



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Jan. 20	Monday Jan 21	Tuesday Jan. 22	Wednesday Jan. 23	Thursday Jan. 24	Friday Jan 25	Saturday Jan. 26
<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany Divine Service 9:15 am</b>  <b>11:00 Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study</b>	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> <b>NO Preschool</b> Pastor's Family Day Quilters 1:00 Bell Choir 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i> <b>Bible Study 9:30 am</b>  <b>Matins 11:00 am</b>	<i>Preschool</i> <b>Faith by Heart 5:30pm</b> Jr. Catechesis: 6th Gr. 4:30 pm 7th Gr. 5:00 pm 8th Gr. 7:30 pm Choir 6 pm <b>Chapel 7:15 pm</b>	<i>Preschool</i> <b>Matins 11:00 am</b>	<i>Preschool</i>	<b>Men's Bible Study 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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 Administrative Assistant e-mail: [secretary@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithgreenfield.org) Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

### FROM THE PRESCHOOL

Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year to Faith Lutheran Church members.

On February 1st, registration will be open to existing and former preschool families.

On March 1st, registration will be open to the community.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please "pass the word long". 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, at the preschool 317-468-0610, by cell 260-343-16021 or by email [rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com)

### THANK YOU

Pastor O'Connor and his family would like to thank everyone who remembered them at Christmas with cards and gifts, and especially everyone in the congregation who contributed to pastor's Christmas bonus. It is always nice to be remembered at the holidays, and to receive so much good will from our church family truly warmed our hearts. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

### FROM LUTHER

"From the beginning of the world God appointed signs in addition to His Word, so that people had an opportunity to behold with their physical eye that God loved His people and church and was disposed to be their benefactor. ... Thus God at all times bestowed external, visible signs to accompany the office of the ministry, lest we complain that we cannot find God." (commenting on today's Gospel: John 2:1-11, in Luther's Works – volume 22, p. 420)

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Sarah** (January 20<sup>th</sup>) – Sarah was the wife (and half-sister) of the Hebrew patriarch Abraham (Genesis 11:29; 20:12). In obedience to God’s command (Genesis 12:1) she made the long and arduous journey west, along with her husband and his relatives, from Ur of the Chaldees to Haran, and then finally to the land of Canaan. She remained childless until old age. Then, in keeping with God’s long-standing promise, she gave birth to a son and heir of the covenant (Genesis 21:1-3). Sarah is remembered and honored as the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac, the second of the three patriarchs (the third being Jacob/Israel). She is also favorably noted for her hospitality to strangers (see Genesis 18:1-8). Following her death at the age of 127, Sarah was laid to rest in the Cave of Machpelah (Genesis 49:13), where her husband Abraham was later buried.

Collect: Lord and Father of all, You looked with favor upon Sarai in her advanced years, putting on her a new name: Sarah, and with it the promise of multitudinous blessings from her aged womb. Give us a youthful hope in the joy of our own new Name, being baptized into the promised Messiah, that we, too, might be fruitful in Your Kingdom, abounding in the works of Your Spirit.

**St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor** (January 24<sup>th</sup>) – St. Timothy had Christian believers in his family. His mother: Eunice, was a Christian woman, and she was the daughter of a Christian woman named Lois (2Timothy 1:5). The book of Acts records that St. Paul met Timothy on his second missionary journey and wanted Timothy to continue on with him (see Acts 16:1-3). Over time, Timothy became a dear friend and close associate of Paul, to whom Paul entrusted mission work in Greece and Asia Minor. Timothy was also with Paul in Rome. According to tradition, after Paul’s death Timothy went to Ephesus, where he served as Bishop and was martyred around AD 97. Timothy is best remembered as a faithful companion of Paul, one who rendered great service among the Gentile churches.

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, You have always given to Your Church on earth faithful shepherds such as Timothy to guide and feed Your flock. Make all pastors diligent to preach Your holy Word and administer Your Means of Grace, and grant Your people wisdom to follow in the way that leads to life eternal.

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**The Conversion of St. Paul** (January 25<sup>th</sup>) – First named Saul, Paul was a Pharisee from Tarsus who came to live in Jerusalem. He was a rising star, we would say, in the Judaism of his day, and was so zealous for the faith as he understood it that he actively persecuted the Christian Church (Galatians 1:11-24). However, as he traveled to Damascus to persecute the Church there, the risen Lord Jesus appeared to Paul, and as a result of this Paul became a believer and was baptized (Act 9). Not one of the original twelve apostles, because he was called directly by the risen Christ Paul was also designated as an apostle. He was active in proclaiming the Gospel to the Gentiles as he went on at least three missionary journeys to Asia Minor and Greece. Because he had persecuted Christ’s Church, Paul considered his call and conversion to be a dramatic demonstration of God’s grace, love and forgiveness (1Timothy 1:12-17).

Collect:

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth.

**St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor** (January 26<sup>th</sup>) – Titus, like Timothy with whom he is often associated, was a friend and co-worker of St. Paul. Titus was a Gentile, perhaps a native of Antioch, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem when they brought assistance to the Christians in Judea during famine (see Acts 11:29-30 and Galatians 2:1). It is not known if he accompanied Paul on his first or second missionary journeys, but Titus was with him on his third journey, when he helped reconcile the Corinthians to Paul (see 2Corinthians 7:6-7) and assisted with the collection for the church in Jerusalem (2Corinthians 8:3-6). Paul instructed Titus to organize the church on the island of Crete (see Titus 1:4-5), and afterward he is found working in Dalmatia (2Timothy 4:10). According to tradition Titus returned to Crete, where he served as bishop until he died at the end of the first century A.D.

Collect: Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word, so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior: Jesus Christ.

**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 27, 2019**

- Organist.....Richard Thompson
- Crucifer/Acolyte ..... Garrett Hollis
- Communion Assist:.....Scott Baker, Mike Schildmier
- Elder on Duty..... Shawn Houser
- Greeters.....Jim and Beverly Wilson
- Ushers: ..... Jim Arthur, Ed Fox, Ken Peterson
- Youth Assistant.....Aaron Surburg
- Altar Guild ..... Julie Dickmander, Pattie Fitzwater
- Jr. Altar Guild ..... Garrett Hollis & Ethan Hollis
- Sound: .....Brian Atkins
- Fellowship.....The Bearman and Houser families

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

Divine Service: 64

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**

General Fund.....	2,575.75
Adult Sunday School.....	12.00
Pre-school.....	25.00
FFC Rental.....	25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,232.00</b>

**KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO**

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of January 20.*

**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 continue in the Gospel of Mark on Thy Strong Word with Rev. William Weedon and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), celebrate the week of the Second Sunday after the Epiphany in Daily Chapel services (weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT), and dig into what we believe in our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Tuesday 1/22 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfue.org

**MARY MARTHA GUILD**

**BAKE SALE**

Mary Martha Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale on Sunday, February 10, in the Fellowship area following the Divine Service. All proceeds will be dedicated to Mission Mites.

Mary Martha will also be taking orders for RADA Cutlery on that day. Proceeds from the sale of RADA products allow Mary Martha Guild to support many worthy charities.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

Next Mary Martha Guild gathering is Tuesday, February 12. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship area. Program for the evening will be a Bible study. All women of the congregation are invited. Please plan to join us!

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Enrollment at LHS for 2019-2020 is open

Take advantage of early enrollment opportunities and save \$100! This is true for new *and* returning students. Enroll at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

### *Into the Woods* to be presented at Lutheran High School – February 22–24

Once upon a time... Picture all of your favorite children's stories reimagined into a fractured fairytale. Take a baker and his wife; mix in Cinderella, a witch, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack with his magic beans, and several other of your childhood favorites, and a recipe full of unexpected twists with surprising new endings emerges.

Lutheran High School's Saints on Stage present Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods* February 22 – 23 at 7:00 pm and February 24 at 3:00 pm. LHS is located at 5555 S Arlington Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46237 near the Emerson Avenue exit on the South side of the 465 loop. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors 65+.

Directed by Matthew T. Frick, students showcase their amazing musical and acting talents. Levi Burke provides music direction. A student cast of 19 and crew of 15 bring this magical modern fairy tale to life.

Enjoy this wildly entertaining show while supporting your local high school theater talent. Purchase your tickets today by visiting [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

*Into the Woods* is presented by special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI), New York, NY. All authorized performance materials are also provided by MTI, [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com).

### Winter Preview Night – February 27

If you're still thinking about high school, or if you have a 7th grader, please join us for our winter **Preview Night** at LHS. We'll start at **6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 27** in the Auditorium. Meet teachers and students, and learn about the opportunities that await you at Lutheran High School!

### LuFest 2019 – April 12 – Auction items needed

There is still time to join in the fun at The Nest Center on Friday, April 12 for LuFest 2019. Please visit [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) to reserve your place.

We are also looking for high quality new or antique auction items, gift cards, and experiences which would be of interest to our guests. Please bring all items to the Lutheran High School office weekdays, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, or call 317-791-4092.

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL, CONT.

### Cheer Clinic – January 26

Girls in K–8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join the LHS cheerleaders for a morning of cheerleading fundamentals, fellowship and fun on Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am – noon. NEW this year is a separate track for 5<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders with a focus on stunting. Cost is \$20. Register at [https://LHSCheercamp2019.formstack.com/forms/untitled\\_form](https://LHSCheercamp2019.formstack.com/forms/untitled_form), email [saintscheerleading@gmail.com](mailto:saintscheerleading@gmail.com), or call 317-409-5375 by Monday, January 21.

### Chick-fil-A Challenge – through January 25, 2 pm

Support LHS by participating in the Chick-fil-A School Challenge. We compete against Beech Grove for sales volume at the Southport Chick-fil-A Saturday, January 19, 10:30 am – Friday, January 25, 2:00 pm. Each school will receive 20% of their respective sales – **be sure to mention Lutheran when you order**. Winner will be announced at the boys varsity basketball game at LHS on January 25.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

My name is Josh Baggett and I am the Alumni Scholarship Chairman for the Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi - National Lutheran Fraternity. I'm contacting you to inform you of scholarship opportunities our organization has to offer Lutheran high school seniors. If you'd like to learn more about our organization, please check out <http://wp.betasigmapi.org/>.

My Alumni Chapter is offering a \$1,500 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2019. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500. Our scholarship application may be found online at <https://goo.gl/forms/c8b8X0HY3Pd7qD3t1> or the attached application can be filled out and submitted to our PO box. All applications are due March 2nd, 2019.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarship and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found here <http://wp.betasigmapi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/>

We would greatly appreciate if you would share this opportunity with your congregation and youth in one form or another including sharing through your weekly bulletins, congregational newsletters or Facebook page.

Please let me know if you have any questions about our scholarships or Beta Sigma Psi in general.

*Note: received by e-mail*

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Bob Mearling.....1/20  
 Gary Kingen .....1/21  
 Emma Jenkins .....1/22  
 Christopher Meador.....1/23

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Bob Mearling ..... 1/20  
 Gary Kingen..... 1/21  
 Rebekah Dickmader..... 1/22  
 Christine Hollis..... 1/22

**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](mailto:lori-yeager@comcast.net) or [lryeager24@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

*Brandy Westphal (grandson of the Bearman's neighbor)*  
 Broken arm  
*Frank Wolka, Sr. (friend of pastor)*  
 Broken Hip  
*Chris Millis (friend of Chris Wilson)*  
 Hospitalized  
*Madonna Gann (Jeans Fox's sister)*  
 Health Issues  
*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  
*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  
*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)



## FROM PASTOR'S PEN

### 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 separate sheet, which will be handed out to you as you leave worship. The sheet will be color coded to match the appropriate season of the Church Year. The color on the altar and the color of the sheet will always be the same.

The information on the OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER sheet 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 sheet 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 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 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.

As we use OUR CONGREGATION IN PRAYER for our daily devotions, may God grant us growth in His Word. May He grant us that growth *together* as we seek to understand and live His Word.

Your Brother In Christ,

Pastor O'Connor