

# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 14	Monday Nov. 15	Tuesday Nov. 16	WORD Day Nov. 17	Thursday Nov. 18	Friday Nov. 19	Saturday Nov. 20
<b>24th Sunday after Trinity</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  <b>11:00 am Bible Study and Sunday School</b>	<i>Preschool</i>  1:00-3:00 pm <b>Quilting</b>  Handbells @ 6:45 pm  <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i> 9:30 Bible Study 11:00 am Matins  Midweek & Jr. Catechesis 5:30 Meal Classes @ 6:00, 6:30 & 7:30 6:00 pm Choir Chapel @ 7:00	<i>Preschool</i>   Church Council @ 6:30 pm	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 am

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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Administrative Assistant e-mail: [secretary@faithgreenfield.org](mailto:secretary@faithgreenfield.org) Focus on Faith Deadline: 9 am Thursday

**Office Hours:** 9:00 am—1:00 pm Monday through Friday

### FROM LUTHER

“The woman with a hemorrhage certainly touched no spiritual thing when she touched the hem of Christ’s garment, but the material garment of Christ. Nevertheless, it was a spiritual touching of this garment in her heart when she said to herself: ‘If only I touch the hem of His garment, I shall be made well.’ You see, these words and this faith in her heart are a spiritual touching. Of course, her hand could not grasp the word which her heart spoke: ‘Touch,’ and it did not know what it touched, but her heart knew well that her hand touched the Savior’s garment.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26, in Luther’s Works – volume 37, p. 90–91)

### Rada Cutlery Sale

Please send your Rada Cutlery order to Carolyn Haas **TODAY!** She will combine the orders, send them in, and they will be back before Christmas. If you haven’t looked at their catalog, you should. It’s not just all well made cutlery. There are also soup mixes, dip mixes, dessert kits, cookbooks, and more. My friends and family really enjoyed the dip mixes, especially when combined with a special dish or serving utensil. Check it out!

Proceeds from the sale go to Faith’s Mary Martha Guild. Carolyn’s contact information is [carolynshev@aol.com](mailto:carolynshev@aol.com), call or text her at 317-498-1337.

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Justinian, Christian Ruler and Confessor of Christ** (November 14) – Justinian was Emperor of the East from A.D. 527 to 565, when the Roman Empire was in decline. With his beautiful and capable wife, Theodora, he restored splendor and majesty to the Byzantine court. During his reign the Empire experienced a renaissance, due in large part to his ambition, intelligence, and strong religious convictions. Justinian also attempted to bring unity to a divided Church. He was a champion of orthodox Christianity, and sought agreement among the parties in the Christological controversies of the day who were disputing the relation between the divine and human natures of Christ. The Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople, in A.D. 533, was held during his reign, and addressed this dispute. Justinian died in his eighties, not accomplishing his desire for an empire that was firmly Christian and orthodox.

Collect: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the governance of Christian leaders such as Emperor Justinian, Your Name is freely confessed in our nation and throughout the world. Grant that we may continue to choose trustworthy leaders who serve You faithfully in our generation, and make wise decisions that contribute to the general welfare of Your people.

**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.

## Special Voters Meeting

There will be a special voters meeting on Sunday, November 21. The meeting will start at 11:00 am and be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The only item to be discussed is the **2022 budget.**

Brian Atkins  
317-435-0842

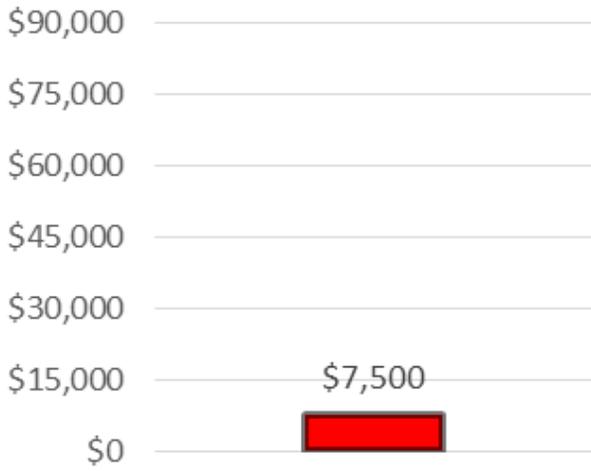
## Stewardship

**November 14—24th Sunday after Trinity**

**Colossians 1:10—”...so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”**

Living a godly life really is its own reward. Does the life St. Paul, describes here, sound more enjoyable than a life of worry, self-aggrandizement, and self-centeredness? God wants us to walk closely to our Lord and imitate Him for a reason—so we will be blessed and happy.

### Roof Donations



Soon we will need to replace the church roof. The goal is \$90,000. Write “Roof” in the memo on your check. Your contribution is appreciated.

### RECEIVING IN FAITH: November 7, 2021

9:15 am Divine Service: 102

### IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 LAST SUNDAY OF CHURCH YEAR

Organist.....Mr. Richard Thompson  
 Crucifer/Acolyte.....Chloe Ebling  
 Communion Assistant.....Dr. Matthew Surburg  
 Greeters.....Jane Dobbs and Sandy Wilson  
 Ushers: Richard Curry, Jim Arthur, & Rick Riegle  
 Youth Assistant.....Bailey Shanton  
 Altar Guild.....Kelly O’Connor & Tawney Kearns  
 Fellowship/ Refreshments.....The Corlew  
 and Dickmader Families

### 2022 ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower chart for Sundays in 2022 has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign up for altar flower donations on the Sundays listed. Flower cost remain \$30.00 for both vases or \$15.00 for one vase. Make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church. (If you prefer, include with your weekly offering). Please include note or memo that the amount is for flowers. The flower arrangements may be taken home immediately after the worship service. The Altar Guild member on duty that Sunday will assist you in removing the flowers. Thank you for your contribution by making the worship space more beautiful. If you have questions, speak with Debby Thompson.

### RESPONDING IN FATH: NOVEMBER 7, 2021

General Fund.....	\$6,262.81
Building Fund.....	500.00
FFC Rental.....	25.00
LCMS.....	50.00
Parking Lot Pavement.....	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,887.81</b>

### Scholarships & Grants

The Beta Sigma Psi National Educational Foundation offers scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarships for incoming freshmen in Fall 2022 are available at: any accredited 4-year College or University in the United States; Indiana University; Iowa State University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; University of Illinois; University of Missouri; and the University of Nebraska.

These opportunities can be found at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>

**WORSHIP ANEW  
(WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS)**

**Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-13  
“The Sacrifice, the Reign”**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

**Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:11-14**

Christ offered up a single sacrifice for the sins of the world, and then he sat down at the right hand of God the Father. Both of these truths are good news for us and mean much for our life each day.

**HANCOCK COUNTY  
CHRISTMAS CONNECTION**

Would you be willing to sponsor a family or families in need this year for Christmas?

The Hancock County Christmas Connection (formerly United Christmas Service) is seeking to partner with churches, groups, businesses, and individuals in 2021 to help provide a child’s Christmas. If you are interested in sponsoring a family or several families, please contact LOVE INC at 317-468-6300 or email [debra@loveinc-ghc.org](mailto:debra@loveinc-ghc.org). Applications for families needing assistance will be accepted from November 1-November 19 at the family’s youngest child’s school. Families needing assistance are directed to contact their school counselor or call LOVE INC for more information.

With the Hancock County organizations working collaboratively, families with children can be matched to individual sponsors or community resources with the goal of serving every family in need this holiday season!

**Moments of Comfort**

**Fear: It Can Be a Web**

**Theme Text: 2 Corinthians 1:4**

**Speaker: Jim Elsner**

Statistics. Numbers don’t lie. Science. It can and should be followed. Right? So much data and information from so many sources about so many topics blare and scream at us endlessly! TV, internet, social media—who’s telling the truth? No wonder so many people can find themselves in a web of fear—a web of intense fear. The difficulty with fear is that it is an emotion that each person feels differently. I may feel fear when you do not. But being caught in a web of intense fear needs your attention. It may be that the things you see and hear and experience reinforce that fear to the point where you’re filled with extreme stress, with intense worry, or with unending anxiety. And that’s not healthy for anyone.

The disciples of Jesus struggled with a web of intense fear. One particular night, Jesus sent them out in a boat and a storm came up out of the Sea of Galilee. It was dark and windy. Jesus went out to them, walking on the water. Then, the Bible tell us—Mark 6:49 “But when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw Him and were terrified.” The disciples knew what they saw: a man walking on a stormy sea. And superstition had taught them that ghosts inhabited the depths of the sea. So they figured their time was up! They were caught in a web of fear that played with their emotions. The disciples had not been hearing the truth—the truth of Jesus and the Word of God. In their web of fear—and the stress, worry, and anxiety it brought—their hearts were not yet open and fully understanding and believing who Jesus was. That He is God Himself and has power over every situation.

Moments of Comfort is a video initiative of Worship Anew to minister to the hurting and suffering with the comforting message of God’s Word. Check us out on our You Tube channel and receive notifications of the weekly videos.

## Family Hope

Love INC is now partnering with Family Hope in supporting families and loving children. Family Hope is a collaboration of area churches providing supportive relationships for isolated families. Volunteers offer temporary hosting of children, connections and guidance for parents, and a bridge to family stability.

**The Family of Hope Vision:** To bring hope to families through caring, connective relationships formed in the redemptive love of Jesus.

**Melissa Ham** serves as the Love INC Family Hope Coordinator for Hancock County and surrounding counties. Melissa can be reached at 317-468-6300.

**For more information:** <http://familyhope.info>

## KFUO RADIO

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 14:*

**KFUO Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can 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:** Study Ezekiel 40-43 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (11/20 at 10:00 am, CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel weekdays at 10:00 am, CT.

## RENTAL OF CLC SUSPENDED

Due to COVID-19, the ability to rent the CLC has been suspended until further notice. The use of the CLC will be limited to the Preschool and Sunday School. This is to ensure that rooms stay as clean as possible for the safety of the students and teachers. The Fellowship Hall is still available to rent. If you have any questions, please contact either Brian Atkins (317-435-0842) or Mike Schildmier (317-697-4888).

## CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
- Brenda Dillman (Recording Secretary)
- David Temme (Treasurer)
- Phyllis Arthur (Parochial Ed. Chair)
- Jeff Dickmader (Evangelism Chair)
- Mike Schildmier (Properties Chair)
- Rebecca Shanton (Parish Ed. Chair)
- Mike Drake (Stewardship Chairman)
- Matthew Surburg (Elders Chair)

Elders:

- Tim Wagner
- James Froiland
- Shawn Houser
- Mark Jenkins (Recording Secretary)
- Matthew Surburg (Chairman)

## PRAYER CHAIN

*Please contact Lori Yeager (email: [lori-yeager@comcast.net](mailto:lori-yeager@comcast.net)/ phone: (317) 431-9514 for prayer chain requests. You may also contact the office.*

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Austin Kearns ..... 11/14  
Jim Arthur ..... 11/19

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jim Arthur ..... 11/19  
Matthew Leising ..... 11/20

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

No Wedding Anniversaries this Week

*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.***

*All those Battling COVID*

*Dale Schroeder*

*The Family of Andrew Habel*

*(Amanda Houser's Relative)*

*Doug Held (Donna Wilson's Father)*

*Heart Procedure*

*Mary & Abigail Vernon*

*(The Drake's Niece & Daughter)*

*Lauretta Arthur*

*Chemo*

*Ken Watson*

*Cancer & Blood Disease*

*Hanna Zillman (The Bearman's Niece's Daughter)*

*Chemo Treatments*

*Susan Harlow (Friend of Pastor)*

*Leukemia*

*Bill Crider*

*Homebound*

*Peggy Price*

*Homebound in Ft. Wayne*

*Doris Bond*

*Homebound*

*Bob Mearling*

*Homebound*

**Serving our Country**

Nick Arthur Zachary Archer

Noah Heiwig (friend of the Yeagers)

Lukas Fielder (the Dickmanders' nephew)