



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept. 24	Monday Sept. 25	Tuesday Sept. 26	Wednesday Sept. 27	Thursday Sept. 28	Friday Sept. 29	Saturday Sept. 30
<b><i>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</i></b>  9:15 am Divine Service  11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study (Luther video)	<i>Preschool</i>  Pastor's Family Day  Bell Choir 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool Bible Study</i> <b>9:30 am</b>	<i>Preschool</i>  <b>Faith by Heart 5:30pm</b> <b>Jr. Catechesis:</b> <b>6th Gr. 5:00 pm</b> <b>7th Gr. 6:35 pm</b> <b>8th Gr. 7:30 pm</b> Choir 6 pm <b>Chapel 7:15 pm</b>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<b>Men's Bible Study</b> <b>8—9:15 am</b>

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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## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

### 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. In celebration of this, Lutheran Hour Ministries has prepared a video series and study about the career of our namesake: Martin Luther, titled "A Man Named Martin." The videos are very well done and are quite interesting. The series is divided into three parts that, all-together, take several weeks to view and discuss. This will be done here at Faith today, during our Sunday morning adult Bible Study hour, and will continue through the month of October. Join us, won't you?, as we learn together more about Luther and the heritage left to us in the Reformation.

Pastor O'Connor

## FROM LUTHER

"I myself have had considerable experience of this, for I know how I sometimes struggle in the hours of darkness. I know how often I suddenly lose sight of the rays of the Gospel and of grace, which have been obscured for me by thick, dark clouds. In other words, I know how slippery the footing is even for those who are mature and seem to be firmly established in matters of faith." (from his *Galatians Lectures*, written in 1535; found in Luther's Works – vol. 26, p.63)

"God has shown sufficiently in the first chapter of Genesis how He provides for us. He first created and prepared all things in heaven and on earth, together with the beasts and all growing things, before He created man. Thereby He demonstrated how He has laid up for us at all times a sufficient store of food and clothing, even before we ask Him for it. All we need to do is to work and avoid idleness; then we shall certainly be fed and clothed." (commenting on today's Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34, in Luther's Works – volume 45, p. 48)

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**St. Michael and All Angels** (September 29) – Angels are spiritual creatures created by God to serve Him and help His people. The observance of a day to honor the angel St. Michael dates to the fifth century, and was later expanded to include all angels. The name of the archangel St. Michael means “Who is like God?” Michael is mentioned in the book of Daniel (12:1), as well as in Jude (v.9) and Revelation (12:7). Daniel portrays Michael as the angelic helper of Israel, who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation, Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. Their victory is made possible by Christ’s own victory over Satan in His death and resurrection, a victory announced by a voice in heaven (Revelation 12:10). Michael is often associated with Gabriel and Raphael, the other chief angels or archangels who surround the throne of God. Tradition names Michael as the patron and protector of the Church, especially as the protector of Christians at the hour of death. The angel Gabriel is mentioned by name when he announces that John the Baptist (Luke 1:19) and Christ (Luke 1:26) will be conceived and born.

Collect: Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth.

**Jerome, Translator of Holy Scripture** (September 30) – Jerome was born in a little village on the Adriatic Sea around the year A.D. 345. At a young age he went to study in Rome, where he was baptized. After extensive travels, he chose the life of a monk and spent five years in the Syrian desert. There he learned Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. After ordination at Antioch and visits to Rome and Constantinople, Jerome settled in Bethlehem. From the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, he used his ability with languages to translate the Bible into Latin, the common language of his time. This translation, called the Vulgate, was

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the authoritative version of the Bible in the western Church for over 1,000 years. Considered one of the great scholars of the early church, Jerome died on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 420. He was originally interred at Bethlehem, but his remains were eventually taken to Rome.

Collect: O Lord, God of truth, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. You gave Your servant Jerome delight in his study of Holy Scripture. May those who continue to read, mark, and inwardly digest Your Word find in it the food of salvation and the fountain of life.

## 2017 REFORMATION SERVICE

WHAT IS OLD IS NEW! Martin Luther brought the timeless Gospel back into focus in Christianity. For 500 years we have shared this teaching with the world. The “old” Gospel continues to make new in our lives, and the lives of those we share it with. We will celebrate 500 years of the Reformation with Scripture and hymns Sunday October 29 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel at 3 o’clock p.m.

## FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We are looking for a couple of good homes. One would be for the piano currently in the CLC, the other for the doll house also currently in the CLC. As neither of these items is getting any use, we would love to see them go to a happy home where they will be appreciated. FYI, you will need to provide transportation for each of these items. If you have any questions about either item, please contact Rebecca Shanton.

If you are interested, please give your name to MaryJo McConnell or to Rebecca Shanton. Your name will then be put into a hat and the new owner(s) will be chosen randomly.

Please have your name in by Sunday, Oct 1st.

Thank you!



## Lutherans are making long-term hurricane recovery possible

As the news reports become fewer, headlines fade and people grow weary of hearing about catastrophes, Synod and district efforts will continue toward long-term recovery and care for the victims of Harvey and Irma ... and perhaps Maria.

As LCMS World Relief and Human Care and its LCMS Disaster Response work with affected districts, the ongoing compassion being expressed across the Synod keeps the recovery efforts moving for the victims of these consecutive disasters.

LCMS Disaster Response remains committed to supporting affected districts and their church communities during the long road to recovery and healing.

Please note the resources provided below, which include an updated, downloadable bulletin insert. Additional information about the Synod's response, and the difference your gifts make, will be available over the weeks and months ahead at [lcms.org](http://lcms.org), on the Synod's social-media outlets, and in our official periodicals and other publications.

### Quote:

"We are charged to help. We are charged to share God's love. We need to care for [the hurricane victims] like Jesus would have us do." — Volunteer Marla Kindt, Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Mo.

### Resources:

Follow updates on [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) and [facebook.com/thelcms](https://facebook.com/thelcms)

[lcms.org/disaster](http://lcms.org/disaster)

## MARY MARTHA GUILD

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, LWML Sunday, Mary Martha Guild will be taking a special door offering after the Divine Service which will be dedicated to LWML Mission Mites.

Also that day, Mary Martha will be taking orders for RADA Cutlery in the Fellowship Center immediately following the Divine Service. Go to [www.radacutlery.com](http://www.radacutlery.com) for a complete listing of products and prices, but please wait until October 1 to place your order through Mary Martha Guild to take advantage of significant savings on shipping charges.

Proceeds from the sale of RADA products allow Mary Martha Guild to provide support to many worthy charities. Past grant recipients include Faith Lutheran Preschool, Worship for Shut-ins, Ft. Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op, scholarships for post-secondary parochial education and more.

Mary Martha Guild will be hosting a Bake/Craft Sale on Oct 1, as well. Proceeds will be dedicated to Concordia Seminary in Ft. Wayne.

Next Mary Martha Gathering is Tuesday, October 10th.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm followed by devotions led by Joannie Peterson. Program for the evening will be a Bible study led by Amanda Houser. All women of the Congregation are invited. Please plan to join us!

Concordia Theological Seminary Donation Day

October 10, 2017

A box has been placed in the Fellowship area to collect donations for Concordia Theological Seminary Donation Day. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donations by Sunday, October 8. See needed items listed on the box.

## 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.*

### Christ Academy Confirmation Retreat September 29–October 1

**Theme:** *The 10 Commandments: Being Killed and Being Made Alive in Christ*

**Presenter:** Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, director of Christ Academy, CTSFW

**Retreat Fee:** \$110/person, includes on-campus housing and meals.

**Register:** Email [Retreats@ctsfw.edu](mailto:Retreats@ctsfw.edu) or phone 260.452.2204.

This retreat is open to students who are currently receiving confirmation instruction from their pastor.

Do you know someone you would like to encourage toward becoming a pastor or deaconess? One way is to tell them about the **Prayerfully Consider Visit** that takes place on our campus **October 12–14**. During this three-day event they will have the opportunity to experience daily life at the Seminary while worshiping with the CTSFW community, attending classes, meeting with faculty, learning about financial aid options and getting to know the Fort Wayne area. There is no charge for this event and all on-campus housing and meals are included. For additional information go to [www.ctsfw.edu/PCV](http://www.ctsfw.edu/PCV).

**Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at CTSFW.** Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, will serve as preacher for a special Reformation service on **October 31, at 7:30 p.m.** in Kramer Chapel. If you can't join us on campus, the service will be live streamed at [www.ctsfw.edu/DailyChapel](http://www.ctsfw.edu/DailyChapel) and [www.facebook.com/CTSFW](http://www.facebook.com/CTSFW).

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 1, 2017**

Organist..... Richard E. Thompson  
 Crucifer .....Bailey Shanton  
 Acolyte ..... Garrett Hollis, Ethan Hollis  
 Communion Assistants..... Mark Jenkins, Jeff Corlew  
 Elder on Duty ..... James Froiland  
 Greeters .....Jeff, Julie & Amanda Dickmader  
 Ushers..... Richard Curry, Ken Sedam, Mike Schildmier  
 Youth Assistant..... William O'Connor  
 Altar Guild ..... Donna Visnack and Barbara Burnham  
 Sound ..... Ken Peterson  
 Refreshments..... Bond, Hoff, & Strothmann

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

Divine Service 106

**RESPONDING IN FAITH:  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

General Fund.....	5,372.60
Adult Sunday School.....	17.70
Building Fund.....	80.00
Loose Cash.....	14.50
Miscellaneous.....	170.80
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,655.60</b>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

God Provides for Elijah  
*God cares for you* 1 Peter 5:7

**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.

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

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**LuFest – Friday, April 13, 2018 at Lucas Oil Stadium**  
**Purchase your LuFest 2018 table of 10** for the discounted price of \$1,000 **through October 13.** Visit [bidpal.net/lufest2018](http://bidpal.net/lufest2018) to learn more about the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Lutheran Festival dinner/auction for supporters of LHS, purchase tables or sponsorships, and donate to help LHS teachers/staff members attend the gala event.

**Dig Pink/Be the Hope Night, October 3**  
 Please join LHS in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research. **Dig Pink/Be the Hope Night** is **Tuesday, October 3** during the volleyball matches (JV at 6:00 pm, Varsity follows). We will honor all cancer fighters and survivors between matches and will host a Chick-fil-A sponsored hospitality room throughout the evening. Money raised will go to the I.W.I.N. Foundation. More info at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

**“Alice in Wonderland” – October 5, 7, & 8**  
**Saints on Stage** present **“Alice in Wonderland”** October 5 and 7, 7:00 pm, and October 8, 3:00 pm in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at LHS. Tickets (\$10 adult, \$5 student/senior) may be purchased online at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org) or in the LHS office weekdays, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm.

**Metal/Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding, October 28**  
**Save your metal** and support Lutheran High School! On **Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am – noon**, you may drop off any kind of metal and electronics (\$20 donation per TV or monitor) to be recycled and documents to be securely shredded (\$5/box donation suggested).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Marilyn Rothkopf ..... 9/24  
 Steve Moll ..... 9/25  
 Amy Surburg ..... 9/25  
 Bob M. Yeager ..... 9/25  
 Patty Moore ..... 9/27

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Andrew Litten.....9/27  
 Patty Moore .....9/27

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Beth Fox (46 yrs.) ..... 9/24  
 Chad & Andrea Dishman (18 yrs.) ..... 9/25  
 Mark & Sherri Jenkins (13 yrs.) ..... 9/25

**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**

Mrs. Marjorie Lung  
 Golden Living Nursing Home  
 745 Swope Street  
 Greenfield, IN 46140

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

*Family of Marilyn Kroeger*  
 Her death

*Hurricane Harvey and Irma survivors*

*Brian Atkin's sister Toni*  
 Water on her brain

*Vivian Baumann*  
 Stroke

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

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