



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday April 27	Monday April 28	Tuesday April 29	Word Day April 30	Thursday May 1	Friday May 2	Saturday May 3
Second Sunday of Easter 9:15 am Divine Service—Rev. Nick Fuller 11:00 am Bible Study and Sunday School	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i> Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor 5:00-7:00 pm	<i>Preschool</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am Matins 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm 6th-7th Gd. Jr. Catechesis 7:00 pm 7th-8th Gd. Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Mother's Tea @ 6:00 pm</i>	<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

“So thoroughly does this great apostle (i.e., Thomas), who heard Christ and had dwelt with Him so long, still miss the mark! To our great comfort, however, this demonstrates how our shameful nature and reason finds it so difficult to dismiss our own notions, to desist from speculating about God, and cling to Christ alone.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: John 20:19-31, in Luther’s Works – volume 24, p. 57)

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

John 20:19 — "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"

Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following Lord's will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

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.

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.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Worship Anew!

Readings: Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1—2:2;
John 20:19-31

“I Believe...”

Sermon Text: John 20:28

Rev. Scott Zeckzer

We confess in the Apostle’s Creed that Jesus, on the third day, rose again from the dead, and we believe in the resurrection of the body. Why is it important we believe in the resurrection? Hear why the resurrection of Jesus changes everything for you.

Vocatio: High School Retreat June 21-27, 2025

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, June 21-27**, on the campus of Concordia Seminary. This retreat 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** is \$200.00 and closes May 31. **Register Today!**

RECEIVED IN FAITH: HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday: 57

Good Friday: 66

Easter Vigil: 37

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of April 27:

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 KFUO Radio app! Find us on social: @KFUOradio 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 KFUO (AM 850) and KFUO.org: We wrap up our study of 2 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT) and continue straight on into a study of 1 Kings! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), we continue our study of Genesis, discussing chapters 10-13. Don’t forget to tune in on Friday (5/2 at 11:00 am, CT) for Free-Text Friday, Thy Strong Word’s “wild card” episode, which airs on the first Friday of every month!

DEMENTIA 101 WORKSHOP

An Introduction for Dementia Caregivers
Time: Sunday, April 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm
Location: Community Foundation, 971 W. U.S. 40

This introductory workshop is for all direct and indirect caregivers of those living with dementia: family, friends, neighbors, healthcare workers, etc.

We will discuss various kinds of dementia, distinguish between progressive and potentially reversible dementias, identify key differences between dementia vs depression vs delirium, etc.

The overall goal of the workshop is to improve knowledge and awareness of dementia to promote person-centered, empathetic approach to dementia care. We aim to improve the quality of life of both yourself and those you care for and improve the quality of care we are able to provide as caregivers.

To reserve your spot, RSVP to Lauren Ewing via text or call 317-586-8089. We still have 13 seats remaining for this event!

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
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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 20, 2025

9:15 am Service: 123

RESPONDING IN FATH:
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

General Fund	\$3,404.40
Lent	810.00
Memorials	120.00
LCMS	100.00
Total	\$4,434.40

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

Guest Pastor.....	Rev. Nick Fuller
Organist	Chris Wilson
Crucifer.....	Paul Surburg
Acolyte	Anna Surburg
Communion Assistants.....	Matthew Surburg and Jeff Corlew
Greeter	Debbie Dishman
Ushers.....	Richard Curry, Will Voss, and Jim Arthur
Youth Assistant	Kevin Wilson
Altar Guild.....	Debby Thompson and Beth Fox
Fellowship/Refreshments	The Froilandand Houser Families

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Pastor O'Connor 04/27
 Gloria Mathews (Secretary) 04/28
 Kris Unverzagt 04/28
 Ginny Rosner 05/01
 Tamzen Shultz 05/01

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Susan Sedam 04/28
 Amy Unverzagt 04/29
 Rick Rogers 05/01

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard & Gloria Curry (54 yrs.) 05/01
 Joe & Laura Wagner (21 yrs.) 05/01

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

Karol Luck (Kris Unverzagt's Sister)

Cyst on her Spine

Lois Hoff

Fell and Broke Arm

Debby Thompson

Back Surgery

Jean Fox

Cancer

Ed Fox

Heart

Pete VanKauwenbergh

Cancer

Darrel Smith (Chuck Jones' Cousin)

Leukemia

Laura Bearman

Cancer

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)