



## News of Elizabeth Lutheran

### June Highlights

#### June 1<sup>st</sup>

Altar guild mtg after worship

#### June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Women's morning bible study @ 10

#### June 8<sup>th</sup>

Council Meeting - Ministry Plan  
directly after fellowship

#### June 21<sup>st</sup>

Community pantry

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

VBS  
5:30-8:00 pm each night

#### June 25<sup>th</sup>

Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm

#### June 26<sup>th</sup>

Newsletter info deadline @ 10 am

### Elizabeth Lutheran Church

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### Prayer Chain

Lisa Blum

Margaret Hibbeler

Clair Schulle

Connie Suehs

Debbie Skrabanek

Twana Benner

Sue Brinkman

Christie Havemann

Becky Goetsch

Penny Neal

Dianna Curington

### Council Members

President – Cody Novosad

Vice Pres – Devin Gerland

Secretary – Christie Havemann

Treasurer – Vince Neal

Property – Jaxton McNair

Worship – Devin Gerland

Cong Life – Melanie Woods

Christian Education – Shawn Faust

Membership – Maryanne Rogers

Evangelism – Gabbo Goetsch

Pastor – Mark Neumann

**Loving God, loving others, sharing the Word.**

## Pastor Mark's Post

### Discovering Our Shared Ministry Vision

Dear Church Family,

A dedicated team of volunteer members has come together in prayer and unity to design a fresh ministry plan for our congregation. With hearts full of hope and hands ready to serve, we have outlined four priorities that will guide our collective mission:

- ☐ Worship and Music: A call to lift our spirits and hearts in song, deepening our experience of God's presence.
  - ☐ Member Care: A commitment to nurture and support every individual within our church family with compassion and understanding.
  - ☐ Youth and Children: A passionate focus on inspiring our youngest members, empowering them to grow in faith and purpose.
  - ☐ Marketing and Communication: An invitation to share our message with the community, bridging connections that invite others into our journey of faith.
- Each of these priorities is a vital piece of our ministry, and each holds a unique resonance for our lives. As you reflect on these guiding themes, ask yourself: Which of these areas speaks most directly to your heart? Is it the soulful harmony of worship and music, the warmth of genuine care and support, the bright promise of nurturing young hearts, or the dynamic calling to share our good news with the world?

Your individual conviction is essential. When you identify the area that feels paramount for you, know that you're not only expressing your personal gifts and passions but also contributing to the foundation of our united mission. As we move forward, we will organize our efforts around these priorities, ensuring that each member has the opportunity to serve in the space where God has specially equipped them.

We encourage you to take a quiet moment this week to reflect on these priorities and determine which one aligns most closely with your calling. Share your insight with your fellow church members in conversations about the ministry at Elizabeth Lutheran Church. Soon you will be given the opportunity to fill out a response form that will soon be available. Together, let's build a ministry that is both vibrant and unified—a place where every voice is heard, every gift is celebrated, and every heart finds its home in service.

As you consider which ministry focus speaks to you most, think about the moments in your life when you have felt most inspired or needed. Feel free to reach out to us with your thoughts or even with questions on how you can get more involved. Perhaps you'd like guidance on how to blend multiple passions or simply need a prayer for clarity. Let's continue this journey of discovery and growth together.

Blessings in Christ,



Pastor Mark Neumann

[pastor@elizabeth-lutheran.org](mailto:pastor@elizabeth-lutheran.org)

## CELEBRATIONS\*

### June Birthdays



### June Anniversaries



### June Baptisms



Christy Faust	1
Fritz Wolz	1
Casey Blum	3
Marcia Post	4
Aubrey Kovasovic	6
Lynn Post	9
Margaret Hibbeler	11
Sylvia Hein	13
Joni Cook	14
James "IV" Duke	14
Tammy Stevenson	16
Laurie Frieda	16
Melanie Woods	19
Bubba Frieda III	22
Faith Duke	23
Rylie Lloyd	24
Alice Wiederhold	25

Duane & Betty Gold	4
Stephen & Dana Skrabanek	6
Henry & Dianna Curington	14
Buddy & Laurie Frieda	19
Duane & Terri Suehs	20
Mark & Martha Streetman	21

Peyton Skrabanek	2
Brynleigh Parkin	10
Mathew Amaya	13
Hudson Novosad	20
Julianne Gerland	20
Kelsey Graves	23

\*For corrections or additions, please email [office@elizabeth-lutheran.org](mailto:office@elizabeth-lutheran.org)

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Altar Guild Mtg after worship	Women's Morning Bible Study @ 10 in the FH					
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Council Ministry Plan Meeting directly after fellowship	Women's Morning Bible Study @ 10 in the FH					Flag Day
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
				Pantry Volunteer 6 PM	Pantry Volunteer 9 am	Community Pantry 7-10 AM
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
VBS 5:30 - 8:00 PM	VBS 5:30 - 8:00 PM	VBS 5:30 - 8:00 PM	Council Meeting 5:30 PM	Newsletter Info Deadline by 10 AM		
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

## Monthly Financial Information:

2025 Annual Budget: \$287,635.00  
 Amount needed monthly: \$ 23,969.59  
 Amount needed weekly: \$ 5,531.45  
 General Funds rec'd in May: \$ 12,624.90  
 Building Funds rec'd in May: \$ 63,505.35 (\$75,000 pd towards principle, \$725,000 current principle balance)  
 Cemetery offering: \$ 830.00  
 Average Sunday attendance: 95

## June Worship Responsibilities

9 AM Service	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
USHERS	Jeff Curington, Henry Curington, Weldon Coker, Mike Cook, Keith Maresh, Paul Schulle and Mark Streetman				
ALTAR GUILD	Maryanne Rogers and Abby Wolski				
ACOLYTES	Aubrey Maurer	Jackson Lloyd	Lila Supak	Jenna Hibbeler	Savanah Faust
READERS	Gail Broussard	Willie Hobbs	Hadleigh Novosad	Vince Neal	Devin Gerland
AUDIO/ VISUAL	Gerlands	Vince Neal	Britt Lloyd	Novosads	Gabbo Goetsch
COMMUNION SERVERS	Cody Novosad & Shawn Faust	Vince Neal & Gabbo Goetsch	Maryanne Rogers & Jaxton McNair	Christie Havemann & Devin Gerland	Melanie Woods & Cody Novosad

### WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

- ✚ All women are invited 😊
- ✚ Do you know of someone in need of prayer? Prayer chain contact info on the front page or call the church office @ 567-4286.
- ✚ Join us for Bible Study each Monday @ 10 a.m.! Currently studying "Heaven" by Jennifer Rothschild
- ✚ All ELC women, 18 years and older, are automatically WOW members!

## How can I serve my Church?

- ✓ Sign up to host Fellowship
- ✓ Sign up to bring Flowers
- ✓ Sign up to be a Reader
- ✓ Volunteer to be a Sunday School Teacher
- ✓ Volunteer to serve on Altar Guild
- ✓ Volunteer at the Food Pantry



**Magnified!** Vacation Bible School will encourage kids to look closely at the details of God's Amazing World. Please join us on Sunday, June 22 - Tuesday, June 24 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm at the Elizabeth Lutheran Church for VBS. If you would like to help, please contact Christy Faust at 979-220-8573 or Tammy Stevenson at 979-820-1065.



Shawn Faust represented ELC at the Caldwell VBS Hangout on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. This event allowed parents to see what each church was offering for their VBS's.



# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## Has Jesus Fallen Asleep?

As we look forward to our Texas District Annual Gathering in Victoria at the end of July, we continue to look at the story of Jesus calming the seas in Mark 4:35-41. In this story, Jesus' disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a great windstorm arose and began swamping the boat. Fear struck the disciples, but Jesus was sleeping through it all. The disciples woke Jesus up: "*Teacher! Don't you care that we are going to die?*" Jesus then got up, rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

This year's theme is "All in the Same Boat." We all face challenging "storms" both as individual followers of Jesus as well as communities of disciples gathered into our local congregations. In this series of *Mission Moment* articles, we are unpacking this Bible story as we discover the hope we have in Jesus through every time of trouble. Last month we focused on our first lesson, that Jesus was in the boat with the disciples the entire time! At no point were they alone in their situation. But that raises an important second question: Has Jesus fallen asleep? Let this be our wake-up call (pun intended). Our second lesson to learn from this story: Keep Jesus awake!

I think it is great that scriptures record moments like this. It reminds us that Jesus was fully human: Jesus would get hungry and so he ate. He would get tired and so he slept. But I also love it as a metaphor for the state of our relationship with Jesus. Have we left Jesus alone and disengaged with him? Has our faith become sleepy and are we taking Jesus' presence for granted? Have we forgotten about him? Do we have an attitude perhaps like the first disciples: "We got this... after all we are fishermen and are the experts!" And as the storm raged around them, Jesus was right there. But because the disciples left Jesus to drift off to sleep, it was almost as if he wasn't.

One of our common mistakes in the life of faith is to not activate Jesus. While Jesus is right there, so often we drift off to do our own things in life and leave Jesus be. We neglect reading the Bible or spending time in prayer or listening for him to speak. We approach our lives as if we are the experts and are in control and only call on Jesus in a panic when all seems to go wrong. We cry out "Don't you care!" Of course, Jesus cares. But the Lord also wants our faith to be active and engaged, not sleepy and withdrawn.

Living as a disciple is seldom easy. And ministry as a congregation is full of new challenges. And we remember that we are All in the Same Boat! And Jesus is with us... but have we left him to fall asleep? As we seek to weather all the storms of life, I pray that we remember to keep Jesus awake. And as we live more deeply into an intimate walk with Jesus, we will not ever doubt the Lord's care for us in perilous situations.

Our Annual Gathering is July 25-26 in Victoria, Texas. Register online: [www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering](http://www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering)

Pastor Bryce Formwalt is the Director of Mission Growth for LCMC Texas District and Program Director of Harvest Workers, an online ministry training program (learn more at [www.harvestworkers.net](http://www.harvestworkers.net)). Residing in Georgetown, Pastor Bryce is available to coach congregations on mission. Please contact him with any questions or comments: 512-942-7776 or [bryce@lcmctexas.org](mailto:bryce@lcmctexas.org).

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June 2025

## July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration!!

**Raffle tickets are available – Joni Cook will be set up in the fellowship room after church service each Sunday or you can contact her at 979/220-0417.**

Elizabeth Lutheran Church July 3rd annual celebration and fireworks display preparation is underway. This year the big event will be held on Thursday, July 3rd, 2025. The committee members are working on the details to deliver a great celebration this year. Vince Neal, committee President, said the fireworks display is set to be another big event.

Betty Gold, the sponsor and raffle prize coordinator, is preparing the raffle ticket which will show the sponsors & raffle items/donors for the event. We are seeking support from our members, local businesses & residents in the area to help support this large community-wide event. *If you missed the ticket printing deadline, you may still participate in giving sponsorships, raffle & silent auction donations until June 30, 2025.*

You can complete the donation form & take it to the church office this week or place it in the July 3<sup>rd</sup> mailbox in the kitchen, or send a picture of it to Betty. Anyone having questions concerning the sponsorships and raffle can contact Betty or call the church at 979-567-4286 or email the Church at [office@elizabeth-lutheran.org](mailto:office@elizabeth-lutheran.org)

### **Elizabeth Lutheran Church – Community Wide 29th Annual July 3rd Celebration & Fireworks Display**

#### **Fireworks Finale Sponsorship**

C & H Welding & Fabricating, Inc.

#### **Stars Sponsorship**

Vince & Penny Neal

#### **Stripes Sponsorship**

Citizens State Bank, The Cottage, Edward Jones, Greg Browning, FA., NEI Construction & Mainstreet Gym  
Bubba Moore Foundation, Jayne & Emmitt Wolz

#### **Red Sponsorship**

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Burns & Reyes-Burns, PLLC CC Electric, LLC Cindy's Hair Salon, Rodney & Christie Havemann, Homeyer Feed, JackRabbit Manufacturing, Kocurek Industries, Sharon & Ben Novosad, Subway, Alice Wiederhold, Woodson Lumber Co.

#### **White Sponsorship**

Brazos Valley RV Park, Caldwell Livestock Commission, Henry & Dianna Curington, Hobbs Ag Services, Jeffrey Mowing & Landscaping, Knights of Columbus # 6366, Danny Koerth, CPA, P.C., Pico Propane & Fuels, Pizza Hut of Caldwell, Rik-Mar Fabricators, Inc., Strickland Funeral Home

#### **Blue Sponsorship**

Bud Cross Ford, Inc., Burleson County Motor Supply, Caldwell Dry Cleaners & Laundry, Mike & Joni Cook, Stephen & Margaret Hibbeler, Jaecks Insurance Agency, KoC Outdoors, K & H Portable Toilets, Inc., Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Prosperity Bank, Suehs Family, Weaver's Refrigeration & Electric, Phil Wood

**Elizabeth Lutheran Church July 3rd 2025 Celebration Raffle Donations**

\* TIKKA T3X Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor/Leupold VX-3HD 3.5 -10/40 CDS-ZL Duplex Scope - ELC  
\* Ruger American Gen 2, 6MM Creedmoor - Ray, Randy & Bruce Brinkman,  
Kevin McManus, Trent Groce, Jaxton McNair & Alex Matchett  
\* Ruger American 308 Win Gen 2 Gry Rifle - Gabbo & Becky Goetsch  
\* Savage A22 Magnum 22WMR 22" 10rd Rifle - Buddy Warren, Mike Cook & Gabbo Goetsch  
\* Ruger 10/22 Sporter .22LR SS/WD 18" Rifle - Ray, Randy & Bruce Brinkman,  
Kevin McManus, Trent Groce, Jaxton McNair & Alex Matchett  
\* GForce 12 GA Shotgun - Ray, Randy & Bruce Brinkman,  
Kevin McManus, Trent Groce, Jaxton McNair & Alex Matchett  
Omie's Ranch Haus in Fredericksburg Two Nights for Six - Elizabeth Lutheran Church  
\$250 Gift Certificate - Caldwell Dry Cleaners & Laundry  
\$250 Gift Certificate - Sharon & Ben Novosad  
\$200 Gift Certificate - Mike & Joni Cook  
\$200 Gift Certificate - Henry & Dianna Curington  
\$200 Gift Certificate - Becky & Gabbo Goetsch  
Two - \$150 Gift Certificates - WOW - Women of the Word ELC  
Two - \$150 Gift Certificates - Elizabeth Lutheran Church Altar Guild  
Two - \$100 Gift Certificates - Pat & Marilyn Seymour  
\$100 Gift Certificate - Frances Zgabay  
\$100 Gift Certificate - Burleson County Co-Op  
Rigid 3 Gallon Wet/Dry Vac - Home Depot  
Oil Change & Tire Rotation - Wilde Auto Plus  
Craftsman ½" Drill/Driver Kit - Napa Auto Parts  
\$50 Gift Certificate - Masfajita's Mexican Restaurant  
Two - \$50 Gift Cards - Cracker Barrel  
\$45 Gift Card - Deluxe Pedicure – Lt Nail Spa  
\$40 Gift Certificate - Texas Seafood & Steakhouse in Caldwell  
\$40 Gift Certificate - Joe's Italian Grill Caldwell  
Two - \$30 Meal Gift Card with Chips N Dip - Chuy's  
Three - Golden Corral Choice Buffets for Two – Golden Corral  
\$25 Promo Card & Shake - Grub Burger  
Two sets of Two - Super Spud & Drink - McAlister's Deli  
Two - \$25 Gift Cards - Cracker Barrel  
Two - \$25 Gift Cards - Chili's  
\$25 Gift Card - BJ's Brewhouse, Olive Garden, Prox One

# July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration!

## Silent auction items are still needed!

Please complete the donation form & take your item to the fellowship room with your form. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Goetsch or Penny Neal.

### Elizabeth Lutheran Church 29<sup>th</sup> Annual July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration & Fireworks Display

If you wish to be a sponsor in one of the categories below, or if you wish to donate a raffle item, silent auction item or monetary gift, please mark your choice(s) below.

Please RESPOND AND/OR REMIT this form along with your monetary donation, sponsorship, or raffle item to the church by May 1, 2025 to be listed on raffle tickets.

*If you have questions, contact Betty Gold at 979-777-1964 for raffle or sponsorships. For silent auction items Penny Neal at 979-220-7886 or Becky Goetsch at 979-676-0523.*

#### Sponsorship Levels

**Fireworks Finale Sponsor\* \$ 5,000 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Includes 4 reserved parking spaces*

**Stars Sponsor\* \$ 2,500 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Includes 2 reserved parking spaces*

**Stripes Sponsor \$ 1,000 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Red Sponsor \$ 500 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

**White Sponsor \$ 300 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Blue Sponsor \$ 200 (+)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Raffle item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Silent Auction item:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Monetary Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list below exactly how you wish your name to appear for our event and complete the address and contact information:*

**Business/Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation enclosed:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* If you need an invoice, please mark here:** \_\_\_\_\_

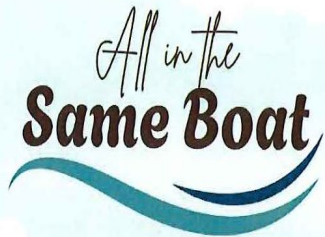
**Donations, raffle items and silent auction items will be accepted until June 30, 2025.** Thank you again for making this event an enjoyable time for all.

**Mail to:** ELC July 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning Committee  
Betty Gold  
P. O. Box 675, Caldwell, Texas 77836

2025 LCMC TEXAS DISTRICT

## ANNUAL GATHERING

& YOUTH GATHERING



July 25-26, 2025

First English, Victoria, TX

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

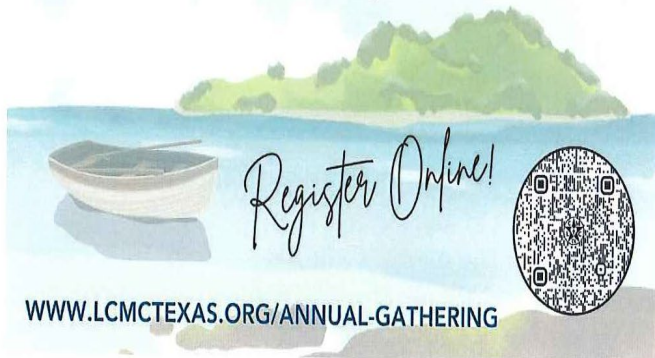
Christian Huntley  
Steve Turnbull  
Trevor Sutton

### TICKETS:

Adult - \$75 by 6/30 | \$100 after  
Youth - 50% off

### FEATURING:

18 Breakouts to choose from  
Separate Youth Gathering & Lock-in  
Great Food & Worship



LCMC Texas District

## YOUTH GATHERING & LOCK-IN

First English in Victoria, Texas

FOR  
GRADES  
6-12

JULY  
25-26

### TICKETS:

\$37.50 by June 30 | \$50 after

### COME FOR:

Fun, Friends & Fellowship  
Dinner Friday  
Breakfast & Lunch Saturday  
Free T-Shirt  
And so much more!

All in the  
Same Boat

Register online! →

[www.lcmctexas.org/YOUTH-gathering/](http://www.lcmctexas.org/YOUTH-gathering/)



## Congratulations to the Elizabeth Lutheran High School Graduates

Kaden, Brayden, Haleigh and Colby received their scholarship certificates at the Caldwell High School senior recognition night on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from Pastor Mark.



ELC graduates were honored on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>



Hadleigh, Colby, Brayden, Kaden & Aubrey



**May God continue to bless and guide each of them!**

## June 2025 Newsletter

**The pork steak fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 10 and we had an amazing turn out with 700 meal tickets being sold raising over \$9,000. Thank you to everyone that helped sale tickets, preparing the food, cooking the steaks, donating the food, donating bake sale items, making the plates, taking tickets and delivering the meals. A BIG THANK YOU to Meagan Suehs for all these wonderful pictures and to Bailey and Jaxton McNair for coordinating this event!**



## Thank You for Supporting Our Bake Sale!

We would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who supported the bake sale held during the recent pork steak fundraiser. The children had an amazing time and worked incredibly hard, all in the spirit of raising funds for a new playground. A special thanks goes out to everyone who donated baked goods—every item was a big hit and contributed to the event's success! Thanks to your generosity and support, the children have now raised a total of **\$4,308.00** through the 2024 and 2025 bake sales. They are more motivated than ever to keep the momentum going and reach their goal of a new playground even sooner. We look forward to more fun and meaningful fundraising opportunities soon. Let's keep working together to bring this new playground to life!

With gratitude, Brittany McManus and Blair Groce

