



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday May 4	Monday May 5	Tuesday May 6	Word Day May 7	Thursday May 8	Friday May 9	Saturday May 10
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  11:00 am Bible Study and Sunday School	<i>Preschool</i>  <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i>  <b>Private Confession &amp; Absolution with Pastor 5:00-7:00 pm</b>	<i>Preschool</i>  9:30 am Bible Study <b>11:00 am Matins</b> 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm 6th-7th Gd. Jr. Catechesis <b>7:00 pm Chapel</b> 7:30 pm 7th-8th Gd. Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i>  <i>3's Preschool Class Ice Cream in the Park</i>  Tri Kappa Bridge Club @ 12:30 pm	

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

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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

“Accordingly, we must say that [Christ] rose for this purpose: so that we should be righteous and live through His resurrection, and this is what He has commanded His apostles and everyone to preach unto the end of the world, namely, that a kingdom has been established on earth, which is a kingdom over against sin, death, and the power of the devil, and it brings heavenly and eternal blessings.” (quoted from Luther’s Works – volume 69, p. 436)

### 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](mailto:rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com).

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor and Missionary** (May 4) – Friedrich Wyneken is one of the founding fathers of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS), 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.

**Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler** (May 5) – Frederick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, Germany from 1486 to 1525, was Martin Luther's sovereign in the early years of the Reformation. In fact, were it not for Frederick there might not have been a Lutheran Reformation.

Born in Torgau in 1463, he became so well known for his skill in political diplomacy and his sense of justice and fairness that he was called "the Wise" by his subjects. Though he never met Luther, Frederick repeatedly protected and provided for him. In all likelihood he saved the reformer from a martyr's fate. Frederick refused the Pope's demand to extradite Luther to Rome for a heresy trial in 1518. When Emperor Charles V declared Luther an outlaw in 1521 at the Diet of Worms, Frederick provided sanctuary for Luther at the Wartburg castle. On his deathbed Frederick received the Lord's Supper in both kinds (receiving both the Lord's body and blood), a clear confession of the evangelical faith.

Collect: Almighty God, together with Frederick and all Your saints who now rest from their labors, we look forward to Your future coming to usher in Your new creation – a place free from sin and death, a place where all our voices will praise You without end for Your great glory. Until that appointed time, continue to sustain us in this certain hope throughout all our earthly days.

**C.F.W. Walther, Theologian** (May 7) – Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther (1811-87), the father of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS), served as its first President from 1847 to 1850 and then again from 1864 to 1878.

In 1839 he emigrated from Saxony, Germany, with other Lutherans, who settled in Missouri. He served as pastor of several congregations in St. Louis, founded Concordia Seminary, and in 1847 was instrumental in the formation of the LC-MS (then called the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States). Walther worked tirelessly to promote confessional Lutheran teaching and doctrinal agreement among all Lutherans in the United States, and was a prolific writer and speaker. Among his most influential works are *Church and Ministry* and *The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel*.

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

**Job, Patriarch** (May 9) – Job was a blameless and upright man who came from Uz (Job 1:1), a land northeast of Canaan. The Book of Job examines the depths of his faith, which was severely tested through the sufferings God permitted him to endure. Despite the sudden death of his ten children and the loss of all his wealth and his health, Job refused to curse God: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." (1:21) Still, in the midst of his tribulations Job questioned the meaning and purpose of suffering to the point of asserting his own righteousness (34:5-6). Finally, the Lord revealed that a man cannot know the mysteries of God (chapters 38-41). Job's faith in his Redeemer and the resurrection ultimately prevailed (19:25-27), and the Lord ended up restoring his wealth and blessing him with another seven sons and three daughters.

Collect: Almighty God, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of Your servant Job, may persevere in running the race that is set before us as we look forward to the Last Day and the resurrection of the dead.

## STEWARDSHIP

**John 21:6 — "He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish."**

Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before—when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

## Worship Anew!

Readings: Psalm 30:1-5; Acts 9:1-9, 17-20;  
John 21:1-14

### “The Conversion of Paul”

Sermon Text: Acts 9:1-9, 17-20

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Featured Choir: *St. John Adult Choir, Indianapolis*

Paul was a fierce enemy of Christianity, so his conversion to faith in Jesus was an amazing event. This was totally unexpected. But God can do anything because of His almighty power and because of His awesome grace, mercy, and love.

## 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. A Farewell Reception for Aaron Huesmann and Diane Robinson will take place following the concert.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](http://lhsi.org).

## 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

## BE A CAMP NURSE OR DOCTOR OF THE WEEK!

Camp Lutherhaven is looking for medical professionals to serve as a Nurse or Doctor of the Week this summer! You'll support our First Aid Coordinator in caring for campers and staff—while your family enjoys an unforgettable week of camp alongside you. It's a unique way to share your skills, serve the ministry, and make lasting memories. Only two weeks remain, so don't wait!

Email us at [camp@lutherhaven.org](mailto:camp@lutherhaven.org) for more details.

## BE a Junior Servant this Summer!

The Junior Servant program is a 2 week volunteer program for high school aged youth that focuses on service, leadership development, spiritual growth, and fun. Each Junior Servant is assigned a cabin of campers they will assist each day. Additional times are filled with service opportunities and group building time. Apply online today!

Open to youth currently in 9th-12th grade.

## 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](mailto:kanderson@lhsi.org) for more information.

## KFUO RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of May 4:*

**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](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE 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 KFUE (AM 850) and KFUE.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/10 at 10:00 am, CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these?

## 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!**

## CARING FOR YOURSELF AS YOU CARE OF SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

Workshop and Guided Support Group  
Saturday, May 17th — 2:00-4:00 pm  
Thrive Center at Community Foundation  
971 W. U.S. Highway 40

Are you caring for someone living with dementia? You deserve support too! Join Lauren Ewing, Dementia Care Specialist, for this event designed for YOU — the caregiver!

Discover how to build your personal village of support to assist YOU during your caregiving journey, learn practical ways to manage the immense stress associated with caring for others with dementia, reclaim time for yourself for your own health and well-being, connect with other caregivers who understand what you are going through.

RSVP to Lauren Ewing by calling or texting her at 317-586-8089.

Cost of the Event: \$30.00 per individual or \$20.00 per person for groups of 2 or more.

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 27, 2025

9:15 am Service: 70

RESPONDING IN FATH:  
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

General Fund .....	\$4,601.40
Lent .....	25.00
Memorials .....	40.00
LCMS .....	50.00
Total .....	\$4,716.40

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Organist ..... Chris Wilson
- Crucifer.....Solomon Wagner
- Acolyte ..... Nora Tierney
- Communion Assistants..... Chuck Jones  
..... and Jeff Dickmander
- Greeters ..... Richard and Debby Thompson
- Ushers..... Jim Arthur, Richard Curry  
..... and Jeff Dickmander
- Youth Assistant .....Paul Surburg
- Altar Guild.....Bev Wilson and Kelly O’Connor
- Fellowship/Refreshments .....The Sedam,  
.....Schildmier and McConnell Families

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jane Dobbs..... 05/04  
 Pattie Fitzwater..... 05/06  
 Esther Surburg..... 05/06  
 Jim Wilson..... 05/07  
 Lori Yeager..... 05/07  
 Emily Rogers..... 05/08  
 Paul Surburg..... 05/08  
 Diane Froiland..... 05/09

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jane Dobbs..... 05/04  
 Aria Douglas..... 05/07

**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***

*Kris Brand*

*Karol Luck (Kris Unverzagt's Sister)*

Cyst on her Spine

*Lois Hoff*

Broken Arm

*Jean Fox*

Cancer

*Ed Fox*

Heart

*Pete VanKauenbergh*

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)