
THE VOICE



Hello Church!

A couple of weeks ago, I saw a video of some animal, I think it may have been a koala, and I thought that it was adorable. I then thought about how God probably considers all animals to be adorable. God made them after all, and what God makes is good. I am sure God adores his good creations. A lot of people like to watch videos of dogs or cats, and they remark how cute they are. Whether it is a giraffe learning to walk, an otter swimming, a spider on its web, or a sarcastic fringehead fish being its weird self (I encourage you to look this one up), I am sure God smiles and thinks all his animals are cute.

Saint Francis of Assisi was known for giving up a life of luxury, and choosing to live a humble life. He was also known for his appreciation of animals. One story has him telling some birds that if they are quiet during the worship service, he will preach a sermon to them afterward. Oct. 4th was the Feast Day of St. Francis, and this is traditionally when churches will have a Blessing of the Animals service. Since we never know how hot Texas Octobers will be, I decided we would have a Blessing of the Animals this month instead, on Nov. 15th. This is a way we can show thanks to God for all the creatures and the blessings we receive through them.

I look forward to meeting your animals, your dogs, cats, horses, cattle, maybe even a spider or two, later this month. We will ask God to bless them as we are blessed through them. As we have Thanksgiving later this month, I am sure many of you will be reflecting on what you are thankful for, such as your families, your health, and your jobs. I encourage you to also reflect on the animals around us and all the ways we should be thankful for them.

Thankful for the animals we eat that provide us with sustenance.

Thankful for the animals that eat other animals who could cause damage to crops or homes.

Thankful for the animals who toil the fields.

Thankful for the animals who provide us with companionship.

Let us give thanks for God's adorable creations.

Praying for you,

Pastor William Murphree

Trunk or Treat: If you would like to set-up on 2nd Street please arrive at 4-4:30PM on October 31st to set-up. Trunk or Treat will start at 5PM. Please let Holly Newton know if you are setting up so we can get you candy!

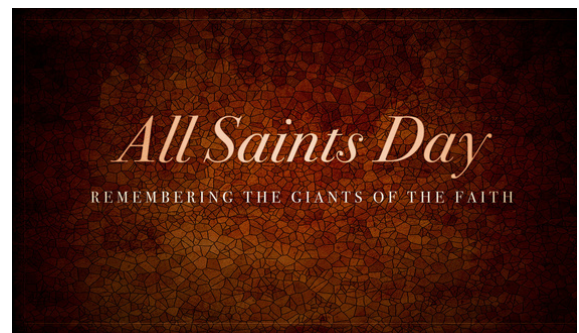


Enchilada Lunch: Sunday, November 1st. Serving begins at 11 a.m.. Enchilada Prep will be on Saturday, October 31st at 9a.m. in the FLC. Desserts need to be delivered to the FLC on Saturday, October 31st as well. All plates are \$15 and can be carry-out or dine-in.



Sunday, November 1st: Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour! We will be having one combined service at 9:30AM. This is Communion Sunday.

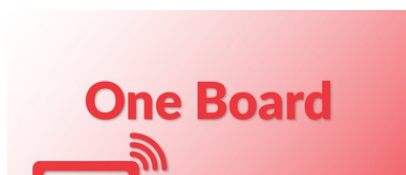
All Saints Day: We will be celebrating All Saints. Where we remember those who have joined the church triumphant in the last year. If you have someone you'd like to remember please contact the church office.



Blessing of the Animals: Our Blessing of the Animal service will be on Nov. 15th at 4:00 outside the FLC. We will give thanks for all of God's animals, giving special recognition to your animals. We invite you to bring your dogs, cats, horses, and other animals. We do ask that you have them on a leash or in a crate. If your animals can't travel, or if you would like to celebrate an animal that has passed on, you are invited to bring a photo of them.



4 - Mary Sue Reynolds
 15 - Piper Swisher
 19 - Rob Kellenberger
 19 - Kirby Jackson
 21 - Jeannine Brewer
 22 - Dawn Jackson
 22 - Janie Ahrendt
 25 - Carter Robertson
 26 - Weston Stevenson
 27 - Kevin Retzlaff
 27 - Coby Robertson



LUMC's One Board meeting for **November** will be on the **18th** at **7PM** in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to join!



Total Monthly Offerings for:

September were \$

Thank you for continuing to send in your tithes!

Ways to sending in your monetary gifts:

1. **At Church:** during services, at the church office, or the drop off box on the church office door.
2. **Online:** www.lexingtonumc.org on the "donate" page.
3. **Mail or Bill Pay** (through your bank):
P.O. Box 116 Lexington, TX 78947
4. **QR Code:**



Through September 2026:

Income: \$143,143

Expenses: \$210,664

Expenses exceed income by \$67,521

Bank Balances Totaled \$558,971.88

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A Gift was given to Lexington UMC

In Memory of Chelsea Elliot

by Jan Alexander

In Memory of Chelsea Elliot

by Ahrendt Reunion

In Memory of Robert Ahrendt

by Ahrendt Reunion

In Memory of Marilyn Ridley

by Ahrendt Reunion



To make a memorial write "memorial" in the memo line of your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the church office.



November 18th will be our last M&M's and Youth Groups for 2026. We will be back in January! Thank you to all our volunteers and donors!

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Meal with the Ministerial Alliance! This year the Holy Family Catholic Church will be hosting on Sunday, November 23rd at 6PM. All are invited to join! Hope to see you there!



The Church office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 25th** and **Thursday, November 26th**. The Church Office will re-open with normal hours on Monday, November 30th.

Angel Tree is for our local children who are in need. We work with the elementary school to get a list of names of children/siblings in need this Christmas. Please reach out to Terri Nolker at 512-964-5411 for an Angel.



Our childrens program will be on December 20th, 2026 in the Sanctuary at 6PM. Followed by refreshments in the Family Life Center.

Practices will start November 8th in the Sanctuary during Sunday School 10:30-11:10AM.

Saturday, December 5th from 4-6PM the ministerial alliance will be hosting "A Night in Bethlehem" again this year. During this night, families will wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Unlike your usual "living nativity", everyone will create unique keepsakes as they interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas Story. This year LUMC will be the "Pottery Shed". Please reach out to the church office for more information.

