



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Jan. 6	Monday Jan 7	Tuesday Jan. 8	Wednesday Jan. 9	Thursday Jan. 10	Friday Jan 11	Saturday Jan. 12
The Epiphany of Our Lord Divine Service 9:15 am 11:00 Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	<i>Preschool</i> Pastor's Family Day Quilting 3 PM	<i>Preschool</i> Bible Study 9:30 am Matins 11:00 am	<i>Preschool</i> Faith by Heart 5:30pm Jr. Catechesis: 6th Gr. 4:30 pm 7th Gr. 5:00 pm 8th Gr. 7:30 pm Choir 6 pm Chapel 7:15 pm	<i>Preschool</i> Matins 11:00 am Parochial Board 6:30 pm Elders 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study 8—9:15 am Mary Martha Bible Study 9:30 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

MARY MARTHA GUILD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ladies, please join us on Saturday, January 12th at 9:30 am for a Mary Martha Guild Breakfast Meeting/Bible Study led by Emily Rogers. Breakfast will be a pitch-in. Maybe those who are unable to attend on Tuesday evenings will find this a better fit for their schedule. We look forward to seeing you there!

WELCOME

We welcome new members to Faith
David and Carole Feltner

FROM LUTHER

“God wanted to point out (with reference to Genesis 50) that the dead in Christ have been anointed with myrrh. Christ is our myrrh, just as myrrh is also offered to Him by the Magi, as Matthew 2:11 tells us. For if we believe in Him, we are anointed with myrrh, so that we do not decay but are preserved for the future resurrection.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12, in Luther’s Works – volume 8, p. 321)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors and Confessors (January 10) – Basil and the two Gregorys, collectively known as the “Cappadocian Fathers,” were leaders of Christian orthodoxy in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) in the latter part of the fourth century. Basil and Gregory of Nyssa were brothers; Gregory of Nazianzus was their friend. All three were influential in shaping the theology confessed by the Council of Constantinople of 381, which we confess today in the Nicene Creed. Their defense of the doctrines of the Holy Spirit and Holy Trinity, together with their contributions to the liturgy of the Eastern Church, make them among the most influential Christian teachers and theologians of their time.

Collect: Almighty God, You revealed to Your Church Your eternal being of glorious majesty and perfect love, as one God in a Trinity of Persons. May Your Church, with pastors like Basil, Gregory and Gregory, receive grace to continue steadfast in the confession of the true faith, and remain constant in her worship of You.

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 Large Catechism. Come join us!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY We are studying the book of Micah. Come join us!

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

**IN THE LORD’S SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

Organist Chris Wilson
 Crucifer..... Grant Shepherd
 Word Bearer Lili Jenkins
 Acolyte Esther Surburg & Emma Jenkins
 Communion Assist: David Temme, Jeff Corlew
 Elder on Duty Matthew Surburg
 Greeters..... Richard and Gloria Curry
 Ushers:..... Richard Curry, Jim Arthur, Brian Atkins
 Youth Assistant Jadon Yeager
 Altar Guild..... Julie Dickmader, Pattie Fitzwater
 Jr. Altar Guild..... Garrett Hollis & Ethan Hollis
 Sound:..... Jeff Corlew
 Fellowship The Fox families

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, DEC. 30, 2018**

Divine Service: 78

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, DEC. 30, 2018**

General Fund2,873.70
 Pre-school.....300.00
 L C M S.....100.00

Total.....\$3,273.70

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :
MONDAY, DEC. 31, 2018**

Divine Service: 28

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :
MONDAY, DEC. 31, 2018**

General Fund380.00
 Adult Sunday School..... 11:30
 Pre-school.....1,051.42

Total\$1,442.72

HOMEBOUND ADDRESSES

Ms. Doris Bond
Traditions at Brookside, Rm.215
6311 W 900N
McCordsville, IN 46055.

Mr. Bill Crider
206 Allen Lane
Greenfield, IN 46140

Mr. David Feltner
Bloom
2250 Harvest Moon Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Ms. Phyllis Kingen
Westminster Village North
11050 Presbyterian Drive
3218A , Aspen Commons
Indianapolis, IN 46235
317 -945-5539 (mobile)

Ms. Donna Kuppler *(new address!)*
8712 Woodlane Road
Germantown, IL 62245

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

Ms. Betty Mattsey
200 W. Green Meadows Dr.
Greenfield, IN 46140

Mr. Don Pfaff
318 Walnut Street
Greenfield, IN 46140

Mrs. Peggy Price
9422 White Shell Drive
Ft. Wayne, IN 46804

KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of January 6.

Listen to Worldwide KFUE.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 KFUE.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 @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

This week on KFUE.org, we wish our listeners a blessed Epiphany! Regular programming resumes this week with Sharper Iron: The New Covenant with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), curious topics on Cross Defense with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and his guest (1/7 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and in-depth study of our confession of faith on Concord Matters (1/8 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org

WORSHIP ANEW

January 6, 2019 – Epiphany - “The Mystery of Christ Made Known” -

**Sermon Text: Ephesians 3:4-6 -
Rev. Thomas Eggold**

**January 13, 2019 – The Baptism of Our Lord -
“Baptised into Christ!” -**

Sermon Text: Luke 3:21-22 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rebekah Dickmader..... 1/10
 Richard Thompson..... 1/11
 Aaron Surburg..... 1/12
 Robert Weller..... 1/12

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
 open (Vice-Chairman)
 Amanda Houser (Recording Secretary)
 Robert M. Yeager (Treasurer)
 Phyllis Arthur (Parochial Ed. Chair)
 Jeff Dickmader (Evangelism Chair)
 Mike Schildmier (Properties Chair)
 Rebecca Shanton (Parish Ed. Chair)
 David Temme (Stewardship Chair)
 Tim Wagner (Elders Chair)

Elders:

Tim Wagner (Chair)
 James Froiland
 Shawn Houser
 Mark Jenkins (Recording Secretary)
 Scott Baker
 Matthew Surburg

Prayer Chain Requests. Please Contact Lori (317) 431-9514, and email address is lori-yeager@comcast.net or lryeager24@gmail.com.

You may also call or email the office to have it forwarded

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Tom and Barbara Gordon (friends of the Bearmans)

Health issues

Sharon Chrisman & family (friends of the Yeagers')

Her father, Jim Haynes' passing

Barb Waterman's daughter-in-law's sister, Judy

Cancer

Brian Atkins

Knee injury

George Butzin

Health issues

Jim Smith

Cancer

Glen Robinson & family (friends of John & Cinda Rumler)

ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)

Susan Harlow (friend of Pastor)

Leukemia

David Feltner

Nursing home bound

Donna Kuppler

Homebound in Illinois

Marjorie Lung

Nursing home bound

Betty Mattsey

Nursing home bound

Don Pfaff

Homebound

Peggy Price

Homebound (in Ft. Wayne)

Doris Bond

Nursing home bound

Serving our Country

Nick Arthur; James McConnell

Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)

Will Harlow (friend of Pastor)

Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders' nephew)



The Church Lives By God's Word – Part 2:
Our Congregation In Prayer

In my last article I shared with you my hope that we can come *together* in prayer by daily joining *together* in God's Word. In this article I would like to elaborate on that a little further.

You will recall that, for a few Sundays in December, we made a little tweak to our Sunday bulletin, adding to it a column called OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER. It has been decided that information would be better provided on a bulletin insert, which will be handed out to you as you leave worship. The insert will be color coded to match the appropriate season of the Church Year (it's currently white, to go with the Epiphany of our Lord). The color on the altar and the color of the insert will always be the same.

The information on the OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER insert will consist of a format for daily prayer, as well as a reading from the Catechism (which will correspond to what the children are learning in midweek), a weekly list of Daily Bible Readings (which is the same list provided in the bulletin and is based on the same Lectionary used by Luther), the Collect of the Day (which is prayed every Sunday and can also be prayed every day of the week), and also the list of prayer requests that are included in each week's Focus On Faith. This daily prayer format follows the basic pattern set forth by Luther in the Small Catechism, along with a couple of ordinaries added from the Divine Service (the Kyrie and the Benedicamus). If you already have another resource that you use for personal devotions, I think you'll find that, in most cases, it can easily be incorporated into this format.

It is hoped that you will use this format as much as you can throughout the week, so please do NOT throw the OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER insert away when you leave the church. It is not meant to be recycled, but reused over and over again. Whenever we gather together at church – for Elder or Council meetings, Mary/Martha gatherings, youth group meetings, or any other occasion that brings us together during the week – we'll use this insert for our devotion. When we gather in the church for daily prayer on Tuesdays & Thursdays, as well as for chapel with the children on Wednesdays, the Catechism reading on the insert will be the same. The people we pray for will be the same. As much as is possible everything will be the same, starting on Sunday and continuing through each day of the week to the following Sunday. Everything will be the same because sameness leads to *togetherness*, and the goal is to be *together* in our use and understanding of God's Word.

In my last article, I quoted from Luther's Smalcald Articles (one of our Lutheran Confessions), which says:

“Thank God, a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd [John 10:11-16].” (Part III, art. XII [2])

As we the lambs of Faith Lutheran Church listen *together* to the voice of our Shepherd, we will feed from the same manger on His Word. That will unite us in faith, and that will in-turn aid us in witnessing that faith to others by giving us a common Word to speak.

May God grant us growth in His Word. And may He grant us that growth as we seek to understand and live His Word *together*.

Your Brother In Christ,

Pastor O'Connor