



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday April 28	Monday April 29	Tuesday April 30	Word Day May 1	Thursday May 2	Friday May 3	Saturday May 4
Fifth 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> Gloria Out of the Office Today— Office Closed 5:00-6:30 pm Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor	<i>Preschool</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> <i>Preschool Mom's Tea @ 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	9:00 am-12:00 pm Indianapolis East Zone LWML Rally

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

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

“Your suffering is not the cleanness itself, and you are not declared clean in the sight of God because of it. But it does serve to drive man to grasp and hold the Word with a better and firmer grip, in order that in this way faith may become active. The Word is itself the purification of the heart if the heart adheres to it and remains faithful to it.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: John 15:1-8, in Luther’s Works – volume 24, p. 211)

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

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.

Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary (May 4) – Friedrich Wyneken is one of the founding fathers of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, along with C.F.W. Walther and Wilhelm Sihler. Born in 1810 in Germany, he came to Baltimore in 1838 and shortly thereafter accepted a call to be the pastor of congregations in Friedheim and Fort Wayne, Indiana. Supported by Wilhelm Loehe’s mission society, Wyneken served as an itinerant missionary in Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan, particularly among Native Americans. Together with Loehe and Sihler he founded Concordia Theological Seminary in 1846 in Fort Wayne. He later served as the second President of the LC-MS during a period of significant growth (1850-64). His leadership strongly influenced the confessional character of the LC-MS and its commitment to an authentic Lutheran witness.

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank You for Your servant Friedrich, whom You called to preach the Gospel in America. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of Your kingdom, that Your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior: Jesus Christ.

**RECEIVING IN FAITH:
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

9:15 am Service: 81

STEWARDSHIP

April 28, 2024 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 15:2 — “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grated by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

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

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 Dickmander 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 28 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8

“Vine, Branches, and Fruit”

Sermon Text: John 15:5

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus is the Vine, you are the branches, and the Father is the vinedresser. That is today's picture of your union with Christ through faith from the Gospel according to St. John. Joined to Jesus in faith you are alive and fruitful, as living branches joined to a living vine. Apart from Jesus, you are dead and fruitless.

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of April 28:

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 kfu.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 KFUE.org: Begin studying Daniel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and study what we believe about The Church on Concord Matters (5/4 at 11:00 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, MAY 5, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Organist Elise Temme
- Crucifer/Acolyte..... Chloe Ebling
- Communion Assistants..... James Froiland and Tom Fitzwater
- Greeter Mary Jo McConnell
- Ushers..... Jim Arthur, Richard Curry, and Ken Sedam
- Youth AssistantPaul Surburg
- Altar Guild..... Bev Wilson & Kelly O'Connor
- Fellowship/Refreshments The Thompson Dobbs and Wilson Families

Elementary Teacher Needed

Our Shepherd Lutheran School, Avon, is seeking a full-time elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. This candidate should be a certified teacher with a valid Indiana teacher license.

We ask that a candidate model a Christian lifestyle and demeanor and desire to spread the word of God daily through all disciplines taught. Please contact Principal Rachel Miller at rmiller@ourshepherd.org with interest/resume.

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 21, 2024

General Fund.....	\$3,069.40
LCMS.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3,119.40

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.

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 cost \$100 and **closes May 24. Register today!**

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN 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

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Gloria Mathews (Secretary) 04/28
 Kris Unverzagt..... 04/28
 Ginny Rosner..... 05/01
 Tamzen Shultz..... 05/01
 Jane Dobbs..... 05/04

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Susan Sedam..... 04/28
 Naomi Mueller..... 04/29
 Amy Unverzagt..... 04/29
 Lynn Arthur 05/01
 Rick Rogers 05/01
 Jane Dobbs..... 05/04

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Gloria Curry (53)..... 05/01
 Joe & Laura Wagner (20) 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.*

Janice Brown (Libby Leonard's Grandmother)
 Stroke

Cindi Moore (the Mother of Pastor's Brother-in-Law: Brian)

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)