

Four Mile Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

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A Christian community caring, sharing, and helping others.

October 2022

Happenings

October 2-Stewardship

Kickoff

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Christie Beene

Holy Communion

Lunch to follow the service to
celebrate Stewardship month

October 8

WELCA Bible Study 10 am in
the Parish Hall

Breakfast will be provided by
Kathryn Manning & Tora Hajek

October 9

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Wayne Nelson

Assist: Steve Knox

Temple Talk

Council Meeting

October 16

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Wayne Nelson

Temple Talk

Holy Communion

October 23

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Christie Beene

Temple Talk

Potluck

October 27

Worship & Music 1-3pm

Choir Practice 3-4pm

October 30-Reformation

Sunday

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Lisa Knox

Holy Communion

Confirmation: Julie Vinson

New Members: K. K. Holloway &

Steve Garland

Fellowship: Ice Cream Social

October 31

Mabank Halloween Trick or
Treat Event 6pm at Mabank
Library

Presidents note:



Fellow Congregation members,

Our response as a Congregation to the "God's work our hands" project this year was amazing. At the penning of this letter, we had documented 1642 lbs. of food donated to Manna and there were more donations enroute. While this was another awesome example of us all working together it also illustrates something else.

With the onset of the pandemic, we embraced electronic measures to reach out to people at home via the Free Conference Call. When Vicar Ed came, he helped us expand onto the Facebook platform. We have used both to reach out beyond the confines of our building. Ironically, we have continued the mission given to us by God in a way that Jesus probably never could have imagined.

Facebook (and other Social Media Platforms such as LinkedIn) has allowed us not only to share the word but also to share our mission, outreach and fellowship with a greater community. Engagement in the life of the church has changed globally. Through sharing the posts of the Church, we have expanded our reach to all of our congregation members social media contacts. This directly resulted in donations to our "God's work our hands" project. These donations came from social media friends of members who shared the posts. People who in a least one case I know of have never set foot in our building, yet they felt moved enough to want to participate.

Many eschew technology and change. However, technology and change seem to be entwined and inevitable. Upon reflection, the evil attributed to the technology of social media really stems from the actions of individuals. Isn't that usually the case, when something goes wrong its directly due to the actions of one or a group? In our case, changing to adopt the technology and use it correctly will touch the lives of many through Manna. Our results might well have been less without the aid of this technology.

While this has been a team effort, I would be remiss in not mentioning the dedication of Verree and Merit Dannen in handling the deliveries each week to Manna and in posting to get the word out. I also want to commend Maudine Ruebman and Christie Beene for their continued steadfastness in posting and making sure photos are taken and stories told on our Facebook page and stream. Each of our individual small contributions are what make the whole result. What great Stewards of the Talents granted to them by God they are. Guess what...?

October is Stewardship month. How will you put your God given Talents to work to serve God? There is a lot on the schedule this month, from the Stewardship kick off cookout, potluck, Reformation Sunday, New Members, Ice Cream Social, Confirmation.... will you be participating? I hope to see you there.

Best regards, *Fed 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.

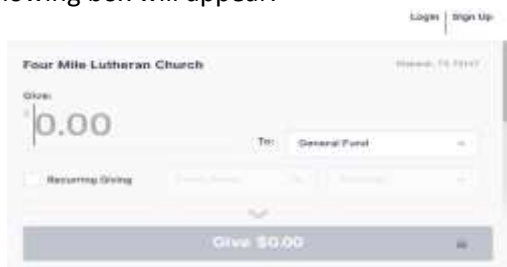
📞 Or if you feel your internet is not fast enough, you can call **602-580-9524** and enter the access code **1585132#** when prompted. This only uses your phone line (land line or cell), and you can hear the audio portion of the service.

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.**

Stewardship Month

Everyone,

Please join us this Sunday, October 2, for our Stewardship Kick-Off!! The whole month is dedicated to Stewardship, and my, aren't we blessed!!

Because we are so blessed, we should all consider how we respond. We have our time, our talents and our finances available to give—think earnestly about our collective vision and mission, and your vital role in our church community.



This first Sunday, Oct 2, we have a cookout after worship. Bring your appetites and look forward to an Oktoberfest lunch with bratwurst,

sauerkraut, beans, potato salad and the fixings.

The other Sundays this month, we feature a Temple Talk speaker to share their heart on Stewardship at Four Mile and what it means to them. They will share for just a few minutes what they are blessed to give.

The month culminates with Reformation Sunday, featuring Confirmation, new membership to Four Mile, and an ice cream social to celebrate all the above—plus a reward for our successful "Gods Work-Our Hands" month of giving for September.

We look forward to seeing everyone there the whole month to revel in our blessings and consider thoughtfully how we will contribute to the Lord's work and mission of sharing Gods love and Christ's saving Grace.

See y'all at Four Mile!!

Blessings, *Barbara and Lisa, Stewardship*

Stewards...

Dearest Good Stewards,

October is Stewardship month, so included at the end of this newsletter ([Pages 6-8](#)) are the time and talent sheets along with your pledge cards.

Please thoughtfully consider how you will respond to all your blessings by letting us know how you are inspired to give. It takes all of us doing our part to keep our little white church on the prairie open and available for worship.

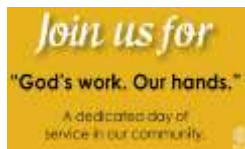
If you have time or talents, please share them as part of your loving response to your blessings.

Let us know what you need and what you can give.

With ever thankful and blessed hearts and lives,

FMLC Stewardship Committee

God's Work. Our Hands. 2022



For our Four Mile "2022 God's Work. Our Hands. Project" the council voted to once again help fill the Canton Manna shelves.

Thank you to everyone who brought food for people who surely will appreciate it. We set the goal to 1,000 lbs. but we surely beat that!! Thank you.



Upcoming October Youth, WELCA and Four Mile Projects

Halloween - The Four Mile youth will have a table in front of the Mabank library on Halloween, **Oct. 31** beginning at 6pm. We will be handing out Four Mile information, as well as goodies and crosses. Anyone wanting to donate goodies or join us is welcome for an evening of fun!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes - We will be filling 100 Shoeboxes this year. Would you like to fill your own boxes? If you would, we will have empty boxes for you and lists of suggested acceptable items. Would you like to join us on a fun box filling day and/or provide items? We will be scheduling a box filling time in October and we have lists of items if you'd like to add to what the youth are providing. In the meantime, we are collecting items in the youth room.

Lutheran World Relief School Supply Backpacks - We will also be scheduling a day in October to fill the WELCA and Youth backpacks with our supplies. Come join the filling of the backpacks.

God's Blessings is already looking for unopened toys for children they will be helping this Christmas. They will have specific items needed closer to Christmas. We have a collection box, with items already donated, in the youth room if you have any new toys or clothes you would like to drop off.

Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Verree Dannen and Heather Vinson

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.

NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund

Four Mile members:

If you can't make it to either of the "Seeds That Change" annual fundraisers, please consider sending a donation. Four Mile has been blessed to receive grants for the last 5 years to help us with our community projects. The funds raised will be used to help NT-NL congregations to support and provide funds to help various needed community organizations. Thank you for your consideration.

WELCA and Youth Groups

Reformation Sunday



What is Reformation Sunday? On the Sunday that bears his name, Reformation Sunday, Martin Luther is honored for his courageous effort on October 31, 1517. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther affixed a copy of his religious tenets, which came to be known as the 95 Theses, to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This act is considered to be the commencement of the Protestant Reformation.

We will celebrate Reformation Sunday on **Sunday, October 30** with three celebrations!!

- 1) **Julie Vinson will be confirmed!**
- 2) **K. K. Holloway & Steve Garland will join Four Mile!**
- 3) **Ice Cream Social following the service!**

Red is usually worn on this day. Mark your calendar to join us at Four Mile.

WELCA Bible Studies to Resume

Our first bible study will be on **Saturday, October 8** in the Parish Hall beginning at **10 am**. Breakfast will be served. Hope you can join us. Mark your calendar to attend.

Deadline for articles for the November Newsletter is Sunday, October 27

NT-NL Junior/Senior High School Gathering



NT-NL Youth [Junior High & Senior High Youth Gathering](#)

February 10-12, 2023

From Janelle Miller, [NT-NL Youth](#)

[Ministry](#) coordinator (ntnlyouthleaders@yahoo.com):

NT-NL Youth Leaders & Pastors,

We are excited to announce that we are collaborating to host a [JUNIOR HIGH & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING](#) in February.

Parish Lay Ministry Academy

The Parish Lay Ministry Academy (PLMA) program of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod (NTNL) is for the purpose of assisting lay people to a deeper Christian identity and participation in the mission of the whole church and for providing training for lay leadership to a congregation or other ministries of this Synod that exceed the needs that can be met by rostered persons. Study in the following areas: Bible, Theology, Ministry. Explore our two different tracks, offered in English and Spanish, with multiple options for growth in service in your home congregation, community, the world or in personal, spiritual growth.

Are you 18 years old or older? Would you like to learn more about Lutheran Identity, the Bible, Leadership and/or reaching your communities? Are you interested in enhancing your religious and spiritual journey?

Go to: <https://www.ntnl.org/ministries/plma/> to get the details.

Happy Birthday!!!!

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

- Oct 1: Mike Cleveland
- Oct 4: Owen Johnson
- Oct 5: Kierstin Huffman
- Oct 10: Bill York
- Oct 13: Ann Metch
- Oct 16: Sara Brau
Tora Hajek
- Oct 23: Susie Runte
- Oct 24: Kathryn Manning
- Oct 25: Merit Dannen
- Oct 27: Betty Trednick
- Oct 30: Homer Shaddock
- Oct 31: Vicar Ed Fiducia



Anniversaries in October

Congratulations to the following members

No Anniversaries

Worship Assistants for October

- Oct 2: Christie Beene
- Oct 9: Steve Knox
- Oct 16: Wayne Nelson
- Oct 23: Christie Beene
- Oct 30: Lisa Knox

Flowers for October

- Oct 2: Dannen
- Oct 9: Barbara Metch Holan
- Oct 16: Tora Hajek
- Oct 23:
- Oct 30: Julie Shelton in memory of Ginny



Please keep Misty and Graham Delk and family in your prayers as Misty's Dad passed away

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 |
| Gary Holan | Bill York |
| Debra Huffman | |
| Luanne & Terry Humphreys | |






Family & Friends

- Micah Thane, Lynda & Jim Chiles' granddaughter
- Pastor Jamie, daughter of Pastor Gnana Segaran
- Christian, Betty Trednick's nephew
- DJ Rolfsmeier, Lisa Knox mom
- Mark Knox
- Andy Ruebman
- Joyce Hideman
- Stuart Hulsey
- Dana & Heather Brau
- Pray for our nation
- Pray for our Military forces


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 |

October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 *Mike Cleveland
2 Stewardship Kickoff Worship Service 10:45 am Holy Communion Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Christie Beene Lunch for Stewardshp 	3	4 *Owen Johnson	5 * Kierstin Huffman	6	7	8 WELCA Bible Study 10 am
9 Worship Service 10:45 am Leader: Wayne Nelson Assist: Steve Knox Council Meeting	10 *Bill York	11	12	13 *Ann Metch	14	15
16 Worship Service 10:45 am Holy Communion Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Wayne Nelson *Sara Brau *Tora Hajek 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Worship Service 10:45 am Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Christie Beene Potluck * Susie Runte	24 *Kathryn Manning	25 *Merit Dannen	26	27 Worship & Music 1- 3pm Choir Practice 3-4pm *Betty Trednick	28	29
30 Reformation Worship Service 10:45 am Holy Communion Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Lisa Knox 1) Julie Vinson – confirmation 2) K. K. Holloway & Steve Garland Joining Four Mile 3) Ice Cream Social 	31 Mabank Halloween Trick or Treat Event 6pm at Mabank Library *Vicar Ed Fiducia					

*Birthday **Anniversary

joyful giver name(s) : _____		TIME PLEDGE
2023  FOUR MILE LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.		<input type="checkbox"/> I/We pledge to spend 15 minutes each day in prayer. <input type="checkbox"/> I/We pledge to spend 15 minutes each day in Bible study.
TALENT PLEDGE	financial PLEDGE	
I/We pledge to use my/our talents as provided on the Time & Talent sheets.	<input type="checkbox"/> FMLC GENERAL FUND	\$ _____ WK/MO/YR
	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL FUND _____	\$ _____ WK/MO/YR
	<input type="checkbox"/> ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE <input type="checkbox"/> ELCA WORLD HUNGER <input type="checkbox"/> ELCA / OTHER _____	\$ _____ WK/MO/YR
	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____	\$ _____ WK/MO/YR



My Name is: _____ **My Joyful Giving is** √ (see below)

Sunday Service Opportunities

- Greeter
- Lector/Reader
- Worship Assistant
- Usher
- Acolyte
- Crucifer
- Teller (Count Offering)
- Provide Flowers

Worship & Music

- Worship Regularly
- Sing in choir
- Play Instrument/Sing
- Altar Guild
- Decorations

Education

- Attend Sunday School
- Teach Sunday School
- Help with Sunday School

Church Council

- President
- * Vice President
- * Secretary
- * Treasurer
- * Financial Secretary
- Evangelism
- * Property
- Stewardship
- * Worship/Music
- * Youth Leader
- Cemetery
- Audit Committee
- Education Committee

Sharing God's Word

- Daily Sharing with World
- Church Website
- Social Media update
- Telephone Visitors
- Sponsor New Members
- Welcome visitors on Sunday
- Make home visits

Parish Life

- Support Fellowship
- Potluck Host/hostess
- Funeral Committee
- Set up Tables/Chairs
- Sunday Clean Up
- Take out trash

Property

- Assist maintaining bldg/grounds
- Special skills

Advent/Lent

- Items for gift bags
- Organize/donate food/toys
- Help with Advent/Lent Service

Stewardship

- Support church ministry
- Giving/Tithing
- Assist in Stewardship Campaign

Staff Support

- Pray/support church
- Computer/IT support
- Help with special mailings

Year Round

- Contribute to Manna
- Bring paper products
- Deliver donated items
- Prepare/deliver meals to members
- Bring cleaning supplies
- Help keep property clean