



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday May 5	Monday May 6	Tuesday May 7	Wednesday May 8	Thursday May 9	Friday May 10	Saturday May 11
Third Sunday of Easter 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00am— Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	<i>Preschool</i> Pastor's Family Day Quilting 1-3	<i>Preschool</i> Bible Study 9:30 Matins 11:00	<i>Preschool</i> 6th Gr. 4:30 pm 7th Gr. 5:00 pm 8th Gr. 5:45 pm Choir 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i> Matins 11:00 Preschool's Mother's tea 6:00 pm Elders 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool's</i> <i>Field Day</i>	Men's Bible Study 8am Mary Lou Tree's 95th Birthday Open House 1-3 pm Fellowship Center

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

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!

OPEN HOUSE

Mary Lou Trees will be celebrating her 95th birthday this Saturday, May 11th. Her family is having an open house for this celebration in the Fellowship Hall on her birthday from 1pm to 3pm. We would like very much for you to stop by and visit with her. She wants no gifts, but loves cards. There will be cake, of course, and punch.

Please join us.
 Mary Jo McConnell and family.

FROM LUTHER

“The contrite and fearful are the people of grace, whose wounds the Good Shepherd wants to bind up and heal, the Shepherd Who gives His life for the sheep ... Such people should not give in to the thoughts of their hearts, which persuade them that because of their sins they ought not to pray or hope for grace. With David they should cry out: ‘Have mercy on me, O God,’ for such people are well pleasing to God.” (commenting on the Gospel for this Good Shepherd Sunday: John 10:11-16, in Luther's Works – volume 12, p. 317)

MARY MARTHA GUILD

Mark Your Calendars!
 Next Mary Martha Guild gathering is Tuesday, May 14th. Mary Martha breaks for the summer months so this will be the last meeting until September. Meeting begins at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship area. All women of the Congregation are invited.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler (May 5) – Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, Germany from 1486 to 1525, was Martin Luther's sovereign in the early years of the Reformation. In fact, were it not for Frederick there might not have been a Lutheran Reformation. Born in Torgau in 1463, he became so well known for his skill in political diplomacy and his sense of justice and fairness that he was called “the Wise” by his subjects. Though he never met Luther, Frederick repeatedly protected and provided for him. In all likelihood he saved the reformer from a martyr's fate. Frederick refused the Pope's demand to extradite Luther to Rome for a heresy trial in 1518. When Emperor Charles V declared Luther an outlaw in 1521 at the Diet of Worms, Frederick provided sanctuary for Luther at the Wartburg castle. On his deathbed Frederick received the Lord's Supper in both kinds (receiving both the Lord's body and blood) – a clear confession of the evangelical faith.

Collect: Almighty God, together with Frederick and all Your saints who now rest from their labors, we look forward to Your future coming to usher in Your new creation – a place free from sin and death, a place where all our voices will praise You without end for Your great glory. Until that appointed time, continue to sustain us in this certain hope throughout all our earthly days.

C.F.W. Walther, Theologian (May 7) – Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther (1811-87), the father of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, served as its first President from 1847 to 1850 and then again from 1864 to 1878. In 1839 he emigrated from Saxony, Germany, with other Lutherans, who settled in Missouri. He served as pastor of several congregations in St. Louis, founded Concordia Seminary, and in 1847 was instrumental in the formation of the LC-MS (then called the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States). Walther worked tirelessly to promote confessional Lutheran teaching and doctrinal agreement among all Lutherans in the United States, and was a prolific writer and speaker. Among his most influential works are *Church and Ministry* and *The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel*.

Collect: Almighty God, You give the gift of teachers to Your Church. We praise You for the gifts of grace manifested in Your servant Carl Ferdinand, and we pray that Your Church may never be destitute of such gifts.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Job, Patriarch (May 9) – Job was a blameless and upright man who came from Uz (Job 1:1), a land northeast of Canaan. The Book of Job examines the depths of his faith, which was severely tested through the sufferings God permitted him to endure. Despite the sudden death of his ten children and the loss of all his wealth and his health, Job refused to curse God: “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the Name of the LORD.”(1:21) Still, in the midst of his tribulations Job questioned the meaning and purpose of suffering to the point of asserting his own righteousness (34:5-6). Finally, the Lord revealed that a man cannot know the mysteries of God (chapters 38-41). Job's faith in his Redeemer and the resurrection ultimately prevailed (19:25-27), and the Lord ended up restoring his wealth and blessing him with another seven sons and three daughters.

Collect: Almighty God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of Your servant Job, may persevere in running the race that is set before us as we look forward to the Last Day and the resurrection of the dead.

Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs (May 11) – Cyril (826-69) and Methodius (c. 815-85) were brothers who came from a Greek family in Thessalonica. The younger brother took the name “Cyril” when he became a monk in 868. After ordination, Cyril became librarian at the church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) in Constantinople. In 862 the brothers were sent by the emperor as missionaries to what is now the Czech republic, where they taught in the native Slavic tongue. Cyril invented the alphabet known today as “Cyrillic,” which provided a written language for the liturgy and Scriptures for the Slavic peoples. This use of the vernacular established an important principle for evangelical missions.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for Your servants Cyril and Methodius, whom You called to preach the Gospel to the Slavic peoples. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your kingdom, that Your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior: Jesus Christ.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Math, Band, Choir teachers needed

Lutheran High School is seeking teachers for Math, Band, and Choir. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to join the mission and ministry at LHS please contact Bev McIntosh (administrative assistant) at bmcintosh@lhsi.org or Michael Brandt (Head of School) at mbrandt@lhsi.org. Teachers are required to have an Indiana teacher license.

Retirement Reception – Sunday, May 5

Join us to celebrate what God has done in the teaching ministries of Nancy StClair (43 years), Fred Willig (44 year), and Brent Minnick (35 years). Come to the Mary-Martha Commons at LHS on Sunday, May 5, 1:30 pm for Fellowship and Refreshments, a Program, and the Spring Music Concert.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29)

Spring Concert – Sunday, May 5

The Music Department of Lutheran High School will present its **Spring Concert on Sunday, May 5, 4:00 pm** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium. Please join members of the choirs and band for this free event as we finish off the year's concert season. Seniors will be showcased and recognized during the evening's show.

Sports Physicals – May 13

LHS will offer Sports Physicals by St. Francis for all athletes (high school or younger) on Monday, May 13, 6:00–8:00 pm for only \$15. If your child is planning to play ANY sport the next school year, you **MUST** have a physical on file. Questions? Contact Dee Joseph, Asst. AD, djoseph@lhsi.org.

Commencement – Sunday, May 19

Lutheran High School's 41st Baccalaureate and Commencement for the *Class of 2019* will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:00.

Summer Sports Camps – June 2019

LHS will offer 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 (choose Athletics > Summer Sports Camps) or call 317-787-5474.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Golf Outing – August 10

27th 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. Questions? Contact jplug@lhsi.org, or call 317-224-1108.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It is time to begin thinking about Vacation Bible School. Phyllis Arthur will be the VBS director this year. We have lots of people who are willing to help and there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Phyllis, Mary Jo McConnell or any member from the Board of Parish Education.

It has been wonderful to see the program grow.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL

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 more 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 Hosea. Come join us!

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

**RECEIVING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019**

Divine Service: 92

**RESPONDING IN FAITH :
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019**

General Fund 3,079.02
Lent..... 10.00

Total \$3,089.02

**IN THE LORD’S SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019**

Organist..... David Temme
Crucifer/Acolyte..... Lili Jenkins
Communion Assist:.... Jeff Dickmader, Tom Fitzwater
Elder on Duty Mark Jenkins
Greeters Carolyn Haas & Karen Jones
Ushers: .. Richard Curry, Mike Schildmier, Paul Godby
Youth Assistant Bailey Shanton
Altar Guild Kelly O’Connor, Lori Yeager
Sound Ken Peterson
Fellowship The Thompson and Dobbs Families

FORT WAYNE SEMINARY

May 17, 3:30 p.m. Graduation Day Organ Recital; *Kantor Kevin Hildebrand*

Golf Outing & Alumni Reunion

May 15–17

This year’s Alumni Reunion for the classes of 1949–2014 will celebrate all those who graduated in the years ending in 4 and 9. The Golf Outing on the 15th is open to all, including local pastors and congregations. Registration is not yet available for either event, but will open soon. Learn more at www.ctsfw.edu/Alumni.

FLOWER CHART

There are plenty of opportunities to donate flowers for June (3), July (2), Aug. (1), Oct. (3), Nov. (2) and Dec. (2). Flower cost remains \$30 for both vases or \$15 for one vase. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church. Flowers may be taken home immediately after the worship service.

KFUO LUTHERAN RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of May 5:

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 hear the Truth in Genesis 22-24 on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue our conversation about friendships and ministry with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (5/7 at 9:15 a.m. CT), and study another section of the Smalcald Articles on Concord Matters (5/7 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org.

WORSHIP ANEW

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter
“From Grief to Gladness” - Sermon Text: Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Grief is a very real part of our life. Each of us to a certain extent is mourning, for various reasons. The good news is that Christ came to change our grief to gladness.

May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter
“The Voice of the Shepherd” Sermon Text: John 10:27-28 Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, came to call us with the Gospel. He came to lay down His life for the sheep. He came to “seek and save that which was lost,” and in the voice of our Good Shepherd, we are drawn to the Father.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Pattie Fitzwater 5/6
 Jim Wilson 5/7
 Lori Yeager 5/7
 Emily Rogers 5/8
 Diane Froiland 5/9
 Carolyn Haas 5/11
 Mary Lou Trees 5/11

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ken Peterson 5/9
 Mary Trees 5/11

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Sandy Trautmann (42 yrs.) 5/7

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

*Bill Pearsey (Barbara Kilgore's father)
 Hospital*

*Josh Martin and family (father of one of
 Julie Dickmader's students)
 ICU*

*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 Dickmaders' nephew)

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