



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept. 22	Monday Sept. 23	Tuesday Sept. 24	Word Day Sept. 25	Thursday Sept. 26	Friday Sept. 27	Saturday Sept. 28
18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Divine Service 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 Morning Prayer 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>Dance in CLC @ 6:00-9:00 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

“We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love. By faith he is caught up beyond himself into God. By love he descends beneath himself into his neighbor.” (quoted from Luther’s classic “The Freedom Of A Christian,” found in Luther’s Works – volume 31, p. 371)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

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 22 — Proper 20

Mark 9:32 — “But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”

The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples’ ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering, they plugged their ears and didn’t listen, so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What’s in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear!

GERMANFEST

Germanfest will be on Saturday, October 5th 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!

LHS VOLLEYBALL PINK NIGHT

Pink Night is Monday, September 30 during the JV and Varsity Volleyball matches starting at 6:00 pm. All cancer fighters and survivors receive free admission. We will honor them between matches. Money raised by t-shirt sales and donations go to **Pink Ribbon Connection** which provides emotional support, local resources, and education to those touched by breast cancer across Indiana. Wear your 2024 Pink Night Shirt in support of this amazing event and get free admission to the matches.

SUGAR PLUM HOLIDAY FAIR

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Sugar Plum Holiday Fair** taking place on October 26 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. More than 100 vendors will be on site.

Are you interested in being a vendor? Find more information at lhsi.org.

LHS Preview Night

Join us at **Preview Night** to learn more about Lutheran High School! We will start promptly on October 1 at 6:30 pm and you will learn about Academics, Arts, Athletics, and financial aid opportunities.

You can RSVP at lhsi.org/admissions/previewnight.cfm. We can't wait to see you!

Saints on Stage Present All in the Timing

Six absurdly comedic one acts about life, love, loss, and truly *bent* history, David Ives' *All in the Timing* is a witty, romantic, absurd, and existentially-minded evening of theatre. First dates, "infinite monkey theorem," the development of a universal language, and living in a world of opposites are just some of the adventures our characters will set out upon.

Join Saints on Stage for this evening of theatrical entertainment October 3 and 5 at 7:00 pm and October 6 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance at lhsi.org or \$10.00 at the door.

The plays are directed by Matthew T. Frick and LHS 2019 alumna Mollie (Graham) Burrin. *All in the Timing* is produced through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, dramatists.com.

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.

RECEIVING IN FAITH: Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:15 am Service: 76

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

General Fund	\$5,880.90
Building Fund	26.00
Memorials	40.00
LCMS	50.00
Total	
	\$5,996.90

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.

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.

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.

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 or Google “*Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary.*” Registration closes September 25.

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

OrganistRichard Thompson
 Crucifer Jaxon Ebling
 Acolytes Anna Surburg and Amelia Houser
 Communion Assistants Matthew Surburg
 and James Froiland
 Greeter Mary Jo McConnell
 Ushers Will Voss, Richard Curry,
 and Jim Arthur
 Youth Assistant..... Kevin Wilson
 Altar Guild..... Gloria and Richard Curry
 Fellowship/Refreshments The O’Connor
 Surburg and Kearns Families

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! If you have questions, contact Mark and Jan Chilcott by calling 269-998-6147.

Ushers and Greeters Needed

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

CHURCH LEADERS

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PROPERTY DIRECTOR

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

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of September 22:

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 kfu.org and the KFUE Radio app! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfu.org), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfu.org), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfu.org).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: We will be wrapping up our study of Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), after which we will take a dive into the book of Numbers. Thy Strong Word will conclude its study of Hosea (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and then we'll be turning to the end of the Bible to begin a study of the book of Revelation. Finally, don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (9/28 at 11:00 am, CT), for a discussion on the cause of sin.

Worship Anew!

September 22 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54; James 3:13—4:10; Mark 9:30-37

“A Difficult Victory”

Sermon Text: James 3:13—4:10

Rev. William Mueller

The text is all about “Spiritual Warfare.” But that often isn't a topic we feel comfortable discussing. Why is that? Might the difficulty lie in the fact we might too readily be reminded of our sin? But it is a victory through Jesus Christ. What makes it difficult?

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jean Fox..... 09/23
Phoebe Pennie 09/23
Amy Surburg 09/25
Bob Yeager 09/25

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jadon Yeager.....09/23
Evelyn Drake.....09/25
Patty Moore.....09/27

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Harper Pennie (8yrs.).....09/23
Bob & Beth Fox (53 yrs.).....09/24

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.*

Shelbi Hughes (Granddaughter of Jane Dobbs)
Pregnant with Twins on Bed Rest

Pattie Fitzwater
Woody Yarwood

Cancer

Deborah Walker (Evelyn Drake's Sister-in-Law)
Lung Cancer

Janice Brown (Libby Leonard's Grandmother)
Melvin Biberdorf (Brother of Laura Bearman)
Cancer

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)