



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday June 14	Monday June 15	Tuesday June 16	Wednesday June 17	Thursday June 18	Friday June 19	Saturday June 20
Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School Voter's meeting 6:00 pm VBS	<i>Pastor's Family Day</i> 6:00 pm VBS	6:00 pm VBS	6:00 pm VBS	6:30 pm Church Council 6:00 pm VBS	<i>Pastor is out of town.</i>	8 am-Men's Bible Study <i>Pastor is out of town.</i>

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: 8:00 am—Noon Monday through Friday

BIBLE STUDY ON WORSHIP

Pastor's bible class on "The Ceremony & Meaning of the Divine Service" will not meet for the next two Sundays. Today there is a Voter's meeting, and next week Pastor is out of town. (Pastor Baumann will fill in). He will finish the study on June 28th when he returns.

VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Faith Lutheran Church starts this evening and goes through Thursday, June 18th. Activities begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:45 pm each evening. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Nick or Lynn Arthur by phone (765)778-8544 or by e-mail Arthurinc@verizon.net. Any member that is donating an item, please place it in the fellowship hall kitchen by 5pm today.

TEN COMMANDMENTS RADIO SERIES

TEN COMMANDMENTS RADIO SERIES...Do the Ten Commandments still apply to us today? Do you *keep* any of them? What does it mean to fear, love and trust God above all things? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken, will air an in-depth series on the Ten Commandments throughout the month of June. You can listen to this series anytime you want at www.issuesetc.org.

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:

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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(the above was adapted from material in “Lutheran Service Book” and “Treasury of Daily Prayer”)

MARY/MARTHA LWML



UPCOMING EVENTS

The National Convention of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is set for June 25—28 in Portland, Oregon. The theme is “Look to the Hills...God Reigns,” from Ps. 121:1-2 and Is. 52:7.

The convention is held every other year to inspire and inform LWML members, who have opportunities to hear mission speakers and take part in worship services, Bible studies, elections of LWML leaders, selections of mission goals and mission-grant recipients, and a “pledge walk.” Participants also are encouraged to bring “health kits” for distribution to area shelters and to participate in “servant activities” that benefit others.

The East Zone Delegate attending is Patricia Wagner from Ascension and the alternate attending is Mabel Hanke, Carmel.

August 15th—8:00 am - 3:30 pm LWML Treat Shop Carmel Lutheran.

The new Mary Martha LWML Officers serving for 2009—2011 are as follows:

Kelly O’Connor—President
Susan Sedam—Vice President
Mary McConnell—Secretary
Donna Scott—Treasurer

Serve the Lord with gladness ~ Psalm 100:2

A VICTORY GARDEN IS COMING

THRIVENT SPONSORS A ‘HANDS ON DAY’ to encourage members to get involved in the community. They gave us about \$200.00 for expenses to get started.

OUR THRIVENT OFFICERS are planning a Victory Garden. We have plowed the ground north of our church. The planting process has begun. It should be harvested sometime in August. We will need volunteers to help with the harvesting.

THE SWEET CORN AND TOMATOES will be given to local groups and our church family. If you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions please contact one of the Thrivent officers: Mary Lou Trees, Tammy Shultz, Sandy Albrecht, & Phyllis Kingen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH BIBLE CLASS

Continuing our study of vocation, today's Sunday School lesson was "Jacob's Death and Burial." Jacob requested burial in Canaan, rather than in Egypt, because Canaan was the land to which God had promised to send the One through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed—Jesus. You might ask students, "*How was Jacob's body prepared for burial? What kinds of workers help families prepare for burials today?*"

ADULT STUDIES IN GOD'S WORD

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS Pastor will conclude the class on The Ceremony & Meaning of the Divine Service on June 28th. Pastor Baumann will start a new class on "Death & Dying" in July

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is on break for the summer.

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

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WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS - June 14, 2009 – Mark 4:26-32

"Spreading Simple Seed"

By Rev. James Elsner,
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hudson, IN

A mustard seed is very small and simple. But it grows a large

CHEERLEADING

plant. God does greater things when we share the Gospel seed.

Attention All 5th – 8th Grade Girls! We want YOU to be a Junior Saints cheerleader for the Junior Saints football team this Fall! Develop your cheerleading fundamentals, make friends from other schools and have a lot of FUN! Please contact Jenni Broughton, Lutheran High School Head Cheerleading Coach at saintscheerleading@gmail.com by **June 15th** if you are interested or for more information!

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

The annual Orphan Grain Train Vesper Service-Fish fry and Barbeque will be held on Sunday, June 26 at 5 pm at the OGT warehouse. The speaker for the service will be Rev. Phillip Bloch from Immanuel, Seymour. Assisting will be Rev. Doug Bauman the OGT Pastoral Advisor. Following the meal, updates on the year's activities will be presented followed by a question and answer session. The meal will be supported by freewill donation.

Volunteer help is needed at Orphan Grain Train, to sort and pack donations. You pick the length of time, the day, the hour and call Betty McCrory at 8912-342-3580 and set the day.

All types of donations are needed at Orphan Grain Train with emphasis on bedroom and kitchen furniture. Washers, driers, chest of drawers, beds, window air conditioners and children's clothing are among the most needed items. You may drop them off at the warehouse or call the warehouse for other instructions. We are still assisting flood victims, people who have lost items in fires, and locations in the Appalachian Mountains. For questions call the warehouse at 812-579-6884.

FAITH YOUTH GROUP

Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game outing will be Monday June 29th. It's Monday Dollar Menu night! Get hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jack, popcorn & chips all for \$1 each. We'll meet at church at 5:45 and then head to Indianapolis for the game. Bring a blanket cause we're sitting on the lawn! Bottled water will be provided. Parents welcome. Sign up in the Narthex.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

On behalf of all campus ministries of the Indiana district, University Lutheran, West Lafayette is attempting to compile the names of students attending a college or university for the 2009-2010 academic year. They will collect information on all students and distribute to the appropriate campus ministries in Indiana and the rest of the country.

If you know of a student attending a college or university please pick up an information form on the information table in the narthex to fill out and turn it into the church office, or you can e-mail the information to University Lutheran at ululaf@comcast.net.

Thank you for your help in compiling this information.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL now has a plan in place so a lost job doesn't mean having to pull your child out of school—the *Saints Family Protection Plan*. It's designed to provide some peace of mind to parents in difficult economic times. If you lose your job, come in and tell us about it. We will pray with you and talk about how we keep your child here with their friends and the teachers they know. When you go back to work you resume paying tuition, with missed payments forgiven. To learn more about how to qualify for the *Saints Family Protection Plan* and the limitations that apply, as well as the many benefits of enrolling your child at Lutheran High School, check out our website at www.lhsi.org or give us a call at 317-787-5474.

Any girl attending Lutheran High School next fall who is interested in playing for the Lady Saints Soccer Team should contact Coach Driver immediately for details concerning summer practices. Coach Driver can be reached at 317-833-7127 or at driver.bradley@sbcglobal.net.

Summer sports camps will be offered at LHSI during June for **boys'/girls' cross country, boys'/girls' soccer, girls' volleyball, girls' basketball, and boys' basketball**. All camps run for one week (three days for cross country) and are for students who have completed grades 4–8 (grades 1–8 for volleyball). You may register up to the start of the camp, although you will not be guaranteed a camp t-shirt. Registration forms and additional information are available at www.lhsi.org and at Lutheran High School. For more information please contact Mr. Finchum, Athletic Director at 787-5474 x122. Please note that the cross country camp will be rescheduled to a later week.

LHSI summer office hours are Monday–Thursday, 9 am–3 pm (closed Fridays), starting Monday, June 1. The office will be closed during **Sports Moratorium Week, June 29–July 3**. Regular school office hours (7:30 am - 4:30 pm, M-F) will resume Monday, July 27.

Lutheran High School is still accepting applications for enrollment for 2009–2010. Please call the school office, 317-787-5474, for information or to schedule an appointment.

Voter's Meeting Agenda

Sunday, June 14 will be our next voters meeting. The meeting will take place immediately following the service. Items on the agenda are as follows:

Election of officers:

President	Tim Wagner
Vice-President	Mike Dale
Financial Secretary	Donna Visnack
Parish Education Committee	Lori Yeager
Parochial Education Committee	Chris Chrzan

Stewardship	Sandy Wilson
	Nichole Roland
	Ann Schildmier
Properties	Harry Trees
	Ed Fox
Elders Committee	Randy Litten

(3 Additional Elder Positions Pending)

(A complete listing of all current officers for the next term will be published after the elections.)

Treasurers Report

Annual Report from Elders

Annual Report from Board of Properties

Annual Report from Parish Education