



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Feb. 2	Monday Feb. 3	Tuesday Feb. 4	Word Day Feb. 5	Thursday Feb. 6	Friday Feb. 7	Saturday Feb. 8
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i> Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm	<i>Preschool</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am Morning Prayer 6:00 pm 6th/7th Gd. Jr. Catechesis 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Faith by Heart Chapel 7:30 pm 7th & 8th Gd. Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i> Dance in the CLC from 6:00-9:00 pm	<i>Preschool</i>	

Weekly Divine Service: Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Study: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Private Confession and Holy Absolution with Pastor is available on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 pm or 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

Office Hours: 9:00 am—1:00 pm Monday through Friday

FROM LUTHER

“Just as in the Gospel Christ casts out demons by Means of the Word, so the minister says to the sinner: ‘I absolve you from all your sins.’ And this is the way it happens. For it is not the word of a man, at whose voice the devil would by no means flee. Even if all the jurists and all the philosophers were to heap up all their books, nothing would happen. But when the minister pronounces Absolution, liberation from the devil and from sin is sure to follow. If the Holy Spirit grants you grace to believe, there He drives out Satan and death with one Word.” (quoted from Luther’s Works – volume 8, p. 271)

ALTAR FLOWERS 2025

The Altar Flowers for 2025 are slowly filling up but there are lots of dates still available throughout the whole year. Have you signed up for flowers yet?

Flower cost is \$40.00 for both vases or \$20.00 for one vase. Make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church. (If you prefer, include with your weekly offering). Please include note or memo that the amount is for flowers. The flower arrangements may be taken home immediately after the worship service. The Altar Guild member on duty that Sunday will assist you in removing the flowers. If you have questions, speak with Debby Thompson.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Jacob (Israel), Patriarch (February 5th) – Jacob, the third of the three Hebrew patriarchs, was the younger of the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah. After wrestling with the Angel of the LORD, Jacob, whose name means “deceiver,” was renamed “Israel,” which means “he strives with God” (Genesis 25:26; 32:28). His family life was filled with trouble, caused by his acts of deception toward his father and his brother: Esau, as well as his parental favoritism toward his own son Joseph (whose day of commemoration is March 31). Much of Jacob’s adult life was spent grieving over the death of his beloved wife Rachel, and the presumed death of Joseph, who had been appointed by the Egyptian Pharaoh to be in charge of food distribution during a time of famine. Prior to Jacob’s death, during the blessing of his sons, God gave the promise that the Messiah would come through the line of Jacob’s fourth son: Judah (see Genesis 49).

Collect: Lord Jesus, Scepter that rises out of Jacob, Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world, rule our hearts through Your suffering cross and forgive us our sins, that we may become partakers of Your divine life.

STEWARDSHIP

Luke 4:34 — “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.”

The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life: trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn’t necessarily lead anywhere — but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life build on Him and walking in His footsteps.

Happy February Women of Faith Lutheran

Did you know that “God Loves Me Dearly” and He loves you too? Join us for an evening of God’s Conversation Hearts devotion, a Cookie Exchange, and Getting to Know You, My Sister in Christ on **Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring 1-2 dozen cookies to share and exchange, and also your Mite Box.

We will sign valentines for our shut-ins, talk about the *Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 5*, and the LWML District Board of Directors meeting on March 7 and 8 at Faith which we are hosting. There will be a special Prayer Service on Friday, March 7 at 6:30, which Richard Thompson will accompany, and everyone is invited to attend. This is a special service of Songs and Prayers.

Join us for this special gathering for women on February 11. We hope to see you there. Questions, contact Emily Rogers, Mary Martha Guild president at 765-621-2131, cell or text, or Emily12rogers6@gmail.com.

2025-2026 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year to **Faith Lutheran Church members** as well as existing and former preschool families. On March 1st, registration will be open to the community. If you know of someone who might be interested, please share this information with them.

Preschool brochures and registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Director, Rebecca Shanton, at the preschool, 317-468-0610, by text, 260-343-1602, or by email, rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com.

TRASH DUMPSTER

Dear Members,

We have updated our contract with Waste Management to secure better pricing and save us money. With this update, we have received and updated 2-yard dumpster. Please note, in discussions with Waste Management, they have given us a warning to: “Do not overfill the dumpster,” where the lid(s) cannot be closed, or “Do not leave bags of trash on the ground, by the dumpster.” They track this with cameras on their trash pick-up trucks. Failure to comply with this requirement will cause us to incur extra trash service fine. We do not need that! If we cannot fit all the weekly trash in the dumpster, then we will put it in the storage shed (behind the dumpster) until there is adequate room to dispose of the trash in the dumpster. See myself, or someone who can help with this, if necessary.

Thank You,
Jeff Dickmander

Saints on Stage Present Annie

This winter, Saints on Stage is bringing the beloved Broadway classic *Annie* to the stage, and you won't want to miss it! Featuring an incredibly talented cast and crew of over 60 students, *Annie* tells the inspiring story of a young orphan who, against all odds, transforms her life from rags to riches, and at the heart of it the story is about perseverance—teaching us all about resilience, hope, and the power of finding family in unexpected places. No matter how tough life gets, there's always the possibility of a brighter tomorrow.

Join us for a night of music, laughter, and inspiration as the students of Saints on Stage present *Annie*—a story that proves that sometimes, the best things in life come when you least expect them.

Annie takes place February 28—March 2 in the Ruth Lily Auditorium at Lutheran High School. Tickets will be available beginning February 1 and can be purchased at lhsi.org. Get yours before they sell out!

CAMP LAKEVIEW MINISTRIES

For 60 years Lakeview Ministries has provided incredible faith-filled experiences for kids of all ages, while maintaining the highest standards for the safety and well-being of every person who comes to camp. Coming to camp gives you an all-access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces levels of stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life.

You can pre-register for all Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages programs between **February 3rd-February 4th**. Registration for all other programs, including Explorer Camps, Weekend, and Family programs, open on **February 10th**. Programs are available for students and families of all ages! For more information, visit Lakeview's website at www.lakeview.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815. There are also brochures located in the church narthex. Come and experience the joy of camp this summer!

Worship Anew!

Readings: Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-32

“Live in the Light”

Sermon Text: Luke 2:32

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

The forces of light and darkness have clashed since the creation of the world. Jesus brings light into every corner of creation. Do we suppress His light through ignorance and neglect? Or do we *live in the light*?

New Address

Cameron & Autumn Douglas & Family
128 N. 200 West
Greenfield IN 46140

LUFEST WEEK — FEBRUARY 3

We invite everyone to preview and bid on silent auction items beginning February 3 at LuFEst.org. Even if you cannot attend the event on February 7, all are invited to bid on silent auction items or make a donation to Lutheran High School.

APPLICATIONS FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit LHSI.org for more information!

THE TOGETHER PROJECT

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway. The most recent project was a Weight Room remodel, and new permanent outdoor bleachers have arrived. Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email kander-son@lhsi.org for more information.

KFUO RADIO

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

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org and the KFUO Radio app! Find us on social: @[KFUORadio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/KFUORadio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUORadio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO (AM 850) and KFUO.org: We continue in the books of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT). Tune into the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 am, CT) to hear this month's episode of Searching Scripture, and join us as we revisit National Lutheran Schools week with some special segments!

YOUTH MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus.

During the day the areas of study include brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, voice, piano, organ or harp. The students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as musical theatre, composition, church music, jazz band, conducting, music therapy). In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events with their friends.

Enrollment deadline is March 1, 2025 with a \$50.00 application fee, and late enrollment is May 1, 2025 with a \$75.00 application fee. LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from June 22-July 20* (Full Session) or June 22-July 6 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12.

LSM has so much to offer young musicians in your congregation — both for their personal growth, and as an extension of your youth and music ministries.

**Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.*

To learn more, watch this [LSM Experience Video](#), view this [digital brochure](#), or go to LSMacademy.org/program

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
- Amy Surburg (Recording Secretary)
- Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
- Jeff Dickmander (Properties Chair)
- Tom Fitzwater (Stewardship)

Elders:

- James Froiland
- Shawn Houser
- Mark Jenkins
- Chris Ebling
- Chuck Jones

Parochial Education:

- Debbie Kuehn
- Melissa Ebling
- Susan Pearson
- Chuck Jones
- Tawney Kearns

Parish Education:

- Matthew Surburg
- David Temme
- Libby Leonard

Financial Secretary:

Jim Arthur

Ushers and Greeters Needed

Please contact Richard Curry or Jim Arthur if interested or desire more information.

Soundboard Operators

We are looking for people to assist with operating the soundboard during the worship service. So that you know - training will be supplied to anyone interested. You can sit with a sound person during service before making any commitment. Please contact Brian Atkins (317-435-0842) if you are interested or have any questions.

PROPERTY DIRECTOR

If there are concerns, regarding the buildings and property, please contact Jeff Dickmander at (413) 522-2591.

RECEIVING IN FAITH: Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:15 am Service: 125

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

General Fund	\$3,609.40
Memorials	120.00
Total.....	\$3,729.40

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

- Organist Richard Thompson
- Crucifer..... Kevin Wilson
- Acolyte Amelia Houser
- Communion Assistants..... Unknown
- Greeters Jim and Bev Wilson
- Ushers..... Richard Curry, Jim Arthur
..... and Paul Godby
- Youth Assistant Paul Surburg
- Altar Guild..... Gloria and Richard Curry
- Fellowship/Refreshments The Sedam
..... McConnell and Schildmier Families

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Teri Michael 02/02
 Joyce Riegle..... 02/04
 Justin Kemker 02/07

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lester Cook 02/06

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Susan Sedam (20 yrs.)02/06

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact Lori Yeager (email: lori-yeager@comcast.net/ phone: (317) 431-9514 for prayer chain requests. You may also contact the office.

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

Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Dolores Palmer (Elise Temme's Grandmother)
 Fell and Broke her Arm, Hospice Care

Pollyanna Strothmann (Fell)

Kris Brand
 Back and Knee Pain

Todd Shultz (Tamzen Shultz's Son)
 Cancer

Eric Neuendorf (Dan Neuendorf's Nephew)
 Ulcerative Colitis

Cheryl Skvarenina
 Cancer

Darla White (Friend of Lori Yeager)
 Breast Cancer

Pattie Fitzwater

Woody Yarwood
 Cancer

Deborah Walker (Evelyn Drake's Sister-in-Law)
 Lung Cancer

Melvin Biberdorf (Brother of Laura Bearman)
 Cancer

Doris Bond
 Homebound

Barbara Waterman
 Homebound

Woody Yarwood
 Homebound

Joe & Cheryl Skvarenina
 Homebound

Serving our Country

Nick Arthur Zachary Archer
 Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)
 Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders' nephew)