

News Of Elizabeth Lutheran

January 2022 **Highlights**

Jan. 9th – Installation of
Council Members

Jan. 10th – Women's Bible
Study @ 10:00a

Altar Guild @ 6:00p

Jan. 15th - Food Pantry

Jan 16th - Council Meeting
@ 11:30am

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Harvest Workers

Equipping Leaders to Make & Multiply Disciples

“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.”
-Matthew 9:37-38

Greetings, LCMC Churches and Pastors!

We face a challenge in LCMC, one not unique to our movement – in fact, one that troubles every type of church and denomination. Who will be our next generation of leaders? Our small churches struggle to compensate pastors, and we often see our best and brightest youth go off to college and flow into churches of other denominations. What if there was another pathway to equip young adults towards ministry leadership?

At the same time, some church members sense a call to ministry later in life and don't know how to go about answering it. It often isn't feasible to go to seminary for four years, nor is seminary always the kind of training needed to respond to their particular call. Some just feel called to help in their own church but want more training to be better equipped to serve or lead.

The LCMC Texas District has recognized this gap in training, and we've designed our Harvest Workers Program to fill it. Harvest Workers is a new, practical, missional, ministry leadership training program. Classes are all online and on-demand and taught by experienced mission-minded ministers who are called to mentor and teach next generation ministry leaders. Our training is accessible, faithful, and practical.

The Program consists of 14 courses plus a ministry apprenticeship:

- * Bible Study Methods taught by Luke Allison, Lakeville, MN
- * Old Testament taught by John Waak, Giddings, TX
- * New Testament taught by David Mayer, Stonewall, TX
- * Reformation & Lutheran Church History taught by Janine Rew-Werling, Watertown, SD
- * Lutheran Theological Foundations taught by Marcus Carlson, Auburn, IN
- * Spiritual Formation led by Danny Mullins, Gilbert, AZ
- * Evangelism & Discipleship taught by Brandon Foster, Columbus, NE
- * Church Planting & Revitalization taught by Bryce Formwalt, Georgetown, TX
- * Missional Leadership & Organization taught by Jody Skogen, Marion, IA
- * Preaching taught by Jeremy Walloch, Lacrosse, WI
- * Worship taught by Andrew Potratz, Story City, IA
- * Youth & Children's Ministry taught by Andrea Paulson, Hawley, MN
- * Care & Counseling taught by Eric Hulstrand, Eden Prairie, MN
- * New Testament Theology of Mission advised by faculty of student's choice

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The Harvest Workers Program is self-paced but can be completed by a dedicated student in 24 months or less and costs \$165 a month for Texas District students or \$200 a month for out-of-district students. Even for an out-of-district student, Harvest Workers is an affordable program. In fact, many congregations are able to completely fund tuition on our students' behalf. For about \$2,400 a year, your church can sponsor a student's training!

You can learn more about the program by visiting our website, www.harvestworkers.net. Contact us anytime by emailing info@harvestworkers.net or calling 512-942-7776 with questions or to get a deeper perspective on the program.

Thank you for your time and join us in praying to the Lord of the Harvest for Harvest Workers!

Your brother in Christ,
Bryce Formwalt

LCMC Texas District Director of Mission Growth & Harvest Workers Program Director

Church Council met on December 12th and welcomed two new members: Stacy Stefka and Vince Neal. The list of council members on the front of this newsletter is updated showing person and position on council. The two members leaving council are Buddy Warren and Connie Suehs. Thank you to both of them for their service and those that are now serving.

The new council members and altar guild members are scheduled to be installed during the service on January 9th.

We were blessed with a wonderful Christmas Program by our youth. Thank you to all that participated and worked with the youth. We also thank those that donated candy and fruit for the Christmas bags. Thank you, Connie Suehs, for putting them together.

In gratitude for those that serve on the Altar Guild, they were once again treated with a steak dinner at their December meeting. Thank you, Greg Titzman and Gabbo Goetsch, for preparing the meal as well as covering the cost.

I thank you for the wonderful Christmas Card and Gift. I have truly been blessed with the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

Donations of clothing, toiletries, food, bottled water, baby items and etc. were collected for victims of the tornado in Kentucky. Patrick Rogers and his friend Dale pulled a trailer full of relief items to our neighbors in Kentucky. When they arrived to their destination they were informed the Red Cross had received so many items they could not take anymore. Patrick drove around until he found a church with a lot of activity. He spoke with pastor Jamie Masso of Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana; Mayfield, KY, and found they were running out of supplies and could really use more. They had arrived just in time. Thank you Patrick, Dale and Mary Anne.

SCHEDULES:

9 AM Service	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	Jan. 16th	Jan. 23rd	Jan. 30th
USHERS	Larry Blum, Devin Gerland, Larry Hein, Paul Hobbs, Brian Rok, Bryan Woods				
ALTAR GUILD	Connie Suehs, Pam Milner				
ACOLYTES	Luke Novosad	Hudson Novosad	Rylee Curington	Julianne Gerland	Jake Hibbeler
READERS	John Milner	Barbara Warren	Willie Hobbs	Devin Gerland	Clair Schulle
AUDIO/ VISUAL	Brad Doss and Brayden Titzman	Brad Doss and Brayden Titzman	Brad Doss and Brayden Titzman	Brad Doss and Brayden Titzman	
FELLOWSHIP					
FLOWERS					

*For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
Romans 3:28*

But the devil, that master of a thousand tricks, lays traps for us with marvelous cleverness. He leads some astray by getting them involved in open sins. Others, who think themselves righteous, he brings to a stop, makes them lukewarm as Rev. 3:14ff. A third group he seduces into superstitions and ascetic sects, so that, for example, they do not at all grow cold but feverishly engage in works, setting themselves apart from the others, whom they despise in their pride and disdain. A fourth class of people he urges on with ridiculous labor to the point where they try to be completely pure and holy, without any taint of sin.

He senses the weakness of each individual and attacks him in this area. And because these four classes of people are so fervent for righteousness, it is not easy to persuade them to the contrary. Thus he begins by helping them to achieve their goal, so that they become overanxious to rid themselves of every evil desire. When they cannot accomplish this, he causes them to become sad, dejected, wavering, hopeless, and unsettled in their consciences.

Then it only remains for us to stay in our sins and to cry in hope of the mercy of God that He would deliver us from them. Just as the patient who is too anxious to recover can surely have a serious relapse, we must also be healed gradually and for a while put up with certain weaknesses. For it is sufficient that our sin displeases us, even though we do not get entirely rid of it. For Christ carries all sins, if only they are displeasing to us, and thus they are no longer ours but His, and His righteousness in turn is ours.

Martin Luther
Lectures on Romans (1515-16)

Celebrations



Jan. Birthdays



Jan. Anniversaries



Jan. Baptisms

Jeremy Bage	1	Randy & Sonja Brinkman	16	Eileen Schneider	2
Stephen Skrabanek	1			Irene Schumacher	13
Duane Suehs	1			Tanner Stefka	18
Larry Hein	3			Blair Groce	19
Mandy Novosad	8			Dana Skrabanek	25
Paul Schulle	25			Stephen Skrabanek	25
Caitlyn Faust	27			Houston Gerland	27
Karon Naumann	29				

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Council & Altar Guild installed						Community Pantry 8:00am-11:00am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Council Meeting @ 11:30am						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					