



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday April 14	Monday April 15	Tuesday April 16	Word Day April 17	Thursday April 18	Friday April 19	Saturday April 20
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  11:00 am Bible Class and Sunday School	<i>Preschool</i>    <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i>    <b>5:00-6:30 pm Private Confession &amp; Absolution with Pastor</b>	<i>Preschool</i>  9:30 am Bible Study <b>11:00 am Matins</b> 6:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Jr. Catechesis 6:00 pm Choir <b>7:00 pm Faith by Heart Chapel</b> 7:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i>   6:30 pm Church Council   6:00-9:00 pm Dance Classes in CLC	<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 5:00-6:30 pm or by appointment

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Administrative Assistant e-mail: [secretary@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithgreenfield.org) Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

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

## FROM LUTHER

“How does one come to faith? I will tell you. Our Lord Christ said: ‘Peace be with you. Behold my hands, etc.’... Look, man, I am the only one who has taken away your sins and redeemed you, etc.; now be at peace. Just as you inherited sin from Adam — not that you committed it, for I did not eat the apple, any more than you did, and yet this is how we came to be in sin — so we have not suffered [as Christ did], and therefore we were made free from death and sin by God’s work, not by our works.” (quoted from Luther’s Works – volume 51, p. 62–63)

## PRESCHOOL 2024-2025

Registration is now open for everyone for the 2024-2025 school year. Our Pre-K class is now full, but we still have openings for the 3’s class. If you know 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](mailto:rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com)

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor** (April 20<sup>th</sup>) – Johannes Bugenhagen (1485-1558), from Ponerania in northern Germany, was appointed pastor of Wittenberg in 1523 through the efforts of Martin Luther. Thus he served as Luther’s own pastor and confessor. One of the greatest scholars of the Reformation era, Bugenhagen helped translate the New Testament into “Low” German and wrote a commentary on the Psalms. He also worked to organize the Lutheran Church in northern Germany and Denmark. In 1539, Bugenhagen became superintendent of the Church in Saxony. After the death of Luther, Bugenhagen took care of Luther’s widow and children. Bugenhagen died in Wittenberg in 1558.

Collect: O God, our heavenly Father, Who raised up Your faithful servant Johannes to be a pastor in Your Church and to feed Your flock, give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of Your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in Your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of Your divine mysteries.

## STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2024 — Third Sunday of Easter

**1 John 3:2 — “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”**

This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:15 am Service: 103

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

**April 15** is the deadline for several scholarship opportunities as well as opportunities to nominate individuals within our Lutheran High School community.

Information can be found at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## Saints on Stage Present Then There Was One...

Join us for this family-friendly, slapstick comedy set in the 1920s. Ten strangers arrive at a mysterious island mansion. But who will survive the weekend? You’ll laugh till your sides hurt! It will be bloody good show!

Tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## Save The DATE!

### Mary Lou Trees Is Turning 100!

Mary Lou Tree’s 100 year birthday is May 11th (Saturday).

Her Family is hosting an Open House that day from 2:00-4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you there!

## 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.

Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email [kanderson@lhsi.org](mailto:kanderson@lhsi.org) for more information.

## LHS GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 2 (12:30 pm check-in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off).

Register at [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## GARDEN NEWS

Mike and I are having a smaller Church Garden this year. We'd like help planting, maintaining, and harvesting.

As always, if you choose to have your own vegetables there will be PLENTY of space for you.

Please let Mike and/or me know.

Mary Jo McConnell and Mike Schildmier

## Worship Anew!

April 14 — Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 4:1-8; 1 John 3:1-3; Luke 24:36-48

**“Resurrection Assurances”**

Sermon Text: Luke 24:36-48

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Because Jesus arose from the dead we have the greatest, the most important, assurances. These assurances give us tremendous peace.

## RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

General Fund .....	\$4,086.90
FFC Rental .....	100.00
LCMS .....	50.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,236.90</b>

## KFUO RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of April 14:*

**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 programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! 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.org:** It's Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFUO Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon).

## ZION COUNSELING CENTER

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Counseling Center at Zion Lutheran Church, New Palestine. Zion Counseling is a ministry where members of the community are welcome to explore Christ-centered individual, adolescent (10+), marriage, family, and group counseling.

This ministry handles needs, goals, and targeted growth in a Christ-centered counseling atmosphere. The counseling ministry is well equipped to handle the treatment of anxiety, depression, marriage conflict, sex addiction, trauma, acute stress, PTSD, neurodevelopment, behavioral issues, parenting, self-esteem, spiritual formation, pre-marital, infidelity, women's issues, life transitions, relationships, familial issues, divorce, blended family, and grief.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2

## Ushers and Greeters Needed

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

## PROPERTY DIRECTOR

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

## 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.

## CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
- Amy Surburg (Recording Secretary)
- Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
- Amanda Houser & Julie Dickmader (Evangelism Co-Chairs)
- Jeff Dickmader (Properties Chair)
- Jeff Dickmader & Dr. Matthew Surburg (Parish Education Co-Chairs)
- Mike Drake (Stewardship Chairman)

Elders:

- James Froiland (Chair)
- Shawn Houser
- Mark Jenkins
- Chris Ebling
- Mike Drake

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Organist ..... Elise Temme  
 Crucifer/Acolyte.....Jaxon Ebling  
 Communion Assistants..... Chris Ebling  
 ..... and Jeff Dickmader  
 Greeter ..... Debby Thompson  
 Ushers..... Jim Arthur, Richard Curry,  
 .....and Robert Fox  
 Youth Assistant ..... Kevin Wilson  
 Altar Guild..... Debby Thompson and Beth Fox  
 Fellowship/Refreshments ..... The Dishman,  
 .....Drake and Yeager Families

## Vocatio: Retreat

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! **Concordia Seminary, St. Louis** invites ninth through 12th grade students to attend **Vocatio: High School** — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation!

**Registration** costs \$100.00 and **closes May 24. Register Today!**

## LHS SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

LHS will offer **Summer Sports Camps** in various sports during June for boys and girls who are in or have just completed grade school. For more information and to register, visit [lhsi.org](http://lhsi.org).

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL IS HIRING!

Lutheran High School is seeking to hire the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Math (full or part time), Science (part time), Social Studies (full or part time), Business (full or part time) and Guidance Counselor (full time).

If you have an interest, have questions, or know of someone who has an interest, please send questions, resume, and cover letter information to Kelle Johnson (kjohnson@lhsi.org) or Michael Brandt (mbrandt@lhsi.org).

## LHS COMMENCEMENT

Lutheran High School's 46th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the Class of 2024 will be held on Sunday, May 19th, at 2:00 pm in the Gymnasium.

All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 pm.

## Lutheran Summer Music

We are looking forward to the summer with great anticipation. We are so excited that enrollment for LSM 2024 is already over 75% full.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival is the nations 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 community, living together on a Lutheran college campus. Students receive advanced musical instruction through lessons, and elective classes. In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events.

The full month session is June 30-July 28, the half session is June 30-July 14 at Valparaiso University. Call Mary Lynn Mennicke, Dean and Director of Admissions, Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival at 612-879-9555, ext. 5, or text her at the same number, or contact her LSMacademy.org.

## CAMP LUTERHAVEN CELEBRATING 75 YEARS

2024 marks the 75th anniversary of Camp Lutherhaven's ministry and we would love for you to help us celebrate as we stand in awe of God's blessings in, and through, people like you who God has used throughout the 75 years of ministry at Camp Lutherhaven!

You will find everything about Camp's 75th on our webpage, including a special weekend planned for July 19-21, 2024. There are several options to join in this celebration weekend, including: the full weekend with housing onsite, the full weekend with housing offsite, a Saturday afternoon and evening option, or make the trip just on Sunday for worship and the annual Chicken Dinner.

Spots will fill quickly, so register early! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

The Lutherhaven Team

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Levi Temme..... 04/14  
Amy Unverzagt ..... 04/14  
Aria Douglas..... 04/18

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Linus Wilson..... 04/15  
Kristen Wiegand ..... 04/17

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

No Wedding Anniversaries this Week

**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.*

*Cindi Moore (the Mother of Pastor's Brother-in-Law)*  
Cancer

*Pattie Fitzwater*  
Breast Cancer

*Mike Drake*  
Cancer

*Melvin Biberdorf (Brother of Laura Bearman)*  
Cancer

*Julia Schroeder (Friend of Pastor)*  
*Susan Harlow (Friend of Pastor)*  
Leukemia

*Doris Bond*  
Homebound

*Barbara Waterman*  
Homebound

*Woody Yarwood*  
Homebound (with Cancer)

**Serving our Country**

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