

Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



# SAINT MICHAEL'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH • LCMS

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Worship God. | Love One Another. | Serve All People.

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## **A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:**

Welcome to Saint Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshiping the Lord with us this morning. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. Unfortunately, this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this morning. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find Saint Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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### **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

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| <b>Prelude</b>                    | Selected Music                              |
| <b>Ringing of the Church Bell</b> | Ushers                                      |
| <b>Welcome and Greeting</b>       | Pastor                                      |
| <b>Opening Hymn</b>               | <i>"Christ is Our Cornerstone"</i> LSB #912 |

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

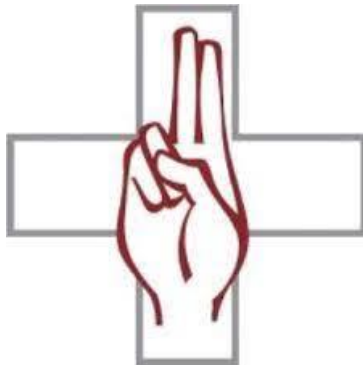
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*(John 20:19-23)*

**C** Amen.



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

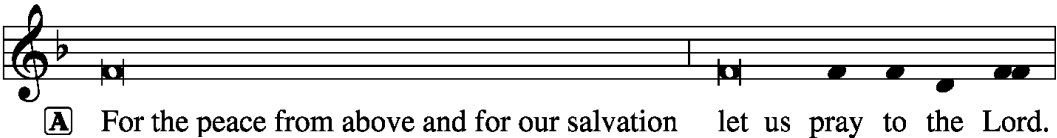
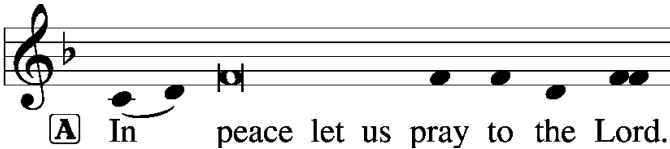
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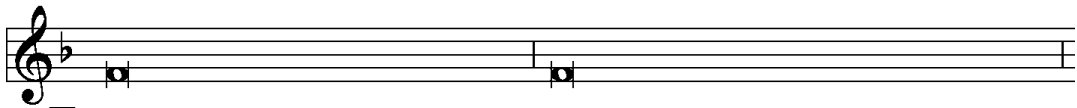
Read Together

*Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

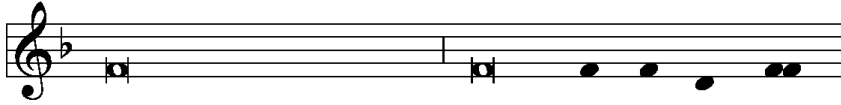
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*  
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

### Kyrie





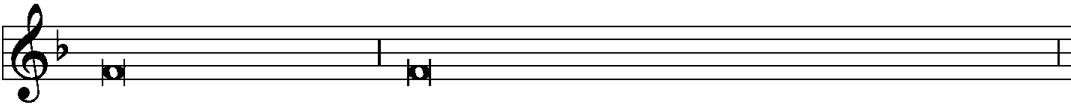
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



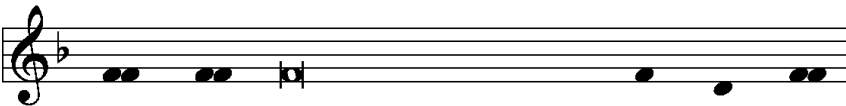
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?

When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

<sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you

what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
6I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briers and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.  
7For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;  
for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms**

Psalms 80:7-19

7Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

8You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.

9You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

10The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches.

11It sent out its branches to the sea  
and its shoots to the River.

12Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?



<sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

<sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts!  
Look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,

<sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted,  
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

<sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

<sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

<sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call upon your name!

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## **Epistle Reading**

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*

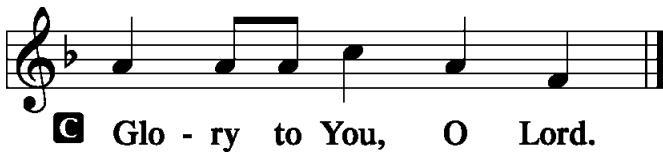


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Children's Message**

Pastor

**Hymn of the Day**

*"O Love, How Deep"*

LSB #544

**Sermon**

Rev. Richard Mittwede

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

# The Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

| Offering | <i>(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)</i> | Ushers |
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*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at [www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give](http://www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give)*



## Offertory



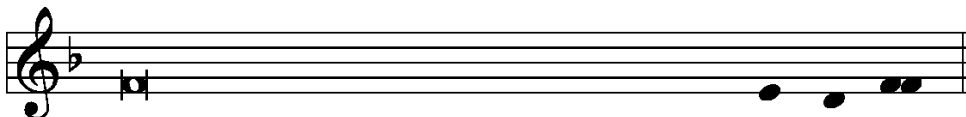
**© What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to**



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Announcements

Pastor

## Closing Hymn

*“Christ, the Word of God, Incarnate”*

LSB #540

## Postlude

Selected Music

## PRAYERS AT SAINT MICHAEL'S

### MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

- Katie Barker
- Melinda Bennett – *Bill Karisch's Friend*
- Kourtney Burton
- Erland Carlson – *Leann McClain's Brother*
- Sue Doepner – *Daniel and Karen Kilian's Friend*
- Charlene Franke
- Myrtle Friemel – *Carol Ahlschlager's Friend*
- Ivan Fritsche
- Sam Gibbs
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Jennifer Harper – *Charles Lehmann's Daughter*
- Larry Hernandez – *Marceil Prestridge's Son-in Law*
- Nicole Hernandez – *Marceil Prestridge's Daughter*
- Cindy Hielscher
- Jerry Hielscher
- Delores Karisch
- Morgan Ray Karisch
- Evelyn Kasper – *Bill Karisch's Mother*
- Thelma Kieschnik
- John Kocurek – *Irma & Daniel Gersch's Brother-in-Law*
- Audrey Koenning
- Theresa Krause – *Diana Roeber's Friend*
- Mary Lehmann
- Kevin Margeson – *Kurtis Hankemeier's Brother*
- Karen McDougall – *Mark McClain's Sister*
- Dianna Mitschke – *Karen Robbins' Mother*
- Kolton Montgomery
- Janet Murphy – *Richard Davis' Sister-in-Law*
- Dwayne Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Mary Patterson – *James Franke Family's Friend*
- Lillian Pietsch
- Victoria Pope – *Mark McClain's Friend*
- Layne Schramm – *Thelma Kieschnik's Grandson*
- Marie Schulz
- Raymond Schulz
- Laverne Schulze
- Michelle Smith
- Amy Wagner

### SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES:

- Christopher Brand – US Navy – Great Lakes, Illinois
- Caleb Burton – US Army – Fort Carson, Colorado
- Manuel Comancho – US Air Force – Africa – *Irma Gersch's Friend*
- Warren Evans – US Army – Fort Bragg, North Carolina
- Jake Hagood – US Army – Fort Hood, Texas
- Kaleb Pyle – US Army – Fort Bliss, Texas
- Dylan Robbins – USMC – Jacksonville, North Carolina
- Ryan Spray – US Air Force – San Antonio, Texas
- Erik Vallejo – Texas National Guard – United States Border

### MISSIONARIES:

- Julie Aftab – People of the Book Lutheran Outreach – Houston, TX
- Abba's House – LCMS Ministry to Refugees – Cypress, TX -  
<https://abbashousetexas.com/>

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING:** are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Kipp in memory of her dad, Ed Kleiber.

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**THIS WEEK AT SAINT MICHAEL'S:**

**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 10:30am – Board of Missions Drive Thru BBQ Pork Steak – *St. Michael's Park*

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00pm – Board of Finance – *Education Building*

**Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00pm – Young @ Heart – *Zilss Hall*
- 7:00pm – WAVFD – *Fire Station*

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am – Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 6:00pm – Board of Education – *Education Building*

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30pm – Board of Missions – *Education Building*

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00am – Worship Service with Communion – *Sanctuary*
- 10:15am – Sunday School/Bible Study – *Education Building*
- 1:00pm – 4-H Meeting – *Education Building*
- 2:30pm – Confirmation – *Education Building*

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**Sunday School:** The Bible lesson this week is “An Ascending Truth.” During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ’s promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven. Discuss, “What great commission does Jesus give His followers?”

**Beautification Watering:** For the week beginning on October 9<sup>th</sup>, Butch and Charlotte Baker will be in charge of watering. If you notice that something needs to be watered, please contact the person of the week that is monitoring. If the week does not work for you, please work it out with someone else.

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**Casserole Crew:** Candice Hill is on duty for the month of October. If you know of someone with a need for a meal in the congregation or community, please contact Candice at (979)966-8034.

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**Lutheran Witness:** It is time for the 2024 subscription. If you would like to add or cancel a subscription, please let Margie Clifton, in the church office, know before Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> ([secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org](mailto:secretary@stmichaelswinchester.org)). For 2024, the fee will be \$22.50. Please put your payment in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to St. Michael's and indicate that it is for a Lutheran Witness Subscription.

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**Drive Thru BBQ Pork Steak Pick Up Today!** Today from 10:30 to 1:00, pick up the meal(s) you reserved at St. Michael's Park. Plates are \$12.00. Thank you for supporting our missions and missionaries!

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**TWHS Thanks You!** The Texas Wendish Heritage Society offers its sincere thanks to the many volunteers that came together to make the 35th Annual Wendish Fest a success. Without this amazing community, our beloved festival would not be possible. The TWHS greatly appreciates everyone who supported the event, volunteered, brought their family and friends, or participated in this big day in any capacity. We look forward to seeing you all again next year on September 29th.

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**Winchester 4-H Spaghetti Meal Postponed:** The 4-H Spaghetti Fundraiser sponsored by the Winchester Area Civic Association has been postponed from September 10 to **October 22** due to other community activities. Please plan on attending the dinner, either drive thru or eat in, on Sunday October 22 at 10:30 a.m. All funds raised will be given to the Winchester 4-H Club.

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Hello Saint Michael's,

Thank you so much for the support you continue to give to Abba's House. Today we received the generous donation you made from your recent door offering. What a huge blessing. Thank you!

A couple of quick ministry updates. After several Moslem families in a row, this next round looks to be giving us an opportunity to minister to people from an Eastern Orthodox background. Our last two families have been from Ukraine, which has been a very interesting experience to hear firsthand about the war going on with Russia. What a unique opportunity we have to quite literally experience the world right here in the living room of our ministry home. Pray that we are able to serve as powerful witnesses to Christ and His Gospel.

I also wanted to ask you to be in prayer for Ghazel, one of the young ladies from the family from Turkey that you helped when you gathered all the bathroom supplies a few months ago. She had heart surgery yesterday, which went well. This was part of the reason they came to the United States, as she and one of her brothers have significant medical issues that the doctors in Turkey were not able to address. Please keep her in your prayers, along with the entire family.

Thanks again for partnering in this ministry with us.

Michael Meissner

# **4-H POINSETTIA AVAILABLE @ \$12**

Funds will go toward 4-H members to purchase items needed for the club to participate in Food Challenge and Duds to Dazzles Competitions. The kids will purchase items such as cooking utensils, knives, timers, skillet/pots, measuring cups to build the required "tool kit". The Duds to Dazzles project kit will include sewing equipment. All items are outlined through the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H members are currently learning about all features of 4-H and will start to expand their knowledge of other career opportunities outside of agriculture.

You can purchase your 4-H Poinsettia from any of the following members:

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| GRACE EMBESI  | RAYNEE HART    |
| ADDISON FRYER | SAYDEE HART    |
| GRANT FRYER   | LILLY HERZOG   |
| AMBRI GOOCH   | CARTER HILL    |
| BLAIR GOOCH   | JACK HILL      |
| KAYDIN GOOCH  | KELTON SCHULZE |
| GRAYSON HART  | BRAZOS VICK    |

The 4H Club is also taking orders to donate a 4-H Poinsettia to our local Shut-Ins. Please contact Amanda Hart if you would like to donate a 4-H Poinsettia.

# LIFE-SIZED BOARD GAME NIGHT

Free Family Fun Night

October 10 | 5:30-7:30pm



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Games  
Supper  
Devotion  
Community

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More Info:  
(979) 968-1657  
[www.camlonestar.org](http://www.camlonestar.org)

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La Grange, TX 78945





# FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023**

**10:30AM-4:30 PM**

**MEAL SERVED 11-1 (PRE-SALE ONLY)**

**MEAL INCLUDES: BRATS, KRAUT, POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, NOODLES, BREAD AND COFFEE CAKE**

**\$15/PLATE**

**CONCESSION STAND**

**HOT DOGS, WARM PRETZELS, AND NUTS**

**MUSIC**

**COSTUME CONTEST**

**SILENT AUCTION ENDS  
AT 1:15 PM**

**BEER STAND**

**HAYRIDES**

**KID ACTIVITIES START AT 12PM**

**BOUNCE HOUSE, RING TOSS, PHOTO BACKDROP,  
PUMPKIN PAINTING, AND MORE!**

**42 & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENTS START AT 1:30 PM \$5 ENTRY FEE**

**BATTLE OF THE BREWS/BATTLE OF THE VINE**

**HOME BREW CONTEST & HOMEMADE WINE CONTEST**

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY 10AM**

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**