



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday July 30	Monday July 31	Tuesday Aug. 1	Wednesday Aug. 2	Thursday Aug. 3	Friday Aug. 4	Saturday Aug. 5
Seventh Sunday after Trinity 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	Pastor's Family Day	Preschool Student Meetings	Preschool Student Meetings	Preschool Student Meetings Parochial Board meeting 6:30 pm		Men's Bible Study 8—9:15 am

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

Pastor Wm. Daniel O'Connor email: pastorwdo@faithgreenfield.org

Administrative Assistant e-mail: secretary@faithgreenfield.org Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

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. This week we continue a study comparing the beliefs of different Christian denominations. 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. beforehand. Note: We are currently on break for the Summer, but we will resume meeting after labor Day. We just finished studying Matthew. If you think of a topic you want to study next, please let Pastor know.

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

FROM LUTHER

In the following quote Martin Luther extols the virtue of living the Christian life by fulfilling everyday tasks...

“Along comes the clever harlot, namely natural reason, looks at married life, turns up her nose, and says: ‘Why must I rock the baby, wash its diapers, change its bed, smell its odor, heal its rash, take care of this and take care of that, do this and do that? It is better to remain single and live a quiet and carefree life. I will become a priest or a nun and tell my children to do the same.’ But what does the Christian faith say? The father opens his eyes, looks at these lowly, distasteful and despised things and knows that they are adorned with divine approval as with the most precious gold and silver. God, with His angels and creatures, will smile – not because diapers are washed, but because it is done in faith.” (from the essay: *The Estate of Marriage*, written by Luther in 1522, and quoted in Nestingen’s *Martin Luther: A Life*, p.61)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Robert Barnes, Confessor and Martyr (July 30th) – Remembered as a devoted disciple of Martin Luther, Robert Barnes is considered to be among the first Lutheran martyrs. Born in 1495, Barnes became the prior of the Augustinian monastery at Cambridge, England. Converted to Lutheran teaching, he shared his insights with many English scholars through writings and personal contacts. During a time of exile to Germany, he became friends with Luther and later wrote a Latin summary of the main doctrines of the Augsburg Confession titled *Sententiae*. Upon his return to England, Barnes shared his Lutheran doctrines and views in person with King Henry VIII. The changing political and ecclesiastical climate in his native country, however, claimed him as a victim; he was burned at the stake in Smithfield in 1540. His final confession of faith was published by Luther, who called his friend Barnes: “our good, pious dinner guest and houseguest ... this holy martyr, St. Robert Barnes.”

Collect: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You gave courage to Your servant Robert Barnes to give up his life for confessing the true faith during the Reformation. May we continue steadfast in our confession of the apostolic faith and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

Joseph of Arimathea (July 31st) – This Joseph, mentioned in all four Gospels, came from a small village called Arimathea in the hill country of Judea. He was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious council in Jerusalem. He was presumably wealthy, since he owned his own unused tomb in a garden not far from the site of Jesus’ crucifixion (Mt. 27:60). Joseph, a man waiting expectantly for the Kingdom of God, went to Pontius Pilate after the death of Jesus and asked for Jesus’ body (Mk. 15:43). Along with Nicodemus, Joseph removed the body and placed it in the tomb (John 19:39). Their public devotion contrasted greatly to the fearfulness of the disciples, who had abandoned Jesus.

Collect: Merciful God, Your servant: Joseph of Arimathea, prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial with reverence and godly fear, and laid Him in his own tomb. As we follow the example of Joseph, grant to us, Your faithful people, that same grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our lives.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS CONT.

Joanna, Mary and Salome, Myrrhbearers (August 3rd) – Known in some traditions as “the faithful women,” the visit of these three and other women to the tomb of Jesus on the first Easter morning is noted in the Gospel records of Matthew (28:1), Mark (16:1), and Luke (24:10). Joanna was the wife of Chuza, a steward in Herod’s household (Luke 8:3). Mary, the mother of James (the son of Alphaeus), was another of the women who faithfully provided care for Jesus and His disciples from the time of His Galilean ministry through His burial. Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John; see Matthew 27:56), joined the other women both at the cross and in the bringing of spices to Jesus’ garden tomb. These “faithful women” have been honored in the Church throughout the centuries as examples of humble and devoted service to the Lord.

Collect: Mighty God, Your crucified and buried Son did not remain in the tomb for long. Give us joy in the tasks set before us, that we might carry out faithful acts of service as did Joanna, Mary and Salome, offering to You the sweet perfume of our grateful hearts, so that we, too, may see the glory of Your resurrection and proclaim the Good News with unrestrained eagerness and fervor worked in us through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who rose and now reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Faith Lutheran Preschool has an opening for a Preschool Teacher Assistant for the 2017/2018 school year. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday - Friday. If interested, please contact Rebecca Shanton at 317-468-0610 for an application, job description and/or further information.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Art Teacher Sought

Lutheran High School is seeking an **art teacher** to serve in a part time position. Individuals with Indiana licensure to teach secondary art should contact Michael Brandt (Head of School) at mbrandt@lhsi.org or Beverly McIntosh (Administrative Assistant) at bmcintosh@lhsi.org for a complete position description.

NEW DIRECTORY

We are looking for volunteers to help with getting an updated Church Directory put together. Our goal is to put together a directory that can be easily updated. Volunteers are needed for: Calling members to verify contact information & Taking pictures.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Amanda Houser at 615-788-0007 or adhouser@gmail.com.

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY
AUGUST 6, 2017**

Organist.....Richard Thompson
 Crucifer.....Aaron Surburg
 Acolyte.....Bailey Shanton, Esther Surburg
 Communion Assistants.....Steve Coon, Randy Litten
 Elder on Duty.....Tim Wagner
 Greeters.....Sandy Wilson & Jane Dobbs
 Ushers.....Richard Curry, Max Gentry, Dave Meyer
 Youth Assistant.....None
 Altar Guild.....Tammy Shultz, Beverly Wilson
 Sound.....Brian Atkins
 Refreshments.....Corlew & Dickmander

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :
JULY 23, 2017**

Divine Service 102

**RESPONDING IN FAITH:
JULY 23, 2017**

General Fund.....	3,694.80
Adult Sunday School.....	18.00
Loose Cash.....	38.56
Memorials.....	150.00
Preschool.....	1,211.58
Total.....	\$5,112.94

LOVE INC

Love Inc (in the name of Christ) is asking for volunteers from the church's congregation. We need 5 volunteers to answer the phone and listen to the individual stories of the callers to our Clearinghouse. This role is a specific calling so please pray and ask the Lord if HE is calling you to serve Him through Love In The Name of Christ in this way. Help is needed Monday-Friday, 9:00-1:00 p.m. If you can spare 1 day a week or 1 day every other week we can use you! However God calls you to serve is much appreciated! For more details, please call Michelle at: 317-468-6800.



Love INC will host their first 5K at the Greenfield Courthouse Plaza on September 9, 2017 from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. More information about registration and race route can be found their website at: loveinc-ghc.org

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS

A big thank you goes out to the 12 ladies that took the time to come and cut out squares for quilting next season. Fellowship and a nice lunch was enjoyed by all.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ken Sedam..... 8/1
 Barbara Kilgore 8/5

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jim Froiland 8/1
 Matthew Surburg 8/1
 Karen Fuller 8/2
 Joan Peterson 8/2
 Barbara Kilgore..... 8/5

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Patty Shaw (59 yrs.) 8/2
 Tom & Pattie Fitzwater (38 yrs.) 8/4

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Jeff Dickmader (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

CARDS TO SHUT INS

This week we especially pray for:

Ms. Ella Schaeffer
 P.O. Box 272
 610 N. Main Street
 Carthage, IN 46115

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Thelma Smock (Lois Coe's friend)
 Car accident
Terry Cook (Debbie Cook's husband)
 Diagnosed with lung cancer
Amanda Dickmader
 Car accident and broken arm
Jim Baker
 Thanksgiving for healing
Tom Williams (friend of Lois Coe)
 Kidney dialysis
Donna Kuppler
 Homebound
Marilyn Kroeger
 Nursing home bound
Marjorie Lung
 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
Emily Rogers (LWML National Board)

Serving our Country

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

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

Please inform the office if a prayer, baptismal birthday, anniversary or birthday was missed or incorrect this week. Thank you.