

Bethany Bells

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

May 2022

A Heart-felt Thank You

By Pastor Kevin Haug



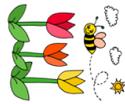
On behalf of my family and myself, I wanted to take a moment to offer you my heart-felt and sincerest thanks for all of the care, concern, cards, meals, well-wishes, check-ins, prayers, hugs, thoughts, and memorials that you all sent after my dad died unexpectedly during Spring Break.

There are some things you don't know until you know. That sounds a bit awkward, but let me try to explain. I always knew that the church was an awesome place when people were in need. I had seen it over and over again as the church reached out to others during times of need and grief. And while I have experienced blessing upon blessing from the church over my time serving as a pastor, they were all times of joy. I hadn't really experienced the church's—the Christian family's—outpouring of support during a time of deep sadness and grief.

I have now, and I am deeply moved and humbled. I wrote numerous times in thank you cards, “Nothing can take the grief away, but your act of kindness makes it much more bearable.” And that is the absolute truth. Christian love put into action does not take away pain and grief, but it sure provides a soothing balm.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

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Confirmation Sunday May 8 at 10:30 Praise & Worship Service

On Sunday, May 8th, eight Bethany confirmands will affirm their baptism as the church “confirms” them in their faith. This year confirmation will be at the 10:30 Praise and Worship service. This year’s confirmands who have completed our two-year program in Bible and Catechism are:

Emma Geistweidt	Dawson Holland
Sydney Geistweidt	Brooklyn Schnelle
Austin Greene	Jayecee Treibs
Kevin Haug, Jr.	Jake White

Upstairs, by the pastors’ offices, there will be a bulletin board of our Confirmands and cards for you to write a note of encouragement, congratulations, and prayers in. Please help us lift up our 8th graders as they make this next step in their lives of faith!



Mothers' Day May 8th

On Sunday, May 8, we will recognize and honor mothers and all women of faith during all three worship services.



Baccalaureate on May 22

Worship at First Baptist Church 6:00

Bethany honors grads same day at 10:30

The Gillespie County Ministerial Association will again host its annual Baccalaureate for graduating high school seniors. This year it will be at First Baptist Church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bethany will also honor its graduates that same day during the 10:30 services.

Bethany Graduates are:

John Dulaney Wesley Keener Grant Pittman Justine Nimitz
(For more information on honoring our graduates, see p. 21.)



In Our Prayers

Hospital/Clinic/ER:

Esther Holland	Jason Holland	Billy Leifeste
Judy Morgan	Sharon Roarick	Annabel Stein
Cathy Straube	Noel Easterwood-Stark	

Treatments:

Carol Eckhardt	Audrey Gold	Kenna Joy Kramer
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Our Sympathy to:

- The family of Dorothy (Mrs. Art) Rode, who died on March 30; the pastors had the funeral at Christ, San Antonio.
- The family of Robert Walter, who died April 17; funeral was at Greenwood Gazebo.
- Delores Jorgenson at the death of her husband Dean.
- Wayne & Dorothy Klier and family at the death of his mother, Lucille Klier, who died March 26.
- Stanley & Ida Crenwelge at the death of his brother, Roland Crenwelge.
- Helen & Eldon Ray Feller at the death of his brother-in-law Edgar Priess; he was also uncle to JoAnn Leifeste.
- Jeremy & Kendra Ottmers and family at the death of his grandmother Laura Lundeen.

April Wedding Congratulations To:

- Shannon Smith and Travis Koenig
- Nic Jones and Morgan Surls

Birth Congratulations To:

- Ben and Raquel (Cooper) Zesch at the birth of Lily Grace on April 14; grandparents are Pastors Casey & Lucinda Zesch.



May Birthdays



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| 1 – Lisa Robison
Zana Smith
Ruby May Stahl
Don Weeks | 17 – Betty Buchmeier
Jonah Greene
Barrett Greene
Calvin Grobe
Pam Schnelle |
| 2 – Marc Grobe | 18 – Tom Pahl
Janice Sands |
| 3 – Marilyn Dietz
Daniel Tiemann | 20 – Holly (McQuay) Palos |
| 5 – Wesley Keener
Kinsley Magee
Trish Schmidt | 21 – Colt Davis
Mark Geistweidt
Austin Greene
Bryant Gold
Keaton Gold
Claudia Kemper
Matthew Myers
Joyce Richey |
| 6 – Roy Enderlin
Joshua Russell
Constance Schultz | 22 – John Dulaney
Megan Staudt
Eli Wassenich |
| 7 – Sandy Swearingen
Kalyn Stephens | 23 – Thomas Lentz
Olivia Palos
Charles Reaves
Taysha Slaughter |
| 8 – Alicia Elrod
Carol Itz
Halston Staudt | 26 – Colton Fritz
Cristol Schoessow
Tyler Turbeville |
| 9 – J.B. Neans | 27 – Madelyn Medve
Stephanie Sanchez |
| 10- Shaylin (Holland)
Bertelson
Emma Cleaton
Kathy Farnhof | 28 – Madison Rheinhardt |
| 11 – Joe Bell
Jacqueline Maldonado | 29 – Kristi Coolidge
Kelly Dooley
Joe Straube |
| 12 – Trystan Atkins
Weldon Itz
Zachary Maner | 31 – Sheila Petsch |
| 13 – Matthew Dulaney
Cooper Jung
Camille Williamson | |
| 15 – Amy Evans | |
| 16 – May Eilers
Becca (Tiemann)
Turbeville | |



Thank you to everyone who donated toward
and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt!

We had a great turnout!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

175th Anniversary Community Worship May 5 at 6:00 p.m. at High School Auditorium

The final weekend celebrating Fredericksburg's founding in 1846 will begin with a city-wide, all-church worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, in the Fredericksburg High School Auditorium. It will feature the Fredericksburg Chorale combined with the High School Choir; Bill Smallwood's brass ensemble; a prayer in 4 local languages (Comanche, German, English, Spanish); readings and prayers by pastors of the Ministerial Association; and a sermon by former Baptist pastor, Jeryl Hoover. Check out the Friday, Saturday and Sunday events for the grand finale weekend at the website www.175th.org. Worship will be live streamed by Paige Findlay's fbg.live link <https://fbg.live/events/>.

(For more information see pp. 12-13 of this newsletter.)

Potluck Sides with BBQ Meal



Sunday May 15 | Retirement of Joyce Richey

On May 15 Bethany honors Joyce Richey who is retiring after 14 years as Bethany Preschool's office manager and financial chief. The Fellowship Committee will provide pork BBQ; everyone is asked to bring sides and desserts. This will be our first congregational meal since COVID! It will be good to be together again at table.



GriefShare – from Mourning to Joy

Bethany was honored to host a 14 week grief support program called GriefShare. It will come to a close this month, and we have been blessed to have 14 participants, with 11 being from the community. Many thanks to Wilma McAndrew, Kathy Meybaum, Shirley Sagebiel, and Pastor Tiemann for their leadership and to Bethany members for their supportive prayers. We will host another class in the future.



Car Day Coming!!

Heads up...BOAT will be hosting their next

Car Day

Date: Saturday, June 4,

Time: from 9 to 11 AM

Place: in the Bethany parking lot.

Stop by for a free check of your car's fluids, tire pressure, hoses, battery condition and a little advice for future things to look out for. Share the word with those who could use this service.

Hope to see you there!



May 2022 Assisted Living Nursing Home Communion

Location	Day	Time	Location	Day	Time
Knopp Assisted	Wed. 5/4	9:30	Villages of Windcrest	Wed. 5/11	9:45
Knopp #2	Wed. 5/4	10:30	FBG NH	Wed. 5/11	10:45
Heritage Place	Thur. 5/5	9:30	Knopp RC	Thur. 5/112	9:30
Windcrest	Thur. 5/5	10:30	Knopp #1	Thur. 5/12	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 *Ruby May Stahl

KNOPP Assisted Living Care Center

*Susan Weinheimer

WINDCREST NURSING & REHAB

*Genevieve Ketron

May 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP COMMUNION

Date	Time	Communion Assistants
Sun. May 1	8:15	May Eilers, Beth Luckenbach
	10:30	Davie & Teri Ewing, Pat McCready
Sun. May 8	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. May 15	8:15	Mike & Sue Sagebiel
	10:30	Walter & Marilyn Probst, Joyce Richey
Sun. May 22	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion
Sun. May 29	8:15	No Communion
	10:30	No Communion

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.

May 2022 Altar Guild

Traditional:

Marjorie Ottmers, Shelba Fenimore,
Lindy Haley, Sharon Roarick

Contemporary:

Barb Rathke & Pat Laughlin



Brother Steward



The Great Ascension Day Challenge!

Before the Ascension, Jesus assembled his team of Apostles: ordinary men with diverse talents. He charged them with the task of spreading God's Word to all people. He promised that The Holy Spirit would help them with the Gift of Tongues, Using their talents, courage, and loyalty; they built the first Christian Community. Many were martyred.

Our task today, as good stewards, is to use our God-given gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure to protect and grow the Christian Community.

What started 2000 years ago with a small group of dedicated Apostles is now a worldwide community of 2.2 billion Christians. Today, our Faith Community is under duress from many sides. Our job is to preserve and protect our Christian legacy. As today's stewards of Christianity, are we up to the challenge?

God Bless.

*FYI: Ascension
Day 2022 will be
Thursday,
May 26th*





Sundays in May:

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!



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 meets downstairs in room 115 starting at 9:20 am. Please join us for breakfast bar, fellowship and studies seeking guidance for life's decisions.



May 2022 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

DATE	TIME	USHERS
Sun. May 1	8:15	Sandra Kammlah captain, Clara Kozielski, Tom Pahl, Jerald Klett
	10:30	Kenneth Treibs, captain Jaye Treibs, Jennifer Jenschke, James Jenschke
Sun. May 8	8:15	Todd Keener, captain, Dalton & Wesley Keener
	10:30	Oliver Deike, captain Mary Alice Deike
Sun. May 15	8:15	Beth Luckenbach, captain, Jerry Luckenbach, Scott & Judy Brundridge
	10:30	Ted Geistweidt, captain Nancy Geistweidt, Lyle Johansen, Kevin Kunz
Sun. May 22	8:15	Dwight Oestreich, captain Joyce Robertson
	10:30	Willard Dearing, captain Kyle Kneese
Sun. May 29	8:15	Max Beckmann, captain Bonnie Beckmann
	10:30	Becky Dittmar, captain Judy Dittmar, Al & Dorcella Sunday



Council Highlights—



April 19, 2022

- The council approved hiring a firm to complete an audit of the finances of the church and of the preschool.
- A farewell celebration/potluck for Joyce Richey, retiring from Bethany Preschool, will take place after church services on May 15.
- The council approved a change to the Covid protocol: people may now serve themselves at potluck meals after using hand sanitizer.

May 2022 PRAISE & WORSHIP (10:30)

	Leader	HOSTS	Communion Assistants
	Kid's Message		Prayer Minister
Sun. May 1	Erik Iverson Beth Iverson	Danielle & Sem Geistweidt	No Communion Erik Iverson
Sun. May 8	Mary Evans Mary Evans	Kathy & Mark Marquart	Treibs/Jenschke family (3) Steve Evans Mary Evans
Sun. May 15	Cheryl Flink Cheryl Flink	Shane & Michele Willis	No Communion Cheryl Flink
Sun. May 22	Ken Smith Ken Smith	Jackie Kneese & Larry Ahrens	Vic & Marion Nixon Erik & Beth Iverson Ken Smith
Sun. May 29	Carl Schoessow Carl Schoessow	Vic & Marian Nixon	No Communion Carl Schoessow



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

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!

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.



May 22—Last day of Breakfast Bar & Sunday School for the Summer



Sunday School Stewardship

Sunday School Offering Recipient For April & May is :

LIRS (Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services to help Ukrainian refugees.

Chosen by the 4th & 5th gr. Sunday School Class.



Come join us for
Sunday School!!

<u>Who goes.....</u>	<u>Where</u>
2-5 year olds	Room #100
Kinder & 1 st Grade	Room #103
2nd & 3rd grade	Room #101
4th & 5th Grade	Room #105
Middle School	Room #113
High School	Room #112



Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,
 Your donation was made in the amount of \$500.00. We so appreciate your support of this ministry. Without people like you, it would be impossible to impact the lives of neglected people living in the Chihuahuan Desert of Northern Mexico.

Our mission to minister to the people of Mexico is two-fold— to seek healing in the physical and spiritual lives of the people. The medical clinics have promoted and maintained the health of thousands of men, women, and children over the last 35 years. The Gospel is preached, and the name of the Lord Jesus is being glorified!

Sincerely,
 Kenny Johnson,
 Assistant Director



Someone Else!

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else!

Someone's passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Someone has been with us for many years and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than a normal person's share of work. Whenever there was a job to do, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results, "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most liberal givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Were the truth be known, everybody expected too much of Someone Else.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

Laughing Matters

Seniorific News

Submitted by Wilfried Mazanake

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Hagee continued, "As part of the 175th anniversary of the founding of Fredericksburg, we are proud to have it on display for viewing at our museum. The Temporary Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. I encourage everyone to take this rare opportunity to view this important historic document."

For information on all of the events scheduled for the Grand Finale Celebration of the 175th anniversary of Fredericksburg on May 5-8, please visit www.175th.org and click on the "events" button on the top navigation bar.

BLC Dollars & Cents

General Fund Budget

March 2022

Income	\$ 62,887.81	Income – Year	\$ 175,729.26
Expenses	\$ 63,435.59	Expenses – Year	\$ 178,989.00
Deficit for the Year: (\$ -3,259.74)		*****	

Balances Other Funds – March 2022

- Designated Accounts:** \$270,090.44
- Capital Improvement/Hennig Fund:** \$167,936.73
- Pre School Building Fund:** \$213,494.81
- Emergency Aid Fund (Chase):** \$10,482.10

PNC–Money Market Account Balance \$106,799.85

ELCA Loan Fund (Investment Account) \$35,000.00

First United Bank (CD-Hein Estate Gift) \$106,199.44

First United Bank (Savings-Hein Estate Gift) \$60,710.78

Edward Jones (Dr. Stein Estate Gift) \$292,112.71

Monthly Special Offerings - 2022

January - Der Stadt Friedhof - \$3,763.00

February – Needs Council - \$2,290.00

March – Rainbow Trails - \$2,170.00



175th Anniversary Highlights

“Lasting Friendship” is The Anniversary Theme for May

The 175th Fredericksburg Anniversary Steering Committee had designated the

overall theme of the anniversary year as

“Lasting Fredericksburg,” with monthly themes as well.

The theme for this final month of the celebratory year was designated as “Lasting Friendship” to honor the unbroken peace treaty and the continuing friendship between the Comanche Nation and the peoples of Fredericksburg.

Crenwelge Automotive Group is the sponsor for May.

According to its inscription, the “Lasting Friendship” bronze sculpture by Jay Hester located in the Pioneer Garden at Marktplatz commemorates the signing of the peace treaty by John O. Meusebach and Penateka Comanche Chief Santanna. The standing Comanche figure represents the other 20 chiefs present for the event.

The sculpture was presented to the City of Fredericksburg by the 150th Anniversary Committee and dedicated on May 24, 1997. The sculpture visually celebrates and honors the unbroken peace treaty.

The original Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty, a Texas State Treasure, will be on exhibit on May 7 and 8 for two days only in the Temporary Gallery of the George H.W. Bush Gallery of the National Museum of the Pacific War, located at 311 East Austin Street in Fredericksburg.

“The original ‘Meusebach-Comanche Treaty’ was signed between the German Immigration Company and the Comanches on May 9, 1847,” says Mike Hagee, President and CEO of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. “It was the only treaty with Native Americans never broken by either side. The document is normally stored at the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin.”

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Your Stewardship Toolkit for May 2022!

This month’s theme:

Getting rid of ‘all the junk’



And Jesus said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -

Luke 12:

The father of small children was commiserating about how hard it is to keep the house clean with energetic, active, creative kids at home.

“What really gets to me about cleaning the house,” he said, “is all the junk.”

Junk. Not just the toys and stuffed animals that overflow from toy bins, under beds and closets. The adult stuff, too – the gadgets crowding the kitchen, the cleaning products jammed under the sink, the stuff crammed in the medicine cabinet, the yard junk all over the lawn, and on and on.

The junk factor comes to mind in Jesus' parable of “the rich fool” in Luke 12:17-20. The fool has so much stuff, he wants bigger barns to hold it all. The parable should strike a chord with us in America, where accumulation is such a big problem that self-storage (our “bigger barns”) is booming business.

A man of few possessions, Jesus kept everything simple. He must have known how hard it is to focus on godly living when are lives are cluttered with stuff. Of course, Jesus’ parable talks about possessions, but the same principle applies to the mind and heart’s clutter of ideas, loyalties and desires that distract us from God.

How cluttered is your house? Your mind? Your soul?

For the month of May, consider a house cleaning to get rid of unneeded, unnecessary stuff. And prayerfully consider what “clutter” may be in your mind, heart and soul as well. What needs to be tossed out, recycled or donated in order that your house and your spirit can focus on what’s truly important? That is, the things of God.

--Rob Blezard

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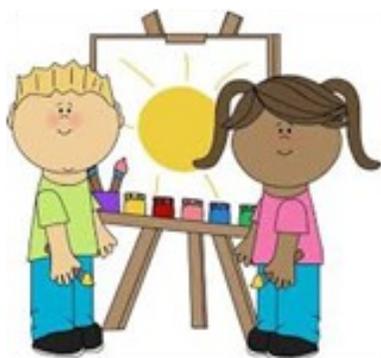
Special Offering for May **Bethany Preschool**

The special offering for the month of May is Bethany Preschool. The Preschool is an outreach ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church that has been serving the needs of families in the Fredericksburg community since 1983. Over the past years, Bethany Preschool has become a well-respected part of the early childhood education community in Fredericksburg. Perhaps the greatest testament to the quality of our program is the numerous “second generation” students we enroll, the children of our alumni, who feel that Bethany gave them the best possible start in life, and who are now choosing that same path for their own children.



Our enrollment consists of 108 students ranging in age from 18 months to 12 years. Though a number of our students are members of Bethany, many have never heard the Good News of Jesus until they attend our program. Every student is provided loving care, a robust preschool curriculum, and spiritual guidance through the diligent efforts of our dedicated staff. Bethany

Preschool is blessed to have a wonderful group of women on staff which consists of our Director, Cheryl Flink, Interim Director Leah Roberts, Office Manager Jessica Schulz, Consultant Joyce Richey, and 11 talented teachers: Ariana Cisneros, Stacey Lanier, Shawna Villarreal, Liz Smith, Haven Holekamp, Kim Moody,



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During the ceremony General Michael Hagee, USMC (retired) and President/CEO of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, will present a keynote speech on “Lasting Friendship.”

In addition, New Braunfels representatives Anne Miller and Benno Engel will present Fredericksburg with a special 175th Anniversary gift. New Braunfels was founded in 1845, just one year before Fredericksburg.

Fredericksburg officials will also present a key to the city to a representative of the Comanche delegation and to a representative of the descendants of John O. Meusebach.

A special 175th Anniversary community choir including members from the Trinity (Stonewall), Zion, Holy Ghost and **Bethany Lutheran choirs**, the First Baptist choir, St. Mary’s and United Methodist choirs, as well as members of the German Choir and Fredericksburg Chorale will unite to present five selections: The Battle Hymn of the Republic, God Bless America, Texas Our Texas, God of Our Fathers Medley, and a German folk song.

Additional activities taking place on the Gillespie County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 6, include:

- 7:15 p.m. Cowboy cookout dinner including sausage and potatoes. Meal by donation.
- 7:30 p.m. 175th Anniversary beard contest winners announced.
- 8:00 p.m. Live music by the Sam Whiskey Band begins on the outdoor stage.
- 9:30 p.m. Tentative viewing of the Grand Finale Fireworks from the fairgrounds. Note: fireworks may be rescheduled due to the current burn ban in Gillespie County.
- 10:00 p.m. Live music resumes on the outdoor stage.

For more information on the 175th Anniversary Grand Finale Weekend events, please visit 175th.org.



175th Anniversary Grand Finale Celebration Weekend Events at Gillespie County Fairgrounds

FREDERICKSBURG, TX – The Gillespie County Fairgrounds will host several special events of

the 175th Anniversary Grand Finale Weekend on **Friday, May 6.**

“We look forward to honoring Fredericksburg’s commitment to lasting friendship with a great evening of events at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. During our friendship ceremony we will welcome our guests in multiple languages that have been spoken in Fredericksburg during the last 175 years, honor special guests including members of the Comanche delegation and families of Fredericksburg’s founding father, John O. Meusebach and with a speech by General Hagee. The ceremony will be followed by a dinner and evening of live music,” stated Tony Klein, Chairman of the 175th Anniversary Steering Committee.

The “Lasting Friendship” ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. on a stage in front of the Gillespie County Fairgrounds grandstands, with seating available in the grandstands. Guests will be welcomed in English, German, Spanish and Comanche languages.

The ceremony will include a number of honored special guests including Fredericksburg Mayor Charlie Kiehne; Gillespie County Judge Mark Stroehrer; Patsy Stewart, representing the John O. Meusebach family; Mark Woommavovah, Comanche Tribal Chairman; Billy Komahcheet, representing the Native American Church; Michael Ott, Deputy Consul General for Germany; Kyle Biedermann, Texas House of Representatives (tentative); former Mayor and co-chair of the 175th Anniversary Steering Committee Linda Langerhans and Jimmie Langerhans; Joe Kammlah, Francisco de la Torre, General Michael Hagee, USMC (retired), President/CEO, Admiral Nimitz Foundation, **Pastor Casey Zesch** representing the Gillespie County Ministerial Association; and Tony Klein, Master of Ceremonies and 175th Anniversary Steering Committee. (Continued on page 23.)



Marissa Vaughan, Miranda Puckett, Katie Jung, Maddie Lago, & Ivory Puckett. Each week is filled with age-appropriate activities and curriculum that help fulfill our mission of

“Sharing the Love of Christ and Developing the Whole Child”. The children also attend Chapel once a week in the Sanctuary. Chapel is guided by Pastor Casey, Pastor Kevin, and Kiesha Priem who lead the students in learning and singing Chapel songs and a lesson from God’s Word. As you can see, our days are busy and full of learning, exploration, and growth.

As part of the Special Offering, we will have two special bulletin boards covered in envelopes. The envelopes will be split between the boards and will be numbered from \$1 to \$141. You are invited to choose an envelope (or envelopes) and fill it with a check (or cash) for the amount listed. The envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or in the box provided by the bulletin boards. When all envelopes have been taken and filled, we will have gathered over \$10,000 dollars. It sounds crazy, but we did the math!

We ask that you will prayerfully consider giving your support to Bethany Preschool as this ministry continues to grow

and make an impact on the children and families of our community by providing a Christian beginning to the education of the youngest and most impressionable among us. We appreciate your prayers and continued provision of this ministry as we strive to provide the best possible care for these children.





175TH Community Worship Set for Thursday, May 5

The 175th Fredericksburg Anniversary Steering Committee will be sponsoring a community-wide worship service on Thursday, May 5, at the Fredericksburg High School auditorium as the kick-off event for the Grand Finale Celebration of the 175th anniversary of Fredericksburg.

Planning team chair, Pr. Monte Marshall, reports, “Those of us who have been planning this worship service for over two years are thrilled to finally offer this opportunity for our community, in all its rich diversity of faith traditions, to unite in praise and thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness in shaping the past 175 years and this present moment. We will also look ahead to anticipate God’s continued faithfulness to our community in the years to come.”

The worship service, which begins at 6:00 p.m., will feature the combined voices of the Fredericksburg Chorale, directed by September van der Stoel, and the Fredericksburg High School Choir, directed by Ellie Parks, in a performance of the “Ode to Joy” from Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. Additional music will be provided by a brass ensemble directed by Bill Smallwood, and the Praise Band from Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, led by Don Doss.

Clergy from the community will lead the service. All past and present Fredericksburg pastors are invited to participate in an opening processional, sit together during worship, and lead the congregation back out into the world to conclude the service.

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Parking Lot Fundraiser For Bethany Youth!!

Bethany Youth will be doing their Parking Lot Fundraiser on Friday Night and Saturday, May 27 & 28 for the Crawfish Festival.

Friday Night Special—\$15/space
Saturday—\$20/space

Thanks for your love and support!!



High School Graduates Honored!

Bethany High School Graduates will be honored at the 10:30 service on May 22. Help us to celebrate these students on their 2022 graduation from high school!!

There will be laundry bags for each grad, by the pastors' offices, that you can help fill!! We'll have cards available for notes of congrats and encouragement. Each grad will also be receiving a quilt from our Bethany Quilters!!



Practical Graduation Gift ideas

(or use your own!!!)

Gift cards
Gas cards
Laundry essentials
(hangers, soap, softener stain pen)
Desk essentials
(3m Strips, notepads, pens, etc..)

Snacks
Organizational Items
First Aid Items
Towels



SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

- (CURRENT) 6th & 7th Grade—Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, June 11-18
- (CURRENT) 8th—12th Grade—Mission Trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, June 25-July 3
- (CURRENT) 2nd-5th Grade—Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, July 24-29



High School Mission Trip

(current 8th—12th grade)

Pine Ridge, South Dakota

(Pine Ridge Reservation)

With Next Step Ministries

June 25 - July 3



Last day of Faith Foundations & Jumpstart is May 17-19.

Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

A. Matthew
B. Mark
C. Luke
D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

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"Something amazing and beautiful happens when congregations from all over our community come together to worship and celebrate our Lord! As we gather for our 175th celebration, we are assured in the scriptures that when we dwell together in unity, it is there that the Lord commands His blessing," said Senior Pastor Jimmy Pruitt of Bridge Church FBG and president of the Gillespie County Ministerial Association.

The sermon, entitled "Called to a Far Country," will be delivered by Dr. Jeryl Hoover. Dr. Hoover served in church ministry from 1981 to 1996, was the founding executive and artistic director of the highly successful Fredericksburg Theater Company, served as executive director of the Gillespie County Historical Society from 2015 to 2021 and has served the City of Fredericksburg as mayor for three terms.

In addition to Pr. Marshall, the 175th Community Worship Planning Team consists of Pr. Bobby Vitek, Pr. Casey Zesch, and Pr. Rick McMinn. Bob Straus is assisting with staging and logistics.

Lester Frantzen of the 175th Fredericksburg Anniversary Steering Committee was the liaison with the Community Worship Planning Team.

The Fredericksburg High School Auditorium is located at 1107 Highway 16 South. Doors to the auditorium will open at 5:30 p.m. There is significant parking in front of the auditorium. Overflow seating and a live stream of the service will be available at Bridge Church, 224 FM2093 (Tivydale Road).

This worship service will be live streamed by Paige Findley's Fbg.Live for those who may not be able to attend in person at <https://fbg.live/events/>



- **May 3— 3:45 pm** WELCA board meets in downstairs kitchen.
- **May 5— 9:30 am** Leah Circle meets at Bethany Fellowship Hall.
- **May 10—6:00 pm** Hope Circle meets somewhere downstairs. Try the downstairs kitchen first!
- **May 11—9:00 am** Quilters meet in the quilting/choir room downstairs.
- **May 12—9:15 am** Lydia Circle meets in the downstairs kitchen.

Monthly offering for April went to The Grace Center*



WELCA Spring Retreat/ Joint Circle Gathering

Sunday, June 5th at the home of Karen Oestreich
More news coming later.



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

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 : rtiemann1@austin.rr.com

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| Coffee—Whole Bean, Ground, Kcups—\$10.00 | Chocolate Chips—\$5 |
| Boxed Tea—\$4 | Chocolate Bars—\$4 |
| Hot Cocoa & Baking Cocoa—\$8 | |



SUMMER DAY CAMP AT BETHANY



We are so excited to be able to have Day Camp with Cross Trails Ministry at Bethany this summer! (This is, essentially, our VBS.) Day Camp is put on by Bethany, using Cross Trails Ministry Camp Staff to lead programs during the week. It is for kids who are **CURRENTLY FINISHING** kinder-5th grade, with volunteer opportunities for older kids and adults.

When: July 18-22, 2022

Who: (KIDS CURRENTLY FINISHING) Kinder—5th grade! 6th—12th grade and adults are welcome to volunteer. (Check with Kiesha)!!!

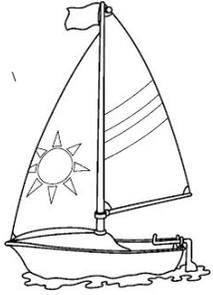
Theme: Ready, Set, Go! Exploring Faith Practices

We plan to keep our “usual” half-day schedule, from 8:00-12:15 pm during the week of Day Camp.

We are very blessed to be able to fund Day Camp so that it is FREE for participants

NEW THIS YEAR: Registration will be online only!

<https://crosstrails.org/congregational-day-camp/>

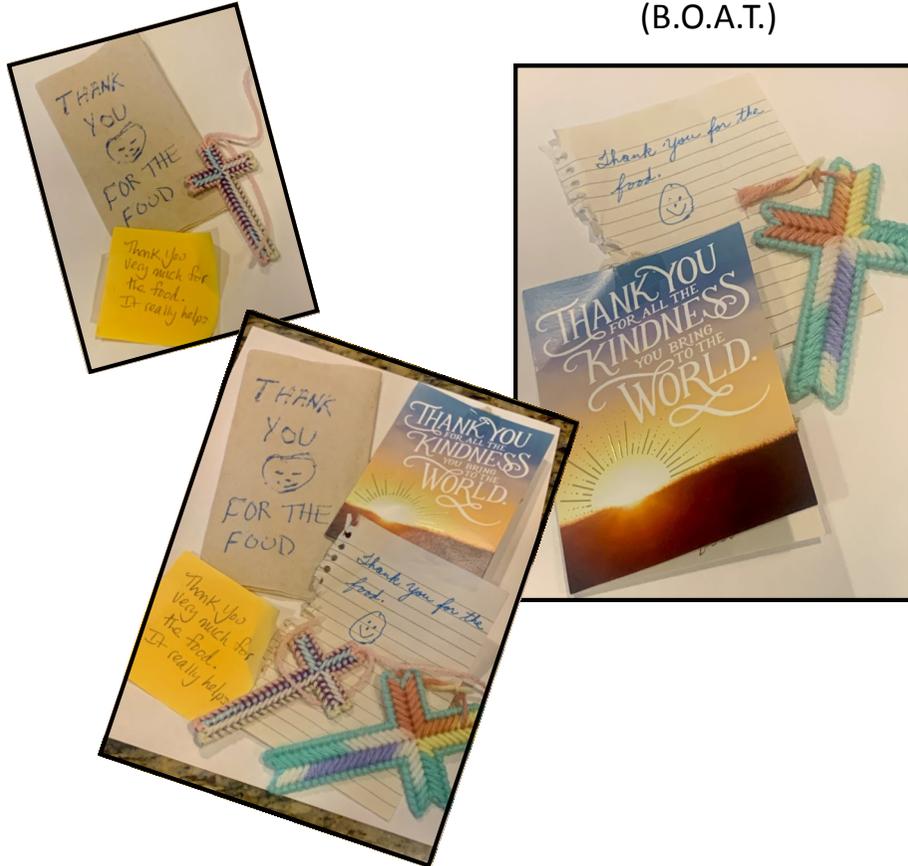


“BOAT”ing News: May 2022

From time to time, customers at Bethany’s Lifeboat little free food pantry leave tokens of their appreciation. It’s nice to see these and they should be shared!

Thank you Bethany folk, for supporting this wonderful mission for those who need a little extra hand, every once in awhile. What a privilege it is to be one of Christ’s helping hands in this world. Amen!!

Bethany Outreach and Advocacy Team (B.O.A.T.)



Sylvia Van Antwerp helped with the meeting.

Hill Country Conference Spring Gathering Ebert Ranch



Eileen Whited (right) along with some of the other Hill Country Conference leaders.



Quilted cross sewed and donated by Roni Hanifen.



Annabel Wilkinson provided beautiful music for us to sing along!



The Bethany WELCA ladies



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