**Sunday Morning Worship Services**

8:30 AM Traditional & 11:00 AM Modern

9:30 AM  Fellowship/Coffee

**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM— Noon

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## Church Staff:

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| **Pastor** | |
| **Secretary** | Rosa Koerselman |
| **Youth & Children's Ministry** | Jon Eveland |
| **Custodian** | Danielle Fischer |
| **Worship** | Wil George |
| **Technology** | Sarah Eveland |
| **Organist** | Pam Kobbe & Janus Martin |

# Faith Community Church

## May Newsletter

Our Vision: "To make disciples of all people, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; inviting all to repent and receive forgiveness of sin through the blood of Jesus; and teaching people to obey all God commanded through the Holy Scriptures."

Our Mission:  "To love God and serve others."

**Pastor Search Team Update:**

Vanderbloeman is setting up our church profile as they begin to search for our new pastor.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Derick Roos**
- **Russ Duncanson**
- **Darvin Rusche**
- **Nancy Burley** (and daughters)
- **Lucy Hoppe**
- **Rich Haack**
- **Henry Dykstra**
- **Leona Sauer**
- **Mary Ann Boom** (mother of Blanca)
- **Jo Anne Fowler** (mother of Steve Fowler)
- **Donna Whitfield** (mother of Michelle Noack)
- **Sue Radke** (mother of Matt & Jody Radke)
- **Tom Marcotte** (brother-in-law of Pam Buysman)
- **Bill and Peggy Noack**
- **Rachael and Ryan Becker**
- **Marilyn King**

**Jeremiah 17:14**: "Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

## Please pray for and visit our members in nursing homes & assisted living facilities

**Fieldcrest Assisted Living:** Ray Rohlfs, Jeanette Reekers, Leona Sauer, Marlys Den Hartog

**Christian Retirement Home:** Gerald Kroon, Janus Martin, Linda Heiliger, Marilyn King

**Other Homes:** John Van Olst, Eleanor Poppema, Oscar Benson, Nancy Burley, Duane Wahlstrom, Lucy Hoppe, Shirley Muecke

## Our Service Men and Women

**AIR FORCE:** Luke Kobbe, Steven Bylsma, Kevin Meinecke, Justin Wolthuizen

**ARMY:** Daniel Mulder, Jeremy Post, Jesse Meendering

**MARINES:**

**NATIONAL GUARD:** Dr. Ryan Becker, Dr. Josephine Dunn Junuis, Cael Noteboom Jeffrey Heithus, Reese Van Meeteren

**NAVY:** Dave Sarnoski, Greg Weiman, Drew Lidster

# News Around the Area

Thunder Café at NCC is holding a Sunday brunch from 11:30 AM– 1:00 PM Dates: MAY 3, 10

A MomCo group (formerly MOPS) has started again in Sheldon! The group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month during the school year from 10:45 - 11:45 am at St. Paul Lutheran in Sheldon. Childcare is provided for kindergarten and younger (babies are more than welcome to stay with moms if that's preferred!) Consider joining our growing group for faith building and fellowship with other moms!

**Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County Bake sale**
**Saturday, May 9, 2026 9:00am - 1:00pm at Sheldon Hy-Vee**

**National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 7 at Living Water Community Church beginning at 6:30 PM

# Administrative Board Highlights

## March Meeting

- Troy Klein with NCC and his electrical students update ALL outlets and light switches in the parsonage.
- Faith in Action will be doing a “Firework” fundraiser beginning May 1– July.
- Children’s Ministry Team– VBS is planning is well under way. We are thankful for all those who have already volunteered in any way at all.

# Youth

Impact Youth Schedule –

May 6 – Parents vs. Students

Parents vs. Students – Final Night of Impact – May 6 – Parents, please join us on Wednesday, May 6 during Impact Youth (Middle School-6:00-7:15pm, Sr. High-7:30-8:45pm)! In both the Middle School and Sr. High groups we will have various competitions with parents competing against the students. Let’s see who can come away victorious in this epic battle! It should be a fun night together!

Impact Insider –

It has been an awesome year for our youth ministry!

We are so grateful for how God has been at work in the lives of our students and leaders. Throughout this school year, we have averaged just over 40 middle school and high school students each week – gathering to grow in faith, in belonging, to build and strengthen friendships, and to pursue Jesus together with our theme of Breakthrough. It has been a blessing to witness the spiritual growth taking place in so many lives. One of the highlights of the year, just recently, was our Middle School Retreat, where we saw four students give their lives to Jesus – a powerful reminder of why we do what we do! We have also seen students take meaningful steps in their faith, engaging Scripture, and pursuing Jesus in their lives. From Kick-off night to selling wreaths to the Harvest Party to Bella Notte, and prayer night to the Seder Meal, we are grateful to walk alongside these students. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our volunteer youth leaders. Your time, energy, consistency, and love for our students does not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of this ministry, and you are making an eternal impact. Thank you as well to our parents – it is an honor to partner with you in discipling your students. Your support, prayers, and encouragement mean more than you know. And we are especially grateful for our amazing seniors. You have a left a strong and lasting impact on this ministry, and we are excited to see how God continues to lead you in this next chapter. As we look ahead, we are excited for a full summer of opportunities –Immerse Middle School Mission Trip, Rock Mountain High, summer Bible study, and other group gatherings. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing!

-jon

# Youth Cont.

### Graduation Sunday – Sunday, May 24 –

We look forward to recognizing and celebrating our graduating seniors during the worship service on Sunday, May 24. We will have only one service beginning at 9:30am that Sunday. Seniors, your parents will be receiving information that will need to be returned to Jon Eveland soon via email.

### Sr. High Summer Trip-Rocky Mountain High-July 24-29, 2025-Estes, CO-

Rocky Mountain High is coming! We are excited to have 14 students and 6 adults signed up and registered for this transformational experience in the beauty of God's creation in the Rockies with 2,500 other students and adults. We look forward to all God is going to do and how the Spirit is going to move in the lives of those attending! Cost for this trip will be emailed to parents, so be on the lookout for that.

### Middle School Mission Trip – Immerse – Lincoln, NE – June 2-7

Email instructions for registering for this opportunity to serve will be sent out during the first week of May! We are excited to partner with Immerse and F Street Church in Lincoln, NE.

### Summer Bible Study – Date TBD –

We will be partnering with a couple other youth groups in town again this summer to have a community youth Bible Study. This is currently being planned, so stay tuned for more details.

**Seniors, don't forget that Faith Community Church offers two scholarships available for application. Please stop by the office to pick up an application.**

# Missions

**Robin Lawson**- 1015 W. Sam Houston #101 Pharr, TX 78577

e-mail– robin3084@gmail.com

**AMSHA–** Mary Muchiri

**Nicole Sims–** nsims@umcmission.org

Dax Noteboom will be doing a service project through the cattle organizations he belongs to. This year, they will be helping out Willow Rising in Grand Island, Nebraska. Willow Rising helps victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. The specific items they are in need of are: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, lotion, toilet paper, kleenex, paper plates, freezer storage bags, napkins, laundry detergent, dish soap, dryer sheets, body wash, Clorox wipes, shaving cream, cleaning supplies, paper towels, Tylenol, razors, loofas, and garbage bags. If you are willing to donate, there will be a box at the church that you can place your items in. Thanks for your willingness to help. Items will be collected through June 3.

# Faith Community News

**Keep the Molettiere family in your prayers as Mike's mom passed away on April 14.**

As summer creeps closer and closer we want to remind you of a few dates. May 6 is the last Wednesday Discipleship Night, May 10 will be the last Sunday school, and May 24 will be graduation Sunday and the church will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Please join us in congratulating Kyle & Rachel Schaefer on the baptism of their son, Colt William Schaefer.

**Congrats to Anthony and Jen Davis on the birth of Savannah Mae on April 14. She is welcomed home by her sisters Grace, Jazmine, Autumn, and brother Gary. Her grandparents are George and Melissa Davis.**

## Offering

**You will find a stand-up offering holder in the Narthex, where you are welcome to place your offering as you arrive or before you leave. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.**

# Children's Ministry

May – End Of The Year Celebration

6 – Block Party: End Of The Year Celebration

## Faith Kids End-of-Year Celebration: Block Party – May 6 –

We are excited to conclude the ministry season in Faith Kids on Wednesday, May 6 with an End-of-Year Block Party in connection with our April theme of Block Party: Celebrating Jesus And Joy That Never Ends. It is going to be an exciting night full of fun, celebration, and remembering all that God has done this year in Faith Kids! You won't want to miss it!

## What an incredible first year of Faith Kids!

We are so thankful for how God has moved in and through this ministry. This year we averaged around 30 kids each week – from Kindergarten through 5th grade – gathering together to hear, learn, and experience the love of Jesus. From Bible stories and worship to games, laughter, and meaningful conversations, it has been a joy to watch seeds of faith planted and growing in so many young hearts. None of this would have been possible without our amazing volunteers. Truly – thank you! Thank you to those who faithfully prepared and served meals, creating a welcoming space for families. Thank you to our teachers and small group leaders who showed up week after week, pouring truth, patience, and love into each child. Thank you to everyone behind the scenes who helped make each night run smoothly: nursery volunteers and AV volunteers. Your investment matters more than you know, and it is making an eternal impact. We are already so excited for next year! We can't wait to see how God continues to grow this ministry, deepen faith, and reach even more kids and families. Faith Kids is just getting started – and the best is yet to come!

-jon

# Children Cont.

Sunday School for ages 3 years old through 8th grade concludes on Sunday, May 10 as we take a break for the summer.

VBS 2026– Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God – June 14-18, 2026

Registration is open! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure this summer at Rainforest Falls VBS! Kids 4 year old (potty trained) through 7th grade are invited to dive into a week full of exciting games, worship, creative activities, and powerful Bible truths. And we can't do it without YOU! We are also looking for amazing volunteers to help bring Rainforest Falls to life. There is a place for everyone to serve and make a lasting impact in the lives of kids! We can't wait for a week of fun, faith, and growing closer to God together! If you would like to volunteer, contact Jon Eveland, Rosa Koersleman, or Yvonne Rodriguez.

# Areas of Service for March

**8:30 AM Greeter:**
**3–** Ardis & Fred G
**10–** Pam B & Sharon D
**17–** Robin L & Gerald K
**24–** Sherri M & Bev K
**31–** Barb M, Julie B , & Denise

**Liturgist:**
**3–** Matt R
**10–** Ardis G
**17–** Steve F
**24– One service**
**31–** Barb M

**11:00 AM Greeter:**
**3–** Fred & Bonnie H
**10–** Yvonne R
**17–** Scott & Kayla R
**24– One Service**
**31–** Geroge & Melissa D

**8:30 AM Ushers:**
Please place your offering in the standing offering box located at the entrance of the narthex before or after the service.

**11:00 AM Ushers:**
Please place your offering in the standing offering box located at the entrance of the narthex before or after the service.

**8:30 AM Acolyte:**
**3–** Kellen A & Charlie H
**10–** Eli & Evie B
**17–** William F
**24– One service**
**31–** Hayden H

**Song Leader:**
**3–** Ardis G
**10-** Ardis G
**17-** Bill B
**24– One service**
**31-** Bill B

**11:00 AM Acolyte:**
**3–** Levi M & Huxley R
**10–** Tyler S & Ethan M
**17–** Arizona G & Irie W
**24–** Lydia O & Sierra G
**31–** Wyatt G & Matthias

**8:30 AM Sound:**
**3-** Stew C
**10-** Mike Mc
**17–** Jesica B
**24–** Tony H
**31-** Tony H

**11:00 AM Sound:**
**3–** Heath K
**10-** Bill B
**17-** Bill B
**24– One service**
**31-** Bill B

**Coffee Bar Clean up:**
**3–** Michelle G & Melissa D
**10–** Henry & Carolyn D
**17–** Heath & Rosa K
**24– One service**
**31–** Barb M

**8:30 AM Projection:**
**3-** Niki C
**10-** Kyler Mc
**17–** Jack B
**24–** Deb H
**31-** Deb H

**11:00 AM Projection:**
**3–** Carter K
**10-** Sherri M
**17--** Sherri M
**24– One service**
**31-** Sherri M

**Organ:**
**3-** Pam K
**10–** Pam K
**17–** Wil G
**24–** Pam K
**31–** Janus M

**Communion:**
May 24– Jessica & Jack B

# Faith Community Opportunities

## Cans for Camp!

Faith in Action is teaming up with The Can Redemption Center in Sheldon to help send kids to camp. Drop off your cans and tell them you're donating to Faith Community Church, and they'll take care of the rest. Every can makes a difference—thank you for supporting our kids! The Can Redemption's hours are: Monday 9:00-11:00 AM, 1:00-5:30 PM & Wednesday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM.

## Summer Lunch 2026

We're looking for one or two more leads and volunteers to help each day with prepping, serving, and cleaning up for Summer Lunch. If you'd like to be part of this important ministry, please contact the church office or Tricia Meendering at (712) 899-3532.

Faith in Action's Spark the Splash fundraising has begun. Help send kids to camp by purchasing a "firework". The more proceeds raised, the more the families will win at this year's pool party on July 19th. Check out the black bulletin board by the sanctuary entrance. Let's spark a big splash for campership!

**Connections– We will pack bags for the TRIO students on May 3rd at 9:45 AM. Please come help us pack the bags an show the students they are remembered.**

Our church is no longer using our collection of choral music. We have dozens of SATB pieces, a few cantatas, a bit of men's music, women's music, and kids/youth choices. There are also older worship chorus books. We welcome you to call and stop by to look over the music during our office hours May 4-13. If you know someone or some ministry that could use this wonderful music, please pass on this invitation or send us the contact information. Thank you!

# May Birthdays

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| May 1 | Arlen Vander Plaats<br>Barb Popkes |
| May 2 | Levi Molettiere |
| May 3 | Pat Merrill<br>Josiah Molettiere |
| May 6 | Archer Fischer |
| May 10 | Lane Struyk |
| May 12 | Ashley Hoogland<br>Vanessa Feller |
| May 14 | Addilyn Lloyd |
| May 15 | Susan Gingerich |
| May 16 | Virgil Frahm |
| May 17 | Hayden Honermann<br>Darvin Rusche |
| May 18 | Tyson Getting |
| May 21 | Mark Rector<br>Darrin Klaassen |
| May 22 | Art Vander Pol<br>Tony Haning |
| May 23 | Rod Merley |
| May 24 | Ron Bahrenfuss<br>Chapman Junius |
| May 25 | Bev Kreykes<br>Roy Roelfs |
| May 26 | Lorraine Ellis<br>Amanda Noteboom<br>Gary Davis |
| May 27 | Karin Vanden Berg |
| May 30 | Allyson Rodriguez |
| May 31 | Ray Anderson<br>Dakota Adkins |

# May 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3<br>8:30 AM Traditional<br>9:30 AM Fellowship<br>9:35-10:45 AM Sunday School<br>9:45 AM Pack Trio Bags<br>11:00 AM Modern | 4<br>6:30 PM FIA Meeting | 5<br>10:30 AM Staff<br>5:30 PM Children's Ministry Team meeting | **6 Last Night**<br>**5:00-6:00 PM Supper**<br>**6:00-7:15 PM Children & Jr High Wednesday Discipleship Night**<br>**7:30-8:45 PM High School IMPACT Youth Group** | 7<br>NO 5:30 PM Love Inc. | 8 | 9 |
| 10<br>8:30 AM Traditional<br>9:30 AM Fellowship<br>(Last Day) 9:35-10:45 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Modern | 11<br>10:30 AM Staff<br>5:15 Youth Council Meeting | 12 | 13<br>Senior Supper | 14<br>5:30 PM Love Inc. | 15 | 16<br>9:00 AM-2:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved |
| 17<br>8:30 AM Traditional<br>9:30 AM Fellowship<br>9:30 AM Teacher Appreciation Breakfast<br>11:00 AM Modern | 18<br>6:30 PM Ad Board | 19<br>10:30 AM Staff | 20 | 21<br>5:30 PM Love Inc. | 22 | 23 |
| 24<br>**Graduation Sunday, Communion, & Noisy Offering**<br><br>9:30 AM One Combined service | 25 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day<br> | 26<br>10:30 AM Staff | 27 | 28<br>5:30 PM Love Inc. | 29 | 30 |
| 31<br>8:30 AM Traditional<br>9:30 AM Fellowship<br>11:00 AM Modern | | | | | | |