



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 19	Monday Nov. 20	Tuesday Nov. 21	Wednesday Nov. 22	Thursday Nov. 23	Friday Nov. 24	Saturday Nov. 25
<b>Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity</b> 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	Preschool  Pastor's Family Day  Quilters 1:00 to 3:15 pm  Bell Choir 6:30 pm	<b>No Bible Study</b> <i>Preschool Thanksgiving Program Practice</i> 9:30-11:30 am  Preschool Thanksgiving Program 6:30 pm	Preschool Break <b>No Jr. Catechesis</b>  Choir 6:00 pm <b>Thanksgiving Eve Vespers at 7:00 pm</b>	Thanksgiving Day  Office Closed	Office Closed	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> 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

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

## THANK YOU

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ..." (Philippians 1:3)

We would like to thank everyone for the reception after church a couple of weeks ago, as well as for the gift that was given in recognition of my 10 years of ministry here at Faith. Faith is our church home, our family in Christ, and it was so nice to have our church family celebrate with us this special occasion. We are blessed to be part of this wonderful church, and we love all of you very much. We pray the Lord grants us many more years together, that with you we might continue receiving His gifts.  
 Pastor, Kelly, and the kids

Pastor O'Connor would like to thank Rev. Fuller for conducting the Divine Service and teaching Bible class in his absence. Pastor is away with Kelly on a trip in

## THANK YOU, CONT.

celebration of their upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are grateful that the services of God's house here at Faith are in capable hands when our pastor is away. Thank you Rev. Fuller for helping out!

## FROM LUTHER

Since we've been talking a lot lately in church about the **i** in the word **sin** and how it reminds us of how selfish sin makes us, I thought this quote from Luther especially pertinent:

"...if pride would cease there would be no sin anywhere." (Luther's Works – volume 31, p.47; from Luther's explanation of Thesis #8 of the *Heidelberg Disputation*, from the Spring of 1518)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Elizabeth of Hungary** (November 19) – Born in Pressburg, Hungary, in 1207, Elizabeth was the daughter of King Andrew II and his wife Gertrude. Given as a bride in an arranged political marriage, Elizabeth became the wife of Louis of Thuringia in Germany at the age of 14. She had a spirit of Christian generosity and charity, and the home she established for her husband and three children in the Wartburg Castle at Eisenach was known for its hospitality and family love. Elizabeth often supervised the care of the sick and needy, and even gave up her bed to a leper at one time. Widowed at the age of 20, she made provisions for her children and entered into an austere life as a nun in the Order of Saint Francis. Her self-denial led to failing health and an early death in 1231 at the age of 24. Remembered for her self-sacrificing ways, Elizabeth is commemorated through the many hospitals named for her around the world.

Collect: Mighty King, Whose inheritance is not of this world, inspire in us the humility and benevolent charity of Elizabeth of Hungary. She scorned her bejeweled crown with thoughts of the thorned one her Savior donned for her sake and ours, that we, too, might live a life of sacrifice, pleasing in Your sight and worthy of the Name of Your Son: Christ Jesus.

**Clement of Rome, Pastor** (November 23) – Clement (ca. A.D. 35–100) is remembered for having established the pattern of apostolic authority that governed the Christian Church during the first and second centuries. He also insisted on keeping Christ at the center of the Church’s worship and outreach. In a letter to the Christians at Corinth, he emphasized the centrality of Jesus’ death and resurrection, by saying: “Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ, realizing how precious it is to His Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world.”(1Clement 6:31) Prior to suffering a martyr’s death by drowning, he displayed a steadfast, Christ-like love for God’s redeemed people, serving as an inspiration to future generations to continue to build the Church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ as the one and only cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:20)

Collect: Almighty God, Your servant Clement of Rome called the Church in Corinth to repentance and faith to unite them in Christian love. Grant that Your Church may be anchored in Your truth by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and kept blameless in Your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE THANKSGIVING EVE  
NOVEMBER 22, 2017

Organist..... Chris Wilson  
Crucifer ..... Grant Shepherd  
Acolyte..... Ethan Hollis, Garrett Hollis  
Sound ..... Bob Yeager

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Organist.....Richard Thompson  
Crucifer ..... Bailey Shanton  
Acolyte.....Esther Surburg, Evan Houser  
Communion AssistantsJeff Dickmander, Tom Fitzwater  
Elder on Duty..... Shawn Houser  
Greeters..... TBD  
Ushers ..... TBD  
Youth Assistant..... TBD  
Altar Guild..... Kelly O’Connor, Debby Thompson  
Jr. Altar Guild ..... Lili Jenkins  
Sound ..... Greg Roland  
Refreshments ..... O’Connor & Surburg Families

RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Divine Service 98

RESPONDING IN FAITH:  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017

General Fund..... 3,664.80  
Adult Sunday School ..... 15.00  
Building Fund ..... 80.00  
Loose Cash..... 141.64  
Memorials ..... 30.00  
Pre-school ..... 20.00  
FFC Rental..... 50.00  
  
**Total..... \$4,001.44**

CARDS TO SHUT INS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Trautmann  
13390 N. Illinois Apt. #224  
Carmel, IN 46032

## KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 19. Find the full listing at [kfuo.org/church-bulletin](http://kfuo.org/church-bulletin).*

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**This week on KFUE.org**, we wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. Hear some of our favorite programming from our archives as the KFUE Radio staff takes time to be with their families this week. Stay tuned for Christmas Music for the Sacred Season beginning December 24 and continuing through Epiphany. Thanks to our Church of the Week, Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, St. Louis, MO, for their support of KFUE Radio!

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 26.*

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**This week on KFUE.org**, we begin studying 1 Peter on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays @ 8am CT), continue in the book of Acts on Thy Strong Word (weekdays @ 11am CT), and dig into why we believe what we believe on Concord Matters (11/28 @ 2pm CT). Stay tuned for Christmas Music for the Sacred Season beginning December 24 and continuing through Epiphany. Thanks to our Church of the Week, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, MO, for their support of KFUE Radio!

## 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. 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. Note: due to Pastor O'Connor being away, this class will not meet the next two weeks.

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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Daniel in the Lion's den  
He will command His angels...to guard you in all your ways.  
Psalm 91:11

## 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.

## ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Thank you for your generous offerings and time to help Orphan Grain Train in helping those affected by the hurricanes, fires, and flooding.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 21, Tuesday:** Preschool Thanksgiving Program at 6:30 pm

**November 22, Wednesday:** Thanksgiving Eve. Ves- pers at 7:00 pm

**December 3, Sunday:** Mary Martha Christmas Program featuring a Bunco Party from 3:00 to ???

**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.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The Preschool’s next event will be the Thanksgiving Program in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 p.m. with a small reception following in the Christian Learning Center. We hope you will be able to join us!

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 December 8th and 9th. Please share the information to help us in the Fight Against Hunger! *See bulletin board for more information.*

MARY MARTHA GUILD

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

College Care Packages are available in the Fellowship area today for parents to pick up and deliver to their students.

Thanks to everyone who donated “goodies” for the packages. We know the students appreciate having the support of the congregation as they pursue their education.

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**December 3, Sunday:** Mary Martha Christmas Program featuring a Bunco Party from 3:00 to ???

We are asking for donations of snacks/appetizers, and card tables. There will be fun for all the women in our churches Please invite your friends. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. This will give us a hint for the number of prizes to purchase.

FLOWER CHART

2018 Flower Sign-Up Posted

The flower charts for 2018 has been posted in the hallway. Please sign your name if you would like to donate for the cost of flowers on any Sunday next year. If pertinent, please also indicate the occasion. Flowers continue to be \$30 a week for both bowls. I put reminders in mailboxes the month before. However, you can pay in advance or for multiple Sundays if you like. You may include payment with your weekly general offering or put the flower amount in the Sunday offering plate as a separate amount. I will recycle the reminder envelope if you choose not to use it or have already paid. Thanks, Debby Thompson, Altar Guild Chairman.

FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

**FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CTSFW)**— Check out the upcoming events offered by Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For additional information concerning all events, please go to [www.ctsfw.edu](http://www.ctsfw.edu) or phone 260.452.2100. *Please note that all times for campus events are Eastern Time.*

On November 28, CTSFW will participate in **Giving Tuesday**, an online donation event that takes place on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Built on the theme “Serving Future Servants,” CTSFW will create an emergency care fund for students. Operating under the Student Adoption Program, the new fund will allow the CTSFW Financial Aid Office to assign money as needed, when most needed, whether for a situation as serious as a medical emergency, as frustrating as car trouble for a fieldworker trying to reach his or her fieldwork church or as simple as an unexpected bill. For updates on the campaign, visit [www.facebook.com/ctsfw](http://www.facebook.com/ctsfw) or type “#servingfutureservants” into the Facebook search bar.

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.

*All the following music events take place in Kramer Chapel and are open to the public.*

**Saturday, December 9**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
*Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer*  
 Choirs of CTSFW

**Sunday, January 14**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
*Epiphany Evening Prayer*  
 Seminary Kantorei

FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

**Wednesday, January 17**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
*Symposia Choral Vespers*  
 Seminary Schola Cantorum

**Thursday, January 18**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
*Symposia Vespers and Organ Recital*  
 Rev. Timothy Frank

LOVE INC

Love INC's Clearinghouse handled over **320 calls in October** alone and the needs in Hancock County are great!

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) of Greater Hancock County needs Christian adults to donate their time as a Clearinghouse Volunteer. In anticipation of the increase in daily calls for the Christmas season we are looking for 5-6 volunteers to answer the phone and listen to the individual stories of our neighbors in need. Help is needed Monday-Friday, 9:00-1:00 pm. 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! Please pray and ask the Lord if HE is calling you to serve Him through Love In the Name of Christ in this way. For more details, please call Michelle at 317-468-6300 or email [Michelle@loveinc-ghc.org](mailto:Michelle@loveinc-ghc.org)

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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!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jim Arthur ..... 11/19  
 Carolyn Cook ..... 11/21  
 Richard Curry ..... 11/25

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jim Arthur ..... 11/19  
 Matthew Leising ..... 11/20

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**CHURCH LEADERS**

**Council:**

Jeff Dickmader (Chairman)  
 Brian Atkins (Vice-Chairman)  
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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

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

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

*Betty Mattsey*  
 Hospitalized  
*Terry Cook (Mary Lou Trees' son-in-law)*  
 Hospitalized  
*Trent Stevanak (Debby Thompson's nephew)*  
 Cancer  
*Rev. Mark and Amy Surburg (the brother and sister-in-law of Matthew Surburg)*  
 Amy is having surgery  
*Donna Kuppler*  
 Homebound  
*Marjorie Lung*  
 Nursing home bound  
*Chuck LaVallee*  
 Nursing home bound  
*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, Nick Arthur, James McConnell,  
 Noah Heiwig, Will Harlow (friend of Pastor's)