



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday June 2	Monday June 3	Tuesday June 4	Wednesday June 5	Thursday June 6	Friday June 7	Saturday June 8
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:15 am</b> <b>Divine Service</b>  <b>11:00</b> <b>Sunday School and Adult Bible Class</b>	Pastor's Family Day	<b>Bible Study</b> <b>9:30 am</b> <b>Matins</b> <b>11:00</b>	Choir 6:00 pm	<b>Matins</b> <b>11:00</b>	Vacation Bible School meeting 4:15 pm	<b>Men's Bible Study 8am</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

**Pastor Wm. Daniel O'Connor** email: [pastorwdo@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:pastorwdo@faithgreenfield.org)  
 Administrative Assistant e-mail: [secretary@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithgreenfield.org) Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

We here at Faith gather together for prayer and the Word every Tuesday and Thursday morning, at 11:00. The service we are currently using is Matins, which takes about 35 minutes to pray through. If you find yourself in town and free at that time, we'd love to have you join us!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Next meeting, June 7th, Friday at 4:15 pm. We will be decorating and making sure we have everything organized. Thank you for all your help.

Phyllis Arthur

### GRADUATION PARTY

**STEVEN ROLAND**  
 Greenfield-Central High School

You are invited to celebrate!  
 Open House  
 Sunday, June 9  
 4-8 p. m

Faith Lutheran Church  
 Christian Learning Center

### FROM LUTHER

“The only thing we still need is a childlike stammering. Hence all depends on our learning to cling to Christ as the One Who was sent and given to us by the Father for the attainment of God’s grace and salvation. Otherwise all is completely lost.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: John 16:23-33, in Luther’s Works – volume 24, p. 411)

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

**Justin, Martyr** (June 1) – Born at the beginning of the second century, Justin was raised in a pagan family. He was a student of philosophy who converted to the Christian faith and became a teacher in Ephesus and Rome. After refusing to make pagan sacrifices, he was arrested, tried, and executed along with six other believers. The official Roman court proceedings of his trial before Rusticius, a Roman Prelate, document his confession of faith. The account of his martyrdom became a source of great encouragement to the early Christian community. Much of what we know of early liturgical practice comes from Justin.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, You found Your martyr Justin wandering from teacher to teacher, searching for the true God. Grant that all who seek for a deeper knowledge of the sublime wisdom of Your eternal Word may be found by You, Who sent Your Son to seek and to save the lost.

**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 Joel. Come join us!

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

**FROM THE PRESCHOOL**



Wanted

Please check your closets and if you have button down shirts (adult small or medium) that you are wanting to donate to a good cause....here it is!  
We use these shirts for our painting aprons.

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We still have some openings at Faith Lutheran Preschool. If you know of someone who might be interested, please “pass the word along”. Preschool brochures and registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions or for mor information, please contact director, Rebecca Shanton at the preschool 317-468-0610, by cell 260-343-1602 or by email at rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com

**LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Summer Sports Camps – June 2019**

**LHS offers summer sports camps** during June for boys and girls currently in grade school. Camps will be held for Boys and Girls Basketball, Co-Ed Volleyball, Co-Ed Cross Country, Co-Ed Soccer, Boys Wrestling, and Co-Ed Tennis. For information and to register, visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org) (choose Athletics > Summer Sports Camps) or call 317-787-5474.

**Golf Outing – August 10**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual LHS Golf Outing**, presented by *Service Pipe & Supply* to benefit the school’s financial aid fund, is on **Saturday, August 10** at Southern Dunes Golf Course. Check-in 7:30 am, shot-gun start 8:00. The \$100 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prize entries, and buffet lunch. Register at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org). Questions? Contact [jpflug@lhsi.org](mailto:jpflug@lhsi.org), or call 317-224-1108.

## 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/events](http://www.ctsfw.edu/events) or phone (260) 452-2100. *Please note that all times for campus events are Eastern Time.*

### SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

#### Continuing Education

##### May–November

Registration has opened for 33 Continuing Education sites across the country, covering a variety of subjects taught by faculty from CTSFW and other theologians. The current list of locations, times, topics, and teachers can be viewed [HERE](#). Learn more and register for courses at [www.ctsfw.edu/CE](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CE).

#### Church Interpreter Training Institute

##### June 13–16

Instruction in American Sign Language for trained interpreters, church members, and professional church workers to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Deaf people. Students of all experience levels are welcome to the campus of CTSFW.

**Register:** [www.lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org/citi](http://www.lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org/citi)

*Registration Deadline: May 24, 2019*

#### Christ Academy: Timothy School

##### June 16–29

Summer learning retreat for theologically-minded high school men. Applications will be accepted until all spaces are filled. Only a few openings remain.

**Apply:** [www.ctsfw.edu/CATS](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CATS)

#### Christ Academy: Phoebe School

##### June 16–29

Summer learning retreat for theologically-minded high school women. Space is limited and applications will close as soon as those last few spots fill.

**Apply:** [www.ctsfw.edu/CAPS](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CAPS)

#### Basic Level Organists and Service Playing for Pianists

##### June 17–21

This workshop will provide basic training on how the organ works, choosing appropriate registrations, pedal playing, and how to lead the singing of hymns and liturgy through effective playing. Pianists will learn the same leadership concepts on the piano

## FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

**Cost:** \$275, which includes five lunches and four dinners (breakfast available for purchase each morning for \$6); on-campus housing available for an additional \$100 (four nights) or \$125 (five nights).

**Register:** [www.ctsfw.edu/musicianworkshops](http://www.ctsfw.edu/musicianworkshops)

*Registration Deadline: June 10*

#### Intermediate and Advanced Level Organists

##### June 24–28

Workshop topics will include creative hymn introductions, making informed choices about organ repertoire, and strategies for leading challenging hymns. At this level of playing and experience, instruction is customized to the abilities of each student.

**Cost:** \$275, which includes five lunches and four dinners (breakfast available for purchase each morning for \$6); on-campus housing available for an additional \$100 (four nights) or \$125 (five nights).

**Register:** [www.ctsfw.edu/musicianworkshops](http://www.ctsfw.edu/musicianworkshops)

## KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of June 2:*

Listen to **KFUO.org**, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: [@KFUOradio](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**This week on KFUO.org**, we move from the Gospel of John into the book of Numbers on Thy Strong Word with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study the Truth in Genesis 31-34 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear God's Word in scripture and hymns during Daily Chapel broadcast live from the LCMS IC at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

## WORSHIP ANEW

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of our Lord Observed  
"What Are You Doing Here?"

Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Bill Mueller

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**

Divine Service: 97

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :  
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**

General Fund .....	3,893.47
Memorials .....	30.00
FFC Rental.....	25.00
LCMS .....	100.00

**Total ..... \$4,048.47**

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :  
ASCENSION MAY 30, 2019**

Divine Service: 97

**FINANCIAL UPDATE MAY 2019**

Total Income: .....	\$87,721.31
Total Expense:.....	<u>88,744.75</u>
Income Less Expense.....	-\$1,023.44

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**

Organist.....	Chris Wilson
Crucifer .....	Ethan Hollis
Word Bearer .....	Emma Jenkins
Acolytes .....	Garrett Hollis and Evan Houser
Communion Assist: .	Bob Yeager and Matthew Surburg
Elder on Duty .....	Mark Jenkins
Greeters .....	Jim and Beverly Wilson
Ushers: .....	Robert Fox, Jeff Dickmander
Youth Assistant.....	Aaron Surburg
Altar Guild .....	Mary Jo McConnell & Cinda Rumler
Sound .....	Jeff Corlew

**MARY MARTHA GUILD**

**RADA CUTLERY SALE**

Mary Martha Guild will be taking orders for RADA Cutlery beginning Sunday, May 19 and continuing thru Sunday, June 2. You can go to [www.radacutlery.com](http://www.radacutlery.com) for a listing of products and prices but please place your order through Mary Martha Guild to take advantage of significant savings on shipping charges. Orders may be emailed to Carolyn Haas at [carolynshev@aol.com](mailto:carolynshev@aol.com).

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS**

Thanks to all the quilters for their time and talent as they take a break for the summer. They are:

Bev Wilson, Laretta Arthur, Joan Peterson, Sharon Yeager, Donna Scott, Patty Shaw, Barbara Burnham, Thelma Ford and Jean Fox.

All praise and glory to God that we were able to do this mission work for Orphan Grain Train. For the 2018-2019 season a big total of 143 quilts and 10 knitted or crocheted afghans were assembled and delivered.

We will resume meeting next September, 2019, and would like you to come join us.

**FROM CHURCH SECRETARY**

I am working to update my address and telephone directory. If you have moved, changed telephone numbers, or have a new e-mail, please let me know. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Ed Fox..... 6/2  
 McKenna Hollis..... 6/4  
 Kimberly Baker ..... 6/8

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Randy Litten ..... 6/3  
 Debby Thompson..... 6/5

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

**CHURCH LEADERS**

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- open (Vice-Chairman)
- Amanda Houser (Recording Secretary)
- Robert M. Yeager (Treasurer)
- Phyllis Arthur (Parochial Ed. Chair)
- Jeff Dickmander (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.*

- James Froiland and family*  
 Good health news
- Family of Larry Nightengale (Bob Yeager's friend and co worker)*  
 His Passing
- Karen Bickel (friend and neighbor of the Bearmans)*  
 Brain tumor
- Naomi Woehner (Dean and Laura's Bearman's daughter)*  
 Positive outcome of biopsy
- Amber ( Friend of Nicole Roland)*  
 Her son's passing
- Bob Schultz ( Emily Roger's brother)*  
 Surgery
- Karla Whisenand, Director of Love, INC.*  
 Cancer
- Lanee Marshall (friend and neighbor of the Littens)*  
 Cancer
- Jim Smith*  
 Health issues
- 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)



Note from Pastor O'Connor: The following is an article recently published in the Lutheran liturgical journal *Gottesdienst*. It is written by an LC-MS pastor, and it addresses different burial practices available in our culture and, in particular, it considers why historically the Church has preferred burial to cremation. While not intending to tell anyone what to do (and we here at Faith will continue to respect the wishes of any who wish to be cremated), I offer this article to you as “food for thought” as you prayerfully prepare for your own death and funeral. There’s much to consider here ...

### Burial or Cremation

by

Rev. Dr. Karl Fabrizio

Burial or Cremation? I have often spoken about this topic in Bible class or catechesis. Oddly enough, fifty years ago it would not have been a question. The Church of all ages had confessed that burial was the only correct approach to treat one who died in the faith. So how did this change occur and what are we to think today?

As with many things, the Church let the culture become the definer of correct practice. Increasing burial costs led people to think of burial as an expense, rather than as an act connected to the confession of faith in the Lord Who took on a body in the Incarnation, died in the body, was buried in the body, rose in the body, and ascended in the body. Many people treat the body in our culture as some kind of empty shell that is simply disposed of at the time of death. Thus, both cremation and burial are acceptable (it is said) because the body really doesn’t matter. Many Christians believe we will simply be angelic beings or spirits in heaven and (so they) ignore the central teaching of the Incarnation of our Lord, which happens to be the name we use for Christmas Day in the Church. But if we do not follow the culture, where do we go for answers?

That question must be answered from the teaching and example of the Scriptures instead of thoughts of cost and cultural arguments. What do the Scriptures say about the body? In the creation accounts of Genesis 1 and 2, God forms the male and the female and creates them in the image of God. He calls man, whom He created with a body and soul, very good. Though the curse of death comes upon man, God protects the physical body and man in Genesis 9:1-7 and with the Fifth Commandment later at Sinai. While the unbelievers and idolaters had no respect for the body, as evidenced by the sacrifice of virgins and the burning and mutilation of the dead, the Hebrews consistently practiced reverence for the body that was created in the image of God by burying the bodies to sleep until the day of resurrection. Jesus continues to teach that those who die are only sleeping (John 11:11; Matthew 9:24). The Church officially takes a Greek term for sleeping to describe the place where the bodies of the dead are buried as a *cemetery*.

The New Testament Church follows the pattern of the Old Testament in its treatment of the bodies of the dead as holy and sacred to the Lord. You might think those terms are odd, but faith in the resurrection means that the bodies of the faithful should not be burned like unbelievers who did not confess the resurrection of the body. Your body became a temple of the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism because the Spirit first descended outwardly upon our Lord’s body at the Jordan. Your body that is under the curse of death has been set free from death in those life-giving waters. Your body and soul are fed at the altar by the body and blood of the Son of God so that He would preserve your body and soul from the power of death. Thus, in John 6, Jesus promises the resurrection to eternal life to those who eat His flesh and drink His blood. Your salvation is not just a victory for your soul, but for your body also. After all, Christ is true man, body and soul, and death could not hold His body. The Church confesses Christ’s burial because we are also buried and then raised as He was. The world has created funeral homes with their sanitized approaches to remove death from our view, but we bring the body to the church building, gaze upon the body of death, and then bring that body in a closed coffin with the pall over it before the altar as a confession that this body belongs to Christ and awaits the Day of resurrection. The Church boldly consecrates the resting place of the bodies of the faithful where they await the Day of resurrection. We commend the body to our Lord for Him to keep safely until He returns to judge the living and the dead.

Is there a specific word commanding burial? No. Does the Bible teach the resurrection of the body? Yes. It is this teaching of the resurrection and its connection to Baptism and the Lord’s Supper that has led the Church to boldly confess that the bodies of the faithful rest in peace.

The Rev. Dr. Fabrizio is pastor of Our Father’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Wisconsin.