



Jesus First

Others Second

Yourself Last

# News of Elizabeth Lutheran

## September, 2022 Highlights

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** (for 10 wks)  
Thursdays @ 6:30 to 8 pm  
"Crossways !" - Bible Study

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Immediately after Worship Svc  
"Sundae Sunday" : Meet your  
Sunday School Teacher

**September 11, 18 & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Adult Sunday School Class  
"Where Do We Grow from Here??"

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Council Mtg @ 11:30 am

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Food Pantry

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*Please ask your Council any  
questions you may have or  
Share any goods news you have  
heard ☩*

## *Pastor Bobby's Post*

### **Our Disappointments Are Often God's Appointments**

Dr. Bobby W. Leggett

Often our disappointments opens other doors to God's appointments for us to pursue. This happened to Paul in Acts 16:6, "Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia...when they came to the border of Mysia they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to." Paul had a vision the Jesus wanted him to go east to Macedonia, north of Greece. Sometimes God, closes doors, puts up road blocks, when God has something else planned than we have planned. There is a big difference between Satan's hindrances and the Lord's roadblocks. It is kind of like "Detour Signs," which takes us around a safer, more productive way.

We have what I call a "God Hole" in us and nothing can fill that hole except God Almighty. That is to say, we try to fill that hole with pleasure, sex, drugs, material goods, achievement, money, etc. People are drowning in debt, despair, ruined relationships and so many other self-appointed problems. The early church grew by the thousands and the primary reason was their hospitality fueled by the Good News of eternal life and blessings now in this life. Listening to God's direction led Paul and his companions to Philippi in Macedonia. As a result Paul met Lydia, a woman who dealt in purple cloth, very expensive cloth. Lydia and her whole household were baptized and, being a wealthy woman, invited Paul and his companions to her home.

Therefore, when you run up against an obstacle in life believe God has something else, and better, ready for you if you will just go through the door God is opening. There are many ways to give life to others if you are willing to go with God. Beth, is sitting at an airport terminal, waiting to board a plane. As she waited, she pulled out her Bible and started reading. Suddenly she felt as if the people were looking at her. She looked up, but realized that they were looking just over her head she turned around to see what everyone was looking at she saw a stewardess pushing a wheelchair, with the ugliest old man sitting in it that he had this long white hair that was all tangled and such a mess. His face was really, wrinkled, and twisted he didn't look friendly at all. Somehow she felt God drawing her to the man in her mind she said she was thinking, "Oh, God, please, not now All of a sudden she knew what God wanted her to do. She was supposed to brush this old man's hair. She went and knelt down in front of the old man, and said, "Sir may I have the honor of brushing your hair for you?" He said "What?" In a gruff voice. She thought, "Oh great, he's hard of hearing." Louder, she said, "Sir, may I have the honor of brushing your hair? He answered, "If you are going to talk to me, you are going to have to speak up, I am practically deaf." So this time, she was almost yelling, "Sir may I please have the honor of brushing your hair for you?"

Everyone was watching to see what his response would be. The old man just looked at her confused, and said "Well, I guess if you really want to." He said, "look in the bag hanging on the back of my chair, for a brush." So she got the brush out and started brushing his hair.

She worked for a long time, until every last tangle was out. Just as she was finishing up, she heard the old man crying. She went and put her hands on his knees, kneeling in front of him again looking directly into his eyes, and said, "Sir, do you know Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, of course I know Jesus." You see, my bride told me she couldn't marry me unless I knew Jesus, so I learned all about Jesus, and asked Him to come into my heart 65 years ago, before I married my bride." He continued, "You know, I am on my way home to go and see my bride. I have been in the hospital for a long time, and had to have a special surgery in this town far from my home. My bride couldn't come with me, because she is so frail herself." He said, "I was so worried about how terrible my hair looked, and I didn't want her to see me looking so awful, but I couldn't brush my hair, all by myself."

Tears were rolling down his cheeks, as he thanked Beth. He thanked her over and over again. She was crying, people all around witnessing they were crying. And right there was the opportunity, the door that had been opened to share with someone else, the love of God. We don't always understand God's ways, but be ready, he may use you to meet the need of someone else, like he met the need of this old man, and in that moment, also calling out to a lost soul who needed to know about His love.

By the way, Beth missed her flight...Now, go and do and be God's people.

May God Bless You and Yours,  
Pastor

## September Schedule

9 AM Service	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25	
<b>USHERS</b>	Cody Novosad, Rodney Havemann, Stephen Hibbeler, Brad Novosad Keith Schroeder, Buddy Warren				
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	LaRisa Rok and Joni Cook				
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Jake Hibbeler	Hudson Novosad			
<b>READERS</b>	Vince Neal	John Milner	Barbara Warren	Willie Hobbs	
<b>AUDIO/ VISUAL</b>	Julianne Gerland	Houston Gerland			
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>			Joni Cook LaRisa Rok Connie Suehs		
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Gabbo & Becky Goetsch				

### Financial Information

2022 Annual Budget           \$155,620.00  
 Amount needed each month   \$12,968.33  
 Total amount rec'd in August   \$12,161.00

Finance Committee is starting to work on the 2023 Budget.

Attention to all committees and groups, if you currently have a line item in the current budget, please review to see if it needs to be adjusted for 2023.

Contact Cody Novosad at 979-204-1428 if you have any questions or requests

# Celebrations

## September Birthdays



## September Anniversary



## September Baptism

### Birthdays

Meagan Suehs	1
Willie Hobbs	4
Maryanne Rogers	5
Elwood Hieden	13
Kodi Suehs	15
Bailey McNair	17
Steve Goodin	17
Mateo Mulligan	17
Madison Morton	18
Mark Streetman	18
Gail Broussard	23
Brayden Titzman	26
Bowen Gerland	28

### Anniversary

Gabbo & Becky Goetsch	7
Brian & LaRisa Rok	16
Larry & Lisa Blum	22

### Baptism

Meghan Blum	6
Gertrude Zgabay	18
Maryanne Rogers	20
Tammie Novosad	23
Dianna Curington	26

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**Prayer Changes Things** ✝ *Please continue to pray for*

Robert Wiederhold, Mark Cochran Family, Wayne Hobbs, Tommy Speck, Patricia Sexton, Jill Holcomb & family, Mary Lange, Gene Hermes, and Robby Robinson

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				<u>Crossways 1</u> 6:30 - 8 pm Bible Study		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<u>Youth Sunday School</u> "Sundae Sunday"  <u>Adult Bible Study</u> (Sunday School) "Where Do We Grow From Here?"  Council Mtg @ 11:30	WOW - Mtg & Bible Study @ 10 am			WOW Ladies Luncheon @ 11 am at Mantey Country/Ricky's Catering Buffet in Somerville  <u>Crossways 1</u> 6:30 - 8 pm Bible Study		Pantry
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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## Church Council News

### August News:

The Elizabeth Lutheran Church Council met on August 21, 2022. The following is a summary of that meeting:

The Council Vice President and chair of Evangelism, Bud Oliver, reported that 146 families received food from the Pantry during the August distribution.

Lisa Blum with Congregational Life stated that the ladies' luncheon in Rockdale went well and that the Pastors' installation also went well.

Stacy Stefka, who chairs Christian Education, said that she has plans to meet with Pastor Dayna regarding Sunday School and Rally Day.

Dianna Curington of Membership stated that attendance has been up with a lot of new and returning faces in the pews for the last few weeks. She was asked to check to make sure new members' birthdays were listed in the office.

Vince Neal with Worship reported that announcements will be given before service each Sunday by a Council member. There was also discussion about the flow of Sunday services.

Devin Gerland, Property chair, stated that we have received the insurance payment for the cemetery fence, and it should be repaired soon. There will be a meeting with Plan North on September 8, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., the Thursday after Labor Day. The cleaning crew has been doing a good job. The church's audio-video system is not working at all. Councilman Gerland will contract a company out of Brenham with regards to that. He also reported that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> /Pantry building is leaking down the south wall, and he will have that checked out.

Cody Novosad reviewed various accounts, so that our new pastors have a good understanding. He also stated that it is time to begin preparing the 2023 budget.

President Gabbo Goetsch thanked the Council for all of their hard work on Blessing of the Back Packs, fellowship, and the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration.

New business included the need to find a new part-time church secretary. Three cordless microphones will be priced out for church use. The Council voted to approve a new system to be purchased that can call, email, or text our important dates throughout the year.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 11:30 a.m..

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Our Elizabeth Lutheran Church is beginning the process of hiring a part-time, 20- to 25-hour per week, secretary. Please prayerfully keep that in mind. If you know of someone that might be that person for us, let one of the Council members know. All information about the position will be out soon.

### **WOW-Women of the Word**

What-A group of women committed to helping one another grow and connect in faith, fellowship, and mission.

Who-Any female member of Elizabeth Lutheran is a member of WOW.

When/Where/Why-We meet to study God's word every Monday at 10:00a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. Any business is discussed before starting our study.

Won't you consider becoming active in our group?

Submitted by Lisa Blum

**The WOW Ladies Monthly Luncheon will be Thursday, September 15th, at 11:00 at Mantey Country/Ricky's Catering Buffet in Somerville. We will be meeting at the church at 10:45. Please join us for good food, fun and fellowship. Any questions, please contact Karon Naumann by email - [ksnaumann@gmail.com](mailto:ksnaumann@gmail.com) or call/text (830) 832-0095.**

Thank you and have a blessed week.

Karon Naumann

**We are still in need of volunteers to provide fellowship after Sunday services.  
Won't you consider signing up?**



# Where Do We Grow From Here?

Beginning Sunday, September 11, there will be a three-week Sermon Series on "Where Do We Grow From Here." Each week, immediately following the worship service, ALL Adults are invited to the Adult Sunday School Class for a more in-depth discussion on (1) where the church began; (2) the obstacles the church faced; and (3) where is it now. Do you realize we are currently in a Post-Christian era? How did we get here?

Why is this study needed for all of us at once? It is critically important that the congregation and its leaders have the same vision for the church as its members. Therefore, the answer is pretty simple: if we don't know where we've been then we will have no idea where we're going. Or worse yet... "any place will do." The third class will culminate in a questionnaire.

ELIZABETH LUTHERAN CHURCH needs your honest input. It will be important that you make a commitment to be here for each of the three weeks: September 11, 18 and 25. How can church leaders meet it's congregations' needs if it is unaware of what those needs are?

The sermons and class materials are covered in the book, "The Once and Future Church" by Loren B. Mead, an Alban Institute Publication.

It is our prayer that you will joyfully want to join in this learning experience.

By the grace of God,

Pastor Dayna



## **Crossways 1 begins Thursday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Fortune Cookie Bible?

“Why doesn’t some Bible publishing company come out with the ‘The Fortune Cookie Bible’?” writes author and pastor, John W. Frye. Many Christians treat the Bible like they do a fortune cookie after a nice Chinese food dinner: pithy, little positive sayings that perk up your life and create a little fun curiosity. Is that all you are looking for? Do you just read your “verse for the day” or your little morsel of Bible Snickers™ bar? God is nice, but nice (and disposable) in a fortune cookie sort of way.

***There’s no Fortune Cookie Bible here!*** If you’re tired of being served chopped up, tasty, pieces of the Bible, then join us on **Thursday, September 8 for 10 weeks, at 6:30 p.m.** The Cost is \$20 per set of materials. Couples may share materials if you prefer.

Get ready to make some sense out of the Bible. We are ready to equip you with the Bible’s Big Story, the meta-narrative under which we all live. If you’re feeling Biblically illiterate -- or if you are wanting to put Jesus back into time and history -- this is the class for you. It’s Bible 101 on steroids!

Pastor Dayna

# SUNDAY + SCHOOL

Grow in Christ

## KIDS' NEWS

***It's here! It's time!***

**RALLY DAY comes first. "SUNDAE SUNDAY" is September 11th,** begins with meeting your teachers in your classroom. Yep, there is a tiny bit of paperwork for parents. Many of you will be moving up into new grade levels this year, so meeting your teacher and finding your new classroom will help you get started on the right foot. Your classroom will be your "home base" for the rest of the year.

While the Adults will be busy with the "Where Do We Grow From Here?" class, the kids will be in ***HYPER-PLAY*** outside (barring any crazy weather)! Kids of all ages will be creating their own Ice Cream Sundae or Ice Cream Float. How often do you get to enjoy ICE CREAM for breakfast and not get into trouble? **NOTE TO PARENTS:** perhaps your children should not dress up? Between ice cream and outside games, we'd prefer your child wear sturdy shoes and clothes that won't be ruined when they play/sweat outside. At least one of the games is also a little messy.

**CLASSES AFTER THAT...**Beginning September 18th, and continuing for 6 weeks, your children will be studying a new GOD & FAMILY curriculum whose objectives are to help young people (1) grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and Biblical values; (2) to help young people explore their faith together; and (3) to provide young people with the opportunity for Christian service to others. ***All while learning the Ten Commandments. HOW?***

**PIZZA!** The first thing you need to know about GOD & FAMILY is that the entire program outline is based on PIZZA. Yep, pizza. The six steps for making pizza will be compared to God's plan for strengthening not only family relationships, but relationships to others. Each week's lesson begins with a Biblical Family. As the weeks go by, students will be making paper pizza to represent what makes a healthy family.

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR TEACHERS:** It is our goal to have a co-teacher teacher for each classroom. Team teaching takes the stress out of the job. When one teacher is out, there's no frantic searching for a replacement. Please, prayerfully consider sharing your talents with our kids. **WE NEED AT LEAST TWO MORE ADULTS. If you want more information, please contact Stacy Stefka by email: [stacy\\_stefka@yahoo.com](mailto:stacy_stefka@yahoo.com).**

**LOOKING FORWARD...**Our next teacher's meeting to plan for Reformation through Christmas will be on **Wednesday, October 12 at 6 p.m.** We could use every teacher's input.

Pastor Dayna

# Elizabeth Lutheran Church Drop-Off Site

## GIVE SHOES. GIVE LOVE.

We're hosting a shoe drive to collect new and gently used shoes to create opportunities for women in developing nations to start and sustain a small business.



**You can help by simply donating your shoes!**

Bring your new or gently worn shoes on:

*Please place each pair of shoes in a plastic grocery bag. ♡*

Date of Event: August 7, 2022 through October 31, 2022

Address: Civic Center, area Churches, or Call any CBC Lion

Contact: Kathy Cornett @ 512-527-1236 or Jacque Bray @ 979-204-5249

All shoes will be donated to the non-profit organization Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing across the world. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has distributed 40 million pairs of new and gently worn shoes in 127 countries. Soles4Souls is a four star charity rated by Charity Navigator.

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