggy Sue Sagebiel*

### January 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. Jan. 2	9:00	Dorothy Klier, captain, Wayne Klier, Ben Warriner, Elizabeth Warriner
Sun. Jan. 9	8:15  10:30	Vonnie Maner, captain, Zander Maner  Ernie Loeffler, captain Carlton Eckert
Sun. Jan. 16	8:15  10:30	Gary Stehling, captain Denise Stehling, Cindy Zenner, James Hartmann  Weldon Itz, captain Jet Itz, Joyce Richey, Tom Roarick
Sun. Jan. 23	8:15  10:30	Dwight Oestreich, captain Shirley Sagebiel  Willard Dearing, captain Dayton Eckhardt
Sun. Jan. 30	8:15  10:30	Beth Luckenbach, captain Anton Loest, Bev Johnson, Jerry Luckenbach  Johathan Baethge, captain Kyle Kneese, Jackie Kneese, Larry Ahrens



### January 2022 Altar Guild

#### Traditional:

Sarah Eckhardt & Margie Ottmers

#### Contemporary:

Tuttie Geistweidt & Jennifer Jenschke



Pastors Casey and Kevin and their families would like to thank everyone for their Christmas greetings, cards, gifts, and well wishes. We are honored and blessed to serve with so many kind folks.

## Breakfast Bar Info:



Come join us for a full breakfast bar in the downstairs kitchen (rm. 109). Breakfast begins at 9:00 before Sunday School. The food is served by masked and gloved hosts—not a grab & go meal. We encourage folks to dine in their Sunday School classroom or you may dine at tables & chairs across the hall in the Noah's Ark room.

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There will be no Breakfast Bar on Jan. 2nd.

The Breakfast Bar will begin on Jan. 9th!!



Come join us  
for Sunday  
School!!

#### Who goes.....

2-5 year olds  
Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
2nd & 3rd grade  
4th & 5th Grade  
Middle School  
High School

#### Where

Room #100  
Room #103  
Room #101  
Room #105  
Room #113  
Room #112



## 2022: Your year for Generosity

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity!" -*

**2 Corinthians 9:11**

As you make resolutions and set goals for the New Year, be sure to include this one: "I will be more generous in 2022." It will bless you – and your community and neighbor! The Bible makes clear that generosity leads to a more abundant life. Generous people experience one of those paradoxes of the Kingdom of God, where the last are first, the greatest is servant to all, and whoever loses her life for Christ will gain it.

The paradox? Generous people get back far more they give. First, a clarification: The paradox is NOT a financial strategy to maximize return on investment. That would be missing the point. Besides, there are more important things to give than money, such as time, service, kindness, forgiveness, compassion, love, and joy. And what we get back may not be quantifiable. How do you measure wellbeing and happiness?

Generosity's real "payback" is what and who we become when we cultivate a habit of giving. Giving transforms us into generous-hearted people, and generous-hearted people tend to experience a real abundance of joy, peace, love, and security.

The old saying is most certainly true: The open palm holds more than the closed fist.

For 2022, set a goal to be more generous. Start by increasing your charitable giving above last year's offering, but also aim to give away your time, to serve your neighbor, to be lavish in compassion, extravagant in love.

Pray that God will guide you and help you experience the paradox: Givers get back more than they give away.

*--Rob Blezar*

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## Brother Steward



***Get a Grip for the New Year!***

*Let's spend less time about falling off the fiscal cliff and more time about securing and holding on to our*

*Spiritual Cliff. Our only safety-net is through using our many gifts!*

*We need to increase our prayer and worship-time to reaffirm our faith. We need to increase our Good Works through our talents to help the desperate, the needy, the homeless. And we need to increase our support of our community and church and its ministries.*

*Strength through stewardship will keep us from falling. So, let us fold our hands in prayer. And get a firm grip on our faith. It's our lifeline to the Lord.*

*God Bless!*





# January Birthdays



1 – River Andrichyn	13 – Pat Maenius	22 – Kyle Grona
2 – Kathy Crenwelge	14 – Richard Bruns	Jason Jenschke
Sweetie Dietz	Monica Jinright	23 – Kathy Laumann
Megan Jinright	Margie Oehler	John Moreland
Ken Oehler	Lilly Ottmers	24 – Ella Hartmann
Mike Sedgwick	Madeline Sagebiel	25 – Shelby Beaird
3- Peggy Geistweidt	Aaron Steger	Sidney Beaird
Iris Neffendorf	15 - Oliver Deike	Zoe Rivera
4- Lyn Linka	Kimberly Fritz	Greyson Roarick
Kevin Haug	16 – Jason Itz	Brooklyn Schnelle
5- Jaleigh Brown	17 – Judy Kramer	26 – Ed Kramer
Garet Gold	18 – Linda Schuch	Michael Robison
Kiera Haug	James Wallendorf	27 – David Laughlin
6 – Winnie Griffin	19 – Clinton Deike	Kathy Straube
Casey Zesch	Shelba Fenimore	28 – Grant Pittman
7- Kayla York	20 – Pansy Benedict	29 – Melissa Brydson
8 – Miranda Langehennig	Bryan Langehennig	30 – Mallory Durst
9 – Doris Herbort	Lindsey Luckenbach	Esther Holland
11- Paul Hartmann	Jonathan Slaughter	31 – Kathy Marquart
Dieter Kemper	21 – Maurie Gray	Nora Schoessow
Charles Kuenemann	Kim Sedgwick	
12- Noelle Christensen		
Denise Kunz		

## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Designated Special Monthly Offering Calendar 2022

January	Der Stadt Friedhof
February	Hill Country Community Needs Council
March	Rainbow Trails Lutheran Camp
April	Synod Assembly
May	Bethany Preschool
June	Crosstrails Ministry
July	Bethany Foundation
August	Good Samaritan Center
September	.The Grace Center of Fredericksburg
October	New Horizons/Living Well College/Advantage Care Services
November	Hunger (Fbg Food Pantry & ELCA World Hunger, each ½)
December	Bethany Emergency Aid Fund

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## January Special Offering

### Der Stadt Friedhof

Our church cemetery is overseen by a board of representatives from Bethany, Zion, and Holy Ghost Lutheran Churches and supported by donations from these 3 churches and sometimes other congregations. You may write a check payable to Bethany and stub it “cemetery”. Use your January special offering envelope or a pew envelope on any Sunday morning in January or mail it to the church:

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Bethany representatives are Max Beckmann and Ralph Rode.



### Remember Name Badges?

As we return to fuller worship services and Sunday School, wearing those name badges on Sunday mornings will be more important than ever. After all, we haven’t seen each other in a year! Those who left their badges on one of the two magnetic boards: your badges are still here. For those who have them at home or in their car, be looking for them. Those will help us remember one another as meet again!



- **January 4— 3:45 pm** WELCA board meets in downstairs kitchen.
- **January 6— 9:30 am** Leah Circle meets at Donna Mittel's home.
- **January 11—6:00 pm** Hope Circle meets somewhere downstairs. Try the downstairs kitchen first!
- **January 13—9:15 am** Lydia Circle meets in the downstairs kitchen.
- **January 12—9:00 am** Quilters meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs.

\*\*\*Monthly offering for December went to the Fredericksburg Needs Council to help with utility bills.\*\*\*



**Our 3 WELCA Circles will be getting back to their usual schedules in January:**

Leah Circle—1st Thursday of the month 9:30 a.m.

Lydia Circle—2nd Thursday of the month, 9:15 a.m.

Hope Circle—2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.

All three circles have a Bible study, a short business meeting, and lots of good fellowship!!!!

Thank you so much to our WELCA members who donated \$485.00 for Thankoffering!! Here at Bethany our Women's Circles put something in their Thankoffering boxes all year to remind themselves of the many blessings received and our gratitude to God. In November the boxes are turned in and the funds go to the Churchwide Organization for the support of these ministries or this organization and the church.



## SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 11-18 - Middle School (current 6th & 7th graders) at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Colorado
- July 17-22—Day Camp at Bethany with Cross Trails Ministry
- July 24-29—Elementary kids (current 2nd –5th grade) at Camp Chrysalis, Kerrville
- TBD—High School (current 8th—12th grade) Mission Trip!

For Registration info. check with Kiesha!



### Local Church of the Week

#### Lifted Up in Prayer

We are joining other churches in praying for a different congregation and pastor(s) on Sundays.

Each week, Pastor Jimmy Pruitt of Bridge Church emails the name of a "church of the week" to all pastors in the Gillespie County Ministerial Association.



### Wanted: Empty Ink Cartridges

When your computer ink cartridges are empty please bring them to Bethany. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall lobby where they are being collected. Money raised from these empty cartridges go to help our preschool!



No Sunday School or Breakfast Bar **Dec. 26th** and **Jan. 2nd**. We'll start everything back up on Jan. 9th.



**January 30th:** Youth-led worship during Praise & Worship Service. (10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall)

**ALSO....**

**January 30th: Middle & High school - "Soup"er Bowl of Caring Lunch & Bowling**

We'll be collecting canned food items for the Fredericksburg Food Pantry. We'll meet after church to hand out bags in neighborhoods; then head to BB's for pizza and bowling!! Bring \$10!



**PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!** **SWTS High School Youth Gathering February 18-20 "(Re)Connected"**

Connections are important. Whoever you are in a relationship with, healthy connections will help build that relationship and help you answer who God is calling you to be. Camp fun and interactive, faith-filled learning with other synod youth are all a part of The Gathering experience.

Register online at [crosstrails.org](http://crosstrails.org)!

Youth—\$110 Adults—\$55



**Yes, The WELCA ladies will sell coffee, chocolate and tea in January!!**

It's for a great cause. The money raised helps to pay for the shipping of quilts, baby kits and school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

To make it more convenient, we have set up a table in the narthex at church with a donation box. We hope you will stop by and pick up a bag or two and some chocolate bars. Any questions? Contact

Debbie Tiemann 456-6946 or email at : [rziemann1@austin.rr.com](mailto:rziemann1@austin.rr.com)

Coffee—Whole Bean, Ground, Kcups—\$10.00	
Boxed Tea—\$4	Chocolate Chips—\$4
Hot Cocoa & Baking Cocoa—\$5	Chocolate Bars—\$4



**New Offering Boxes at Entrances/Exits**

New secure offering boxes have been mounted on the walls by the entrances/exits to the sanctuary and to the fellowship hall. You may place your offerings in the slot of a box as you enter or leave the places of worship. Our thanks to Keith Whited for building the box. Ushers will remove the offering after worship for deposit.



**Congratulations and Thank you to our new WELCA officers.**

- President—Karlene Ottmers
- Vice President—Jet Itz
- Treasurer—Ann Hostetter
- Secretary—Teri Ewing
- Mission in Action—Dorcella Sunday
- Mission in Growth—Karen Loeffler

# Thank You

Thank you Bethany! You have given so many families a smile this Christmas and a belief in the goodness of their fellow man. You once again outdid yourselves! The triple room was filled with food, staples and gifts for the children for seven families supplied to us by the Needs Council. Whatever we ask for—food, gifts or your time—Bethany members always give more. The generosity you have shown to so many demonstrates your love for your neighbor. A huge thank you to Kiesha for continuing to help ordering from Amazon.

We also want to thank Pr. Kevin and Layne for helping Dwight & Karen Oestreich deliver the Angel Tree gifts to the Needs Council. The Needs Council was overwhelmed with the outpouring of gifts from our Bethany members to these needy families. You are Awesome!!

Thank you also for the wonderful nourishing food for the Christmas Journey. The many soups and sandwiches were all delicious and so enjoyed by the workers.

We are blessed to be surrounded by so many loving hearts and live side by side in our beautiful community.

The Fellowship Committee



## A HUGE Thank You!!

A huge “thank you” goes out to the many volunteers who made our 2021 Christmas Journey a success. So many of you gave a helping hand—the set-up crew, the actors, traffic people, greeters, those who provided food for our workers, the take-down crew, costume helpers, and so many others! We are so grateful for all your help!!

Looking forward to 2022!

See you then!!

## A Special Thank-You!

As the women’s liaison to the preschool I want to thank all of our Bethany family for the happy willingness you all give whenever you have been asked to help in support of our preschool.

- The Sonic Team gals have faithfully donated & delivered drinks every Wednesday afternoon to the preschool staff. Teachers look forward to this mid-week treat.
- Wednesdays are also the day our dedicated readers share books with each of the classes. The students love their “readers”!
- During the summer teams of volunteers helped present special programs and helped supervise students in transitioning from activity to activity during our Fantastic Fridays Presentations. This special time allowed our director time to meet with & train new employees.
- At Halloween members dressed up & helped pass out treats during their Halloween parade. We have some creative characters among our Bethany members!
- Thanksgiving really exemplified the giving spirit of our members. Over two dozen men & women helped set up, prepared desserts, plates, served the families, & cleaned up after two days of feasting!

I am overly blessed with all of the members of Bethany who happily & unselfishly give of their time and talents for our Preschool. You know who you are!! Thank you so much. Blessed!

His – Denise Stehling



## 175th Anniversary Honoring “Lasting Service” in January

As 2022 starts, the 175th anniversary is honoring “Lasting Service” in January. The monthly sponsor for this month is First United Bank.

“Lasting service” has been a key element of the success of Fredericksburg and Gillespie County over the past 175 years.

Where to start?

There are the service clubs like Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, Knights of Columbus and Zonta. Local churches and faith groups provide services to their members and the greater community.

One cannot overlook organizations like the Good Samaritan Center, the Hill Country Needs Council, the Golden Hub, The Grace Center and Habitat for Humanity providing services to those in our community who need a helping hand.

Then there are organizations providing services to the youth in our community like the various sports leagues, the Boys and Girls Club and the 4-H and FFA clubs.

Health services have been provided by Hill Country Memorial for the past 50 years with help from physicians, nurses, technicians, administrators and office staff.

Our city police officers, the sheriff’s department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, fire fighters and EMS personnel provide services to keep us safe 24/7.

Educational services are provided by the various school boards, administrators, faculty and staff at our great schools.

City staffers provide water, electricity, street repair and garbage pick-up throughout the year.

Elected officials serve the greater good of the community.

Organizations like the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce, the Fredericksburg Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission serve the business community.

Most thriving cities and towns would not function without the service of so many individuals.

This January please take the time to say “thank you” to someone in our city and county who provides a service that makes this a great place to live, work and visit.

## BLC Dollars & Cents General Fund Budget November 2021

Income	\$46,349.35	Income – Year	\$596,802.91
Expenses	\$59,555.22	Expenses – Year	\$622,706.62
<b>Deficit year to date ----- (\$ -25,903.71)</b>		*****	

### Balances Other Funds – November 2021

**Designated Accounts:** \$280,832.33  
**Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund:** \$158,131.99  
**Pre School Building Fund:** \$202,364.81  
**Emergency Aid Fund (Chase):** \$10,094.75

**PNC Bank (BBVA) Money Market Account Balance** \$106,791.23  
**ELCA Loan Fund (Investment Account)** \$35,000.00

**First United Bank (CD-Hein Estate Gift)** \$104,812.42  
**First United Bank (Savings-Hein Estate Gift)** \$60,680.60  
**Edward Jones (Dr. Stein Estate Gift)** \$306,298.32  
 (Beginning Value 12-31-2019 --\$221,672.83)

### Monthly Special Offerings - 2021

**January - Der Stadt Friedhof - \$2,660.00**  
**February – HC Needs Council - \$3,355.21**  
**March – Sky Ranch - \$2,070.00**  
**April – Synod Assembly - \$1,110.00**  
**May – Bethany PreSchool - \$11,666.00**  
**June – Cross Trails Ministry - \$3,730.00**  
**July - Bethany Foundation – \$6,020.00**  
**August – Christian Job Corps - \$1,860.00**  
**September – Grace Center - \$3,087.00**  
**October - New Horizons/Living Well/Advantage Care \$2,867.00**  
**November – Hunger Programs - \$4,919.00**

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