



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday April 21	Monday April 22	Tuesday April 23	Word Day April 24	Thursday April 25	Friday April 26	Saturday April 27
Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Bible Class and Sunday School	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i> 5:00-6:30 pm Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Secretary's Day</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am Matins 6:00 pm 6th-7th Grade Jr. Catechesis 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Faith by Heart Chapel 7:30 pm 7th-8th Grade Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i> 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 Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

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

FROM LUTHER

“The contrite and fearful are the people of grace, whose wounds the good Shepherd wants to bind up and heal, the Shepherd Who gives His life for the sheep ... Such people should not give in to the thoughts of their hearts, which persuade them that because of their sins they ought not to pray or hope for grace. With David they should cry out: ‘Have mercy on me, O God,’ for such people are well pleasing to God.” (commenting on the Gospel for this Good Shepherd Sunday: John 10:11-18, in Luther’s Works – volume 12, p. 317)

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.faihpreschool@gmail.com

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian (April 21st) – Born in Italy in 1033, Anselm is most closely associated with England, where he served as Archbishop of Canterbury for many years. A brilliant scholar and writer, Anselm used his political skills with the British kings on behalf of the established Christian Church, affirming that it is the leadership of the Church, not the state, that is responsible for establishing structure and maintaining order among the clergy. Anselm is especially remembered for his classic book: “Why God Became Man,” which taught that the reason for the Incarnation was that Jesus, the Son of God, would suffer and die in place of sinners.

Collect: Almighty God, You give the gift of teachers to Your Church. We praise You for the gifts of grace manifested in Your servant Anselm, and we pray that Your Church may never be destitute of such gifts.

Johann Walter, Kantor (April 24th) – Johann Walter (1496 – 1570) began service at the age of twenty-one as a composer and bass singer in the court chapel of Frederick the Wise. In 1524, Walter published a collection of hymns arranged according to the Church Year. It was well received and served as the model for numerous subsequent hymnals. In addition to serving for thirty years as Kantor (church musician) in the German cities of Torgau and Dresden, he also assisted Martin Luther in the preparation of the Deutsche Messe (“German Mass”) of 1526. Walter is remembered as the first Lutheran Kantor and composer of church music.

Collect: O Lord God, through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son: Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of Your salvation mystery is now revealed and made known to all the nations. Grant that this mystery of salvation, as confessed by Johann and all those who now rest from their labors, continue to guide Your Church on earth, as we wait for the Day when You come from heaven one last time and usher in the New Creation.

St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25th) – St. Mark was the author of the second Gospel, which he composed, according to some Early Church Fathers, when the

Christians in Rome asked him to write down the preaching of the apostle Peter. Mark, also known as John-Mark, was originally from Jerusalem, where the house of his mother Mary was the center of the early Jerusalem church (Acts 12:12). He was brought from Jerusalem by Paul and Barnabas to Antioch (Acts 12:25), and it was from this city that they set out on the First Missionary Journey. When Paul and Barnabas were preparing to go on the Second Missionary Journey, Barnabas wanted to take Mark with them again, but Paul objected because Mark had left them during the first journey. Barnabas took Mark and went to Cyprus, while Paul took Silas as his new companion (Acts 15:37-40). Later, Paul reconciled with Mark and was working with him again (Colossians 4:10; Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11). Finally, Mark was found laboring with Peter in Rome (1 Peter 5:13). Tradition says that Mark was instrumental in founding the Church in Alexandria, becoming its first Bishop, and also that he suffered a martyr’s death.

Collect: Almighty God, You have enriched Your Church with the proclamation of the Gospel through the evangelist Mark. Grant that we may firmly believe these glad tidings, and daily walk according to Your Word.

SAVE the DATE! Piano Concert

Save the Date! Saturday, May 18 at 6:30 pm for “A Million Dreams” Piano Concert performed by Susanna Miskimen at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church (9201 E. CR 100 N, Avon IN).

Susanna, for her graduation, wishes to bless others with the gift God has given her and share her story of how she’s grown through music.

The selections are compilations of her favorite songs from jazz, classical, religious, and new modern composers. Some artists include Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, The Piano Guys, Laufey, Mark Hayes, and Faye Lopez and more.

Please join us! Refreshments will be provided.

STEWARDSHIP

April 21, 2024 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 10:14 — “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.”

What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

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

**RECEIVING IN FAITH:
Sunday, April 14, 2024**

9:15 am Service: 95

**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.

**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!

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Member: I have been contacted by a member who needs assistance with a vehicle. If you have an extra vehicle that could be “loaned” for a short period of time, to another member, please contact Jeff Dick-lander for further details and 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.

Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Help us cross the finish line! Email 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.

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 21 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

“Our Good Shepherd”

Sermon Text: John 10:14-15

Rev. Thomas Eggold

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, came to call us by name. And He came to lay down His life for the sheep. And he came to seek and save the lost. And through the voice of our Good Shepherd we are brought back to the Father.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Student Council is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, April 24 from 12:15-4:00 pm in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium Lobby. This event is open to the public. Please contact the school office to schedule an appointment.

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of April 21:

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 and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: [@KFUORadio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Isaiah 63-66 and Lutheran Service Book 487 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), study Proverbs 8-12 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and hear about Love Fulfilling the Law in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (4/27 at 10:00 am, CT).

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.

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 28, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Organist Richard Thompson
 Crucifer/Acolyte..... Josey Shanton
 Communion Assistants..... Jeff Corlew
 and Mike Schildmier
 Greeter Mary Jo McConnell
 Ushers..... Jim Arthur, Richard Curry,
 and Ken Sedam
 Youth Assistant Paul Surburg
 Altar Guild..... Debby Thompson and Beth Fox
 Fellowship/Refreshments The Fox 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.

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

General Fund.....	\$5,844.30
Lent	80.00
LCMS.....	50.00
Miscellaneous.....	100.00
Total.....	\$6,074.30

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 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 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

Join us in worship and fellowship!

LWML

INDIANAPOLIS EAST

ZONE RALLY

Saturday, May 4, 2024
Faith Lutheran Church,
Greenfield
200 W. Mckenzie Rd.

9:00-NOON

Program highlights:

The LWML Prayer Service

**Guest speaker, Mr. Tom
Going, of the Japanese
Mission Society**

Our ingathering will be financial
donations to support the
Japanese Mission Society for the
purchase of Japanese Bibles and
other instructional materials.

Each costs \$100 and we would like
to purchase 30.

聖書
口語訳
Colloquial Japanese
モバイル用に最適化
Holy Bible
Japanese Edition

Registration begins at 8:30am.
A light brunch will be provided.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Naomi Muller 04/22
Lili Jenkins 04/23
Debby Thompson 04/25
Pastor O'Connor 04/27

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Chad Dishman 04/22
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.

*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)