

Four Mile Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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A Christian community caring, sharing, and helping others.

August 2022

Happenings

August 7

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Christie Beene

Holy Communion

August 14

Worship Service 10:45am

Assist: Steve Knox

Council Meeting

August 21

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Wayne Nelson

Holy Communion

August 25

Worship & Music 1-3pm

Choir Practice 3-4pm

August 28

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Lisa Knox

Potluck

Presidents note:



Fellow Congregation members,

I am going to open with a Thank you. Thank you, to all who pray for others on our prayer lists, to those that selflessly do all the "little things" that keep these church facilities operational, to those that give of their time and those that give of their resources. Whether you volunteer to Usher, acolyte, empty the trash or tend to something you see that needs tending, these are what has kept this little congregation operating for almost 175 years. We don't always hear the Thank-yous, more frequently we hear complaints. I want you to know you are all appreciated, no matter what role you have chosen.

God gave us all free will. He also made us each unique. We get to decide, how we will act, what we will do. That is what makes faith really hard. Our uniqueness and free will can often lead us astray, to be selfish in our decisions or actions rather than selfless. Many times, those decisions or actions affect others and we don't even realize. Sometimes being too selfless can cause damage, to oneself or one's immediate family. It's a fine line. Of course, we never have a problem finding that line for others, do we?

With the approach of our 175th year of operation I think we should all spend a little time considering the value we have brought to the surrounding community in that time. (To make it easy skip the first 100 years, those were different times.) What value could (should) we bring to the surrounding communities in the future? How can we accomplish the change, if there is one to be made? As a side thought, should we have a celebration of some sort, do a project of some sort, kick off a mission of some sort to celebrate? (go ahead, talk amongst yourselves but let me know your thoughts, better yet, let council know) Does anybody really know if there is an exact date of founding for this congregation? Everything I've read says 1848, no date. Our 165th was held on May 5th of that year. (I do not have a recollection of a margarita machine at the event, Cinco de Mayo does not fall on Sunday in 2023)

We are blessed to be living in a country where we are free to use our God given free will to exercise our faith. After reflection, I think that a lot of the change we have witnessed in society in recent years is also due to free will. Many lament that change. At the end of the day, do you feel we have created the situations we find ourselves in through allowing free will to lead us astray? What do we do about it? What will we do about it? Does setting a good example have the effect it once did? Are we setting a good example?

Okay, enough questions. It's August, the eighth month. Summer will soon be over. Since we are in Texas it'll still be way to hot though. As Fall approaches, I am reminded of how Woody and Marty always liked to have a fall get together of some sort. Maybe it will cool down by fall and we can consider something like that.

Best regards, *Ted Swinford*



Online Worship Services

If you can't attend or you are not ready to return to Four Mile at this time, we are broadcasting all Sunday services.

For services you can connect remotely two ways:

1. Vicar Ed Fiducia has kindly set up our live worship services on our Four Mile business **FaceBook** page—it's the page with a picture of our church. Ed is also posting our Sunday bulletin on the page so everyone can follow along. Please "Share" the FaceBook post to your friends so that they can attend our services. If you have any questions or problems getting to our FaceBook page, get with Christie Beene.

OR

2. You can join the online presentation with the link <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/cmbeene> With this option, you should have visual images, depending on what technology allows.

📞 Or if you feel your internet is not fast enough, you can call **602-580-9524** and enter the access code **1585132#** when prompted. This only uses your phone line (land line or cell), and you can hear the audio portion of the service.

Worship booklets will be emailed on Fridays. Please print so that you can follow the service.

We are seeking to grow in our spiritual life by incorporating technology as we find new ways of being the body of Christ together.

Important--Church Offerings

Church offerings can be mailed to: Four Mile, P.O. Box 5004, Mabank, TX 75147 or go to the Four Mile website, www.fourmilelutheranchurch.org, select "Online Offering" from the menu on the left-side of your screen, the following box will appear:



Enter your amount, select if you want a "Recurring Giving", if not recurring, click on the "Give" bar at the bottom of the box. **NOTE:** There will be a 2.3% fee added to your amount to pay for this option.

It is very important for us to continue to support our church. **Thank you for your support of our ministry.**

Four Mile Youth

The Four Mile Youth have been providing 2 home cooked meals each weekend in July for 170 elderly, disabled and homeless individuals through The Rebecca Project/821 Ministry. The recipients are always so excited to receive their food and just as important getting that special visit! We've provided chicken spaghetti, meatball subs, turkey casserole, tuna salad, meatloaf, turkey and cheese sandwiches with all the trimmings and desserts. We're waiting to hear this week's menu!

If you are interested in helping prepare or deliver meals, please let me know! It will definitely make your day special.



Verree Dannen and Heather Vinson

Obituary:

We were notified in July that our member, Larry Parker, had passed away. Please keep Shirley Parker and the family in your prayers.

4th of July Celebration - Cemetery



Flower Chart for 2022



The new 2022 flower chart is ready for persons to sign-up to provide flowers for our Sunday worship services. The chart is located in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular day and are unable to sign the chart, please contact Maudine Ruebman and she will sign you up. Thank you.

Happy Birthday!!!!

When you see the following persons, wish them a happy birthday

- Aug 6: Wayne Nelson
Zoe Phelps
- Aug 7: Kimber Winkelvoss
Shirley Parker
- Aug 8: Ken Andrews
- Aug 11: Mark Manning
- Aug 14: Braiden McNair
- Aug 15: Brett Mackelfresh
- Aug 17: Steven Beene
Deyanne Icenhour
- Aug 20: James Nail
- Aug 21: Ramsey Johnson
- Aug 24: David Fontenet
- Aug 26: Barbara Holan



Anniversaries in August

Congratulations to the following members

- Aug 20: Wayne & Sandy Nelson



Worship Assistants for August

- Aug 7: Christie Beene
- Aug 14: Steve Knox
- Aug 21: Wayne Nelson
- Aug 28: Lisa Knox

Flowers for August

- Aug 7: Julie Shelton
- Aug 14: Christie Beene (Steven's birthday)
- Aug 21: Gary Holan (Barbara's birthday)
- Aug 28:

Please pray for the following persons:

Prayer List

Members

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Ken Andrews | Steve Knox |
| Sara & Lee Brau | Sally & Jim Nail |
| Larry Castleberry | Shirley Parker |
| Becky Cleveland | Phelps Family |
| Merit & Verree Dannen | Jack & Maudine Ruebman |
| Judy Ellis | Betty Trednick |
| Barbara Metch Holan | Bob & Kenda Watson |
| Debra Huffman | Bill York |
| Luanne & Terry Humphreys | |



Keep Shirley Parker and family in your prayers

Family & Friends

- Micah Thane, Lynda & Jim Chiles' granddaughter
- Mark Knox
- Andy Ruebman
- Joyce Hideman
- Stuart Hulsey
- Dana & Heather Brau
- Pray for our nation
- Pray for our Military forces

Deadline for articles for the September newsletter is Saturday, August 27

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022

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| President: | Ted Swinford |
| Vice-President: | Barbara Metch |
| Treasurer: | Christie Beene |
| Financial Secretary: | Peggy Swinford |
| Secretary: | Lisa Knox |
| Evangelism: | Council Staff |
| Property: | Steve Knox |
| Stewardship: | Lisa Knox/Verree Dannen |
| Worship/Music: | Maudine Ruebman |
| Youth: | Heather Vinson/Verree Dannen |
| Education: | |
| Cemetery: | Peggy Swinford |

August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 *Wayne Nelson *Zoe Phelps
7 Worship Service 10:45 am Holy Communion Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Christie Beene *Kimber Winkelvoss *Shirley Parker 	8 *Ken Andrews	9	10	11 *Mark Manning	12	13
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*Birthday **Anniversary