

# 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. September 2022**

## Happenings

### September 4

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Christie Beene

**Holy Communion**

### September 11-God's Work, Our Hands

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Wayne Nelson

Assist: Steve Knox

### Special Music Group during the service

Council Meeting

### September 18

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Wayne Nelson

**Holy Communion**

### September 25

Worship Service 10:45am

Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia

Assist: Lisa Knox

Potluck

WELCA Meeting

### September 29

Worship & Music 1-3pm

Choir Practice 3-4pm

## Presidents note:



Fellow Congregation members,

The calendars pages continue to turn and there is a lot going on.

September is God's work, our hands Month. Typically, on the second Sunday of September the denomination celebrates the culmination of projects performed by congregations as God's Work.

October is Stewardship month. This is the month we focus on our commitment to using our time and talents to do God's work.

In November we will have our Congregational meeting to vote on the proposed budget and also elect new officers to council. The nominating committee members are: Steven Beene, Verree Dannen and Maudine Ruebman. Please reach out to one of them if you would like to do your part and take a leadership role. There are plenty of opportunities.

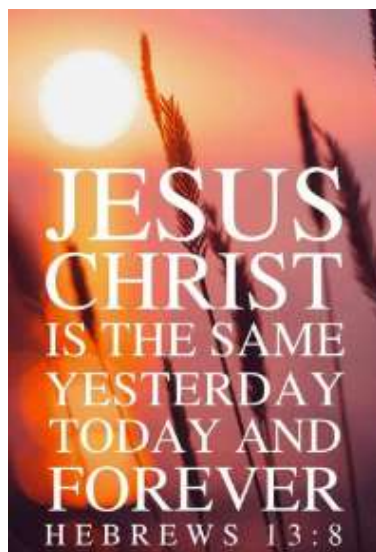
This year the council voted to do a food drive for Manna. Our goal is to accumulate 1000 lbs. in donation to Manna. Monetary donations can also be accepted.

Manna exists to fight hunger and feed hope in Van Zandt County. We have had a long relationship with Manna. I encourage all to support this project and participate in this challenge.

The ELCA recently held their assembly in Ohio. If anyone is interested in the latest legislative news and intentions or directions of the ELCA I encourage you to check their website, [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) and follow the links for the 2022 Assembly and legislative update. There is also an article entitled "5 Things you need to know from the ELCA Churchwide Assembly" I encourage everyone to inform yourselves of the actions of the parent denomination of which we are a part. Keep in mind that the ELCA Assembly is attended by delegates from each Synod. The Synod assembly usually takes place in April annually. This year we had no volunteers to attend and no Pastor to send.

One other opportunity to "pitch in" is the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee. We are approaching a very significant milestone deserving of congregational input in the planning and execution of said plans. Please contact Barbara Holan to participate

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](http://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 purchased and packed all the requested supplies in new backpacks for 10 students in the Mabank school district who would have started this school year with no supplies. Walking into the classroom with no supplies when everyone else has what's needed makes it very difficult to learn. When given a backpack full of their own supplies, they can proudly go into the new year of learning with excitement. We thank the congregation for supporting our fundraising project each year so we can continue giving these students the best start to their new school year! Thank you, Vicar Ed, for the blessing of these special backpacks, filled with love and hope for a great year of learning experiences.



*Verree Dannen and Heather Vinson*

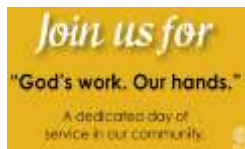
## Special Singers and Music Coming to Four Mile

Kelly and Catherine Lindsley will be at Four Mile Lutheran Church on **Sunday, September 11, 2022** to bless us with their ministry through music during the "sermon time" in our worship service.

Kelly is a singer, songwriter, arranger, composer, and accompanist, and Catherine is the high school choir and music teacher at Mabank High School having directed the choir to many outstanding awards throughout the years. They are an incredibly gifted couple, yet, so humble and appreciative for the opportunity to come present their music to us. Kelly has performed his music in numerous churches and has the support of many pastors, choirs, and church members and looks forward to ministering to us. He has asked for our prayers as he hopes that we will receive a blessing through his music. He stated, "I never undertake a hymn without first asking God to be my inspiration in the work that I am about to do. It's excellent advice not only for the work I do, but also for all of us." He will be offering CD's and sheet music to purchase if you are interested. Please join me in welcoming Kelly and Catherine Lindsley on September 11th. Hope to see you there!

*Kathryn Manning*

## 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. Our last "big" delivery to Manna was 600 pounds and was quite a while ago. We would like to surpass that amount this year with a 1,000-pound delivery. We will be collecting food at church until the last of September, when we celebrate our 1,000-pound goal by having a fantastic "Ice Cream Sundae Sunday!"

Manna's needs: cereal, canned vegetables, soups, canned tomato products, all types of canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce and all baking items such as white and brown sugar, salt, flour, oil, etc. As the needs change. we will update you.

Manna weighs the food items and Heather will be posting our progress each week on a white board at church. Thank you in advance from the Stewardship Committee and the Four Mile Lutheran Church Council for blessing those whose needs are great and supporting God's Work. Our Hands. 2022.

## 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*

## Condolences to the Ellington's



Please keep Jimmy & Diane Ellington and family in your prayers. Jimmy's brother passed Wednesday, Aug. 24.

## 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*

- Sept 9: William (Rocky) Stone
- Sept 11: Matt Winkelvoss
- Sept 15: Verree Dannen
- Sept 19: Sydney Mackelfresh
- Sept 20: Kacey Winkelvoss
- Sept 22: Sandy Nelson
- Sept 24: Nicholas Runte
- Sept 27: Denise Claussen  
Jeff Phelps
- Sept 30: Jackie Hopkins  
Genie Moeller



## Anniversaries in September

*Congratulations to the following members*

- Sept 4: Mark & Jackie Hopkins
- Sept 6: Ted & Peggy Swinford
- Sept 26: Merit & Verree Dannen
- Sept 29: Doug & Susie Runte



## Worship Assistants for September

- Sept 4: Christie Beene
- Sept 11: Steve Knox
- Sept 18: Wayne Nelson
- Sept 25: Lisa Knox

## Flowers for September

- Sept 4:
- Sept 11: WELCA in honor of all victims of 9/11
- Sept 18: Ann Metch (in memory of Don's birthday)
- Sept 25:

**Please pray for the following persons:**

**Prayer List**



**Members**

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 Jimmy & Diane Ellington and family in your prayers.

**Family & Friends**

Micah Thane, Lynda & Jim Chiles' granddaughter  
Pastor Jamie, daughter of Pastor Gnana Segaran  
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 October  
Newsletter is Tuesday, September  
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**CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2022**

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

# September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>4</b> Worship Service 10:45 am <b>Holy Communion</b> Leader: Vicar Ed Fiducia Assist: Christie Beene ** Mark & Jackie Hopkins 	5	<b>6</b> ** Ted & Peggy Swinford	7	8	<b>9</b> * William (Rocky) Stone	10
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\*Birthday    \*\*Anniversary