



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 26	Monday Nov. 27	Tuesday Nov. 28	Wednesday Nov. 29	Thursday Nov. 30	Friday Dec. 1	Saturday Dec. 2
Last Sunday of the Church Year 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	Preschool Pastor's Family Day Bell Choir 6:30 pm	Preschool Bible Study 9:30 am	Preschool Choir 6:00 pm	Preschool	Preschool	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

VOTER'S MEETING

Next Voter's meeting will be Sunday , December 10, 2017 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know and we will update your records.

FROM LUTHER

"I am not baptized, do not partake of the Lord's Supper, and am not absolved for the purpose of sleeping and snoring at home in idleness. But if you have the Promise, Baptism, and Absolution, remember that you have been called to be watchful and to be anxiously concerned about the things that pertain to your faith and calling ... He has not given us a Promise that there will be peace this year and a rich yield of grain. Accordingly, I should not say: 'I do not know what will happen. Therefore I will do nothing.' Indeed, God rather says: 'Do your duty, and leave the rest to Me.' He did not say: 'Everything will turn out successfully.' No, He said: 'Do your duty. You do not have to know how things will turn out or what will happen. You have been justified. Go, then, and exercise your faith in the household and in the state.'" (from his *Genesis Commentary*, presented from 1535-1545, found in Luther's Works – volume 5, p. 274, written in 1541/42)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

St. Andrew, Apostle (November 30) – St. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, and was from the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Andrew was originally a disciple of John the Baptist, but after John called Jesus “the Lamb of God,” Andrew became a follower of Jesus and then brought his brother Peter to Jesus (John 1:35-42). Andrew and Peter were called by Jesus to be disciples while they were engaged in their work of being fishermen (Matthew 4:18-20), and they are both listed among the twelve apostles chosen by Christ (Matthew 10:1-4). According to Church tradition, Andrew was martyred when he was crucified on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, and later removed to the cathedral of Amalfi in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland. St. Andrew’s Day determines the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew’s Day.

Collect: Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Noah (November 29) – Noah, the son of Lamech (Genesis 5:30), was instructed by God to build an ark, in which his family would find security from the destructive waters of a devastating flood that God warned would come. Noah built the ark and the rains descended. The entire earth was flooded destroying “every living thing that was on the face of the ground, both man and beast” (Gen. 7:23). After the flood waters subsided, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. When Noah determined it was safe, and God confirmed it, he and his family and all the animals disembarked. Then Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for having saved his family from destruction. A rainbow in the sky was declared by God to be a sign of His promise that never again would a similar flood destroy the entire earth (Gen. 8:20). Noah is remembered and honored for his obedience, believing that God would do what He said He would.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS, CONT.

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. Grant that we may be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, so that with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life.

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3 2017
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- OrganistRichard E. Thompson
- Crucifer.....Ethan Hollis
- Acolyte..... Garrett Hollis and Lili Jenkins
- Communion Assist: Ken Peterson, Mike Schildmier
- Elder on Duty..... Mark Jenkins
- Greeters..... Carolyn Haas & Karen Jones
- Ushers Jim Arthur, Ed Fox, DeWayne Roland
- Youth Assistant..... Steven Roland
- Altar Guild..... Karen Roland & Lori Yeager
- Jr. Altar Guild.....Joey Roland & Grant Shepherd
- Sound..... Brian Atkins
- Refreshments Bond, Hoff, & Strothmann Families

RECEIVING IN FAITH :
NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Divine Service 105

RESPONDING IN FAITH:
NOVEMBER 19, 2017

General Fund.....	4,033.30
Adult Sunday School.....	8.00
Building Fund.....	40.00
Loose Cash.....	207.36
Memorials	50.00

Total.....\$4,338.65

CARDS TO SHUT INS

Mrs. Donna Kuppler
2363 N. 1050 E.
Charlottesville, IN 46117

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. Today we begin a study of 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.

KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

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

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 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 KFUO Radio!

FROM THE HOUSERS

Please join us December 9th starting at 2pm at our house for an afternoon of games and fellowship! Please bring an appetizer and/or your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

God's People Go Home
You are a gracious and merciful God.
Nehemiah 9:31

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

LuFest 2018 – April 13, 2018 – Discounted Hotel Rooms Available

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express just across Missouri Street from Lucas Oil Stadium. To book at the discounted rate of \$109 (plus tax and fees), LuFest attendees may call 317-822-6400 and ask for Lutheran High School or LuFest. They may also book online at lhsi.org.

Tickets for LuFest (\$125 each, \$1250 for a table of 10) may be purchased securely online at lhsi.org with credit or debit card, or contact LHS to pay by check or cash.

The Holiday Inn Express Indianapolis Downtown – Convention Center Area is located at 410 S Missouri St, Indianapolis 46225.

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.

The Music Man Auditions – December 17

5th– 8th graders: Saints on Stage invite you to be a part of the Jr. Saints on Stage Program! 5th– 8th grade students will comprise the ensemble cast for *The Music Man* at Lutheran High School this February. Auditions will be held Sunday, December 17, 2–4 pm. Visit lhsi.org/student-life/themusicman.cfm for more details or email drama@lhsi.org with questions

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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.*

MATCHING FUNDS DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline: November 28, 2017: Bethesda Lutheran Communities. 800-369-4636

Deadline November 30, 2017: Concordia Theological Seminary, 6600 North Clinton Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46825-4996 designated to Student Aid, General Operations or any Endowment

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

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.

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 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 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 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

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 or call 317-468-6300

THANK-YOU and God Bless your generosity!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thomas Visnack 11/27

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thomas Visnack..... 11/26
 John Rumler 11/28
 Amy Surburg..... 11/28
 Laura Bearman 11/29
 Brenda Dillman 11/29
 Kris Thompson..... 11/29
 Amanda Houser..... 11/30
 Lori Yeager 12/1

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Randy & Julie Litten (47 yrs.) 11/27
 Daniel & Kelly O'Connor (25 yrs.)..... 11/28

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

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.

Terry Cook (Mary Lou Trees' son-in-law)
 Radiation
Trent Stevanak (Debby Thompson's nephew)
 Cancer
Rev. Mark and Amy Surburg (the brother and sister-in-law of Matthew Surburg)
 Recovery from Surgery
Donna Kuppler
 Homebound
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
Emily Rogers (LWML National Board)

Serving our Country

Rob Wolfla, 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