



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday September 18	Monday Sept. 19	Tuesday Sept. 20	Word Day Sept. 21	Thursday Sept. 22	Friday Sept. 23	Saturday Sept. 24
<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  <b>11:00 am Voter's mtg.</b>  <b>Sunday School</b>	<i>Preschool</i>  Quilting 1-3 pm  <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i>  9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am Morning Prayer  Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm 6th gd. Jr. Cat. Class @ 6:00 pm  Chapel @ 7:00 pm  8th gd. Jr. Cat. Class @ 7:45 pm	<i>Preschool</i>  Mary Martha @ Zion @ 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am  <b>Preschool's Germanfest Drive-thru Dinner 4:30 —6:30</b>

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

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### FROM LUTHER

“Christ heals the ten lepers, and He knew that only one would be grateful (Luke 17:11–19). This will also be our lot, and we should not on this account give up our eagerness to confer benefits on others. Indeed, we should be generous not only toward the brethren and such as are exiled because of their confession, but also toward those who are strangers in the state, provided that they are not manifestly evil.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: Luke 17:11–19, in Luther’s Works – volume 3, p. 183)

### BELL CHOIR

Bell choir practice will begin Monday 10-3-22 at 6:45 pm

### September Voters Meeting

Third Quarter Voters Meeting will today, Sunday, September 18 @ 11 AM. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall.

### QUILTING

Where has the summer gone? Time is approaching to get back to quilting. We will be tying more blocks together for Orphan Grain Train Missions. Meeting September 19th, tomorrow, in Fellowship Hall here at Faith from 1:00 pm —3:00 pm. We welcome all Ladies interested to come and help. If you have any questions, please see Jean Fox or call my home at 765-778-4098. Please join us.

## 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), and 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).

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

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

[Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.’ ”](#) Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

## MARY MARTHA

### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

From: Zion Lutheran, New Palestine

To: All women at Faith Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, St. John’s Lutheran, and Christ Lutheran, Irvington

All women are invited to Zion on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the gathering area. We will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League). We hope you can join us for a special celebration with refreshments, and a Bible study led by Brady Gurganious.

\*\*\*A carpool will meet at Faith at 6 p.m. and drive down together, or you can meet us there. RSVP to Emily Rogers, 765-621-2131, cell or text, so we can send a reservation to Zion.

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

### The together Project

Lutheran High School is excited to introduce **The together Project**. **Together** is three projects: **Pursue, Move, and Champion**. Each is a distinctive project yet **together** interconnected as one centered on Lutheran High School's Vision Statement. Contact Kathy Anderson ([kanderson@lhsi.org](mailto:kanderson@lhsi.org) / 317-787-5474) for more information.

### LuFest - February 10, 2023

Save the date and join us at the 41st Annual **LuFest** Dinner Auction held at the Biltwell Event Center on **Friday, February 10, 2023**. Tickets are available NOW at [www.lufest.org](http://www.lufest.org).

### Grandparents Day

**Grandparents Day** returns to Lutheran High School on **Thursday, September 29 from 8:00-11:00 am**. Join us for morning fellowship, a classroom visit, Chapel, and special presentation about LHS. RSVP at [www.lhs.org](http://www.lhs.org).

### Metal Recycling

Lutheran High School is hosting a **Metal Recycling Event** in the parking lot **Saturday, October 1, 9:00 am – noon**. Many thanks to our business partner — Hanna's Wrecker, Parts & Recycling for sponsoring this event.

### Saints on Stage to Present "HOLES"

Join Stanley Yelnats on an adventurous journey to clear the name of his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather as he discovers clues to a mystery four generations in the making! **HOLES** is based on the novel and film of the same name, and will be presented on **September 29 and October 1 at 7pm and October 2 at 3pm**. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets in advance at [www.LHSI.org](http://www.LHSI.org)

### Walk-A-Thon

Lutheran High School's annual **Walk-A-Thon** will be held on **Wednesday, October 26**. Stay tuned for more information!

### International Students - Host Families

The **International Student Program** at LHS offers the opportunity for our students to learn from other cultures as internationals learn from ours. It is a privilege for us to share the Word of God with students from all over the globe, but we can only do it if we have host families. Don't delay and contact Joseph Taylor ([jtaylor@lhsi.org](mailto:jtaylor@lhsi.org) or call 317-787-5474) to find out about this awesome opportunity

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

### Annual SugarPlum Holiday Fair

The **SugarPlum Holiday Fair** will be held at LHS on **Saturday, October 29 from 9am-3pm**. Admission is \$1 or two canned goods, which will be donated to the Emmaus food pantry. Over 100 vendors plus concessions served all day and performances from LHS will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit! The SugarPlum Holiday Fair benefits the LHS Fine Arts Booster Club. See you there!

[www.lhs.org](http://www.lhs.org)

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

9:15 am Divine Service: 93

## RESPONDING IN FATH: SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

General Fund .....	\$5,510.02
Memorials.....	250.00
LCMS .....	50.00
Miscellaneous (stove).....	200.00

**Total .....\$6.010.02**

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Organist.....	Chris Wilson
Crucifer/Acolyte.....	Solomon Wagner
Communion Assistants .....	Mike Schildmier
.....	and Matthew Surburg
Greeters .....	Jim and Bev Wilson
Ushers.....	Richard Curry and
.....	Jim Arthur and Will Voss
Youth Assistant.....	None
Altar Guild .....	Gloria and Richard Curry
Fellowship/ Refreshments.....	The Corlew
.....	and Dickmader Families

## LUTHERHAVEN

Hi Faith Lutheran,

I am excited to invite you to a new winter high school retreat at Lutherhaven called IMPACT!

This Winter High School Retreat is scheduled for Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, **January 13-15. Registration is planned to open October 1st.**

More details are on our website: [IMPACT](#).

IMPACT is a High School Winter Retreat planned and led, under the direction and facilitation of Lutherhaven's staff, by the Leadership Impact Team (LIT) of High School aged individuals that are carefully selected by Camp Lutherhaven for the event. Many LIT participate in Lutherhaven's summer leadership development program, known as the Junior Servant program, and/or come from the recommendations (of exceptional students in youth ministries) by church leaders like yourself. The bar is high for LIT. LIT's selection process is limited to a certain number and is by Lutherhaven's personal invite only.

### **BY HIGH SCHOOLERS, FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS**

IMPACT Participants can expect to enjoy a winter experience at Camp Lutherhaven. Activities will include games, relaxation, spiritual growth elements and campfires. LIT (Leadership Impact Team) will develop the schedule and activities for the weekend.

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

Keith "Cheezy" Peters, Director of Summer and Youth Ministry

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Website: [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org)

## LUTHERHAVEN

Greetings in Christ from David Vandercar.

Lutherhaven has the following employment opportunity.

**Lakeview Ministries** (Seymour, IN) is looking for our next **Villages Program Director**. This year-round salaried role is primarily responsible for planning, developing, and leading our middle/high school summer camp programs. Do you have experience leading college-aged individuals and young people? Do you want to live out your faith in outdoor ministry? Do you know how to intentionally lead groups in community and fun? Then this might be the job for you. If not for you, do you know someone that fits this description, then help us spread the word about this important open position at camp! For a full job description and to submit a resume, go to [lakeview.camp/work](http://lakeview.camp/work).

## KFUO RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of September 18:*

**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](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Hear Rev. Brady Finner as the new host of Concord Matters (formerly host of Thy Strong Word) beginning 9/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Deuteronomy 27-28 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study 1 Corinthians 6-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

## CHURCH LEADERS

**Council:**

Brian Atkins (Chairman)  
 Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)  
 Mary Jo McConnell (Recording Secretary)  
 Joel Leonard (Treasurer)  
 Jessica Corlew (Parochial Ed. Chair)  
 Evangelism Chair—Vacant  
 Jeff Dickmader (Properties Chair)  
 Parish Education (vacant)  
 Mike Drake (Stewardship Chairman)

**Elders:**

Shawn Houser  
 James Froiland  
 Mark Jenkins  
 Chris Ebling  
 Mike Drake

## 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.

## GARDEN NEWS

The garden is winding down for the year. We want to thank everyone who helped. We give God the Glory for His benefits for another successful year for the garden. We were impatient with the rain and the heat, but once again, God works miracle's in His time.

## LOVE, INC SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

### Match Day

30-hour event through Hancock County Community Foundation's 30th Anniversary Match Day 4 pm 9-30-22 to 10pm October 1, 2022.

## WORSHIP ANEW (WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS)

September 18, 2022 – Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Psalm 113; Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-15  
 Sermon Text: Luke 16:15b  
 "Shrewd Faith" – Rev. Shayne M. Jonker

In the end, when the wealth of this world fails, when the global economy collapses under the weight of its own greed, when the idol of wealth is finally exposed as the worthless fraud that it is, when you have lost everything including your own life, there at the end is only Jesus who will not fail you, welcoming you into an eternal dwelling that He won for you by trading out His life for your life.

## Moments of Comfort

Lost: On Hold | Moments of Comfort

*Theme Text: 2 Peter 3:9 - Speaker: Pastor Karl Frincke*

Have you ever felt like you're on hold with God? You've called out to God. You've shared your request. You trust in His promise to hear you. And then you wait.

What does it mean to wait for the Lord? What does it mean to trust in Him even when you're not hearing an answer to your prayer?

## PRESCHOOL'S GERMANFEST

The preschool will once again be hosting the annual Germanfest Fundraiser!

This year it will be held on Saturday, September 24th, and will once again be in Drive Thru fashion. Please see posters and sign up sheets in the Nathex. Please prayerfully consider how you can help! Should you have any questions, please call Rebecca Shanton at the preschool, 17-468-0610, or Debbie Dishman at 317-967-0522.

Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Meredith O'Connor.....09/21  
 Jean Fox .....09/23

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Meredith O'Connor .....09/21  
 Jadon Yeager .....09/23

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob and Beth Fox (51 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.**

- Cheryl Reynolds (friend of Yeagers)*  
Cancer
- Jeremy and Kori Gartz*  
(Brenda Dillman's nephew and wife)
- Gloria Mathews, Church Secretary*  
Recovering from back surgery
- Dolores Palmer (Elise Temme's Grandmother)*  
Stroke
- Cathy Harlow (Keith Harlow's Sister)*  
Cancer/Chemo
- Cindy Dungan (Susan Sedam's and Mike Schildmier's sister)*  
Needs kidney
- Dale and Julia Schroeder (Friends of Pastor)*
- Susan Harlow (Friend of Pastor)*  
Leukemia
- Bill Crider*  
Homebound
- Peggy Price*  
Homebound in Ft. Wayne
- Doris Bond*  
Homebound
- Barbara Waterman*  
Homebound

**Serving our Country**  
 Nick Arthur Zachary Archer  
 Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)  
 Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders' nephew)