



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 17	Monday Nov. 18	Tuesday Nov. 19	Word Day Nov. 20	Thursday Nov. 21	Friday Nov. 22	Saturday Nov. 23
26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Sunday School and Adult Bible Study	<i>Preschool</i> <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i> NO Private Confession & Absolution with Pastor	<i>Preschool</i> 6:00 pm Choir	<i>Preschool</i> 6:30 pm Church Council <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

“The longer the world stands, the worse it becomes. It seems that now, too, the world’s wickedness is increasing. This is actually comforting to us Christians. Now, too, the more we preach, the less attention people pay ... People are bent on increasing wickedness and wantonness at an overwhelming speed. We cry out and preach against this; we say that the princes should hinder it. But what good does it do? It does, however, do *us* good in that we may expect the Last Day sooner. Then the godless will be hurled into hell, but we shall obtain eternal salvation on that Day ... So we may confidently expect that the Last Day is not far away. (quoted from “What Luther Says,” ed. by Ewald M. Plass; p. 698)

Special Voters Meeting

The Special Voters Meeting is cancelled for today but sometime soon (date to be determined) we will meet at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to review the 2025 budget!

Brian Atkins
317-435-0842

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Elizabeth of Hungary (November 19) – Born in Pressburg, Hungary, in 1207, Elizabeth was the daughter of King Andrew II and his wife Gertrude. Given as a bride in an arranged political marriage, Elizabeth became the wife of Louis of Thuringia in Germany at the age of 14. She had a spirit of Christian generosity and charity, and the home she established for her husband and three children in the Wartburg Castle at Eisenach was known for its hospitality and family love. Elizabeth often supervised the care of the sick and needy, and even gave up her bed to a leper at one time.

Widowed at the age of 20, she made provisions for her children and entered into an austere life as a nun in the Order of Saint Francis. Her self-denial led to failing health and an early death in 1231 at the age of 24.

Remembered for her self-sacrificing ways, Elizabeth is commemorated through the many hospitals named for her around the world.

Collect: Mighty King, Whose inheritance is not of this world, inspire in us the humility and benevolent charity of Elizabeth of Hungary. She scorned her bejeweled crown with thoughts of the thorned one her Savior donned for her sake and ours, that we, too, might live a life of sacrifice, pleasing in Your sight and worthy of the Name of Your Son: Christ Jesus.

Clement of Rome, Pastor (November 23) – Clement (ca. A.D. 35–100) is remembered for having established the pattern of apostolic authority that governed the Christian Church during the first and second centuries. He also insisted on keeping Christ at the center of the Church’s worship and outreach. In a letter to the Christians at Corinth, he emphasized the centrality of Jesus’ death and resurrection, by saying: “Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ, realizing how precious it is to His Father, since it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to the whole world.” (1Clement 6:31) Prior to suffering a martyr’s death by drowning, he displayed a steadfast, Christ-like love for God’s redeemed people, serving as an inspiration to future generations to continue to build the Church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ as the one and only cornerstone. (Ephesians 2:20)

Collect: Almighty God, Your servant Clement of Rome called the Church in Corinth to repentance and faith to unite them in Christian love. Grant that Your

Church may be anchored in Your truth by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and kept blameless in Your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

STEWARDSHIP

November 17 — Proper 28

Hebrews 10:14 — “For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

Our Lord Jesus has provided the one offering for sin. What we offer to the Lord is not a sacrifice for sin; we cannot buy our way into heaven with our money, work, or effort. Rather, what we give to the Lord’s work in the church is a thank offering, a sign of our dependency on God and all He has given us.

Love INC Christmas 2024

New this year for Christmas: Christmas Blessing Baskets. You can bless a Love INC family by providing a Christmas Blessing Basket. A Christmas Blessing Basket is a collection of gifts, food, and other items given to families as an extra blessing during the holidays. We distribute baskets to our Neighbors who are actively working toward their goals. The items can be in a laundry basket, tote, reuseable laundry bag, etc. **Drop baskets off at the Love INC office no later than December 13.**

Be creative in filling a “basket” and feel free to have a theme. Some items to consider, but not limited to are:

- Family Bible, devotional, Bible storybooks
- Games, books, activity books
- Craft items/kits
- Baking items
- Pampering items, personal care items
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, other specialty drinks
- Nuts, candies, other sweets
- Blankets, hats, scarves, socks
- Gift Cards for gas, groceries, restaurant, entertainment
- Seasonal Decorations

MARY MARTHA GUILD

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 pm**, and begin inviting your friends for our annual **Christmas Gathering of Friends**. **The theme this year is A NATIVITY WALK**. Your help is needed with the program and also food and set up. See the sign up sheet in November for your assistance or contact Emily Rogers for program needs.

It has been a busy fall and we are thankful to see God's blessings of bountiful crop harvests for the farmers, beautiful weather, and changing colorful leaves. We look forward to seeing you at all of our activities in the next few months. And **don't forget your mites**. Your boxes can be brought in and set on the table in the Narthex at any time.

Thank you for your donations and your service.

Emily Rogers
765-621-2131
Mary Martha/LWML President

Worship Anew!

November 17 — 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 13:13

“Don't Give Up”

Sermon Text: Mark 13:13

Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Christians face two major temptations — placing too much faith in things that don't last and giving up on the one thing that is eternal. When you are tempted to invest your hopes and dreams in the things of this earth, fix your eyes upon Jesus and don't give up!

DINE-TO-DONATE

Help support Love INC by eating wings! Atomic Wings, 1667 N. State St., will give proceeds from the evening of November 20th, from 3:00-7:00 pm. Just mention Love INC when you order.

YOUTH MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus.

During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as musical theatre, composition, church music, jazz band, conducting, music therapy). In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events with their friends.

LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from June 22-July 20* (Full Session) or June 22-July 6 (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12.

**Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.*

To learn more, watch this [LSM Experience Video](#), view this [digital brochure](#), or go to LSMacademy.org/program

APPLICATIONS FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Applications are open for the 2025-2026 school year. Visit LHSI.org for more information!

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 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 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 (AM 850) and KFUO.org: Join us as we begin a short study through several of the Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), and continue the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT). Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this Saturday (11/23 at 10:00 am, CT), for discussion on what the Lutheran Reformers believed about the Mass.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS

We're excited to announce our **Faith and Fellowship Night**, tentatively scheduled for **Friday, August 29, 2025**, so mark your calendars!

This special evening will feature a night of celebration, community, and fellowship. We hope to welcome your congregation to Victory Field for an unforgettable experience!

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 kander-son@lhsi.org for more information.

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.

IMPACT

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

Theme: Chasing After Wind

I have seen all things that are done under the sun; all of them meaningless, a chasing after the wind.
(Ecclesiastes 1:14)

For high school students, thinking about the future is filled with lots of uncertainty. At the top of the list are jobs, careers, or professions to pursue. Of equal concern is whether marriage and children are a part of their future, or not. Then there are the less tangible pressures of focusing on being successful, intelligent, or happy, which the world wants people to make their ultimate future pursuits. All of this can be burdensome, or a "chasing after the wind," as Ecclesiastes repeatedly reminds us. The focus of this retreat is to see how God has a direction for our lives, which He reveals to us in scripture. This is a call to stop "chasing after wind" and to approach the future fully trusting in what God desires for us.

Feel free to reach out to Camp directly if you have questions or would like more information!

LHS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join us this Christmas season for our annual **LHS Christmas Concert** taking place on **December 13 at 7:00 pm** in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium.

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
- Amy Surburg (Recording Secretary)
- Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
- Jeff Dickmander (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

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, November 10, 2024

9:15 am Service: 95

RESPONDING IN FATH: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

General Fund	\$3,648.40
LCMS.....	50.00
Total	\$3,698.40

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

- Organist..... Chris Wilson
- Crucifer/Acolyte Jaxon Ebling
- Communion Assistants Unknown
- Greeters Richard and Gloria Curry
- Ushers Chuck Jones, Jim Arthur,
.....and Ken Sedam
- Youth Assistant..... Paul Surburg
- Altar Guild Kelly O'Connor and Beth Fox Jr.
- Altar Guild Nora Tierney
- Fellowship/Refreshments..... The Dishman
..... Drake and Yeager Families

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jim Arthur..... 11/19
Carolyn Cook..... 11/21

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jim Arthur..... 11/19
Benjamin Kemker..... 11/21

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.*

Darla White (Friend of Lori Yeager)
Breast Cancer
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)