



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Dec. 10	Monday Dec. 11	Tuesday Dec. 12	Wednesday Dec. 13	Thursday Dec. 14	Friday Dec. 15	Saturday Dec. 16
<b>Second Sunday in Advent</b>  9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School .  Voter's Meeting	Preschool  Pastor's Family Day  Bell Choir 6:30 pm	Preschool <b>Bible Study</b> <b>9:30 am</b>	Preschool  <b>Jr. Catechesis:</b> <b>6th Gr. 4:30pm</b> <b>7th Gr. 5:15 pm</b> <b>8th Gr. 6:00 pm</b> Choir 6 pm  <b>Advent Evening Prayer 7:00 pm</b>	Preschool  No Elders Meeting this month.	Preschool	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <b>8—9:15 am</b>  McConnell's Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall 6pm to 8pm

Weekly Divine Service: Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Private Confession and Holy Absolution with Pastor is available by appointment

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Administrative Assistant e-mail: [secretary@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithgreenfield.org) Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

## VOTER'S MEETING

Our next Quarterly Voter's meeting is today, December 10, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

## FROM LUTHER

Since we're in the season of Advent, and Advent is a season of repentance, we ponder the quote from Luther below, which should be enough to move us all to repent...

"For the judgment of God is infinitely exact. And nothing is done so minutely that it will not be found gross in His sight, nothing so righteous that it will not be found unrighteous, nothing so truthful that it is not found to be a lie, nothing so pure and holy that it is not polluted and profane in His sight." (Luther's Works – vol. 25, p.233; from Luther's *Lectures on Romans*, delivered from the Summer of 1515 to the Summer of 1516)

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Lucia, Martyr** (December 13) – One of the victims of the great persecution under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, Lucia met her death at Syracuse on the island of Sicily in the year A.D. 304, because of her Christian faith. Known for her charity, "Santa Lucia" (as she is called in Italy) gave away her dowry, and remained a virgin until her execution by the sword. The name Lucia means "light," and because of that, festivals of light commemorating her became popular throughout Europe, especially in the Scandinavian countries. There her feast day corresponds with the time of year when there is the least amount of daylight. In artistic expression she is often portrayed in a white baptismal gown, wearing a wreath of candles on her head.

**Collect:** O Almighty God, by Whose grace and power Your holy martyr Lucia triumphed over suffering and remained ever faithful unto death, grant us, who now remember her with thanksgiving, to be so true in our witness to You in this world, that we may receive with her new eyes without tears, and the crown of light and life.

ADULT STUDIES IN GOD'S WORD

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** This class meets every Sunday morning in the fellowship area of the church, immediately following our time of fellowship after the Divine Service. We are studying the book of Hebrews. Come join us!

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** This class meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the fellowship area of the church, with refreshments served 15 min. before. We are studying the Song of Solomon. Come join us.

**SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**— This lay led study meets every Saturday at 8:00 am.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Fill your hearts with joy as we await our Savior's birth: Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 pm., *From Heaven Above* is the children's Christmas service. Come join us!

For all participants, please contact Rebecca Shanton for rehearsal times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 10, Sunday:** Voter's meeting, 11:00 am.

**December 10, Sunday:** at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 645 Poplar St., Terre Haute. Annual German Christmas Service is Sunday at 4:00 PM (see bulletin board for more information.)

**December 13, Wednesday:** Advent Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm

**December 15, Friday:** Greenfield Sertoma presents their Christmastide Celebration at 7:00 at Trinity Park United Methodist Church. (see bulletin board for more information.)

**December 20th, Wednesday:** Children's Christmas Service at 7:00 pm.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE WENESDAY,  
DECEMBER 13, 2017  
THE SECOND WEDESDAY IN ADVENT

Organist .....Chris Wilson  
Acolyte ..... Bailey Shanton  
Sound.....Jeff Corlew

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 17, 2017  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Organist .....David Temme  
Crucifer.....Garrett Hollis  
Acolyte.....Ethan Hollis, Evan Houser  
Communion Assist: ..... Matt Surburg and Tim Wagner  
Elder on Duty..... Ken Peterson  
Greeters.....Rick & Joyce Riegle  
Ushers Brian Atkins, Steve Coon and Mike Schildmier  
Youth Assistant..... William O'Connor  
Altar Guild..... Karen Roland & Lori Yeager  
Jr. Altar Guild.....Joey Roland & Grant Shepherd  
Sound.....Bob G. Yeager  
Refreshments .....Schildmier, Sedam & Kingen families

RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
DECEMBER 6, 2017

Advent Service 44

RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
DECEMBER 3, 2017

Divine Service 113

RESPONDING IN FAITH:  
DECEMBER 3, 2017

General Fund .....5,661.30  
Adult Sunday School .....18.00  
Building Fund .....125.00  
Loose Cash.....59.46  
FFC Rental.....25.00  
LCMS .....80.00  
Parking lot pavement .....100.00  
Bethesda.....20.00

**Total .....6,088.76**

## KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of December 10.*

**Listen to Worldwide KFUO.org**, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**This week on KFUO.org**, we broadcast the Lutheran Senior Services Christmas Special (12/14 @ 1pm CT), hear about tasty Christmas treats with the STL District Dairy Council (12/12 @ 10am CT), cover 1 John, Jude, and dive into Revelation on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk (weekdays @ 8am CT), and begin studying Titus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays beginning 12/13 @ 11am CT). Hear the live midweek Advent service broadcast from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on 12/13 at Noon CT. Stay tuned for Christmas Music for the Sacred Season beginning December 24 and continuing through Epiphany.

## THE SHARING PLACE

The McCordsville Meijer is supporting The Sharing Place this Holiday Season through The Simply Give Program. This is a great opportunity to increase the impact of your donation. This started on November 5th and will go through December 30. **Special matching donation dates are this week, December 8th and 9th.** Please share the information to help us in the Fight Against Hunger! *See bulletin board for more information.*

## FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

The last Seminary Guild meeting of the year, "Christmas with the Kantorei," will be held in Kramer Chapel on **December 12 at 1:00 p.m.** Fellowship with the Guild while enjoying the beautiful music provided by the Kantorei. For more information, contact CTSFW Guild President Joyce West at [joyciew43@gmail.com](mailto:joyciew43@gmail.com) or 419.258.2232.

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

**Christmas Concert – December 10**

The Music Department of Lutheran High School invites you to celebrate the season of Christmas at the annual **Christmas Concert** on **Sunday, December 10**. Please join us at **4:00 pm** in LHS' Ruth Lilly Auditorium to hear the Choirs and Bands perform Christmas favorites that focus on the coming of Jesus. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Now accepting applications**

LHS is now accepting applications for new students for the 2018–2019 school year. Contact Admissions Director, Deidre Barnett for details or apply online at [www.lhsi.org/admissions](http://www.lhsi.org/admissions). Get started early to save on enrollment fees and secure your spot in class!

**The Music Man Auditions – December 17**

5th–8th graders are invited to be part of the Jr. Saints on Stage Program! 5th–8th grade students will comprise the ensemble cast for *The Music Man* at LHS in February. Auditions will be held Sunday, December 17, 2:00–4:00 pm. Visit the Saints on Stage web page at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org) for more details or email [drama@lhsi.org](mailto:drama@lhsi.org) with questions.

**LuFest 2018 – Discounted Hotel Rooms Available**

A block of rooms has been reserved for the evening of LuFest, April 13, at the Holiday Inn Express just across Missouri St from Lucas Oil Stadium. To book at the discounted rate of \$109 (plus tax & fees), call 317-822-6400 and ask for LuFest. Or, book online at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org) where you also may purchase LuFest tickets (\$125 each).

## LOVE INC

Do you have a Christmas tree you don't use anymore?

Love INC is looking for a few Christmas trees, 4 or 6 foot, in good condition for families that request them this holiday season. If you can help email [michelle@loveinc-ghc.org](mailto:michelle@loveinc-ghc.org) or call 317-468-6300

THANK-YOU and God Bless your generosity!

Matching Funds will be available:

**Deadline December 31, 2017:** Love INC of Greater Hancock County - PO Box 192 - Greenfield, IN 46140  
Karla Whisenand- Executive Director- [Karla@loveinc-ghc.org](mailto:Karla@loveinc-ghc.org) Tel. 317-468-6300 - [www.loveinc-ghc.org](http://www.loveinc-ghc.org) - Fax 317-468-6313

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Julie Litten ..... 12/10  
 Mark Jenkins ..... 12/12  
 Jeff Corlew ..... 12/13  
 Ryan Corlew ..... 12/13  
 Karen Roland ..... 12/13  
 Donna Kuppler ..... 12/15  
 Mike Leininger ..... 12/16

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Ann Gaff ..... 12/11  
 Julie Litten ..... 12/11  
 Emma Jenkins ..... 12/14  
 Joseph Roland ..... 12/14  
 Donna Kuppler ..... 12/15

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**CHURCH LEADERS**

**Council:**

Jeff Dickmander (Chairman)  
 Brian Atkins (Vice-Chairman)  
 Amanda Houser (Recording Secretary)  
 Robert M. Yeager (Treasurer)  
 Phyllis Arthur (Parochial Ed. Chair)  
 Tom Fitzwater (Evangelism Chair)  
 Mike Schildmier (Properties Chair)  
 Rebecca Shanton (Parish Ed. Chair)  
 Bob G. Yeager (Stewardship Chair)  
 Tim Wagner (Elders Chair)

**Elders:**

Tim Wagner (Chair)  
 James Froiland  
 Shawn Houser  
 Mark Jenkins (Recording Secretary)  
 Ken Peterson  
 Matthew Surburg

Please Contact Lori (317) 431-9514, and email address is [loriyeager@comcast.net](mailto:loriyeager@comcast.net). You may also call or email the office to have it forwarded

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

*Note: Prayer requests will be listed for four weeks, unless longer is requested.*

*Rev. Ken Shaw*  
 Surgery  
*The Rogers Family*  
 Rich's mom's passing  
*The family of Terry Cook (Mary Lou Trees' son-in-law)*  
 His passing  
*Gracie Lowhorn (17 yr. old friend of the Yeagers)*  
 Cancer  
*Kay Eckert*  
 Cancer  
*Bernice Thackery (Julie Dickmander's mother)*  
 Illness  
*Richard Trautmann*  
 Illness  
*Trent Stevanak (Debby Thompson's nephew)*  
 Cancer  
*Donna Kuppler*  
 Homebound in Illinois  
*Marjorie Lung*  
 Nursing home bound  
*Chuck LaVallee*  
 Nursing home bound  
*Betty Mattsey*  
 Homebound  
*Don Pfaff*  
 Homebound  
*Peggy Price*  
 Homebound (in Ft. Wayne)  
*Marilyn Rothkopf*  
 Nursing home bound  
*Ellie Trautmann*  
 Nursing home bound in Carmel  
*Emily Rogers (LWML National Board)*

**Serving our Country**

Rob Wolfla, Nick Arthur, James McConnell,  
 Noah Heiwig, Will Harlow (friend of Pastor's)