



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday June 9	Monday June 10	Tuesday June 11	Wednesday June 12	Thursday June 13	Friday June 14	Saturday June 15
The Day of Pentecost 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 Voter's Mtg. And Sunday School VBS starts 5:30 pm	Pastor's Family Day VBS 5:30 pm	Bible Study 9:30 am Matins 11:00 VBS 5:30 pm	 VBS 5:30 pm	 Matins 11:00 VBS 5:30 pm	 	Men's Bible Study 8am

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

FROM THE COUNCIL

Voter's meeting today at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

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!

FROM LUTHER

"He is also called a Spirit of truth who opposes all lies and false arguments. For the world, too, is always full of spirits, as the saying goes: 'Wherever God erects a church, the devil builds his chapel or a tavern next to it'; that is wherever God's Word springs up in its purity, the devil ushers in sects, factions, and many false spirits who also deck themselves with the glory and the name of Christ and His Church." (commenting on today's Pentecost Gospel: John 14:23-31, in Luther's Works – volume 24, p. 292)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

St. Barnabas, Apostle (June 11th) – St. Barnabas was a Levite from Cyprus who sold some land and gave the proceeds to the early Christian community in Jerusalem (Acts 4:36-37). St. Paul informs us that he was a cousin of John-Mark, the writer of the second Gospel (Colossians 4:10). Barnabas was sent by the Jerusalem church to oversee the young church in Antioch (Acts 11:22). While there he went to Tarsus and brought Paul back to Antioch to help him (Acts 11:25-26). It was this church in Antioch that commissioned and sent Barnabas and Paul on the first missionary journey (Acts 13:2-3). When it was time for the second missionary journey, however, Barnabas and Paul disagreed about taking along John-Mark. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus; Paul took Silas and headed north through Syria and Cilicia (Acts 15:36-41). Nothing more is known of the activities of Barnabas, except that he was apparently known to the Corinthians (1Corinthians 9:6). Tradition relates that Barnabas died a martyr's death in Cyprus by being stoned.

Collect: Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

The Ecumenical Council of Nicea, AD 325 (June 12th) – The first Council of Nicea was convened in the early Summer of AD 325 by Roman Emperor Constantine at what is today Iznik, Turkey. The emperor presided at the opening of the council. The council ruled against the Arians, who taught that Jesus was not the eternal Son of God but was created by the Father and was only called “Son of God” because of His righteousness. The chief opponents of the Arians were Alexander – Bishop of Alexandria, and his deacon: Athanasius. The council confessed the eternal divinity of Jesus and adopted the earliest version of the Nicene Creed, which in its entirety was adopted at the Council of Constantinople in AD 381.

Collect: Lord God, Heavenly Father, at the first ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Your Church boldly confessed that it believed in one Lord Jesus Christ as being of one substance with the Father. Grant us courage to confess this saving faith with Your Church through all the ages.

Elisha, Old Testament Prophet (June 14th) – Elisha, son of Shaphat of the tribe of Issachar, was the prophet of God to the Northern Kingdom of Israel around 849-786 BC. Upon seeing his mentor: Elijah, taken up into heaven, Elisha assumed the prophetic office and took up the mantle of his predecessor. Like Elijah, Elisha played an active role in political affairs. He also performed many miracles, such as curing the Syrian army commander Naaman of his leprosy (2Kings 5) and restoring life to the son of a Shunammite woman (2Kings 4:8-37). A vocal opponent of Baal worship, Elisha lived up to his name, which means “my God is salvation.”

Collect: Lord God, Heavenly Father, through the prophet Elisha You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son: our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet, whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments.

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 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.

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

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

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

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

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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

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).

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KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of June 9:

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 and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: [@KFUOradio](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

This week on KFuo.org, we wish our listeners a blessed beginning of the season of Pentecost, dig into Numbers 4-8 on Thy Strong Word with host Rev. AJ Espinosa and guest pastors (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear the Word of God in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org.

WORSHIP ANEW

June 9, 2019 The Day of Pentecost

“Let Us Go!”

Sermon Text: John 14:3

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Two thousand years after He walked the earth, Jesus continues instructing and living among His people. Bringing the voice and presence of Jesus to His disciples is the work of the Holy Spirit. This work is celebrated through the celebration of Pentecost.

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**

Divine Service: 98

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**

General Fund	4,528.50
Adult Sunday School	10.00
Memorials	90.00
FFC Rental	100.00
LCMS	50.00
Parking Lot Pavement.....	100.00

Total \$4,878.50

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019**

- Organist..... Elise Temme
- Crucifer Grant Shepherd
- Word Bearer..... Esther Surburg
- Acolytes Lili Jenkins and Evan Houser
- Communion Assist: Matthew Surburg and Tim Wagner
- Elder on Duty..... James Froiland
- Greeters..... Jim and Beverly Wilson
- Ushers: Jim Arthur, Robert Fox, Jeff Dickmader
- Youth Assistant..... Aaron Surburg
- Altar Guild Mary Jo McConnell & Cinda Rumler
- Sound Greg Roland
- Fellowship The Sedam and Schildmier families

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 smocks.

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

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 CHURCH SECRETARY

I am working to update the 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

Steve Coon 6/11
 Beth Fox 6/15
 Bailey Shanton 6/15

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Steve Coon..... 6/11
 Josey Shanton 6/12
 Cecilia Wilson 6/15

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Dean & Laura Bearman (52 yrs.) 6/10
 DeWayne & Karen Roland (58 yrs.) 6/11
 Steve & Ann Coon (48 yrs.) 6/12
 Jeff & Patti Corlew (33 yrs.)..... 6/14
 Randall & Sheryl Shepherd (34 yrs.)..... 6/15

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
 open (Vice-Chairman)
 Amanda Houser (Recording Secretary)
 Robert M. Yeager (Treasurer)
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 Rebecca Shanton (Parish Ed. Chair)
 David Temme (Stewardship Chair)
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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.

Family of Holly Frazier Roberts (friends of the Littens)
 Her Passing
Ellie Stevanak (Debby Thompson's niece)
 Facing multiple surgeries
Family of Larry Nightengale (Bob Yeager's friend and co worker)
 His Passing
Karen Bickel (friend and neighbor of the Bearmans)
 Successful surgery
Naomi Woehner (Dean and Laura Bearman's daughter)
 Positive outcome of biopsy
Amber (Friend of Nicole Roland)
 Her son's passing
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 a re-print of 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 Fabrizious

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. Fabrizious is pastor of Our Father’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greenfield, Wisconsin.