



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday May 13	Monday May 14	Tuesday May 15	Wednesday May 16	Thursday May 17	Friday May 18	Saturday May 19
Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class	<i>Preschool</i> Pastor's Family Day Bells: 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i> Bible Study 9:30 AM	<i>Preschool's Closing Program/graduation Practice 9:30—11:30 am</i> <i>Closing Program with Graduation 6:30 PM</i>	Council 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! It begins on Sunday, June 3rd and finishes on Thursday, June 7th. We will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. We still need lots of wonderful volunteers to help make this VBS a success! Please check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to see where your talents will help to bring God's word to children in a fun, active setting.

Also, if you have children or know of any children age 3 through 4th grade that would love to join us during that fun-filled week, there are registration forms and printed VBS information located in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, please see Mary Jo McConnell, Rebecca Shanton, Amanda Houser, Karen Fuller or Elise Temme.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Joey Roland & Bailey Shanton would like to invite the congregation to join them in celebrating their Confirmation Day on Sunday May 20th after church in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch & refreshments will be served.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many opportunities to sign up for flowers in June, July and August. Cost remains \$30 for both arrangements or \$15 for one. Please sign up for your Sunday of choice. Thank you, Debby Thompson, Altar Guild Chairman.

FROM LUTHER

Since today is Mother’s Day, we thought the following message from Luther for young people would be appropriate ...

“God has given this walk of life, fatherhood and motherhood, a special position of honor, higher than that of any other walk of life under it...God distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to Himself...It must therefore be impressed on young people that they revere their parents as God’s representatives, and to remember that, however lowly, poor, feeble, and eccentric they may be, they are still their mother and father, given by God.” (Large Catechism, written in 1529; Part I—the Fourth Commandment [105, 108]; Kolb / Wingert, p. 400-401)

RECEIVING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Divine Service : 102

RESPONDING IN FAITH :
MAY 6, 2018

General Fund	\$4,957.50
Adult Sunday School	13.05
Building Fund	80.00
Loose Cash	71.35
Memorials	25.00
FFC Rental.....	25.00
Parking Lot Pavement	100.00
Bethesda	20.00
Total	\$5,291.90

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

Organist Richard Thompson
 Crucifer..... Bailey Shanton
 Word Bearer Esther Surburg
 Acolyte Lili Jenkins, Evan Houser
 Communion Assist:
 Elder on Duty
 Greeters..... Ken and Susan Sedam
 Ushers:.....Richard Curry, Mike Schildmier, Jim Arthur
 Youth AssistantChristopher O’Connor
 Altar Guild..... Kelly O’Connor, Lori Yeager
 Sound:.....Rick Riegle
 Fellowship The Thompson & Dobbs families

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. Come join us.

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

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We want to thank each and every one who helped to make our Spring Breakfast fundraiser a big success! We are truly blessed to have your support. Thank you!

 We still have openings in all of our classes at the preschool. If you know of someone who might be interested, please “pass the word along”. Preschool brochures and registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact the director, Rebecca Shanton. Her contact information:
 at the preschool 317-468-0610,
 by cell 260-343-1602,
 by email: rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Rev. Dr. Nicholas Fuller is available for Christian Counseling. You will find more of his information in the Narthex.

Nicholas M. Fuller, DMin, LMHC
Pastoral Counselor, 7002 Graham Rd. Suite 211,
Indianapolis, IN 46220. 317-325-8286

Rev. Randall A. Schroeder, Ph.D. has an office in the Northeast Suburbs of Indianapolis. His office is located at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 E. Main Street in Carmel.

Please visit his website, www.DrRandallSchroeder.com and read the "Testimonials" and Practical Wisdom on Life, Marriage, and Parenting under "Categories." Every Wednesday he posts a blog on Marriage, Parenting, or Life on his website that will also be sent to his Professional Facebook page, and LinkedIn and Twitter accounts.

For a parishioner to set up an appointment, please contact Dr. Schroeder at 260-348-8777 or through www.DrRandalSchroeder.com.

ZION

Zion Lutheran Church's
Joy Group—"over 55"
Invites you
Thursday, June 7, 2018, 2 PM

Entertainment:

"New Horizons Jazz Band"
(20 musicians who play Jazz and Big Band Music)
Don Hein, Band Leader—Retired From
Channel 13 Sports and Newscaster

Dessert Bar & Drinks
Freewill offering

Note: There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex as Zion wants to know the number of people who will plan to attend. I will send the count into Zion by June 1, 2018.

Mary Jo McConnell

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Teachers needed

Lutheran High School is seeking qualified teachers to fill positions in Music, Art, and History. Call the school office, 317-787-5474, or email Michael Brandt, Head of School, mbrandt@lhsi.org, or Bev McIntosh, bmcintosh@lhsi.org.

**CU Nebraska Vocal Jazz Choir Concert –
Sunday, May 13**

The **Vocal Jazz Choir** of Concordia University Nebraska will be in concert at Lutheran High School on Sunday, **May 13**. The Vocal Jazz Choir, under the direction of Dr. Kurt von Kampen, will present a free concert at **7:30 pm** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. Please join us for this fun filled evening of jazz favorites!

Commencement – Sunday, May 20

Lutheran High School's 40th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2018 will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:00.

LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES

Lakeview Ministries' Open House Events:

Come enjoy a day at Camp. Lakeview Ministries will be hosting an Open House at Camp Lakeview and at Camp Cedarbrook in the beginning of June and we would love to see you there. Camp Lakeview's Open House will be held on Sunday, June 3rd and will begin with a Worship service at 11:00 am. The Open House at Camp Cedarbrook will be held on Saturday, June 9th with a Worship service at 10:00 am. Both worship services will be followed by a BBQ lunch. We will also have many activities available for the entire family to enjoy. Free will donations will be accepted to offset expenses for the day.

FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

Students, faculty and staff along with their friends and family will come together for Baccalaureate and Commencement at Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), Fort Wayne, on Friday, May 18. This will mark the close of CTSFW's 172nd year. Graduation events take place in Kramer Chapel, though all are invited to watch baccalaureate and the graduation exercises online at www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel or www.facebook.com/ctsfw. Please note that all times are Eastern Daylight Time.

- **Baccalaureate**, 10:00 a.m., with the Rev. Arlo W. Pullmann of Laurel, Montana, as preacher.
- **Commencement Organ Recital**, 3:00 p.m., with Kantor Matthew Machemer as organist. (Please note, this will not be livestreamed. All must attend in person.)
- **Graduation Exercises**, 6:00 p.m., with the [Rev. Dr. Timothy C. J. Quill](#) as speaker.

Honorees at graduation shall receive the following special awards:

Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) degree, *honoris causa*

The Rev. Dr. David Rakotonirina
President of Fiangonana Loterana Malagasy
Madagascar

Bishop Risto Soramies
First Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland
Helsinki, Finland

Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree, *honoris causa*

Dr. Bruce G. Kintz
President and CEO of Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Alumnus of the Year

The Rev. Richard L. Woelmer
Pastor at University Lutheran Church
Bloomington, Indiana

KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of May 13.

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 wish all mothers a Blessed Mother's Day, hear from Rev. Jonathan Fisk on his new book "Echo" on The Coffee Hour (5/17 at 9:00 a.m. CT), learn about Rev. Ryan McDermott's life as a missionary for deaf ministry in Togo, West Africa, on The Coffee Hour (5/18 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and continue studying the book of Jeremiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

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This week on KFUO.org, we wish everyone a blessed festival of Pentecost! Hear God's Word in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, study the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and continue our study of Jeremiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lyle Plank.....5/14
 Peggy Price.....5/14
 Jeanette Meyer.....5/17
 Jeff Dickmander5/18
 Lois Hoff5/18

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

DeWayne Roland5/13
 Steven Roland5/13
 Jeanette Myer5/14
 Peggy Price5/14
 Esther Surburg5/15
 Paul Surburg.....5/17
 Keith Harlow.....5/18
 Nicole Roland5/18
 Rebecca Shanton5/19

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Mary Lou Yeager's family (Lori & Bob's sister-in-law)
 Passing of her father
Karen Dungy (friend and coworker of Amanda Houser)
 Undergoing treatment for cancer
Phyllis Kingen
 Rehab
Doris Bond
 Recovering from illness
Susan Harlow (friend of Pastor)
 Leukemia
Deb Engleman
 Cancer
Donna Kuppler
 Homebound
Marjorie Lung
 Nursing home bound
Chuck LaVallee
 Nursing home bound
Betty Mattsey
 Nursing home bound
Don Pfaff
 Homebound
Peggy Price
 Homebound (in Ft. Wayne)
Ellie Trautmann
 Nursing home bound (in Carmel)
Emily Rogers (LWML National Board)

Serving our Country

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

Please Contact Lori (317) 431-9514, and email address is loriyeager@comcast.net or lryeager24@gmail.com . 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.



FROM PASTOR'S PEN

Editor's Note: Yesterday Pastor O'Connor had an article in our local paper. In case you missed it, here following is that article ...

The Ascension Is Worth Celebrating

If one of our county's high schools won a State Championship, would you go to the parade or pep-rally to celebrate? Probably so. Then did you go to church this past Thursday to celebrate Jesus' Ascension? The Ascension is worth celebrating, because it was the event in which Jesus completed His saving work for us.

In His Ascension Jesus took His place at the right hand of God, which means that He is now above all rule and authority, the Agent through Whom the Creator now rules and controls all things. As St. Peter writes, Jesus has:

“... gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.” (1Peter 3:22)

Jesus rules all things on behalf of His followers – the Church. The book of Hebrews says:

“Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, ... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God *on our behalf*.” (Hebrews 9:24)

and St. Paul writes that:

“God put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things *to the Church*, ...” (Ephesians 1:22)

We have a Representative before almighty God in heaven, which means that we can be confident of God's forgiveness. After all, God forgives us our wrongdoings because His Son Jesus is in heaven asking Him to! Again from Hebrews:

“He always lives *to make intercession for them*... Who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,...” (Hebrews 7:25; 8:1)

We can also pray to God, in every time of need, and know with the utmost confidence that He hears us, because His Son receives our prayers and carries them to the Father Himself! Again from Hebrews:

“Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, ... Let us draw near to the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:14, 16)

The Ascension of Jesus Christ was the exaltation of Jesus Christ, *and all of humanity with Him!* It was the event in which Jesus completed His saving mission of returning humanity to God. It deserves to be celebrated.

Or to return to our opening illustration, going to church on Ascension Day is like going to a parade or pep-rally to celebrate a championship, the “championship” Jesus won when He restored us to God. So next year let's all go to church on Ascension Day (which next year will be May 30th). The Ascension is worth celebrating. Let's make Ascension Day an annual day of celebration in our congregation.