



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

| Sunday April 20 | Monday April 21 | Tuesday April 22 | Word Day April 23 | Thursday April 24 | Friday April 25 | Saturday April 26 |
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| Easter! 9:15 am Divine Service No Bible Study or Sunday School Today! | <i>Preschool</i> | <i>Preschool</i> | <i>Preschool</i> 6:00 pm Choir | <i>Preschool</i> | <i>Preschool</i> | |
| <i>Pastor is Away this Week!</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

“If I should feel sin, death, and evil and nothing good in my flesh, I must nevertheless believe in the kingdom of Christ. For the kingdom of Christ does not have its place in the senses. The treasure lies in the certainty of life. Feelings of despair and afflictions have to do with the sack (i.e., the body), for they are done externally. Therefore whoever is tormented in his feeling by sin and death, let him rise again in the Word and kingdom of Christ and say: ‘My Christ lives.’” (quoted from Luther’s Works – volume 17, p. 388)

2025-2026 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year and is now 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.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (May 1) – St. Philip is mentioned in the biblical lists of the apostles (see Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; Acts 1:13), but only in John's Gospel is more told about him. Philip was from Bethsaida in Galilee and was one of the first disciples called by Jesus after Peter and Andrew. Philip also was instrumental in bringing Nathanael to Jesus (John 1:43-51). It was to Philip that Jesus posed the question about where to buy bread to feed five thousand men (John 6:5). During Holy Week, Philip with Andrew brought some inquiring Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-22). And on Maundy Thursday evening, Philip asked Jesus to show the Father to him and to the rest of the disciples (John 14:8). According to tradition, Philip went to labor in Phrygia and was buried there.

St. James was a son of Alphaeus and was also called "the Younger" (to distinguish him from James, the son of Zebedee, who was also called "the Elder," and whose festival day is July 25). His mother: Mary, was one of the faithful women who stood at the cross of Jesus (Matthew 27:56; Mark 15:40). James is mentioned in the same apostolic lists as Philip, but there is no other mention of him in the New Testament. There is also no information regarding his field of labor or the circumstances of his death, except that he may have been martyred by being sawed in two.

Collect: Almighty God, Your Son revealed Himself to Philip and James and gave them the knowledge of everlasting life. Grant us perfectly to know Your Son: Jesus Christ, to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and steadfastly to walk in the way that leads to eternal life.

Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor (May 2) – Athanasius was born in Alexandria in Egypt around AD 295. He served as a church leader in a time of great controversy and ecclesiastical disagreement. At the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, Athanasius defended Christian orthodoxy against the proponents of the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Jesus Christ. During his forty-five year tenure as Bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius wrote numerous works that defended orthodox teaching. His enemies had him exiled no less than five times;

on two occasions he was even almost murdered. Yet Athanasius remained steadfast, and ended his days restored fully to his ecclesiastical responsibilities. The Athanasian Creed, though not composed by Athanasius, is named in his honor because it confesses the doctrinal orthodoxy he championed throughout his life.

Collect: Almighty God, You gave to Your servant Athanasius special gifts of grace to understand and teach the truth of Jesus Christ. Grant that by this teaching we may know You, the one true God, and receive eternal life.

STEWARDSHIP

Luke 24:6-7 — "He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen — He is risen indeed!

GC VS PERRY MERIDIAN @ VICTORY FIELD

Don't miss some of Indiana's top high school talent when the Victory Field Classic returns on Friday, May 2!

The 16th annual doubleheader hosted in downtown Indianapolis features four of the best high school baseball teams Indiana has to offer. The first game between Perry Meridian and Greenfield-Central starts at 5:00 pm and will be followed by a matchup between Avon and Carmel at approximately 7:30 pm. One general admission ticket is needed for both games. Limited parking is available at Victory Field for \$10.00 per vehicle beginning at 2:00 pm.

Hancock County Arts

Hancock County Arts will sponsor an online auction, “For the Love of Art” to benefit the organization and fulfill its mission of promoting and celebrating arts for Hancock County. The auction will begin on April 6th at 5:00 pm and will end on April 26 at 6:00 pm.

For more information about the auction and how to donate to support Hancock County Arts, please visit the website: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/-hancockcountyarts>, or on your mobile phone: <http://bforg.com/-hancockcountyarts>.

The Lutheran Hour

Changes to **The Lutheran Hour** broadcast are coming to our area. The program’s final broadcast on WLW 700 AM will be April 27, 2025. To find other airings, visit lhm.org/guide. The weekly broadcast of The Lutheran Hour is also available at lutheranhour.org, on the Connected by LHM mobile app, on Sirius XM Family Talk Channel, and platforms like Spotify, iHeartRadio, dialing in on your phone and more.

LHS SPRING MUSIC CONCERT

All are invited to the Spring Music Concert taking place in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium on May 10th at 6:00 pm.

METAL RECYCLING EVENT — MAY 3

Lutheran High School is hosting a Metal Recycling Event in the parking lot on Saturday, May 3. ALL items containing any metal (including electronics) are welcome. Proceeds will help benefit the Boys Volleyball Program. Many thanks to our business partner — Hanna’s Wrecker, Parts and Recycling for sponsoring this event.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

All,

Please note, when moving furniture or other “movable articles” around in the Nave, Fellowship Hall or CLC, we cannot block our fire extinguishers!

We were cited, this past month by the Fire Marshall, for blocking the fire extinguisher in the Fellowship Hall, behind the sound system cabinet. We had placed the folding wall partitions in front of it. Thankfully, we were not fined, and measures have been taken to make this more noticeable for everyone. Future citations could lead to fines.

Thanks for your attention!

Jeff Dickmander

LHS GOLF OUTING

The Registration is Open! LHS Golf Outing will return to Martinsville Golf Club on June 1st (12:30 pm check-in with lunch and 2:00 pm tee off). Register at lhsi.org.

COMMENCEMENT

Lutheran High School’s 47th Baccalaureate and Commencement for the *Class of 2025* will be held on Sunday, May 18th at 2:00 pm in the Indiana Farm Bureau Gymnasium. All are welcome to attend; doors will open at 1:30 pm.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TOM FINCHUM'S RETIREMENT

All are invited as Lutheran High School recognizes Tom Finchum for his many years of service on Sunday, April 27 at 1:00 pm. The program will begin in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium and refreshments will follow in the Mary-Martha Commons. RSVP at lhsi.org.

LHS Summer Sports Camp

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.

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 kanderson@lhsi.org for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Several scholarships are available to our Lutheran High School community: the **Salvatore and Marjorie Gioe Memorial Scholarship**, the **Henry Arnold Kespohl Scholarship**, and/or the **Denecke Scholarship**.

Find more information and apply online at lhsi.org. Please submit applications by April 15.

APPLICATIONS FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

Worship Anew!

Readings: Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;
Luke 24:1-12

"Easter Sunday"

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20

Rev. Thomas Eggold

The empty tomb means that our bodies will rise from the grave! The empty tomb means that we will be reunited with loved ones who have died in the faith. The empty tomb means that we will live forever with God in holiness, innocence, and blessedness. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ has changed everything!

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of April 20:

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 kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE (AM 850) and KFUE.org: Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT) continues its study through 2 Samuel, picking up with chapter 17. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT) we've just begun a new series in the book of Genesis! Join us as we study chapters 5-9. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday, (4/26 at 10:00 am, CT) for a discussion of repentance as found in the Smalcald Articles.

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

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

Elders:

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

Parochial Education:

- Debbie Kuehn
- 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, April 13, 2025

9:15 am Service: 95

RESPONDING IN FATH:
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

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| General Fund | \$5,536.18 |
| Lent | 440.00 |
| Memorials | 20.00 |
| Total | \$5,996.18 |

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Guest Pastor..... | Rev. Nick Fuller |
| Organist | Chris Wilson |
| Crucifer..... | Paul Surburg |
| Acolyte | Anna Surburg |
| Communion Assistants..... | Matthew Surburg |
| | and Jeff Corlew |
| Greeters | Unknown |
| Ushers | Unknown |
| Youth Assistant | None |
| Altar Guild..... | Debby Thompson and Beth Fox |
| Fellowship/Refreshments | The Froiland |
| | and Houser Families |

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lili Jenkins 04/23
 Debby Thompson 04/25

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Levi Temme..... 04/24

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

Jean Fox

Cancer

Ed Fox

Heart

Amy Unverzagt

Pete VanKauenbergh

Cancer

Juene Adams (Lori Yeager's Aunt)

Fell and Broke Hip

Darrel Smith (Chuck Jones' Cousin)

Leukemia

Laura Bearman

Cancer

Pam Reichenbach (Lori Yeager's Mother)

Sick

Kris Brand

Knee Pain

Eric Neuendorf (Dan Neuendorf's Nephew)

Ulcerative Colitis

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

Lung Cancer

Melvin Biberdorf (Brother of Laura Bearman)

Cancer

Doris Bond

Homebound

Polly Strothmann

Homebound

Serving our Country

Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)

Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders' nephew)

Brian Hedrick (Debbie Dishman's Niece's Husband)