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# THE LIGHT



A NEWSLETTER OF EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BASTROP, TEXAS

## From the Pastor's Desk

The Multiplication Movement?

[One of the questions Christians sometimes ask when they hear words like *multiply*, *mission*, or *church planting* is, "Are we becoming one of those evangelism programs?" Others wonder if multiplication is simply another word for recruiting members or increasing attendance. The answer is no.

For generations many Christians have unconsciously adopted a "castle church" mindset, where the primary goal is getting people to come to church. The New Testament presents a different picture. The Church is not primarily a place people attend but a people whom Christ sends. The Greek word *ekklesia*, translated "church," referred to an assembly of people called together for a purpose. The Church is Christ's gathered people, but it is also Christ's sent people.

In fact, the modern multiplication movement is not something new at all. It is really a rediscovery of something very old—the biblical understanding of what the Church is and what Christians are called to do.

One of our seminary professors, Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann (who, by the way, is a candidate for LCMS president) puts it this way:

"Lutherans follow Jesus Christ. Lutheran is not a denomination or one version of Christianity. Lutheran is the name we give to those who rightly confess with their words and lives that Jesus is Lord. Normed and directed by the Bible, Lutherans teach the fullness of God's truth that the apostles taught. To be Lutheran is to know the wonder of God's forgiveness in Christ, to have purpose in daily life grounded in the vocations God gives, and to wait with eager expectation for the arrival of Christ's kingdom in its full glory on the Last Day."

Notice the emphasis. Being Lutheran is not primarily about belonging to an institution. It is about following Jesus, confessing Him with our words and lives, and living faithfully in the places where God has called us... This sounds remarkably like the Church we encounter in Acts 2.

After Pentecost, the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. They shared life together. They cared for one

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Divine Service 10:30 am

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## Pastor's Note Continued

The early Christians were not running recruitment campaigns. They were simply living as Christians.

The same idea appears throughout Ephesians. The Church is described as Christ's body, growing and building itself up in love as every member does his or her part (Ephesians 4:16). The goal is not organizational expansion but spiritual maturity. Yet healthy things grow. Living things multiply.

This is where Luther's doctrine of vocation becomes so important.

Luther taught that God works through ordinary Christians in ordinary places. The mother caring for a child, the mechanic repairing a vehicle, the teacher instructing students, the retiree encouraging a neighbor, the friend sharing a meal—these are not distractions from God's mission. They are God's mission.

God places Christians into countless relationships and callings. Through those vocations He loves, serves, and blesses the world. Multiplication begins there.

It happens when Christians faithfully live as Christians in the vocations God has given them. It happens when faith naturally spills over into conversations, relationships, acts of service, and invitations. It happens when disciples make disciples—not through pressure or programs, but through everyday life centered on Christ.

This understanding fits perfectly with our mission tagline at Epiphany Lutheran Church: *Connect. Grow. Multiply.* We *connect* people to Christ and to one another through His Word and Sacraments. We *grow* as disciples through worship, study, prayer, and life together. And we *multiply* as those disciples carry Christ into their homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and community. (Notice that multiplication comes last. It is the natural outcome of connecting and growing. Just as a healthy tree produces fruit, healthy disciples produce disciples.)

That is why multiplication is not a program. It is not recruitment. It is not even primarily about numerical growth. It is simply Christians being Christians.

Or, to put it another way, multiplication is what happens when disciples of Jesus live out their vocations, confess Christ with their words and lives, and participate in the mission that God has always given His Church.

In other words, multiplication is not a departure from Lutheran Christianity. It is a return to it. And we're working on a Sunday school study series in the fall to explore the answer to the question: "The Multiplication Movement?"

So stay tuned...

Pastor E.B.

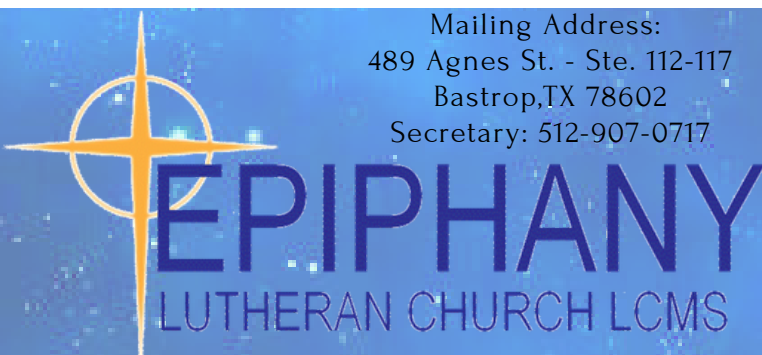
## Epiphany At-A-Glance

Know someone who wants to know more about our church or Lutheranism? Share this QR Code to the "What We Believe" section of our website.



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Epiphany Lutheran Church



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# Yay God!



NEW SIGN



**Sunday Morning Fellowship**  
**Two Opportunities**  
Join us on **Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:00** for fellowship.

Enjoy coffee, donuts, friends, and the outdoors on our beautiful property. And stay for Sunday School from 9:00-10:00 and Service at 10:30.

*Thanks to our trustees who installed a sign on the road outside of our property.*

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Rosie Cabrera	June 3
Daniel Botha	June 12
Ruby Lehrmann	June 14
Alex & Esther Monroe	June 6

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Adult Sunday School 9:00AM

Follow host Dave Stotts as he travels the globe to tell the 2,000-year story of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached the Ends of the Earth.

Join us on **Monday, June 29, at 6pm** for another one-hour, one-time FLASH STUDY on Zoom: **Don't Ask AI to Save Your Soul**—we'll watch a short video and look at what AI can do well, where it falls short, and why God's inspired Word remains the Christian's ultimate source of truth, wisdom, and salvation.

If an app could answer every Bible question instantly, would you trust it with your eternity? AI is changing how people learn, work, communicate—and even study the Bible. But should Christians trust AI to interpret God's Word?

## MONDAY FLASH STUDY



ONE-TIME VIDEO STUDY  
ON ZOOM

Register now: [bit.ly/ELC-BibleAI](https://bit.ly/ELC-BibleAI)

## Starting POINT

*Bring a Friend. Bring Your Questions.*



WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM  
JUNE 17 – AUGUST 5



BRING A FRIEND  
Everyone is welcome!

*Twice monthly devotion and prayer gathering*

MEETS 1ST/3RD TUESDAYS | 3PM

JOIN US FOR

# MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

## rightnow MEDIA



FOR FREE ACCESS TO RIGHTNOW MEDIA, VISIT [APP.RIGHTNOWMEDIA.ORG/JOIN/ELCB](https://APP.RIGHTNOWMEDIA.ORG/JOIN/ELCB)

Epiphany now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of video Bible study resources. This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos that can be used as part of a group study or for personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Faith Lutheran High School

(limited spots available)

**June 8-10 Volleyball** 3rd - 5th, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

6th - 8th, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Total Cost \$20

**June 15-17 STEM** K - 2nd, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

3rd - 6th, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Total Cost \$40

**June 22-24 Art** K - 2nd, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

3rd - 6th, 12:30-3:00 p.m. Total Cost \$40



## Scholarships Available See Pastor for more info



Our summer camp in La Grange offers overnight and day camp opportunities for campers ages 5-18, plus family camp for all ages.



**Epiphany has a podcast!** It is available on popular podcast apps, or at [peacebewithyou.podbean.com](https://peacebewithyou.podbean.com)



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## ChristianBook Giveback Program

Did you know that your purchases at Christianbook can help fund our congregation? Just visit [christianbook.com/apps/giveback](https://christianbook.com/apps/giveback) and enter the Giveback ID for Epiphany Lutheran Church: **JQWHTN**. After this one-time signup, we'll be eligible to receive 4% cashback on your purchases.

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FAITH LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS



## June 2026 Newsletter



LET'S  
CELEBRATE  
OUR 2026  
GRADUATES  
LILLY & CHLOE!



### Graduation

We are so proud of our recent graduates. Thanks to all who attended Commencement 2026; we are truly blessed so many were in attendance for this major milestone in their lives. Fly, Falcons, Fly!

### Seeking 2 & 3 Days-a-Week Teachers

We would love to see members of our supportive Lutheran community step into one of the new part-time teaching roles here at Faith. If you have subject knowledge in history, English, music, and/or Spanish, we seek your skills and experience. This is a perfect opportunity for retired teachers and other professionals who have a few days free in their weekly schedules. Teaching at Faith is rewarding and fun; please contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889 or email [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org) for more details. You may also send resumés directly to us at Faith Lutheran High School, P.O. Box 138, Warda, TX 78960. Thank you so much for considering serving in this way!



Contact us:  
[flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org) (979) 242-2889

### Summer Camps Are Filling Up - REGISTER TODAY

June 1-2	Archery	Total Cost \$15
June 8-10	Volleyball	Total Cost \$20
June 15-17	STEM	Total Cost \$40
June 22-24	Art	Total Cost \$40

Details: <https://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com>

### An Afternoon to Honor Mr. Schaefer

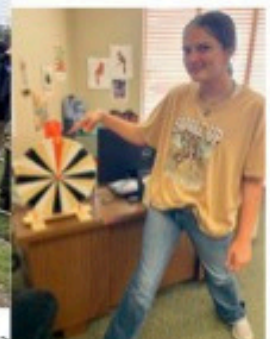
We sent our beloved music and history teacher, Mr. Dan Schaefer, off with an afternoon of grateful celebration to honor his 8 years of service to our school, its mission, and our wonderful students, not to mention 44 years of ministry! The afternoon was full of family, friends, fond memories, fun surprises, and of course Faith. We will greatly miss Mr. Schaefer but wish him the best years ahead in retirement!

### New Student Registration

Registration for 2026-2027 is underway, and we would love your help in growing FLHS by spreading the word in person and on social media. Those interested can learn more and request registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [flhstx.org](http://flhstx.org). Thank You, Faith Family!

### Falcons Shine at TAPPS State Track Meet

We proudly celebrate the accomplishments of our student-athletes who competed at the TAPPS State Track Meet at Midway Stadium in Waco, TX on Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th. Leading the way for the Falcons was Elijah Kueck who earned an impressive 2nd place finish in the TAPPS 1A Boys Discus, bringing home a state silver medal! On the girls' side, Kaylee Wolff competed in the 1600 meter (1 mile) amid extremely hot conditions and finished an outstanding 5th place in the state. Tremendous, FLHS!



New Fun: Spinning the "Wheel of Faith" in the Office >>>

# The Little Light

## Children's Sunday School

### Elementary (pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

We typically start together to learn our lesson of day, then split into two groups (pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) to finish the rest of our activities.

*This summer we are taking a break from the Enduring Faith curriculum to go through a fun video series.*



Join the Evans family as Jonathan leverages the ministry of Jesus to teach life lessons to his five children (ages 3-13) through everyday activities and family adventures.

Seemingly normal activities—such as a fun family cooking competition, camping in the great outdoors, a trip to a theme park, or a hands-on homeschool activity—turn into hysterical adventures and epic teachable moments.

Jonathan and Kanika follow up the day's events with a bedtime Bible lesson that connects their experience to the teachings of Jesus in a way their children will never forget!

### Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)



Christ-centered Mental Health Curriculum from Concordia Publishing House helps you equip your students with the resiliency and strategies they need for the ups and downs of life.

# Prayers of the People

Have a Prayer Request? Please share any prayer requests on the Prayer Requests sheet as you enter for worship on Sunday. You may also email a prayer request, as well as a request to become a part of Epiphany's prayer chain, to [secretary@epiphanybastrop.org](mailto:secretary@epiphanybastrop.org).

Please continue to pray for

- Charles
- Clayton
- Fritz
- Rev. Timothy Dinger
- Lauren
- Carl and Sandy Sneck
- Family of Fred Sager
- Jimmy
- Tom and Marianne
- Our Argent Court friends - Fay, Francis, Jim, Anita, Elaine, Gert, Ranita, Sally
- Carl Guetersloh
- Lester Rainer
- Linda Osborn

## ***Our Lutheran Confessions: An Introduction to the Book of Concord***

"All LCMS pastors are required to affirm that the Lutheran Confessions are a correct explanation of the teachings of Scripture." This statement surprises some Lutherans. After all, aren't we supposed to follow the Bible rather than a collection of human writings?

The answer is yes—and that's precisely why the Lutheran Confessions exist.

Every Christian believes something about what the Bible teaches. The question is not whether we have beliefs about Scripture, but whether those beliefs accurately reflect what Scripture actually says. The Lutheran Confessions are a public statement of what we Lutherans believe the Bible teaches. They're not a second Bible, nor do they stand above Scripture. Rather, they serve as a faithful exposition of biblical doctrine.

Think of it this way: if someone asks, "What do Lutherans believe about salvation, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, or good works?" it would be difficult to answer by simply handing them a Bible and saying, "Read this." The Confessions gather together what Scripture teaches on these subjects and present it clearly and systematically.

The collection of these documents is known as the Book of Concord, published in 1580. The word *concord* means "agreement" or "harmony." The pastors and theologians who compiled the Book of Concord believed these writings expressed the same faith taught by the prophets, apostles, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Book of Concord contains 10 documents. Some are ancient Christian creeds shared by nearly all Christians. Others were written during the Reformation to explain, defend, and clarify biblical teaching at a time when many doctrines had become confused or distorted. Together, these writings form the doctrinal foundation of Lutheran churches around the world, including the LCMS.

Over the next 10 months, we'll take a look at The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, The Athanasian Creed, The Augsburg Confession, The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, The Smalcald Articles, The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, Luther's Small Catechism, Luther's Large Catechism, and The Formula of Concord.

So. Why should the ordinary Christian care about documents written hundreds of years ago? Because the questions they address are the same questions Christians still ask today. How am I saved? What is faith? What is Baptism? What happens in the Lord's Supper? Why do good works matter? How can I know that God forgives me?

The Lutheran Confessions consistently point us back to Christ and His saving work. They help us distinguish truth from error, preserve the Gospel for future generations, and give us confidence that our faith rests not on human opinion but on God's Word.

Most importantly, the Confessions remind us that being Lutheran is not primarily about belonging to a denomination. It's about confessing the biblical faith clearly and faithfully. The Lutheran Reformers never intended to create a new religion. They sought to call the Church back to the teachings of Holy Scripture and the good news of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

We'll explore each of these 10 documents one at a time. The Book of Concord is not merely a historical artifact sitting on a shelf. It is a living confession of the Christian faith—one that continues to guide, teach, and comfort God's people today.

[This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of 11 articles. The Book of Concord is accessible online at [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org).]