



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept. 8	Monday Sept. 9	Tuesday Sept. 10	Word Day Sept. 11	Thursday Sept. 12	Friday Sept. 13	Saturday Sept. 14
<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  11:00 am Bible Study and Sunday School  <b>Church Picnic</b>	<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 Morning Prayer</b>  6:00pm 6th & 7th gd. Jr. Catechesis 6:00 pm Choir 6:30pm pizza 7:00 pm Faith by Heart Chapel 7:30 pm 7th & 8th gd. Jr. Catechesis	<i>Preschool</i>      <i>Elders @ 6:30 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](mailto:pastorwdo@faithgreenfield.org)

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

“I confess that I have deserved something more terrible. Therefore be merciful to me. If Thou dost not want me to be an heir, see to it that I remain a servant (Luke 15:19). Indeed, as the Canaanite woman says, I do not refuse to be a dog in Thy house so that I can at least eat the crumbs which chance to fall to the ground and otherwise are wasted (Mark 7:28). Thou dost not owe me a thing by any right. Therefore I cling to Thy mercy.” (quoted from Luther’s Works – volume 4, p. 55)

## Quarterly Voters Meeting

The next Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15 at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Current agenda item is the presentation of the long and short-term goals of the Board of Parochial Education.

Please contact Brian Atkins with any questions.

## STEWARDSHIP

**September 8 — Proper 18**

**James 2:2 — “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in...”**

God shows no partiality: rich and poor alike are called into the kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving — that is, giving a proportion of our income to the Lord’s work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God’s work.

## Bless the Nest

Join us for a nesting party as we help the Temme family prepare for baby #4.

Saturday, September 21st at 10:00 am  
1820 Copeland Farms Drive

We will clean and prep for the new baby, so dress accordingly. Please bring a side dish to share. No gifts are needed, but diapers (sz. 1 and up), wipes, or low carb freezer meals are appreciated.

RSVP to Libby Leonard at 317-565-9640.

## GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE

There are greeting cards available for member’s use. They can be found in a clear box on the table in the church narthex. The cards are grouped by event and stamps are currently provided along with a directory with member’s addresses. Please consider taking a card when you hear of a need or of a prayer request.

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: Sunday, September 1, 2024

9:15 am Service:        88

## RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

General Fund .....	\$4,313.47
Preschool .....	615.00
LCMS .....	50.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,078.47</b>

## Restore the Hope

The Trinity LWML invites all ladies to hear Scott Swan, WTHR news anchor share “The Hope You Need Today” on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00 am-11:00 am.

Join us for Christian fellowship, devotions and music in the Trinity Commons, 8540 E. 16th St., Indianapolis IN. Come and be restored with HOPE!

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barbara Waterman  
11646 N. 900 West  
Carthage, IN 46115  
317-502-5933

## LUFEST 2025

Invites your friends and join us for an unforgettable night celebrating and supporting Lutheran High School at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Early Bird Tickets are available at [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) starting today!

## IMPACT

### By High Schoolers, For High Schoolers

**This Winter High School Retreat** is scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, **January 17-19, 2025.**

**IMPACT** is a High School Winter Retreat planned and led, under the direction and facilitation of Lutherhaven’s Staff, by the Leadship Impact Team (LIT) of High School aged individuals that are carefully selected by Camp Lutherhaven for the event.

**IMPACT** participants can expect to enjoy a winter experience at Camp Lutherhaven. Activities will include games, relaxation, spiritual growth elements and campfires. LIT will develop the schedule and activities for the weekend.

If your church’s high school student ministry does not attend, but you know of students that would like to attend this retreat, then they can register online.

To register and for more details visit our website: **IMPACT.**

## VOCATIO RETREAT

Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God’s Word and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church?

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend **Vocatio: Retreat** — a three day retreat geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain.

**Registration** is free and includes lodging and meals. To register visit [csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](http://csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google “*Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary.*” Registration closes September 25.

## THANK YOU!

I wish to say a heart felt thank you to all who prayed for me and gave me gifts during my surgery. It was an amazing feeling knowing that you all cared. A special thank you goes out to Debby Thompson and Diane Froiland for the meals they provided Kris and I during the time I was on bedrest. Your prayers and well wishes played an important role in my recovery. Please continue to pray for a speedy and complete recovery as I travel down a long road to recovery.

Amy Unverzagt  
317-874-6748

## GERMANFEST

Germanfest will be on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> with our dinner being served from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. The price is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children aged 3 – 12, Children 2 and under eat free. Tickets are purchased at the door.

Please check out the sign-up sheets in the Narthex for food donations as well as donations of your time and service.

In addition to the dinner, we will also be holding a SILENT AUCTION! We are working with a company to possibly offer some amazing trips in our auction. We are also contacting local businesses for items or experiences. If you have something you would like to donate or if you know of someone who might be willing to contribute, please contact Tawney Kearns.

This is the main fundraiser for our preschool and we appreciate any help we can get!

Thank you!

## FLOWER CHARTS 2025

The flower charts for 2025 have been posted in the hallway. Please sign up to donate for altar flowers. Thank you for all the donations in 2024.

## CHURCH LEADERS

**Council:**

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

**Elders:**

James Froiland  
 Shawn Houser  
 Mark Jenkins  
 Chris Ebling  
 Chuck Jones

**Parochial Education:**

Debbie Kuehn  
 Melissa Ebling  
 Susan Pearson  
 Chuck Jones  
 Tawney Kearns

**Parish Education:**

Matthew Surburg  
 David Temme  
 Libby Leonard

**Financial Secretary:**

Jim Arthur

## Fall Workday

Help Camp Lutherhaven prepare for the fall and winter seasons at their Fall Workday, October 5th. Bring your family, youth groups, men/women’s groups, and any other servant workers. For those here for the optional Friday overnight, the program starts at 7:30 pm. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday, Camp welcomes additional day helpers, and everyone gets started.

All meals, cabin lodging, and children’s programs are **FREE** as a thank you for your time and hard work! Find more information soon and register at Lutherhaven.org.

## Disc Golf

Have you ever tried your hand at Disc Golf? On the morning of September 21st, Camp Lutherhaven invites you to their family-friendly Disc Golf Fundraiser called the Moose Mulligan and Paw Paw Putt — A disc golf tournament and children’s disc golf clinic.

Registration and more information is available at Lutherhaven.org. Register soon and also get the free T-shirt!

## KFUO RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of September 8:*

**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 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.org:** Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and tune in for a discussion of Christ’s return for judgement on Concord Matters (9/14 at 11:00 am, CT). Remember to save the date for KFUO Radio’s 100th Anniversary Celebration broadcast, October 12 at 10:00 am, CT!). Tune in at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or RSVP for the in-person event at [kfuo.org/rsvp](http://kfuo.org/rsvp).

## Ushers and Greeters Needed

Please contact Richard Curry or Jim Arthur if interested or desire more information.

## Worship Anew!

September 8 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Mark 7:31-37

“Be Opened!”

Sermon Text: Mark 7:37

Rev. Shayne Jonker

Jesus wants to do for you what He did for that deaf mute man in the Decapolis that day. He wants to stick His Word into your ears, to cut through deafness, to open your ears, your minds, and your hearts. Thus He speaks His Ephphatha to you. Be opened.

## HELP MARRIED COUPLES ENRICH THEIR RELATIONSHIP!

Registration is now open for our upcoming Indiana Experience! A Marriage Encounter experience can help your marriage reap joyful long-term rewards for you and your spouse as well as family relationships, faith journey, their churches, and their communities, plus improve your communication skills!

The Marriage Encounter Experience is September 27-29, 2024 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Indiana. Pre-registration is required so don't miss out! Apply now and see details at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)! If you have questions, contact Mark and Jan Chilcott by calling 269-998-6147.

## LHS HOMECOMING 2024

Mark your calendar for **LHS Homecoming 2024, September 13**. The Saints take the field on Friday night against conference opponent Covenant Christian. LHS Alumni will enjoy free admission, an Alumni family tent, snacks, and prizes. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Alumni RSVP at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org) (Alumni-Celebrate & Connect Events).

## 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.

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Organist ..... Richard Thompson  
 Crucifer/Acolyte..... Linus Wilson  
 Communion Assistants..... James Froiland  
 ..... and Tom Fitzwater  
 Greeters ..... Jim and Bev Wilson  
 Ushers..... Richard Curry, Jim Arthur,  
 ..... and Paul Godby  
 Youth Assistant ..... Paul Surburg  
 Altar Guild..... Gloria and Richard Curry  
 Fellowship/Refreshments ..... The Thompson,  
 Dobbs and Wilson Families

## 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.

## LHS GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents of current LHS students are invited to join us on September 12 from 8:30 am-11:30 am. RSVP at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Lori Godby ..... 09/11  
Ginny Blosser ..... 09/12  
Keith Harlow ..... 09/12  
Benjamin Kemker..... 09/12

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Diane Froiland.....09/13

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Kristen & Martin Weigand (16 yrs.) .....09/08  
Paul & Lori Godby (35 yrs.) .....09/09  
Chris & Melissa Ebling (17 yrs.) .....09/14

**PROPERTY DIRECTOR**

If there are concerns, regarding the buildings and property, please contact Jeff Dickmander at (413) 522-2591.

**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.*

*Joe Skvarenina*  
Rehab  
*Shelbi Hughes (Granddaughter of Jane Dobbs)*  
Pregnant with Twins on Bed Rest  
*Pattie Fitzwater*  
*Woody Yarwood*  
Cancer  
*Amy Unverzagt*  
Knee  
*Deborah Walker (Evelyn Drake’s Sister-in-Law)*  
Lung Cancer  
*Cindi Moore*  
Cancer  
*Janice Brown (Libby Leonard’s Grandmother)*  
*Melvin Biberdorf (Brother of Laura Bearman)*  
Cancer

Death: Barrett and Murnan Families

*Doris Bond*  
Homebound  
*Barbara Waterman*  
Homebound  
*Woody Yarwood*  
Homebound

**Serving our Country**

Nick Arthur Zachary Archer  
Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)  
Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders’ nephew)