



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Sept. 29	Monday Sept. 30	Tuesday Oct. 1	Word Day Oct. 2	Thursday Oct. 3	Friday Oct. 4	Saturday Oct. 5
St. Michael and All Angels 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>	4:00-7:30 pm Germanfest Dinner & Silent Auction

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 Christians should have the sure knowledge that the princes of heaven are with us, not only one or two, but a large number of them, as Luke records (Luke 2:13) that a multitude of the heavenly host was with the shepherds. And if we were without this custody, and God did not in this way check the fury of Satan, we could not live for one moment. For what the ability, the power, and the greatest desire of Satan are, we may learn from the story of Job ... Therefore the good angels are busy with the task of keeping this cruel enemy from harming us.” (quoted from “What Luther Says,” ed. by Ewald M. Plass; p. 24)

OPEN HOUSE

We would like to let everyone know that we will be honoring **Jean and Ed Fox** with an Open House on Sunday, October 6th from 2:00-5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us in celebrating **Jean's 90th Birthday**, and **Jean and Ed's 74th Wedding Anniversary!** The Couple Requests: **NO GIFTS PLEASE!**

Thank you,
 Bill & Judy Wayne
 Jan Terry & Polly Paul
 Bob & Beth Fox

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Jerome, Translator of Holy Scripture (September 30) – Jerome was born in a little village on the Adriatic Sea around the year A.D. 345. At a young age he went to study in Rome, where he was baptized. After extensive travels, he chose the life of a monk and spent five years in the Syrian desert. There he learned Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. After ordination at Antioch and visits to Rome and Constantinople, Jerome settled in Bethlehem. From the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, he used his ability with languages to translate the Bible into Latin, the common language of his time. This translation, called the Vulgate, was the authoritative version of the Bible in the western Church for over 1,000 years. Considered one of the great scholars of the early church, Jerome died on September 30th, 420. He was originally interred at Bethlehem, but his remains were eventually taken to Rome.

Collect: O Lord, God of truth, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. You gave Your servant Jerome delight in his study of Holy Scripture. May those who continue to read, mark, and inwardly digest Your Word find in it the food of salvation and the fountain of life.

STEWARDSHIP

September 29 — Proper 21

Mark 9:45 — “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.”

So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord’s help to do this — and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

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 23 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 22, 2024

9:15 am Service: 100

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

General Fund	\$2,833.40
Memorials	90.00
LCMS	50.00
Total	\$2,973.40

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.**

Worship Anew!

September 29 — St. Michael and All Angels

Psalm 91; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11

“In Service of Go(o)d!”

Sermon Text: Revelation 12:9

Rev. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Popular today among both young and old are action hero figures. These heroes in different ways act in service of good. God gives Christ followers the greatest action heroes — angels — who act in and on behalf of the greatest good: in service of good and in service of God!

IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Organist Chris Wilson
 Crucifer/Acolyte Linus Wilson
 Communion Assistants Jeff Corlew
 and Jeff Dickmader
 Greeter Mary Jo McConnell
 Ushers Will Voss, Richard Curry,
 and Jim Arthur
 Youth Assistant..... Kevin Wilson
 Altar Guild.....Cinda Rumler and Lori Yeager
 Jr. Altar Guild Anna Surburg
 and Amelia Houser
 Fellowship/Refreshments The Sedam,
 McConnell and Schildmier Families

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of September 29:

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 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: We will be continuing our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), and discussing the third and fourth chapters of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 am, CT) for a conversation with the director of Project 24 in Kenya, a special story in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, and the October edition of Searching Scripture from the *Lutheran Witness*.

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
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David Temme
Libby Leonard

Financial Secretary:

Jim Arthur

PROPERTY DIRECTOR

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

Ushers and Greeters Needed

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

St. Michael and All Angels

This year, The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels falls on a Sunday. This Holy Day in the church calendar occurs on September 29 and has been celebrated since the fifth century. On this day we give thanks for the many ways in which God's loving care watches over us, both directly and indirectly, and we are reminded that the richness and variety of God's creation far exceeds our knowledge of it.

Michael appears three times in the Old Testament, particularly in the book of Daniel where he is indicated as the defendant of the Hebrews and the supreme head of the heavenly army who defends the weak and the persecuted. "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise.....But at that time your people, everyone whose name is found written in the book, will be delivered"(Dan. 12:1).

In the New Testament Michael is found disputing with the devil over the body of Moses in Jude 9. In Revelation, Michael again encounters Satan in the last battle. "And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough and they lost their place in heaven" (Rev.12:7).

The name Michael means "who is like God". Following scriptural passages, Christian tradition gives to Michael four offices:

- to fight against Satan
- to rescue the souls of the faithful from the power of the enemy
- to be the champion of God's people, the Jews in the Old Law, the Christians in the New Testament; therefore, he was the patron of the Church, and of the order of knights during the Middle Ages
- to call away from earth and bring men's souls to judgment

Michael is an archangel. Although Scripture does not discuss rank among angels, we can assume that archangels are over angels. In Jewish tradition, there were thought to be four archangels, named Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, and Uriel.

In iconography, Michael is represented as a combatant, with a sword or lance in his hand, under his feet the dragon- monster, Satan. He wears a helmet and may also carry a shield or scales with which he weighs the souls of the departed. Various Christian traditions include him as the patron of mariners in Normandy, the protector of the life-giving Nile in Egypt, the heavenly physician in Constantinople, the heavenly doctor of men's infirmities amongst Byzantines, and the special patron of soldiers fighting the pagans in Bavaria during the 10th century.

Michael, along with all other angels, has one final task: he will accompany Jesus at his second coming. An archangel, perhaps Michael will herald the return of the victorious Lord. Saint Paul writes to the Thessalonians of that glorious day, "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first" (1st Thessalonians 4:16).

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Patty Moore 09/30
Kevin-Michael Wilson 10/02
Kris Brand 10/04
Joe Wagner 10/04

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rev. Dean Bearman 10/01

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Teri Michael (9 yrs.)..... 10/03

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

Birth: The Temme Family for the birth of their son:
Simeon Lawrence Temme

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)