



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday February 7	Monday February 8	Tuesday February 8	Wednesday February 10	Thursday February 11	Friday February 12	Saturday February 13
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i> 7:00 pm Bells	<i>Preschool</i> 9:30 am Bible Study	<i>Preschool</i> Jr. Catechesis 5:30 pm 6th, 6 pm 7th, 6:30 pm 8th 6:00 pm <i>LifeLight</i> 6:00 pm Choir	<i>Preschool</i> 6:30 pm Elders 6:00 pm Preschool Love Supper	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study— 8:00 am Adult Catechesis-10:30

Weekly Divine Service: Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Office Hours: 8:15 am—12:15 pm Monday through Friday

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is open for members during the month of February. Registration forms are available on the table in the narthex. Requirements for the preschool program are: children need to be 3 years old by August 1st for the 3 year old Preschool classes, or children need to be 4 years old by August 1st for the Pre-Kindergarten classes.

If you have a child you would like to enroll or know of someone who is interested, please pick up a registration form. Enrollment is open to Faith Lutheran Church members for the month of February. Beginning March 1st enrollment will open to the community and enrollment will be on a first come, first served basis.

A completed registration form and the registration fee must be returned to the preschool in order to insure a place for next year. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Baker at school: 468-0610 or at home: 326-4435.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Paul Godby and his family for fixing the cabinets in the CLC. Your quick response and hard work are greatly appreciated.

CROCK POT COOK-OFF

The Crock Pot Cook-Off will be on Sunday, February 28th from noon—2pm. Soup/Stew/Chili/Chowder donations are needed. Our contest has 4 categories: Chili, Stew, Soup and Chowder. We are looking for 20 people to participate by making their best Crock Pot recipe! The whole congregation is invited to be the judges and vote for the best in each class. Prizes will be awarded! We will also offer bread and beverages. If you want to compete with your best recipe please see the bulletin board in the Narthex by the coat rack to sign up.

FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As God's redeemed stewards we are not all equipped for the same kinds of service, but we are all equipped in special ways to serve as God desires. This truth should be an incentive for us to discover and use our spiritual gifts in God-pleasing ways that benefit others as well as us.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

Our churches teach that the remembrance of the saints is to be commended in order that we may imitate their faith and good works according to our calling. (Augsburg Confession [21])

“The Lutheran reformers understood that there was great benefit in remembering the saints whom God has given to His Church. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession (article 21) gives three reasons for such honor. First, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church. Second, through such remembrance our faith is strengthened as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. Third, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life...”

Through the various Feasts, Festivals and Commemorations of the Church we remember individuals whose “defense of the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith and/or their virtuous living have caused these individuals to stand out over time as persons worthy of recognition. In every case, the purpose of our remembrance is not that we honor these saints for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ was made manifest to the glory of His holy Name and to the praise of His grace and mercy.” (LSB, p. xii)

In our prayers today, and in the life of the Church this week, we give thanks to God with our remembrance of:

Silas, Fellow Worker of St. Peter and St. Paul (February 10th) – Silas, a leader in the church at Jerusalem, was chosen by Paul (Acts 15:40) to accompany him on his second missionary journey from Antioch to Asia Minor and Macedonia. Silas, also known as Silvanus, was imprisoned with Paul in Philippi and experienced the riots in Thessalonica and Berea. After rejoining Paul in Corinth, he apparently remained there for an extended period of time. There is very little further mention of Silas and his association with Paul. However, sometime later he appears to have joined the apostle Peter, likely serving as Peter’s secretary (see 1Peter 5:12). Tradition says that Silas was the first Bishop at Corinth.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, Your servant Silas preached the Gospel alongside the apostles Peter and Paul to the peoples of Asia Minor, Greece, and Macedonia. We give You thanks for raising up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your Kingdom, that the Church may continue to proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior: Jesus Christ.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS (CONT.)

Aquila, Priscilla, Apollos (February 13th) – Aquila and his wife Priscilla (Prisca), Jewish contemporaries of St. Paul, traveled widely. Because of persecution in Rome, they went to Corinth, where they met the apostle Paul, who joined them in their trade of tentmaking (see Acts 18:1-3). They, in turn, joined him in his mission of proclaiming the Christian Gospel. The couple later traveled with Paul from Corinth to Ephesus (see Acts 18:18), where the two of them established a home that served as hospitality headquarters for new converts to Christianity. Apollos was one of their numerous Jewish pupils in the faith. An eloquent man, Apollos “spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus.”(Acts 18:25) He later traveled from Corinth to the province of Achaia, where he “showed by the Scriptures that the Messiah is Jesus.”(Acts 18:28) Aquila, Priscilla, and Apollos are all remembered and honored for their great missionary zeal.

Collect: Triune God, Whose very Name is holy, teach us to be faithful hearers and learners of Your Word, fervent in the Spirit as Apollos was, that we may teach it correctly against those who have been led astray into falsehood and error, and that we might follow the example of Aquila and Priscilla for the good of the Church You established here and entrusted to our humble care.

MARY/MARTHA LWML



Recipes of Faith cookbooks are still available! Please contact Marianne Marshall at 317-250-7492 or bettylou51@aol.com to get your copy. They are \$10.00 each cash or make checks payable to Mary Martha Guild.

Remember to check the flower chart!! There are still several dates available throughout the year. Checks should be made payable to Mary Martha Guild and put in Donna Scott’s mailbox. The flowers are \$15 for each vase.

Copies of “Good News,” which is no longer in the LWML Quarterly, are now available in the narthex.

FAITH, FUN, AND FOLLIES

The Mary—Martha Guild will once again host a talent show and soup/chili cook-off for members of Faith on February 28th. Start practicing your talent, and trying out those recipes.

We will have a silent auction at the Faith, Fun, & Follies event. All proceeds will benefit our mission project. We are looking for items to include in the auction. Do you have any gifts you want to re-gift? Use the sign-up sheet and let us know.

Serve the Lord with gladness ~ Psalm 100:2

IN OUR PRAYERS

Nick Barrett	Scott Perkins
Abbigail Miller	Deb Kuehn
Gloria Ochonicky (mother of Karen Ochonicky)	
Jim & Eddie Placke	Bev Mearling
Margaret Gilbert (mother of Deb Engleman)	
Bob Fox	Lorraine Schildmier
Greg Meyer (brother of David Meyer)	
Deanna Meyer (mother of David Meyer)	
Lester & Carolyn Cook	Mike Witte
Emma McAlister (neighbor of Musch family)	
Michelle Wolfla	People in Haiti
Ryan Rife (sibling of Faith Preschool student)	
Carol Dickmander	Pastor Koeneman
Gertrud Lueneberg (Amy Surburg's Grandmother)	
Chuck Ford	

Darren Beyer Joshua Utt Rich Thompson
 Kurt Connell Rob Wolfla

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Phyllis Kingen	2/7
Linda Baker	2/8
Aaron Surburg	2/9
Lyle Plank.....	2/13

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Phyllis Kingen	2/7
Julie Dickmander.....	2/10
Dan Neuendorf	2/10
Amanda Dickmander.....	2/11
Cynthia Dickmander.....	2/11

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

None this week.

Please inform the office if a prayer, baptismal birthday, anniversary or birthday was missed or incorrect this week. Thank you.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please Contact Ellie Trautmann (861-5083 / email: rtrautmann@aol.com) or Lois Hoff (467-0407 / email: lmhoffs@sbcglobal.net) for prayer requests. You also may call or email the office to have it forwarded.

ASK THE ORGANIST

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION about organ music? Choir music? Handbell music? Or something else about the music programs here at Faith? Submit your question to the church office or to rthompson1891@comcast.net and look for the answer in *Focus on Faith*.

**IN THE LORD'S SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY
 FEBRUARY 14, 2010**

Organist	Richard Thompson
Crucifer.....	Matt Musch
Word Bearer	Victoria Meador
Acolytes.....	Lindsay Yeager
Greeters.....	Richard & Gloria Curry
Ushers	Steve Coon, Darrell Chew, Greg Gibble
Youth Assistant	Austin Gibble
Altar Guild.....	Mary & Emily Gibble, Jill & Mitchell Scott
Communion Assistant.....	Randy Litten & Kris Vollrath
Elder on Duty	Jeff Dickmander
Sound.....	Jerry Shaw
Fellowship	Don & Sandy Albrecht
Flowers	Greg & Mary Gibble & Family

**RECEIVING IN FAITH
 FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

**DIVINE SERVICE: 173
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 54**

**RESPONDING IN FAITH
 FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

Financial:	
General Fund	\$ 3,650.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,095.58
Loose Cash	\$ 65.23
Mid-Week School	\$ 7.60
Children's Sunday School	\$ 6.25
Adult Sunday School	\$ 19.25

Total \$ 6,843.91

Giving Tree

Thank you to all those who have picked a piece of fruit from the Giving Tree! Each time a piece of fruit is picked and a gift made, you help God's church continue its work. We have added new items so please check it out. Some of these new items include greeting cards, materials for Pastor O'Connor's library, hymnals & bibles for the children Sunday school classes. Thanks again for everyone's generosity!

You're Invited

Boy Scout Troop 233 of Greenfield is pleased to announce that **Austin Gregory Scott Gibble has earned the rank of Eagle Scout**. In celebration of this achievement, please join us for Austin's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, February 21st at 4:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony. *Please RSVP by February 17th to Greg & Mary Gibble mgibble@hccf.cc or (317) 462-9147.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

Today in Sunday School the Bible story is Jesus calling His first disciples (Luke 5:1–11). The children learned that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Talk about how sin causes us to want to hide from Jesus and doubt that He is who He says He is. Underscore that in Jesus' forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is God's Son.

ADULT STUDIES IN GOD'S WORD

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS Today Rev. Baumann begins a study of the Gospel of Mark. Come join us!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of 1 Samuel. Class begins at 9:30; refreshments begin 15 minutes prior to the study.

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

ADULT CATECHESIS CLASS—This group meets on Saturday mornings at 10:30 am in the CLC. All are welcome.

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES MEDIA, INC.

Worship for shut-ins: February 14, 2010 – Luke 9:28-36

"Who Is Jesus"

by Rev. Jay Mason,

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM

Transfiguration Sunday; Valentine's Day:

- I. Who is Jesus?...Hot topic in Jerusalem
- II. The Transfiguration
 1. Jesus' appearance
 2. Elijah & Moses
 3. God spoke to disciples
- III. So What?

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (LHM)

CATCH THE LUTHERAN HOUR on WLW 700 AM at 7:00am on Sundays. The Lutheran Hour, which began in 1930, is the world's longest running Christian outreach radio program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1.2 million people each week. It is also broadcast on the American Forces Network to reach military personnel and their families around the world. Learn more at www.lutheranhour.org.

CAMP LAKEVIEW

Camp Lakeview (near Seymour, IN) is currently registering campers (grades K-9) for its 2010 summer season. What a great place to have fun and learn about God at the same time! Brochures are available in the narthex. For more information, call the camp office at 812-342-4815 or visit the camp's website at www.camplakeview.com.

Registration forms must be postmarked on or after February 1st. Last year, many programs were filled quickly, so if you would like your child to have a Christian camping experience at Camp Lakeview, get your registration ready and mail it as soon as possible!

LUTHERAN DISABILITY MINISTRY

Lutheran Disability Ministry (LDM) is seeking support for the annual *Food and Wine Fest*. Guests can enjoy the cuisine of top notch area restaurants and sample a variety of fine wines. A popular feature from past years will be both live and silent auctions. The event will be held at *The Mansion at Oak Hill* in Carmel on Sunday, March 7, 2010 beginning at 5:00pm. A limited supply of tickets is available at \$50.00 each. The proceeds benefit LDM HandyCamp, SonRise Retreats, and the renovation of the campsite. For tickets please contact Anne Hartman at home 317-738-2209 or cell phone 317-414-3215. Or, please send an e-mail to achartman@usa.net with a subject line of *LDM Benefit*.

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Concordia Theological Seminary is gathering food and grocery items for the Seminary Co-op. The Co-op is open to all students enrolled in classes at Concordia Theological Seminary. Food, clothing, and household items are provided at no charge. Students volunteer for the privilege of shopping. The Co-op relies solely on generous donations of perishable and non-perishable food items, clothing, household items, and monetary gifts. The current needs of the Food Co-op are:

Cereal, especially oatmeal
 Canned meat and tuna
 Spaghetti sauce
 Hamburger helper type meals
 Boxed crackers
 Red beans, pinto beans, lima beans
 Tomato products
 Cleaning supplies
 Coffee & tea
 Laundry detergent
 Over the counter medicines

Please place the items in the box in the narthex. The donated items will be picked up on March 1st.

FAITH YOUTH GROUP

The **FYG Super Bowl party** will be hosted by Perry and his family on Sunday, February 7th at 6:00 pm. Boys should bring TWO 2 liters of pop and girls should bring a snack to share. Check with the Flaugh for directions. Sign up in the Narthex.

FYG Volunteers are needed to help with the Crock Pot Cook-off. We will be helping set up, serve and clean up. This is a great opportunity for FYG to give back to the congregation for their generosity in supporting us. Please sign up in the Narthex.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Gift Gathering events are in full swing. Watch for notices and get involved with LuFEST by attending and/or donating to your congregation's events. See you at LuFEST on March 20. Register online at www.lhsi.org.

Girls basketball sectional tickets are available in the LHSI office through Monday, February 8, 7:30 am–4:30 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 and will be good for all games played in the sectional. Individual session tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$5.00. The Lady Saints will play University in the opening round at Crispus Attucks HS on Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 pm.

Lutheran High Spirit Day at Max & Erma's is Wednesday, February 10, 11:00 am– 10:00 pm. Go to the Greenwood location (8817 US 31 S) and present the coupon to your server. Up to 20% of your lunch, dinner, or carryout sales will benefit our school. The coupon is available to download at www.lhsi.org or pick one up from the information table in the Mary-Martha Commons at LHSI.

New Student Registration at Lutheran High School is scheduled for **Monday and Tuesday, February 22 (last name A–K) and 23 (L–Z), 6:00–8:00 pm**, in the Mary-Martha Commons. Incoming freshmen and other new students and their parents will receive information, have the opportunity to ask questions, set up tuition payments, and plan a tentative course of study for the coming year. If your 8th-grader was unable to take the placement test, please come to one of these evenings; one additional placement test will be scheduled at a later date.

A few good men and women are needed to play in the pit orchestra for the April 15–17 production of *Seussical the Musical*. We need one or two keyboard players (synth parts), two trumpets, and saxophones. If interested, please contact Patrick Wunningham at pwunningham@lhsi.org or 787-5474 x203. Thanks!

SOUP SUPPERS

Lenten Soup Suppers will begin at 5:30 pm. The following is a schedule of the dates for the upcoming soup suppers and the groups responsible for the meal that evening:

February 17 th	Mary Martha
February 24 th	Stewardship, Evangelism, & Church Council Officers (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer)
March 3 rd	Choir, Bell Choir, & Altar Guild
March 10 th	Parochial Board, Parish Ed., & Preschool Staff
March 17 th	Elders & Properties
March 24 th	Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Congregation

2010 AT A GLANCE

Faith Lutheran Church Scheduled Council Meetings 2010

February 18
 March 18
 April 15
 May 20
 June 17
 July 15
 August 19
 September 16
 October 21
 November 18
 December 16

Faith Lutheran Church Scheduled Voters' Assemblies

March 14
 June 13
 September 12
 December 12

FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP

On February 17th we will join Christians around the world in observing the season of Lent. Lent is a deeply spiritual time as we reflect on the tremendous love and sacrifice of Jesus for us so that we might have forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. The price of our redemption was overwhelming. As Dr. Martin Luther said in explaining the second article of the Apostles Creed ***“Jesus, my Lord, has redeemed me a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”*** As Jesus Himself said, ***“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13 NIV)***

Dr. Luther went on with his explanation to state that Jesus made this supreme sacrifice ***“so that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true!”***

In Jesus we have been redeemed from all sins, including the sin of selfishly wanting to use all of God’s blessings for our own needs and wants rather than using them to His glory and the welfare of our neighbor. Selfishness is not part of good stewardship! Here is a definition of good and godly stewardship: ***“God’s redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.”***

Lent provides us with an excellent opportunity to reflect on what is really important and worth spending our lives and resources on. During this 2010 season of Lent may God’s Holy Spirit help us to understand that God wants to use us as instruments in His hands to touch the lives of others in ways that make an eternal difference. As we are led to accept this truth we will better understand what it means to use our time, our skills and talents, and our financial resources in loving and sacrificial ways.

What a time of spiritual growth the season of Lent can be for us as we strive to spend our lives and resources on things that really matter and last beyond our lifetimes. God’s redeemed stewards want to make this world a better place because we have been here. May the love and sacrifice of Jesus so impress us that we will want to reach out in loving and sacrificial ways.

“God’s redeemed and maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do.”

HANDBELLS

It has been nearly 11 years since our Handbell Choir has been in existence. Our carrying cases are showing their wear and tear and need to be replaced. The cost will be around \$1,400. To date we have one half of the amount or \$700 in the Handbell dedicated funds. If you would like to help us purchase the cases, please place your donation in your Sunday morning offering and mark it as handbells on your contribution envelope. We would like to order the cases around the first of April so we can have them by the first of May.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

Bring out your family to the rolling hills of Camp Lutherhaven for the March Family Retreat on March 6 –7. An optional Friday overnight is available on March 5 for those who would like to have a longer “mini vacation.” Spend quality time together while enjoying the beauty of God’s early spring creation. You can call the camp office for more information at (260) 636-7101 or go online at www.lutherhaven.org. Sign up your family today!

GRIEVING SEMINAR

What to Say When There’s Nothing to Say

Who? This is for anyone who has experienced a loss or knows someone who has.

What? Every congregation includes children and adults who are grieving. Learn key differences between the grief of adults and children. Eliminate false concepts about children’s grief. Recognize when grief is lessening, not just hiding. Learn positive things to say and do for that special child or adult who is really hurting—and do it in a distinctively Christian manner.

When? Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 12:30pm to 4:30pm.

Where? Zion Lutheran Church, 6513 W 300 S, New Palestine

The presenter:

Carol Ebeling is a teacher, counselor, wife, mother of two and grandmother of five. She will share from her experience as Lutheran school teacher, hospice director, and Christian counselor. She is author of “What to Say: 52 Ways to Show Christian Sympathy to Those Who Grieve” (CPH) and “The Odyssey of a Pain Filled Life” (WheatRidge).

"WHY GO TO CHURCH?"

The last couple of months we learned that in worship God is present among us as we gather together in His Name. This month we learn a little more about that.

After confessing sins and receiving forgiveness in Holy Absolution, the congregation enters closer into God's presence in the words of the Introit. The word "introit" is a latin word meaning "to enter in," and that is exactly what the congregation does as it prays the words of the Introit: it enters into the saving presence of God.

The Introit is usually taken from the book of Psalms, and since the Psalms are a collection of *songs* or hymns from the worship of God's Old Testament people, they are most properly *sung*. As the congregation sings the Introit it sings the Old Testament Word of God, and through His Word God draws His people into His presence.

Of course, God's presence is conveyed by His Name. And so to conclude the Introit the congregation sings the Gloria Patri, which extols God's Name by telling Who He is: Father T Son and Holy Spirit. By Means of His Name God is present with His mercy, of which the congregation then sings in the words of the Kyrie:

"Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

What a wonder that in His Liturgy the Father T Son and Holy Spirit invites His people into His presence. What a wonder that in His Liturgy God is present with His mercy. Let's go to church to receive it!