


FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept. 17	Monday Sept. 18	Tuesday Sept. 19	Word Day Sept. 20	Thursday Sept. 21	Friday Sept. 22	Saturday Sept. 23
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 Sunday School and Quarterly Voter's Meeting 12:00 pm Church Picnic	<i>Preschool</i> <i>1:00-3:00 pm Quilters</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i> Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor @ 5:00-6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i> <i>9:30 am Bible Study</i> <i>11:00 am Matins</i> <i>Faith by Heart</i> <i>6:00 pm 6th & 7th Gd. Jr. Catechesis</i> <i>Choir @ 6:00 pm</i> <i>7:00 pm Chapel</i> <i>7:45 pm 7th & 8th Gd. Jr. Catechesis</i>	<i>Preschool</i> Church Council @ 6:30 pm 6:00-9:00 pm Dance in CLC	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am  First Day of Fall

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 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

“Now when we look at the account to see how much we owe, we must quiver and quake and have no other recourse than to say: ‘I am in debt to others, but there are those who are in debt to me; I shall remit to them, one and all, whatever they owe me, and then O Lord, I pray thee, forgive me also.’ With that I draw a line through the reckoning and cancel it out. If we did not have this expedient, we should be badly off.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35, in Luther’s Works – volume 36, p. 357)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are searching for volunteers to help with our Sunday School classes, especially for the Preschool and early grades.

We are placing a sign-up roster for the teacher and assistant duties in the Narthex. (Please note, we would like to have enough volunteers to create a “rotating schedule” where teachers and assistants can work on a schedule and not have to commit to weekly duties.)

Please see Libby Leonard and Elise Temme for further details.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (September 21) – St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax collector, and the Lord called him away from his occupation and wealth to be a disciple (Matthew 9:9-13). Not only did Matthew become a disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord’s twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4). In time, he became the evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Matthew’s Gospel portrays Christ as the One Who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (Matthew 26:27-28). Matthew’s Gospel is also well-known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the Sermon on the Mount – including the Beatitudes, and the “Our Father” (Matthew 5 – 7). Matthew’s Gospel also contains the institution of Holy Baptism and, with that, the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20). Tradition is uncertain where his final field of labor was, or whether Matthew died naturally or suffered a martyr’s death. In celebrating this festival, we therefore give thanks to God that He has mightily governed and protected His holy Church through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pasture with the Gospel.

Collect: O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches.

Jonah (September 22) – A singular prophet among the many in the Old Testament, Jonah the son of Amittai was born about an hour’s walk from the town of Nazareth. The focus of his prophetic ministry was the call to preach at Nineveh, the capital city of pagan Assyria (Jonah 1:1). His reluctance to respond and God’s insistence that His call be heeded is the story of the book that bears Jonah’s name. Although the swallowing and disgorging of Jonah by the great fish is the most remembered detail of his life, it is actually addressed in only three verses of the book (1:17; 2:1, 10). Throughout the book, the important theme is how God deals compassionately with sinners. Jonah’s three-day sojourn in the belly of the fish is mentioned by Jesus as a sign of His own death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 12:39–41).

Collect: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Jonah You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith, and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son: our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet, Whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church today through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments.

Stewardship

September 17 — Proper 19

Romans 14:7 — “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”

We just don’t belong to ourselves—we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

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

THE TOGETHER PROJECT

We are making big strides in our **Together** campaign! Several projects are completed or underway including baseball fencing, new sidewalks, curb repairs, new table and chairs, stage flooring, debt reduction, and merit scholarship funding.

Will you accept the invitation to be part of **together**? Email kanderson@lhsi.org for more information.

PRESCHOOL'S GERMANFEST

Germanfest will be on Saturday, September 30th with our dinner being served from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

The price is \$15.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children aged 2-12, Children under 2 eat free. Tickets can be 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. This is the main fundraiser for our preschool and we appreciate any help we can get!

PRESCHOOL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We have a family at preschool who, due to an unexpected situation, would benefit from some financial assistance. We always try to keep a fund available to help out in a situation like this, however, we have already used up what we had available. If you are able to give a small donation, we would love to build up this fund again so we can help as many people as possible when they are in need.

Please make sure that you note on your check that it is for the "Preschool Scholarship Fund."

Thank you!

LHS SAINTS ON STAGE PRESENT 12 ANGRY JURORS

Join the Saints on Stage as they present "12 Angry Jurors" September 29 and 30 at 7:00 pm and October 1 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are now on sale. They are available through LHSI.org or at the door.

This production is recommended for middle school ages and up!

Quilting

Where has the summer gone? Time to get back to tying more blocks together for Orphan Grain Train Missions. Meeting September 18 in Fellowship Hall here at Faith from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. We welcome all ladies interested to come and help out.

We delivered 52 quilts and 7 afghans on August 24th. If you have any questions, see Jean Fox or call my home, 765-778-4098. Please come and join us!

LUFEST TICKETS ARE LIVE!

Make plans to join us at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center on February 9, 2024. Tickets are **LIVE**, and you don't want to miss out on our Early Bird pricing. We can't wait to celebrate and support Lutheran High School during this amazing event with you. Buy tickets today at LuFest.org.

VOCATIO: RETREAT

Know someone interested in full-time ministry? Invite them to Vocatio: Retreat October 22-24.

Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that provides the space to rest in God's Word, time to spend in prayer 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/vocation-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Hurry! Registration closes October 6. For more information, email admit@csl.edu or call 800-822-9545.

Love INC Product Drive

We want to let you know about a product drive that Love INC is doing for the Household and Hygiene Outreach Gap Ministry at St. James Lutheran Church. If you're interested in donating, you can drop off any of the following items at the Love INC office located at 630 N. State St.: Laundry Soap, Fabric Softener or Dryer Sheets, Trash Bags, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, All-Purpose Cleaner, Window Cleaner, Bathroom Cleaner, Plastic Wrap, Aluminum Foil, different size Ziploc Bags, men's and women's deodorant, body lotion, hand soap, cotton balls, Q tips, Shampoo/Conditioner, body wash, and toothpaste.

Thanks for considering donating!

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

General Fund	\$2,884.00
FFC Rental	50.00
LCMS	50.00
Total.....	
	\$2,984.00

Worship Anew!

September 17, 2023 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21;
Matthew 18:21-35

“Forgiveness Benefits”

Sermon Text: Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

When wronged, we are tempted to get revenge. But Jesus teaches us to forgive those who have trespassed against us. There are, in fact, great benefits associated with forgiving others.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Organist.....Chris Wilson
 Crucifer/Acolyte.....Amelia Houser
 Communion Assistants..... Jeff Corlew
 and Tom Fitzwater
 Greeters Jane Dobbs and Sandy Wilson
 Ushers..... Jim Arthur, Bob Yeager
 and Jeff Dickmander
 Youth AssistantKevin Wilson
 Altar Guild Richard and Gloria Curry
 Fellowship/RefreshmentsThe Thompson.
 Dobbs, and Wilson Families

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OUR GOLF OUTING?

If not, the time is now! Our 10th Annual Elsie Rossman Memorial Golf Outing is September 28th. Register today for our early bird discount.

Elsie Rossman Memorial Golf Outing
Thursday, September 28, 2023
Autumn Ridge Golf Club
11420 Auburn Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46845
10:00 am Registration
11:00 am Luncheon
12:00 pm Shotgun Start

We are excited to be able to offer Chick-fil-A this year in thanks to a donation from the Chick-fil-A at Jefferson Pointe! And we are putting together great baskets for our Ticket to Win It giveaway!

Other Awards and Fun Games at the Outing:

Pro Shop Certificates for: 1st Place Team
 Members and 2nd Place Team Members
 Closest to Pin (Men & Women)
 Longest Drive (Men & Women)
 Hit-the-Green Contest

Four “Hole in One” Contests (including winning a
 brand new truck!)

We hope to see you there!

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
 Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
 Amy Surburg (Recording Secretary)
 Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
 Amanda Houser & Julie Dickmander
 (Evangelism Co-Chairs)
 Jeff Dickmander (Properties Chair)
 Jeff Dickmander & Dr. Matthew Surburg
 (Parish Education Co-Chairs)
 Mike Drake (Stewardship Chairman)

Elders:

James Froiland (Chair)
 Shawn Houser
 Mark Jenkins
 Chris Ebling
 Mike Drake

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN FALL WORKDAY

Help Camp Lutherhaven prepare for the fall and winter seasons at their Fall Workday on October 7th. Bring your family, youth groups, men's/womens 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 out more information and register at Lutherhaven.org.

RECEIVING IN FAITH: SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

9:15 am Divine Service: 99

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of September 17:

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** 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: Begin the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (09/23 at 10:00 am, CT), and study Leviticus 18-22 on “The Holiness of God” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT).

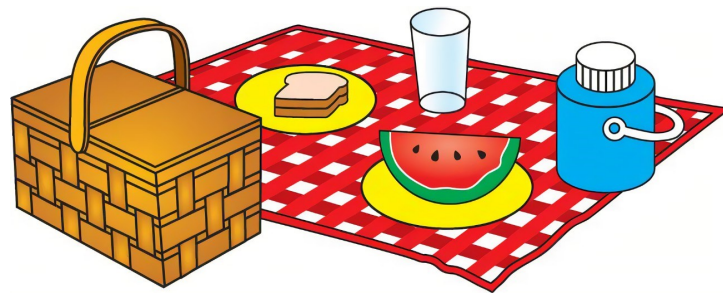
Soundboard Operators

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.



Plan to join your Faith Family
at a Church Picnic!

When: Sunday, September 17th

After the Voter's Meeting

Fried Chicken, Lemonade,

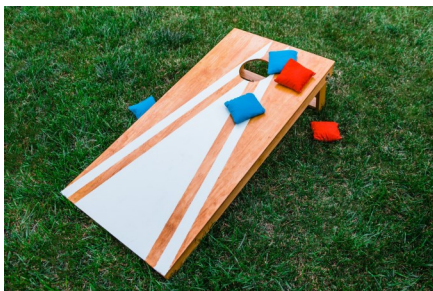
Water and Tableware will be provided

Please Bring a dish or two to share!

Bring your lawn chairs

There will also be Corn Hole

And Euchre after lunch!!!!



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mary Jo McConnell..... 09/17
 Meredith O'Connor 09/21
 Jean Fox..... 09/23

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Melissa Ebling 09/20
 Meredith O'Connor..... 09/21
 Jadon Yeager..... 09/23

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.

Our Nation (Floods, Fires, Mud Slides, Temps.)
Lauretta Arthur (Fell and Broke Pelvis)
Joe Skvarenina (Rehab in Morristown/COVID)
Cheryl Skvarenina (COVID)
Michael Fagen (Unverzagt's Friend)
 Prostrate Cancer
Phyllis Kingen
Ruth (James Froiland's sister)
 Upcoming Heart Surgery
Julia Schroeder (Friend of Pastor)
Susan Harlow (Friend of Pastor)
 Leukemia

Peggy Price
 Homebound in Ft. Wayne
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)