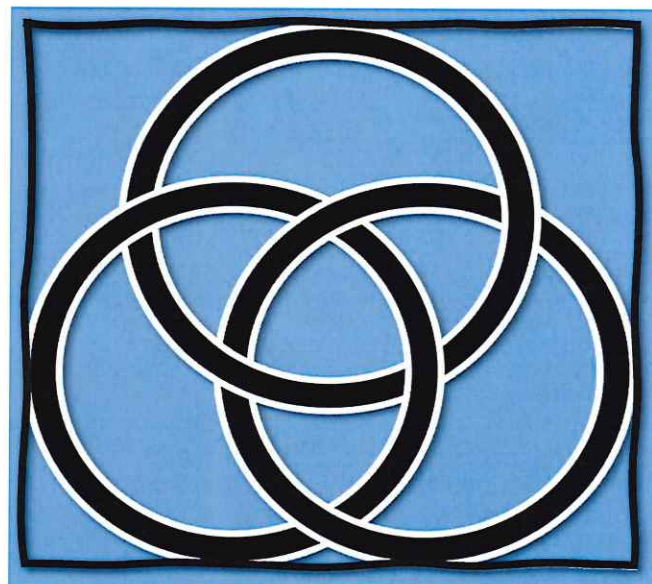


HOLY TRINITY:

*Father
Son
Holy Spirit*



News of Elizabeth Lutheran

June Highlights

June 4-6, 2023

Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 PM

June 4 & 11, 2023

Presentation of building options

June 4-6, 2023

Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 PM

June 11th

Council Meeting

June 14th

Flag Day

June 17th

Community Pantry 7:30-10 AM

June 18th

Father's Day

June 19th

Juneteenth

June 21st

Summer Begins

June 25th

Congregational Mtg-Special call to vote on building options.

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*Please ask Council questions or
share good news with them ☞*

Pastor Bobby's Post

"The More Things Change; the More they Stay the Same."

Chuck Colson writes in his book, *Being the Body*, "Most writers do not retreat to solitary cloisters to ponder great thoughts and then, in glorious moments of illumination, compose timeless prose. No... They begin with what we read and study and think about; they are influenced by thinkers and mentors as well as the trials and joys of personal experience." I go through phases of thought processes, and I am not sure what precipitates them. Recently I have been reading Michael Grant's, *History of Rome*. My studies have confirmed what I knew all along. I have come to reaffirm what we confess each Sunday from 1 John 1, "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us..."

The history of Rome was one of violence, conflict, greed, and avarice. Rome's history was all about false pride and power. Remarkable among the Romans were those called "orators." I read some of their speeches and no one ever told them that, "brevity is the soul of communication." They went on and on and on... And it was all about, whose side they happened to be on. The speeches in the Roman Senate surely sent the rest of the senators to "la-la land."

Rome's history is all about war with their neighboring "city states" and making alliances with those who could help them rule the Italian peninsula. I read there were more wars in the 20th Century than the rest of history put together. I don't know how true that is, but it seems feasible to me. M. Cherif Bassouni, an atrocitologist (one who studies atrocities), calculated 203 million people died due to battle, internal conflicts, and outright wars. Add that to 29+ million abortions in the U.S. Friends, Jesus words ring in my ears from John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Legal abortions in the past 60 years, according to Pew Research, are 37,200,000. That does not include abortions not reported. If those babies had lived how would that fundamentally change America today? Wow, that thought is staggering.

Obviously, most people in the world have not listened to and heeded these words of the Messiah. Fear not, there is a way out of all this madness. Jesus said in the Gospel of John 14, "I am going to prepare a place for you..." The history of this world is truly disgraceful. The only grace we find is in the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus. Yet, this is exactly what is taught in our secular universities. Namely, "secular humanism" taught in our academia tells university students there "is no God" and that humans are getting better and better at taking care of each other. They say humans can handle all their own problems and that humanists will make this world a better place.

I say, "Balderdash" and "humbug" to worldly ideologies. So then, what is the hope of the world? It is all summed up in one word, "Jesus." And that is the truth and the whole truth...nothing but the truth.

Now, go and do and be the People of God.

Pastor Bobby



Jesus First - Others Second - Yourself Last

Monthly Financial Information:

2023 Annual Budget: \$188,359.00
 Amount needed monthly: \$ 15,696.59
 Amount rec'd in May : \$ 12,858.00
 Average weekly attendance: 112

CELEBRATIONS**June Birthdays****June Anniversaries****June Baptisms**

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| Christy Faust | 1 | Duane & Betty Gold | 4 | Peyton Skrabanek | 2 |
| Marcia Post | 4 | Stephen & Dana Skrabanek | 6 | Brynleigh Parkin | 10 |
| Aubrey Kovasovic | 6 | Keith & Cindy Maresh | 7 | Mathew Amaya | 13 |
| Lynn Post | 9 | Henry & Dianna Curington | 14 | Hudson Novosad | 20 |
| Margaret Hibbeler | 11 | Duane & Terri Suehs | 20 | Julianne Gerland | 20 |
| Sylvia Hein | 13 | Mark & Martha Streetman | 21 | Kelsey Hoffman | 23 |
| Joni Cook | 14 | | | | |
| Tammy Stevenson | 16 | | | | |
| Laurie Frieda | 16 | | | | |
| Melanie Woods | 19 | | | | |
| Tommy Speck | 21 | | | | |
| Bubba Frieda III | 21 | | | | |
| Alice Wiederhold | 25 | | | | |
| Melvin Zgabay | 26 | | | | |

If your information isn't included or we have incorrect information, please let the office know. You can e-mail the office at office@elizabeth-lutheran.org or leave a note on the office desk.

June

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| VBS 5:30-8 PM Presentation of all 3 building options after service. | WOW – Mtg & Bible Study @ 10 am VBS 5:30-8 PM | VBS 5:30-8 PM | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Presentation of all 3 building options after service. Council Mtg. | WOW – Mtg & Bible Study @ 10 am | | Flag Day | | | Pantry 7:30- 10 AM |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Father's Day | WOW – Mtg & Bible Study @ 10 am Juneteenth | | Summer Begins | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| Congregational Mtg after service | WOW – Mtg & Bible Study @ 10 am | Deadline to submit info for July newsletter | | | | |
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June Schedule of Worship Responsibilities

| 9 AM Service | June 4 | June 11 | June 18 | June 25 | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| USHERS | Jeff Curington, Henry Curington, Weldon Coker, Mike Cook, Keith Maresh, Paul Schulle, and Mark Streetman | | | | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Meghan Blum & Melanie Woods | | | | |
| ACOLYTES | Rylie Lloyd | Jackson Lloyd | Lila Supak | Houston Gerland | |
| READERS | Willie Hobbs | Sharon Novosad | Barbara Warren | Devin Gerland | |
| AUDIO/VISUAL | John Milner | Collin Burgess | Caitlyn Faust | Ciara Coker | |
| COMMUNION SERVERS | Devin Gerland & Vince Neal | Gabbo Goetsch & John Milner | Lisa Blum & Bud Oliver | Devin Gerland & Stacy Stefka | |

WOW-WOMEN OF THE WORD NEWS

- ✚ WOW-Women of the Word is studying "Epic of Eden", now through July 31st. All women are invited to join.
- ✚ Please feel free to bring a friend!
- ✚ We are still in need of people to volunteer for Fellowship and Flowers. Please see the list in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✚ In need of prayer? Prayer requests can be placed on the Prayer Wall located in the church entrance. In addition, please contact the Pastors and Prayer Chain for your prayer needs. (Prayer Chain individuals listed on front page)
- ✚ Please pray and ask God to guide you in serving His church. We have many opportunities to serve.

Women of the Word

Annual Salad Supper



GUEST SPEAKERS (Left) on May 10th for the WOW Salad Supper were (l to r) Deane Gold, Patrick Danielczyk and Rene Ramirez. The ladies were treated to a very thought-provoking and highly relevant presentation on Disaster Preparedness.

(Right) Setting up for BINGO after the dinner and presentation are Doris Sebesta and Pat Tobolka.

WOW members and friends are pictured below.



Jayne Wolz and Clair Schulle.



(Above) Debbie Skrabanek, Yutta Vess and Nancy Luna.



Pat Tobolka and Kathy Brunk.



(Left) Patricia Kelm and Lisa Blum.



(Right) Julie Eubanks, Patty Vychopen and DJ Oliver.

Congratulations to our Graduates

Sunday, May 7th, the congregation celebrated **Collin Burgess'** graduation from **Caldwell High School** as well as **Kaitlin Schroeder's** graduation from **Texas A&M**.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2023

Elizabeth Lutheran Church is proud to announce that on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th, six young men and women completed their Confirmation classes after approximately 60 hours of study. These six have been serving as acolytes since elementary school. After their Confirmation, they will be moving from acolytes into Usher and Altar Guild duties as a part of the maturing of their faith. From left to right are **Rylee Curington**, daughter of Jeff and Aimee Curington; **Julianne Gerland**, daughter of Devin and Makala Gerland; **Rylie Lloyd**, daughter of Britt and Brooke Lloyd; **Hudson Novosad**, son of Cody and Tammie Novosad; **Jake Hibbeler**, son of Steven and Margaret Hibbeler; and **Luke Novosad**, son of Brad and Amanda Novosad.



THANK YOU to **Hadleigh Novosad** for arranging the flowers for Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday! Thank you to each of the parents for making a HUGE commitment in not only bringing their children to class, but *attending* with them as often as possible.

The congregation enjoyed conversation, family photos and lots of cake in joyous celebration of the difficult studies and faithful commitment of these six young students. We are so proud of them !

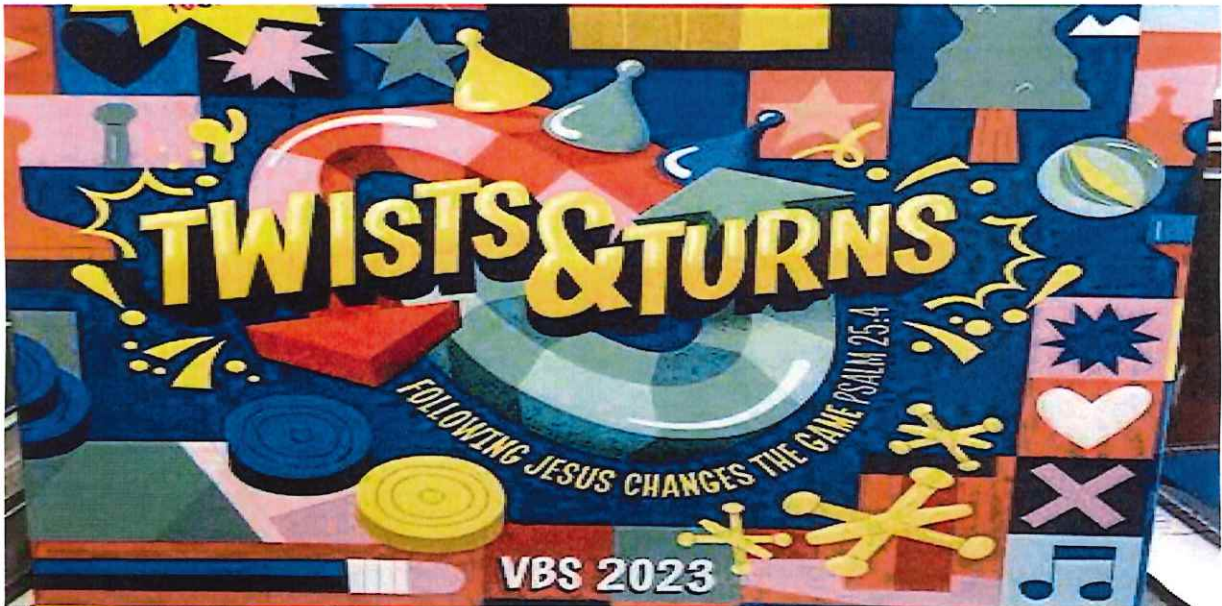
Thanks to friends and family who attended the Worship service in support of these faithful servants in the Lord. Thanks to **Tom Williams** for supporting the class materials on Sundays.



Calling all Students and Volunteers ...

Sun. Mon. Tues.
Jun. 4 Jun. 5 Jun. 6
5:30 to 8:00 PM

MARK THE DATES ! Join us as we learn that *"that following Jesus changes things."* We're planning some gaming fun , food and activities. Right now, we're seeking Adult and Teen volunteers. Both Student and Volunteer registration forms are located in the Entryway to the church for easy access. Watch for our color ad in the Burleson County Tribune in the June 1 Edition.



Favorite Hymn Month

Oh yes! Put on your thinking caps! **During the Month of July**, we will be singing your favorite hymns during worship...even if it's Christmas hymns! That means during the month of June, we will be asking you to write your favorite hymn requests on

the Attendance Cards. We will try to get in as many of your choices as possible. Oh what fun this will be! Thanks to Debbie Skrabanek . She's going to have to scare up all that ol' time music for us..

**REMEMBER: New Format... KIDS SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
 EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM**

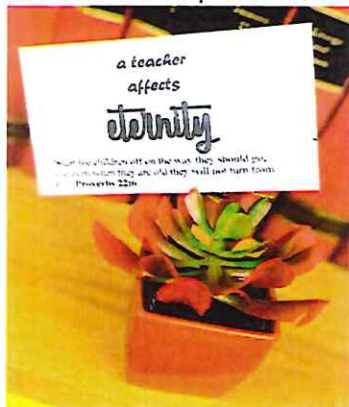


FLAT JESUS SUMMER PROJECT FOR ALL AGES

Approximately 40 customized "Flat Jesus" were made and laminated for both Adults and Kids to take with them wherever they go this summer. Scripture tells us over 280 times – starting in Genesis – that God is with us, do not fear. We studied the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, where Jesus directly tells his disciples, many times that He will be with us. Then we shifted to answering the question "How can I share His love?" Now we're ready for *wherever* the Summer takes us. Don't forget to pack your FLAT JESUS and then send us pictures of your adventures with your family. Each Sunday, during the Sunday School hour, we'll update the map with current photos. **YES, there will be lessons during the Sunday School hour for kids AND adults.**



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the 4 weeks of June, Pastor Bobby will be teaching "The Bible and How We Got It" - Q&A the first session; the other sessions will be about the origin of the Bible and how it was passed down to us today and how we know it is authentic.



Sunday School teacher appreciation

May 21st was the last day of "formal, divided by age" Sunday School classes. During worship, we paused a moment to especially THANK our children's teachers who have served faithfully for the past 9 months. They are Pre-K and Kinder: Sylvia Hein and Connie Suehs; Grades 1-2-3: Christy Faust and Tammy Stevenson; Grades 4-5-6: Kim McManus and Margaret Hibbeler; Confirmation-age: Tom Williams.

We certainly do NOT want to forget about the Adult Sunday School Teachers! Sharing duties for the past 9 months were Devin and Makala Gerland and John and Pam Milner.

2023
LCMC Texas District
ANNUAL GATHERING
& Youth Gathering/Lock-in



July 28 - 29, 2023
St. Paul Lutheran
New Braunfels, TX

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Tilaye Daba | Global Mission Director
Lutheran Church Makane Yesus in Ethiopia

PREACHERS: Caleb Bahr | Immanuel, Taylor, TX
Kari Malinak | Living Word, Grapevine, TX

TICKETS: Adult - \$75 thru 6/30 | \$100 after
Youth - \$40 thru 6/30 | \$60 after



*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 1:8

lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering



Elizabeth Lutheran Church July 3rd 2023 Celebration Raffle Donations

***Tikka T3X 308/Leupold VX-3HD Scope - Elizabeth Lutheran Church**

SCCY CPX-2 9mm Hand Gun- James & Dorothy Oliver

***Bergara B-14 Ridge SG/Gray Rifle -Ray & Randy Brinkman, Kevin McManus, Trent Groce & Jaxton McNair**

***Henry Varmint .17MR Large Loop - Larry Hein, Buddy Warren, Gabbo Goetsch, Keith Maresh, & Mike Cook**

***Ruger American Ranch 223 FDE - Larry Hein, Buddy Warren, Gabbo Goetsch, Keith Maresh, & Mike Cook**

Omie's Ranch Haus in Fredericksburg Two Nights for Six - Elizabeth Lutheran Church

\$300 Gift Certificate - Paul & Debbie Skrabanek

Two - \$250 Gift Certificate - Emmitt & Jayne Wolz

\$250 Gift Certificate - Caldwell Dry Cleaners & Laundry

\$200 Gift Certificate- Henry & Dianna Curington

Two - \$150 Gift Certificates-Elizabeth Lutheran Church Altar Guild

Two - \$150 Gift Certificates - Elizabeth Lutheran Church Women of the Word

\$150 Gift Certificate - Mike & Joni Cook

\$100 Gift Certificate - Melvin & Frances Zgabay

\$100 Gift Certificate - Elizabeth Lutheran Church Bereavement

\$75 Gift Certificate - Burleson County Co-Op

6 Foot Party Sub - Subway - Caldwell

Oil Change & Tire Rotation - Wilde Auto Plus

\$60 Value Napa Dough - napa flats

\$50 Gift Certificate Value - Masfajita's Mexican Restaurant

\$50 Ozona Bucks Value - Ozona Grill & Bar

\$50 Gift Card - Gate 12 Bar & Grill or J Cody's Steaks & BBQ

\$50 Gift Card Value - Olive Garden

\$50 Gift Card Value - Chili's Grill & Bar

\$40 Gift Certificate Value - Texas Seafood & Steakhouse - Caldwell

\$40 Gift Certificate Value - Fish Daddy's

Entrée/Drink/Dessert for Two Gift Card - Cracker Barrel

Two - \$35 Promo Card Value - Grub Burger

\$30 Gift Card - Chuy's

Dinner for Two – Cotton Patch

Two- Lunch for Two Certificates - McAlister's Deli

One Pizza of Your Choice – Pizza Hut

\$25 Gift Card - BJ's Brewhouse

\$25 Gift Card – Cheddar' Scratch Kitchen

\$25 Gift Card & T-Shirt - Torchy's Tacos

Box Combo/Drink, Cap, Lunch Bag – Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers

Elizabeth Lutheran Church – Community Wide 27th Annual July 3rd Celebration & Fireworks Display 2023

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**Donations, raffle items and silent auction items will be accepted until June 25th.
Please contact Betty Gold (979-777-1964) or the church (979-567-4286) for
questions.**